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Our customers are our best ambassadors by far. People who experience our smaller-group guided touring holidays don't need to smile for the camera. They're smiling already!



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UP TO 10%*

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FOR 2020

Bigger Smiles

FROM
SMALLER GROUPS

The smiles start right here.

With just 15 to 35* people or fewer on nearly all our holidays, you'll be right at the heart of the adventure, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Discover amazing and authentic experiences as you go beyond the guidebook and take in must-see sights with our expert Tour Managers. You'll also have plenty of free time to relax and do your own thing.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR REAL SMILES

We're committed to making your holiday extra special. Our Rock-Solid Guarantees are one more thing to smile about, offering you complete peace of mind. Private chauffeur airport transfers are provided on worldwide tours*, and you can often fly from your local airport.

*Please see page 255 for details



UNIQUELY Travelsphere



INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES

From iconic sights to hidden gems, with our smaller group sizes, you'll always be at the heart of the adventure.



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Many meals are included in each holiday, giving you the chance to sample delicious local cuisine to make your taste buds tingle.



REAL EASY HOLIDAYS

We take care of everything for you. All you have to focus on is creating memories of a lifetime.



FREE PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR TRANSFERS*

Start and end your worldwide holiday in style and let your very own chauffeur whisk you to and from the airport. You'll never have to share!



FREEDOM AND FLEXIBILITY

It's your holiday, so do it your way. Choose to do your own thing on days at leisure, join our fabulous optional experiences, upgrade or stay longer – it's up to you!



FLY FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT*

We offer many alternatives to London airports to make your journey as convenient as possible.



BEYOND THE GUIDEBOOK

Get off the beaten track with our passionate and experienced Tour Managers, and discover the very best your destination has to offer.



CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES THROUGH TRAVEL

We work with the local communities we visit to create a positive impact from tourism. You can visit some of these projects on our holidays.



STAY IN THE PERFECT LOCATION

From centrally located hotels to family-run boutique bolt-holes or safari lodges, accommodation in the perfect spot awaits you at the end of an exhilarating day.



UNRIVALLED ROCK-SOLID GUARANTEES*

With full financial protection and unrivalled Rock-Solid Guarantees, you can book with complete confidence.



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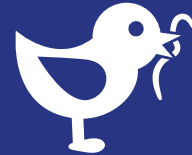
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* Save an extra £50 per person when you book two or more different holidays during the same call for the same person, both 8 days or longer.
For full terms and conditions on all offers, please see page 255

Create your perfect trip

We give you the flexibility to tailor your perfect trip to suit you and really make you smile.

There's so much included and plenty of options to upgrade or extend your holiday. Choose to do your own thing on days at leisure or join one of our amazing optional experiences - it's completely up to you!

Travel style - Touring

CT CLASSIC TOURING HOLIDAYS

- Our most popular travel style
- Traditional touring at its very best
- Discover and stay in multiple amazing destinations

RT RELAXED TOURING HOLIDAYS

- Enjoy the comfort of staying in one or two great hotels
- Really immerse yourself in the local area and still pack lots in!

Travel style - Cruising

OCEAN CRUISE

- Take to the water for a different view of the world
- Seafaring in complete comfort
- Thrilling shore excursions and private cabins on board

RIVER CRUISE

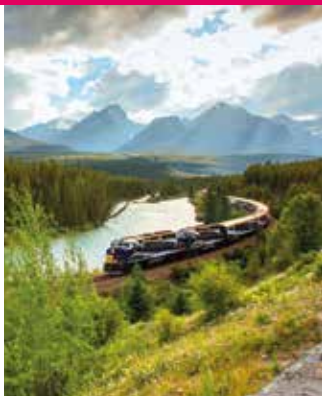
- Cruise tranquil rivers through stunning scenery
- Sit back and relax on board, then step ashore and explore exciting destinations

Iconic rail journeys



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES JOURNEYS BY RAIL

- High-speed trains such as the Bullet Train in Japan
- Scenic and heritage trains such as Rocky Mountaineer, the Jacobite Steam Train and the Glacier Express
- Journey across spectacular landscapes



Make the most of your stay

DISCOVER MORE

- Choose a longer version of a tour
- Combine tours to make one epic adventure

SPECIAL DEPARTURES

- Attend iconic events around the world such as the Rio Carnival
- Once-in-a-lifetime experiences

STAY LONGER

ADD-ON

WANT TO STAY LONGER?

- Stay longer and do your own thing, or let us take you to a new destination



NEW
FOR 2020



Almost all our tours
have a maximum
group size of 15 to 35

- Be at the heart of the adventure
- Get to know your fellow travellers
- See individual holiday pages for the maximum group size for your tour

* Please see page 255 for details

Travel companions



SOLO

Single rooms available
for solo travellers at a
small supplement



GROUPS

Travel with a group of your closest
friends or family and benefit from
great group discounts

Call us on 01858 581 608
or get in touch at
groupsales@travelsphere.co.uk

Your holiday - your way



FLIGHT CHOICES

- Fly direct from your local airport or take a connecting flight
- Upgrade your flight

Please see pages 14-15



ROOM UPGRADE

- Treat yourself!
- Stay in an upgraded room, whether that's a sea-view or superior option

Please see individual holiday pages



MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

- Make your own travel plans and meet us at the first hotel
- Freedom to extend your stay

Please see page 11



ACTIVE PLUS

Our Active Plus tours require a higher level of fitness. They may include strenuous walking, uneven terrain, different modes of transport and longer days.



EXCLUSIVE

**YOUR VERY OWN
CHAUFFEUR
TRANSFERS ON
ALL WORLDWIDE
HOLIDAYS***

START YOUR HOLIDAY IN STYLE

You'll feel like you're smiling
for the paparazzi when
you indulge in our
VIP treatment.

*Applies to Flight-Inclusive holidays from our Worldwide range, outside Europe. Based on at least two people travelling from/to a residential address within a 100-mile route of a) your mainland UK departure airport or b) a Belfast airport (travelling from/to a residential address within Northern Ireland). A mileage supplement over 100 miles is available. We can provide single travellers with a quote or free car parking alternative. Offers subject to availability. For full terms and conditions see page 255.



FREE PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR TRANSFERS

Your very own private executive car will whisk you
in comfort to and from the airport

Your exclusive transfer - you will never have to share
your car with other travellers or stop to pick up anyone
else - that's a promise

Your chauffeur will collect you from your door
and will be waiting in arrivals on your return



If you prefer to drive to the airport yourself, don't
worry, we can organise free airport parking for you



Reasons to book,
reasons to
smile



MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

We know freedom and flexibility are important to you, which is why, on many of our tours, we offer 'Make Your Own Way' – giving you the choice to book your own flights and transfers, then meet us at your first hotel. So why not turn a Travelsphere tour into a longer holiday.

If you'd like to join a scheduled transfer to/from the airport, please call us to discuss the options available.

Your Make Your Own Way itinerary may vary from those published. On some tours there are included experiences during the transfers from or to the airport on your first or last day. These will not be included as part of your itinerary. These exceptions have been reflected in the Make Your Own Way price reduction.



UNRIVALLED ROCK-SOLID GUARANTEES

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES*

All departure dates marked with a ✓ are guaranteed to depart, regardless of how many people are booked. However, we know the sociable aspect of the tour is important to you, so if fewer people book than we expect, you can transfer to another date free of charge or carry on as planned – it's up to you.

GUARANTEED PRICE PROMISE*

You're guaranteed the best price when you book early. If for any reason your tour price is reduced later, we'll refund you the difference, so you don't miss out. So, the earlier you book, the better the deal.

GUARANTEED PRICE MATCH*

We're confident our holidays offer the best prices around, so if you find an identical holiday cheaper, not only will we match it, we'll also give you an extra £100 towards another trip.

GUARANTEED LOYALTY*

You are guaranteed a loyalty discount when you are a returning customer with Travelsphere.

BOOK WITH

Confidence

All Travelsphere holidays are financially protected via ATOL (flight-inclusive holidays) and financial failure insurance (non-flight packages). Additionally, all customer monies we receive are held in trust until customers have returned from their holiday.

Book early for the best price guaranteed by our Price Promise*. Once you've booked, the price won't increase, even if exchange rates change.



*For full terms and conditions for all our offers, please see pages 254-255

Amazing new tours

We're always searching for up-and-coming destinations and amazing experiences. The moment we find them we get to work creating an exciting holiday, so you can discover them too and smile all the way to your next adventure!

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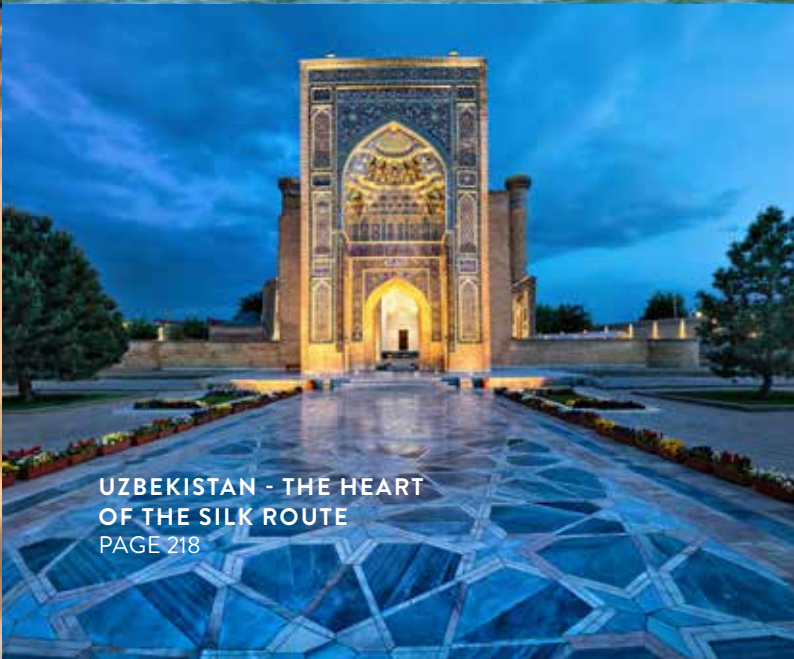




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CRUISING THE HEART OF ITALY
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UZBEKISTAN - THE HEART
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TREASURES OF TURKEY
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Flight choices

FLY FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT

While many of our flights depart from London, we also offer plenty of other options to make your journey as convenient as possible. If we can, we'll fly you direct to your destination from your local airport. If that's not possible, we may be able to offer you a connecting flight.

You can join one of our free scheduled transfers to and from your hotel.

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JUST GET IN TOUCH AND WE'LL FIND THE EASIEST OPTION FOR YOU.

**FROM ONLY
£99^{PP}**





Upgrade

A flight upgrade is a fantastic way to make your journey extra special. Whether you're celebrating an anniversary or birthday, or you just want to treat yourself, you'll experience a higher level of comfort and service. From additional leg-room seats and premium cuisine to priority boarding and a dedicated cabin, there are lots of benefits for you to enjoy.



**EUROPE
UPGRADES**
FROM ONLY
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ONE WAY



**WORLDWIDE
UPGRADES**
FROM ONLY
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ONE WAY

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT YOUR UPGRADE OPTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT OUR HOLIDAY ADVISORS ON 01858 415 477

See pages 253-254 for more details

Our experience enriches your experience

Our incredible team has a wealth of travel knowledge, so you'll always discover the best and most authentic experiences your destination has to offer. From start to finish, we're with you every step of the way.





HOLIDAY ADVISORS

For helpful booking and tour advice, give one of our Holiday Advisors a call. They're a well-travelled bunch, and you might even find they've enjoyed the very holiday that interests you!



TOUR MANAGERS

All our Tour Managers are passionate about travelling. They have years of experience and plenty of insider information to share. They're always on hand so all you have to focus on is creating memories to last a lifetime.



SPECIALIST LOCAL GUIDES

On many of our tours, you'll be joined by one or more of our wonderful Specialist Local Guides. They love sharing their wealth of local knowledge and welcoming you to the places they call home.

Meet Simon Whatling

TOUR MANAGER



I've been travelling since the day I was born! I was born in Singapore, lived in Germany as a child and worked in the RAF, and was a member of British Airways cabin crew for 20 years.

I absolutely adore the beauty and sheer wonder of the Canadian Rockies – there is nowhere else like them. Another favourite experience for me is the amazing musical journey through the Deep South – especially Memphis.

Travelsphere customers are enthusiastic and passionate about discovering new things and sharing new adventures together. I love taking groups to the places that they would never find out about on their own. What I love about our customers the most is their willingness to listen, to learn and to laugh with me. I think our new smaller groups enable us to add a more personal touch and give our customers an even more rewarding travel experience.

I hope to see you on a tour very soon!



See more from our amazing, fun-loving Tour Managers on our YouTube channel youtube.com/travelsphereholidays

INCREDIBLE *experiences*

We do everything we can to make sure you have the holiday of a lifetime, every time. That's why so many incredible experiences are included in each and every one of our holidays. And with our smaller group sizes, you'll really be immersed in those special moments with other like-minded travellers.

What could be better than that?



Take in stunning views from the
mystical Andromeda Theatre

SECRET SICILY

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Visit an authentic blues club in Chicago

CHICAGO, MISSISSIPPI

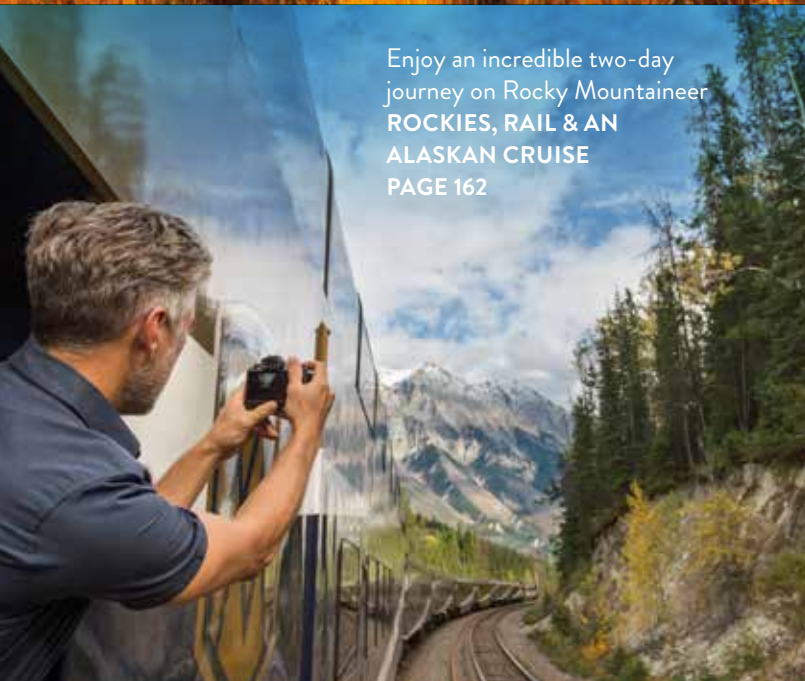
& ALL THAT JAZZ

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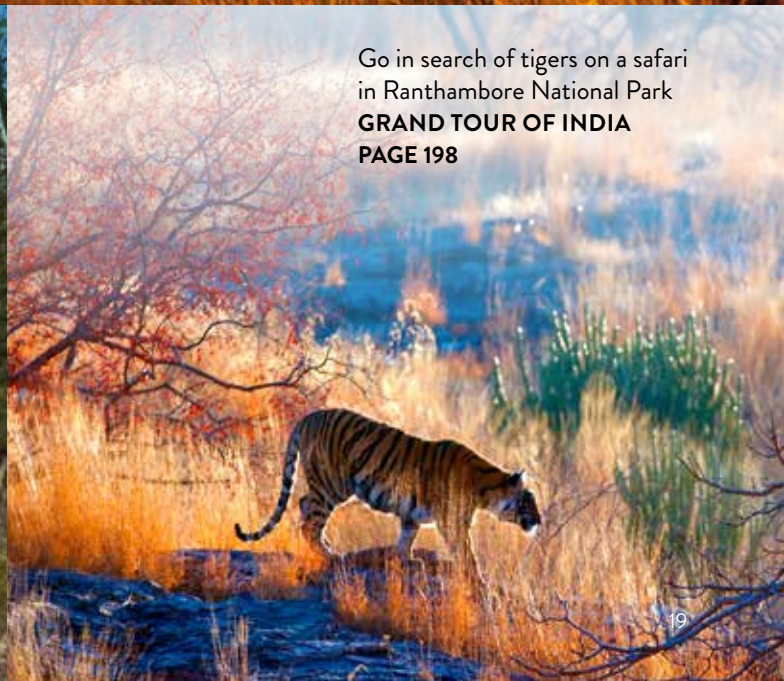


Explore new lands

As you explore new lands and discover new cultures, you'll experience moments that will make you gasp in amazement, laugh out loud and even move you to tears.



Enjoy an incredible two-day journey on Rocky Mountaineer
**ROCKIES, RAIL & AN
ALASKAN CRUISE**
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Go in search of tigers on a safari in Ranthambore National Park
GRAND TOUR OF INDIA
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A man and a woman are standing on a balcony of a white building with a terracotta roof. They are looking out over a vast, blue ocean under a clear sky. The balcony has a black wrought-iron railing. The building has white walls and a small lantern-style light fixture on the wall. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Rise & smile in a dream location

At the end of each day's adventure, relax in the comfort of your accommodation, carefully selected by us as the ideal fit for your stay. It might be a hotel in the perfect spot from which to explore, or somewhere a little indulgent. You might even find yourself staying somewhere that's truly unique – a one-off boutique hotel, perhaps, or somewhere with a real sense of character.



OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS

Located in Port Douglas, in the heart of Tropical North Queensland, this hotel is an oasis of peace and tranquillity just moments away from the golden sands of Four Mile Beach.

THE WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA
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MV KATARINA

Stylish and modern, the 5-star Deluxe MV Katarina has just 19 cabins and was launched in 2019. We've chartered it exclusively for two of our Croatia holidays, so the only people on board will be you, your fellow Travelsphere guests and the crew. Welcome aboard your very own luxurious, private, floating hotel!

CROATIA UNCOVERED
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CROATIAN ISLAND HOPPING
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HOTEL MAYA

Surrounded by lush, tropical gardens, this newly-renovated hotel in Long Beach, California is a great place to relax. It boasts a fantastic pool with floating cabanas and incredible views of Long Beach Oceanfront.

AMERICA'S GLORIOUS WEST
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HOTEL AEQUA

From its delightful wisteria-shaded terraces, this wonderful hotel offers stunning views of the Gulf of Naples, Vesuvius and the islands of Ischia and Capri.

**POMPEII, PAESTUM
& HERCULANEUM**
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SEPTIMO PARAISO

Surrounded by the mist-shrouded Mindo Cloud Forest, this unique lodge is a very special place to stay. The grounds attract an array of tropical birds and wildlife – look through the window at breakfast and you might be lucky enough to see hummingbirds.

**GALAPAGOS
ISLAND HOPPING**
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Get an Authentic



Indulge in an authentic Newari feast and sample lots of delicious dishes served with local brandy
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Learn how to make noodles and other local specialities in Vietnam
**A JOURNEY THROUGH
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Local flavours

LOOK OUT
FOR THIS
ICON
ON EACH PAGE



EVERY TOUR INCLUDES MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SAMPLE **AUTHENTIC LOCAL FLAVOURS** TOGETHER AS A GROUP

Tasting local cuisine is a highlight of any holiday - sharing it with others is even better! That's why all of our tours begin with a welcome drink and include plenty of meals, bringing you memorable foodie moments to make your taste buds tingle. In some destinations, you'll even be able to rustle up a recipe yourself, with a bit of expert help of course!

Each individual holiday page shows the meals included. Some are full board and others have fewer included meals so you can make your own culinary discoveries. Your Tour Manager will be happy to recommend some fabulous places to eat.

TASTE OF THE WORLD

Gather around the campfire for an authentic bush barbecue in the Australian Outback
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Sample award-winning balsamic vinegar and enjoy a delicious al fresco lunch in a countryside garden
A TASTE OF MEDIEVAL ITALY - PAGE 44



Explore Seville's maze of lanes and tuck into a delicious selection of tapas dishes
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Change

people's lives
through travel

WE WORK WITH THE LOCAL
COMMUNITIES WE VISIT TO
CREATE A POSITIVE IMPACT
FROM TOURISM.



We support local projects and social enterprises by helping them earn an income from tourism. We donate some of the profits from our tours, so it's great to know that when you choose us you are helping to change people's lives.

STHREE CAFÉ

The Women's Development Centre in Kandy, Sri Lanka, runs programmes that combat violence against women and empower them as equal members of society. One such project is Sthree, a café and handicraft shop for female entrepreneurs.

With a grant from Planeterra, Sthree has been transformed into a space where women can show off their skills and gain economic empowerment. Thanks to Sthree, more than 80 active artisans are now able to earn an income and take control of their own destiny.

In addition, within the first year, Sthree was able to employ 13 people in the café and craft shop, including women and mothers of children with special needs. The café serves fresh, locally sourced vegetarian cuisine and provides a traditional Sri Lankan dining experience. You will visit the Sthree Café on our 'Highlights of Sri Lanka' tour (see page 202).





NAVAJO TACO FOOD TRUCK

When you book our 'Epic Wonders of The National Parks' holiday (see page 138), you're supporting the DinéHózhó project 'Native Grill', a food truck run by a local Navajo family, which you'll visit. DinéHózhó aims to further integrate Navajo culture by helping to develop indigenous-owned businesses and connect them to the tourist industry.

CCACCACCOLLO WOMEN'S WEAVING CO-OP

The Ccaccacollo Women's Weaving Co-op supports a community close to the Inca Trail, funding training programmes and helping the community benefit from the tourism industry. Today, more than 55 women are part of the association, constantly learning new methods of weaving whilst maintaining traditional ones and producing textiles from llama and alpaca wool. On our 'Epic Peru' tour (see page 176), you'll visit the centre and will have an opportunity to purchase handmade souvenirs.



*Sthree
Café*



Penny Smith's

Our travel ambassador, broadcaster and presenter, Penny Smith, reflects on the many things she loves about Travelsphere guided touring holidays.

top



1. KNOWLEDGEABLE TOUR GUIDES

Every Travelsphere Tour Manager I have come across has been an incredible source of knowledge – full of top tips and quirky facts. They've taught me so many things I would never have found out from a guidebook. On my trip to South Africa, our Local Guide told us that zebras have different stripe patterns in the same way as humans have different fingerprints – I love learning stuff like that, it's what travel is all about.

2. FABULOUS PEOPLE

I've met so many wonderful people on my Travelsphere holidays. I wasn't expecting it, but one of my favourite parts of the day is meeting up with the group in the evening to relive the events of the day.

I'll never forget Liz, who I met in South Africa, she was so much fun when we went wine-tasting. She asked so many questions, which all boiled down to the one thing – "How much wine can I get into England without having to ship it!"

On my latest trip – a cruise in Croatia – I met a lovely couple who, after a couple of drinks, got up and showed us all how to jive!



*"I watched the sun rise over the
Taj Mahal and gazed in awe at Jaipur's
Palace of the Winds"*



3. ALL THE HIGHLIGHTS AND SO MUCH MORE!

When you choose a Travelsphere holiday, you can be confident that not a minute of your precious time away will be wasted. Travelsphere has done all the hard work and knows the places that are worth visiting and those that are not – so you'll never be left wishing you'd visited somewhere else instead.

On my 10-day holiday to India, I saw tigers in Ranthambore National Park, watched the sun rise over the Taj Mahal, gazed in awe at Jaipur's Palace of the Winds, watched carpets being made, stayed in a Maharajah's palace and travelled around Old Delhi on a rickshaw. I don't know how we managed to fit it all in – there is no way I could have organised all of that myself!



4. TIME TO DO YOUR OWN THING

Don't get me wrong, a guided touring holiday isn't some kind of endurance test – in fact I was surprised to discover that it can be a really relaxing and flexible holiday choice. In Italy, we had several days where we were free to do whatever we wanted.

Some days I just lounged by the pool reading my book and on others, if I felt like getting out and about, I joined an optional excursion. In India, even though we did lots, I still had enough free time to buy more souvenirs than I could fit in my suitcase and visit a tailor to buy some made-to-measure shirts!

5. REAL EASY HOLIDAYS

For me, the very best thing about guided touring is that from start to finish, it really is a holiday. I love that feeling, when I arrive at the airport, park my brain and go into Travelsphere-holiday mode. I know I don't have to worry about anything because Travelsphere has organised it all, from my flights and accommodation to sightseeing and opportunities to sample the local cuisine. All I have to do is relax and enjoy it!



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A few of our favourites

UNFORGETTABLE CITIES

Enjoy guided tours of Italy's most iconic cities - Venice, Florence and Rome.

Grand Tour of Italy – see page 30

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Experience an open-air performance at the Montecatini Opera Festival.

Treasures of Florence & Tuscany – see page 42

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Discover the ruins of Pompeii and get a insight into daily life in this Roman city.

Pompeii, Paestum & Herculaneum – see page 46

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

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This amazing journey of discovery will introduce you to so many of Italy's iconic highlights, including the amazing cities of Venice, Florence and Rome.



Florence



Rome



Pompeii



Orvieto



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
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14 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels



22 MEALS
14 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Welcome dinner with buffet
of local specialties



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and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the floating city of Venice
- Evening in the charming town of Treviso
- Visit the historical city of Bologna
- View the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Italy's 'art city' Florence
- Visit the fortress town of Orvieto
- Rome and its historical sites
- Enter Montecassino Abbey
- Explore the ruins of Pompeii
- Typical lunch at the seaside town of Pizzo Calabro
- Visit Taormina for views of Mount Etna

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- The walled town of Lucca
- Uffizi Gallery Museum in Florence
- A night at the Montecatini Opera Festival
- Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel in Rome
- The glamorous isle of Capri
- Drive along the Amalfi Coast
- Discover Mount Etna by cable car and Jeep



DAY 1 UK – VENICE

After flying to Venice, we'll transfer you to your hotel in Preganziol. After time to settle in, we'll get together for a buffet-style welcome dinner, which features food typical of the Veneto region. (D)

VILLA PACE PARK HOTEL BOLOGNESE, PREGANZIOL (4 STAR)

DAY 2 VENICE

Today's the day you'll get to explore Venice, with famous highlights including St Mark's Square and the



Rialto Bridge. In the evening we'll transfer you to the beautiful town of Treviso. (B)

VILLA PACE PARK HOTEL BOLOGNESE, PREGANZIOL (4 STAR)

DAY 3 BOLOGNA – MONTECATINI

This morning we'll head off into northern Italy and Tuscany's glorious countryside. Our journey takes us through Bologna, where we'll stretch our legs on a sightseeing tour. (B,D)

GRAND HOTEL TETTUCCIO, MONTECATINI TERME (4 STAR)

DAY 4 PISA

From our base in Montecatini Terme, the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa is within reach. After your visit, the rest of the day is all yours. You may want to join an optional excursion to Lucca this afternoon. (B,D)

GRAND HOTEL TETTUCCIO, MONTECATINI TERME (4 STAR)

DAY 5 FLORENCE

Today you'll visit the 'art city' of Florence for a tour. This afternoon there is an optional excursion to the Uffizi gallery with 'skip-the-line' admission and guide.

This evening there will be an opportunity to attend the Montecatini Opera Festival. (B)

GRAND HOTEL TETTUCCIO, MONTECATINI TERME (4 STAR)

DAY 6 ORVIETO – ROME

We're heading south today, to the region of Lazio and Rome. The impressive fortress town of Orvieto is ours to explore on the way to our hotel in Rome. (B,D)

PARK HOTEL DEI MASSIMI, ROME (4 STAR)

DAY 7 ROME

Let's set off and explore the magnificent sights of Rome on a guided tour. Highlights include the beautiful Spanish Steps and the ornate Trevi Fountain. This afternoon is yours to do as you please in Rome. (B)

PARK HOTEL DEI MASSIMI, ROME (4 STAR)

DAY 8 ROME – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you have the chance to pre-book an exclusive skip-the-line, timed admission two-hour guided visit of the Vatican Museum and Sistine chapel. (B)

PARK HOTEL DEI MASSIMI, ROME (4 STAR)

DAY 9 POMPEII – SORRENTO PENINSULA

A full day of exploration begins with a visit to Montecassino Abbey before we arrive at the ruins of Pompeii for a guided walking tour. Later, we'll arrive in the scenic Sorrento Peninsula, where our hotel is centrally located. (B)

HOTEL SPORTING, VICO EQUENSE OR HOTEL CARLTON INTERNATIONAL, SORRENTO (4 STAR)

DAY 10 SORRENTO PENINSULA – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you can relax at your hotel, or join an optional excursion. It's just a short boat journey across the Bay of Naples to Capri, so if you want to add this glamorous island to your sightseeing list, today's optional excursion is a must. (B)

HOTEL SPORTING, VICO EQUENSE OR HOTEL CARLTON INTERNATIONAL, SORRENTO (4 STAR)

DAY 11 SORRENTO PENINSULA – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you can relax at your hotel, or join an optional excursion and discover the beauty of the Amalfi Coast. (B)

HOTEL SPORTING, VICO EQUENSE OR HOTEL CARLTON INTERNATIONAL, SORRENTO (4 STAR)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Lose yourself in Venice and it's just a matter of time before you'll find a pretty courtyard away from all the crowds.



DAY 12 PIZZO CALABRO – SICILY

We're leaving mainland Italy now, and heading to Sicily. On the way we'll stop at a seaside resort in Calabria for lunch. A short ferry ride takes us to Messina, with an onward drive to Taormina. (B,L,D)

SANTALPHIO GARDEN HOTEL & SPA, GIARDINI NAXOS (4 STAR)

DAY 13 TAORMINA

Taormina sits on a sheer cliff, perched above beautiful beaches and close to Mount Etna, so just imagine the views you'll see on today's tour. There's plenty of free time this afternoon to make your own discoveries. (B,D)

SANTALPHIO GARDEN HOTEL & SPA, GIARDINI NAXOS (4 STAR)

DAY 14 GIARDINI NAXOS – DAY AT LEISURE

You've seen Mount Etna from afar, so maybe now's the time to see Europe's highest volcano up close on our optional excursion. Once here, there's a further option to head off on a 16-seater Jeep adventure with an Alpine Guide for amazing views of this majestic mountain.

Back at your hotel tonight, we'll get together to enjoy a farewell drink in the bar. (B,D)

SANTALPHIO GARDEN HOTEL & SPA, GIARDINI NAXOS (4 STAR)

DAY 15 CATANIA – UK

Today you'll transfer to Sicily's Catania Airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - British Airways

Holiday ref: FIVS

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Apr*	04 May	£1949	✓
04 May*	18 May	£2049	✓
18 May*	01 Jun	£2109	✓
01 Jun*	15 Jun	£2109	✓
15 Jun*	29 Jun	£2109	✓
13 Jul*	27 Jul	£2109	✓
17 Aug#	31 Aug	£2109	✓
31 Aug#	14 Sep	£2079	✓
07 Sep#	21 Sep	£2079	✓
14 Sep#	28 Sep	£2079	✓
21 Sep#	05 Oct	£2049	✓
28 Sep#	12 Oct	£2049	✓
05 Oct#	19 Oct	£1949	✓

* On these dates you will stay at Hotel Sporting, Vico Equense

On these dates you will stay at Hotel Carlton International, Sorrento

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



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 and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
 Dinner on Isola dei Pescatori

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
 Overseas transfers, other transportation
 and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Como, Como town and cruise to Bellagio
- Explore the Alpine resort of Macugnaga
- Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Private Borromean Islands cruise
- Scenic rail journey across the Centovalli
- Journey across the Simplon Pass to Zermatt
- Gornergrat Glacier by train
- Helicopter ride above the Matterhorn
- Visit Lake Orta and a traditional market



DAY 1 UK – MILAN

Depart on your flight to Milan today. On arrival, we'll transfer you to the pretty resort of Baveno on the western shore of Lake Maggiore, where your hotel boasts a lovely lakeside setting. (D)

DAY 2 BAVENO – DAY AT LEISURE

You've come here to see the beauty of Lake Maggiore, and a great way to do this is by taking to the water. We've arranged an optional private cruise today that takes in two of the Borromean Islands known as 'the sisters', set between soaring mountains and the sparkling lake.

Firstly we'll step ashore on Isola Madre, which is home to the magnificent English Garden, where many rare species of plant thrive. As you explore, keep a lookout too for white peacocks, golden pheasants and parrots, which also inhabit the island.

Next stop is the diminutive Isola Bella, which is wholly occupied by the spectacular Palazzo Borromeo. Admire its stunning façade before we step inside to see its richly furnished rooms. Outside is equally enticing, with extravagant landscaped gardens spread over 10 terraces forming a pyramid decorated with hedges, obelisks and statues. (B,D)

DAY 3 LAKE COMO

We're going to introduce you to another spectacular lake today on a full-day excursion to Lake Como. As you explore the charming town of Como with your Tour Manager, you'll understand why it has long been a popular destination for Italians. We'll explore the town's historic centre to see enticing shops, little squares, picturesque lanes and an attractive promenade.

This afternoon, venture further around the lake to Tremezzo, where our own private boat is waiting to whisk us to the elegant town of Bellagio. Once on dry land, you can head off and do your own thing. A network of cobbled lanes will lead you to a selection of upmarket boutiques and pretty gardens. (B,D)

DAY 4 BAVENO – DAY AT LEISURE

A day of quiet relaxation lies ahead, so maybe you'll choose to enjoy the facilities at your hotel, which include lovely gardens and an inviting swimming pool. However, if you're keen to discover more, you could join an optional excursion across the Centovalli, or Hundred Valleys, on a 90-minute scenic train journey to Locarno. Disembark to explore this Swiss town, where, thanks to its mild climate, palms and citrus trees flourish. We'll stroll to its heart, Piazza Grande, and during free time, you can discover its 12th century castle, now an archaeological museum. We'll make our way back to Baveno via a relaxing cruise. (B,D)

DAY 5 MACUGNAGA & MOUNT ROSA

Today's excursion gives you the chance to discover the Anzasca Valley and the Alpine resort of Macugnaga, a popular destination for winter sport enthusiasts.

There's plenty of time here to revel in the glorious setting, which includes spectacular views of nearby Mount Rosa, the second-tallest mountain in Europe. This evening we include a special dinner on the smallest of the Borromean Islands, Isola dei Pescatori. As you cruise to the island, enjoy lovely views of Isola Bella too, which is dominated by a Baroque palace surrounded by stunning Italian-style terraced gardens. (B,D)

DAY 6 BAVENO – DAY AT LEISURE

If you would like to venture further afield today, we offer an optional excursion into Switzerland. You'll board a coach for a scenic journey across the Simplon Pass, a mountain pass linking the Pennine and Lepontine Alps and affording breathtaking views. In Switzerland, a train will take you from Tasch in the Matter Valley to the mountain resort of Zermatt. The sight that greets you here is the towering near-symmetrical peak of the Matterhorn. You can choose to go even further, up to 3,089 metres, by boarding the Gornergrat train to enjoy one of the most beautiful

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the smallest of the Borromean Islands, taking in stunning views of Isola Bella on the way.



YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL BEAU RIVAGE ★★★

You will stay in the centrally located Hotel Beau Rivage in Baveno. Facilities include a restaurant, bar, lift, spacious lounge area, terrace garden and pool. Outdoor swimming pools are typically open from June to September, at the discretion of the hotel.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a lake-view room from £50 per person or a lake-view room with balcony from £90 per person for the duration of your stay.

mountain panoramas, with views of the Matterhorn and 29 Alps peaks. (B,D)

DAY 7 BAVENO – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend the day relaxing before your journey home, or you could squeeze in a few more scenic sights on an optional tour to Lake Orta. Nestled at the foothills of the Alps, the village of Orta is utterly picturesque. (B,D)

DAY 8 MILAN – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport in Milan for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: FIMM

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 May	20 May	£999	✓
10 Jun	17 Jun	£1069	✓
24 Jun	01 Jul	£1069	✓
08 Jul	15 Jul	£1099	✓
05 Aug	12 Aug	£1199	✓
02 Sep	09 Sep	£1099	✓
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1049	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £350.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

FLY FROM AN AIRPORT NEAR YOU

FLIGHT UPGRADE

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Lake Caldaro



Bergamo



Wine-tasting

Levico Terme





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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

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7 NIGHTS

in 4-star hotels



11 MEALS

7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 3 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Farewell gala dinner of local specialties and wine-tasting



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the elegant spa town of Levico
- Lake Molveno, Lake Caldaro and wine-tasting
- Lake Idro, Lake Ledro and lunch
- Scenic cruise around Lake Iseo
- Medieval Bergamo
- Taste famous Italian ice-cream
- Guided tour of the Accademia Carrara
- Sample the cuisine of each Italian region visited

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Trentino cookery class and three-course lunch
- Visit Trento, surrounded by majestic mountains



DAY 1 UK – MILAN

Today you'll depart on your flight to Milan, and on arrival we'll transfer you to the spa town of Levico Terme. Your hotel here is located close to the shores of Lake Levico, a picturesque mountain lake surrounded by lush forests. (D)

HOTEL BELLAVISTA, LEVICO TERME (4 STAR)

DAY 2 LAKE MOLVENO & LAKE CALDARO

Today you're heading off to discover picturesque mountain lakes and take in exceptional views of the Italian Alps and Dolomites.

The first stop is Lake Molveno, which is located in a hidden valley at the base of the Dolomite Mountains and is noted for its clear waters. You'll be allowed plenty of time to explore the surroundings of the lake, which hide an entire prehistoric forest.

We'll then move on to Lake Caldaro. This is the warmest bathing lake in the Alps and is surrounded by green meadows and towering mountains. The area also boasts a long tradition of wine-making and is known for the red Teroldego grape which produces deep, dark, fruity wines. Of course, a tasting is included as the finale to our day of exploration. (B)

HOTEL BELLAVISTA, LEVICO TERME (4 STAR)



DAY 3 LEVICO TERME – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to spend just as you wish. You might choose to laze in the sun and enjoy the hotel's swimming pool, or perhaps you'll stroll into Levico Terme.

Alternatively, you may decide to learn about the culinary specialties of the region during an optional cookery class. A local chef will teach us to make dishes such as strangolapreti and canederli, types of traditional gnocchi, and apple strudel – a popular dessert here. We'll then sit down to enjoy the fruits of our labour during a three-course lunch. (B)

HOTEL BELLAVISTA, LEVICO TERME (4 STAR)

DAY 4 LEVICO TERME – DAY AT LEISURE

Levico Terme is an elegant town renowned for its therapeutic springs. A day at leisure gives you the chance to make your own discoveries. Alternatively, maybe you'll embark on a hill walk among the town's castles, or perhaps take a more leisurely stroll into the Old Town to discover local crafts. If you want to discover more, why not join our optional excursion to Trento. This lovely town boasts a dramatic mountain setting and is surrounded by the southern part of the Alps and the Dolomites. (B,D)

HOTEL BELLAVISTA, LEVICO TERME (4 STAR)

DAY 5 LAKE IDRO & LAKE LEDRO – LOVERE

We're on the road today, heading to our new base, the pretty resort of Lovere on the northern coast of Lake Iseo, squeezing in two more 'secret' lakes as we go. We'll make a stop at Lake Ledro, whose deep-blue waters are surrounded by alpine scenery. This makes the perfect setting for our included lunch of local specialties at a trattoria in the resort of Pieve di Ledro. Renowned for its beauty, Lake Idro is tucked away in the valley of Sabbia between Lakes Garda and Iseo. We'll stretch our legs along its shores and have time to take in the spectacular views from a lakeside café. Your hotel in Lovere boasts a great position right on the lake, offering fantastic views. (B,L)

HOTEL LOVERE, RESORT AND SPA, LOVERE (4 STAR)

DAY 6 LAKE ISEO

After breakfast we're going to discover the beauty of Lake Iseo on an included scenic cruise around its islands. We'll journey across the shimmering waters, past privately-owned Loreto and San Paolo, before stepping ashore on Monte Isola. The unspoilt 'island mountain' towers to 600 metres above sea level and is home to many pretty villages and hamlets. (B)

HOTEL LOVERE, RESORT AND SPA, LOVERE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 BERGAMO

You have plenty of free time this morning to explore your base, which is nestled between mountains and the lake. Amongst the attractions you'll find in Lovere are a picturesque promenade, a medieval Old Town and a renowned art gallery. You might choose to take lunch in one of the many pavement cafés before we head off to the Lombardy region for an afternoon excursion to Bergamo.

First we'll enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the Accademia Carrara which is home to 1,800 works of art. After this, we'll take the funicular to the medieval part of Bergamo, whose upper and lower sections are separated by impressive Venetian walls. Our tour ends at an historic ice-cream parlour, famous for the creation of stracciatella. This milk-based ice cream has chocolate shavings running through it, and of course, we'll sample a scoop or two.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Visit a historic ice-cream parlour in the medieval town of Bergamo and discover the famous stracciatella ice-cream that was created here.

YOUR HOTELS



HOTEL BELLAVISTA ★★★★★

In Levico Terme you will stay in the Hotel Bellavista, which offers lake and mountain views. Facilities include a restaurant, lounge, bar, swimming pool, spa area and gym. Swimming pools are typically open from May and October, at the discretion of the hotel.

HOTEL LOVERE

★★★★

This lake-front hotel is just a short stroll from Lovere's Old Town. Facilities include a restaurant, lounge, bar, spa area with indoor pool (payable locally) and gym.



This evening, our farewell dinner is a three-course meal of local produce, which we'll enjoy at the Al Rocol farmhouse. The farm also produces Franciacorta wine and we will of course enjoy a glass. (B,D)

HOTEL LOVERE, RESORT AND SPA, LOVERE (4 STAR)

DAY 8 MILAN – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: FISL

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 May	16 May	£999	✓
06 Jun	13 Jun	£1149	✓
20 Jun	27 Jun	£1199	✓
11 Jul	18 Jul	£1199	✓
05 Sep	12 Sep	£1199	✓
19 Sep	26 Sep	£1099	

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



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Portofino



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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
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HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
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LOCAL FLAVOURS
Cantine Lunae Winery, tasting and lunch

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Carrara Marble Quarry and museum
- Travel by coach and train to the Cinque Terre
- Scenic cruise from Rapallo to Portofino and visit Santa Margherita

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Pisa and the walled town of Lucca
- Visit charming Lerici and beautiful Portovenere
- Explore historic Genoa



DAY 1 UK – PISA

Depart on your flight to Pisa today. On arrival you'll transfer to your hotel in the exclusive Tuscan resort of Forte dei Marmi for a seven-night stay. Relax here or maybe take a stroll across the road to the beach, before dinner this evening. (D)

DAY 2 CARRARA & LUNAE WINERY

Today we include a visit to Carrara to see how the area's beautiful white and blue-grey marble is quarried. You'll visit the quarry itself, where the shimmering marble is a spectacular sight, and a marble workshop where you'll see how this high-quality material, which was used to create some of the most remarkable buildings in Ancient Rome, is used in sculpture today. We also include a visit to the Marble Museum, where you'll see statues, archaeological finds and machines used to process marble.

Later, we'll head to the Cantine Lunae Winery, owned by five generations of the same family. Here we'll learn

about the centuries-old wine-making techniques which are still in place, and enjoy a tasting of a few different wines. These will be paired with a lunch of local food including cheeses, salami and the traditional flatbread focaccia. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 FORTE DEI MARMI – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure enjoying the facilities at your hotel or exploring Forte dei Marmi at your own pace. Alternatively, why not join our full-day optional excursion by coach, which takes you firstly to Lucca, which boasts some of Italy's finest examples of medieval and Renaissance architecture and is said to be one of Tuscany's best kept secrets. The town is famous as the birthplace of the composer Puccini. It is also the home of the Volto Santo relic – a wooden sculpture of Christ – which is kept in its beautiful cathedral.

You'll continue to Pisa where you will see the famous Leaning Tower, one of four buildings which make up the cathedral complex known as the Field of Miracles. The tower took 176 years to complete and began to lean shortly after construction began. (B,D)

DAY 4 CINQUE TERRE

Today's included full-day excursion by coach and train takes you to the enchanting area known as the Cinque Terre. This translates as Five Lands and refers to the five villages perched precariously on the cliffs high above the Mediterranean Sea, all of which are almost inaccessible by road. (B,D)

DAY 5 FORTE DEI MARMI – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy some free time in Forte dei Marmi. You could explore the surrounding area, spend a lazy day on the beach or relax by the swimming pool.

Alternatively, why not join our optional excursion, which begins in the beautiful village of Portovenere, set atop a rocky peninsula in the 'Gulf of Poets', an area once popular with writers such as Byron, Shelley and DH Lawrence. Highlights are a picturesque harbour lined with brightly coloured houses and an impressive stone-built castle. Next, you'll head to the beautiful seaside town of Lerici, home to an imposing castle, a small historic centre and a crescent-shaped piazza. (B,D)

DAY 6 PORTOFINO & SANTA MARGHERITA

After breakfast, join us on today's included tour to Portofino, which we reach by local boat service from Rapallo along a pretty coastal stretch. What used to be a tiny fishing port is today the Italian Riviera's most exclusive resort, offering designer boutiques and a fine selection of cafés and bars. Take a stroll among its snaking streets to the Church of St Giorgio, which is a short distance from the harbour. From here, the views across the bay are quite spectacular.

You'll also visit the picturesque seaside resort of Santa Margherita, which is home to a lovely palm-fringed harbour that's a magnet for small yachts. (B,D)

DAY 7 FORTE DEI MARMI – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure exploring the resort of Forte dei Marmi, or enjoying the facilities at your 4-star hotel, which is just steps away from the sea on the beautiful Versilian Riviera.

Alternatively, if you want to discover even more, why not join an optional excursion to Genoa. This large port city, with its twisting maze of narrow streets, is famous as the birthplace of Christopher Columbus,

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Learn about centuries-old wine-making techniques and enjoy a lunch of traditional dishes at the family-run Cantine Lunae Winery.



YOUR HOTEL



GRAND HOTEL ★★★★★

Your hotel is located on the seafront promenade of Forte dei Marmi, close to the resort centre and the beach. Facilities include a restaurant, bar and a swimming pool. Pools are typically open from May–October, at the discretion of the hotel.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a front sea-view room from £125 per person for the duration of your stay.

and its maritime history spans centuries. Your guided tour will take you past a diverse mix of contemporary, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, grand palaces and a host of museums and galleries. (B,D)

DAY 8 PISA – UK

After breakfast today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - easyJet Holiday ref: FIRIVP

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
01 May	08 May	£1209	✓
15 May	22 May	£1249	✓
05 Jun	12 Jun	£1289	✓
19 Jun	26 Jun	£1289	✓
04 Sep*	11 Sep	£1369	✓
11 Sep*	18 Sep	£1369	✓
18 Sep	25 Sep	£1349	✓

* You will fly from Gatwick with British Airways on these dates

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Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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ITALIAN LAKES & MOUNTAINS

8 DAYS FROM £1049

The scenery is the star of this northern Italy holiday, as you discover Lake Garda, the Dolomites and much more.





Sirmione



Bike ride to Lake Garda



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

7 NIGHTS
in a 3-star hotel

HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Hosteria Toblino gourmet experience

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit historic Sirmione and Lazise
- Trento, Lake Molveno and the Brenta Dolomites
- Lake Tenno and Lake Toblino

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a lemon grove with tastings
- Bolzano, Collalbo and the Renon high plateau
- Kayaking on Lake Garda
- Bike ride to Lake Garda



DAY 1 UK – VERONA

Depart on your flight to Verona today. On arrival, you'll transfer to your hotel in the heart of the charming medieval town of Arco, located to the north of Lake Garda. (D)

DAY 2 SIRMIONE & LAZISE

After breakfast, join your Tour Manager for an included excursion to the historic town of Sirmione. One of the most popular resorts on the shores of Lake Garda,

it is dominated by a 13th century castle and home to impressive Roman ruins. You'll also visit medieval Lazise, a picturesque town where you'll discover imposing walls dating back to the 14th century. (B,D)

DAY 3 TRENTO & THE BRENTA DOLOMITES

Today we are heading first of all to Trento, a lovely town which boasts a dramatic mountain setting, surrounded by the southern part of the Alps and the Dolomites. There's time for a spot of shopping at the market here, before you continue to Lake Molveno, which lies at the foot of the Brenta Dolomites. Enjoy a stroll around the Old Town, where you'll find a selection of cafés, restaurants and shops. (B,D)

DAY 4 ARCO – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure in Arco, or why not join our optional tour discovering the western shore of Lake Garda. We'll head to Gargnano, which offers visitors a striking setting full of art and history with its historic villas, palazzos, beautiful churches, gardens and lemon groves. We'll then continue to Salò, the capital of the Magnifica Patria during the period of Venetian domination, and also the headquarters of the Fascist Government of the Italian Social Republic. Traces of its prestigious past can be seen along the main street in the elegant historic centre, which is full of buildings with great historical and artistic value, as well as many boutiques and stores. After some free time here, we will make our way back, stopping at the popular resort of Limone. Located at the mountainous northern end of Lake Garda, the town was once renowned for its lemon groves and we'll visit La Limonaia del Castel - the lemon-house - where we'll learn about the different kinds of citrus fruit that grow in the area. We'll round off our visit with a tasting of locally produced lemons and the dessert crema di limone, served with lemon biscuits. We will then take the ferry back to Riva del Garda. (B,D)

DAY 5 ARCO – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free to spend just how you wish. Alternatively, why not join our optional excursion that takes you to the capital city of the South Tyrol, Bolzano. This is the gateway to the Dolomites, so exceptional views are assured.

After a guided tour, you'll head to Oberbozen, where you'll board a train for a panoramic journey to Collalbo. Located in the Renon high plateau, which sits 1,000 metres above sea level, here more spectacular views are on offer as you discover the earth pyramids - a bizarre natural landscape of clay and rock spires. (B,D)

DAY 6 LAKE TENNO & LAKE TOBLINO

Join your Tour Manager for today's included excursion which begins with a scenic drive to the medieval hamlet of Canale and onwards to Lake Tenno. Admire the turquoise waters of this tranquil lake, which is surrounded by a terraced landscape of olive groves, vineyards and chestnut forests.

Next stop is Fiave, in the rural valley of Lomaso, and then it's on to the Hosteria Toblino. Here, you'll enjoy a gourmet lunch made by chef Sebastian, using the best quality produce. You'll also enjoy a tasting of local wines in the company of a sommelier, who will explain how your food and wines are paired. You can then take a stroll around the shores of Lake Toblino. A scenic highlight is the imposing Toblino Castle, which rises out of the water. (B,L,D)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

During a gourmet lunch and wine-tasting at Hosteria Toblino, a sommelier will explain how your food and wine are paired.



YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL OLIVO ★★★

The small, family-run 3-star Hotel Olivo is perfectly located to the north of Lake Garda in the centre of the pretty, medieval town of Arco. Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar and a small wellness centre.

DAY 7 ARCO – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to enjoy at leisure. Overlooked by an ancient hilltop castle, the town of Arco boasts a picturesque Old Town and is home to the 15th century Sanctuary of Our Lady of Grace, so maybe you'll head out and explore at your own pace. If you'd like to join an optional excursion and you're feeling active, we've two on offer today. A bicycle ride to lovely Lake Garda gives you another chance to take in its beauty. Or you might choose to go kayaking on the lake's calm waters. (B,D)

DAY 8 VERONA – UK

Your holiday comes to an end today as you transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: FILM

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 May	13 May	£1049	✓
24 Jun	01 Jul	£1099	✓
08 Jul	15 Jul	£1139	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1139	✓
23 Sep	30 Sep	£1099	✓

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Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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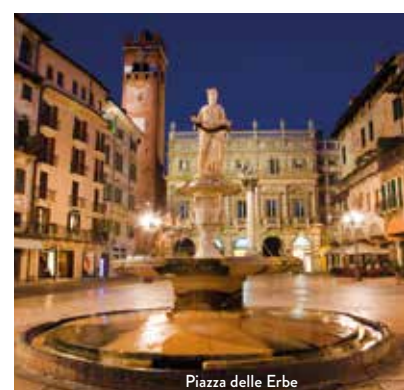
VERONA SHORT BREAK WITH A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

5 DAYS FROM £949

A truly spectacular Italian break
including an opera performance at
the world-famous Roman Arena.



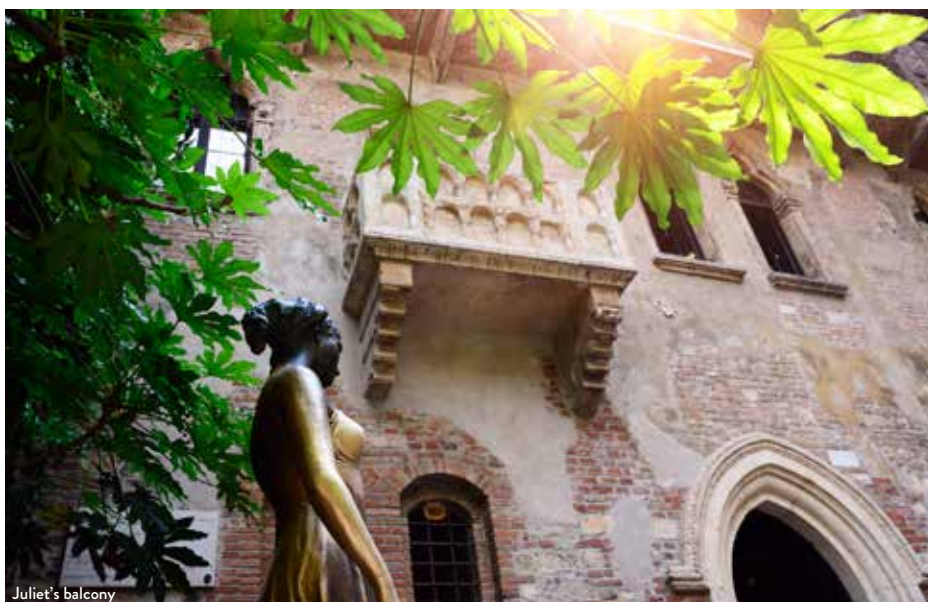
Verona Cathedral



Piazza delle Erbe



Verona



Juliet's balcony



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

4 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel

6 MEALS
4 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Tasting of local specialities with wine

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Verona tour, including Juliet's balcony
- A performance at the Roman Arena

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Lake Garda, Sirmione and a boat trip
- Tasting of Amarone in the Valpolicella wine region
- A second opera performance

DAY 1 UK – VERONA

Depart on your flight to Verona today. On arrival, we will transfer you to your hotel. Enjoy time to relax before dinner at the hotel. (D)

DAY 2 VERONA

An important Roman city, Verona is still thriving today and plays host to a rich collection of archaeological sites, with perhaps the most impressive being the 15,000-seat Roman Arena.

Our included guided tour of Verona includes a visit to the Roman Arena along with all the other important sights. You'll visit Juliet's balcony, the supposed romantic setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, and the old Roman Forum. There will be time to admire Castelvécchio, a fortress displaying impressive Gothic architecture and you'll have time to browse the lively open-air market in Piazza delle Erbe. Your tour ends in a traditional osteria where you'll have a tasting of local specialities with a glass of wine.

Tonight you will return to the Roman Arena for a truly memorable evening of opera. One of Italy's great travel



Valpolicella

experiences, this ancient amphitheatre is a must-see and you will attend an opera amidst this grandest of settings, which hosted gladiatorial battles in the 1st century AD. (B,D)

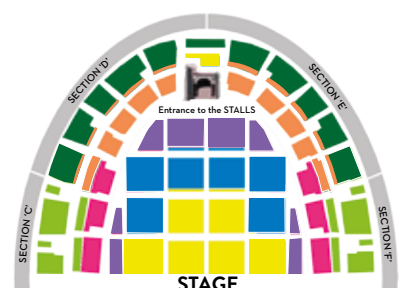
DAY 3 VERONA – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day to explore at your own pace or join our optional excursion to Lake Garda. Highlights include the lakeside resort of Sirmione, dominated by a 13th century castle and home to impressive Roman ruins, and a lake cruise to the town of Bardolino. If you wish

YOUR OPERA SEAT

Your seat for the included opera performance is on the unreserved stone steps. For ticket upgrade prices please speak to a Holiday Advisor.

ARENA DI VERONA SEATING PLAN



- 1st sector stalls GOLD
- 1st sector stalls
- 2nd sector stalls
- 2nd sector stand
- Number seats on steps 1st sector
- Number seats on steps 2nd sector
- Number seats on steps 3rd sector
- Unreserved stone steps

09 July 2020 departure
10 Jul – **Aida** (included)
11 Jul – **Turandot** (optional)

31 July 2020 departure
01 Aug – **La Traviata** (included)
02 Aug – **Aida** (optional)

Please note that performances are subject to change.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

An evening of opera at the Roman Arena is incredible as you sit on steps once graced by jeering crowds watching gladiatorial battles.



YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL ARK ★★★★★

Located in the Porta Nuova district of Verona, this hotel is just a short walk from the Piazza Bra.

there will be an opportunity to attend another evening of opera at the Roman Arena. (B)

DAY 4 VERONA – DAY AT LEISURE

Today we offer you an optional tour to the prestigious Valpolicella wine region. We'll visit a traditional winery and learn about the unique red Amarone and the special production process from grape to glass. Your tour concludes with a wine-tasting accompanied by locally produced meats and cheeses. (B)

DAY 5 VERONA – UK

We will transfer you to the airport ready for your return flight to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: FIVOB

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 Jul	13 Jul	£979	✓
31 Jul	04 Aug	£949	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

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TREASURES OF FLORENCE & TUSCANY

8 DAYS FROM £949

Unearth unique traditions and sensational cuisine on this relaxing tour, taking in iconic monuments and art-filled cities to the stunning vineyards of Chianti.





FAVOURITE MOMENT

Discover the history and beauty of Castello di Verrazzano and explore the wine cellars, before indulging in the regions finest wines and local speciality dishes.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with British Airways or Gatwick with easyJet
- 7 NIGHTS**
in a 4-star hotel
- 15 MEALS**
7 breakfasts (B), 1 light lunch (L), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Local food and wine-tasting at Verrazzano Castle in Chianti
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visits to the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Leonardo Da Vinci Museum
- Trip to the 'art city' of Florence
- Tour of medieval Lucca
- Night at the Montecatini Opera Festival (subject to timetable and weather)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour of medieval Montalcino and Siena
- Visit to San Gimignano, Monteriggioni, Abbadia a Isola, plus medieval dinner



DAY 1 UK – PISA

Your journey begins! You'll fly into Pisa and be transferred straight to your hotel in the peaceful spa town of Montecatini Terme. (D)

DAY 2 PISA – VINCI

Begin your Tuscan adventure in earnest with an exciting morning excursion to the city of Pisa. Awe at the aptly named Leaning Tower of Pisa that sits within the Field of Miracles, right next door to the city's impressive marble cathedral and 700-year-old Pisa Baptistery.

After lunch, we'll head to the town of Vinci, the birthplace of legendary Italian artist and sculptor

Leonardo Da Vinci. Known for his hugely influential works like 'The Last Supper' and the 'Mona Lisa', a Local Guide will teach us all about the artist's life during the Renaissance era.

We'll also stop off at the Museum of Leonardo da Vinci to see some of his early inventions. (B,D)

DAY 3 MONTECATINI – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend the day soaking up the delights of Montecatini Terme at your leisure.

You'll also have a chance to join an optional excursion that begins with a trip to the beautiful hilltop town of Montalcino. It's famed for producing Brunello di Montalcino, a wine made primarily from subtly spicy Sangiovese grapes. After meandering around the town's cobbled lanes, we'll move on to Siena to discover various medieval allures. (B,D)

DAY 4 FLORENCE

Today we discover irresistible Florence. The capital of Tuscany and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it's also known as Italy's 'art city' thanks to dozens of stunning structures and galleries packed with masterpieces from the Renaissance period. Tick off its top sights, from the medieval Ponte Vecchio lined with jewellery shops to the magnificent Duomo with its terracotta tiled dome, on a tour hosted by a Local Guide.

Florence is also a great city to indulge in a spot of shopping, whether that's designer stores or local markets. Head to Mercato Nuovo for unique souvenirs and to see the bronze statue of Il Porcellino (the Boar) that's said to give you good luck if you rub its snout and place a coin in its mouth. (B,D)

DAY 5 MONTECATINI – DAY AT LEISURE

You'll have the flexibility of indulging in another relaxing spa day in Montecatini Terme or exploring its tempting range of local restaurants and boutique shops. Alternatively, why not pack in even more Tuscan treasures with our full-day optional tour?

Beginning in hilltop San Gimignano, we'll spend the morning admiring gorgeous views and exploring the town's 14 medieval towers. Next up is a brief stop at the charming hamlet of Abbadia a Isola and its peaceful 10th century abbey, before we head to Monteriggioni for a Local Guided history tour of its beautifully intact medieval walls and buildings. Try on replica armour at the Museum of Medieval Weapons before tucking into a medieval feast at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 6 CHIANTI

Wine aficionados will particularly look forward to today's trip to Chianti, one of the country's most prestigious wine regions. We travel to Greve, where you'll find the idyllic Castello di Verrazzano that was the former family home of Giovanni da Verrazzano, the Italian explorer who discovered Hudson Bay in New York in 1524.

The castle in the heart of the Chianti Classico region has a long history of wine-making, dating right back to the 10th century. It's made an awful lot of wine! Take a tour of its 16th century underground wine cellars to see where the wine is traditionally aged in huge oak barrels and learn how the grapes are still harvested by hand. It'll then be time for a tasting and a light lunch of complementary local speciality dishes on the castle's

YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL TETTUCCIO ★★★★★

You'll be staying in the 4-star Hotel Tettuccio located right in the heart of the spa town of Montecatini Terme. Facilities here include a restaurant, sunny terrace and a piano bar, ideal for relaxed evening entertainment.

atmospheric terrace which overlooks miles of lush Tuscan vineyards. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 LUCCA

Today, you'll spend time in one of Tuscany's most beautiful towns - Lucca. As well as being the birthplace of composer Puccini, Lucca is also home to the Volto Santo relic - a sacred wooden sculpture of Christ thought to date back to 742 AD, which is kept in the city's stunning Romanesque St Martin Cathedral. Later, for your final evening in Tuscany, you'll get to enjoy an open-air performance at the renowned Montecatini Opera Festival. (B,D)

DAY 8 PISA – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 HEATHROW – British Airways
or GATWICK – easyJet

Holiday ref: FITT

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Apr	11 Apr	£949	✓
09 May	16 May	£1059	✓
06 Jun	13 Jun	£1059	✓
20 Jun	27 Jun	£1099	✓
04 Jul	11 Jul	£1099	✓
01 Aug	08 Aug	£1109	✓
05 Sep	12 Sep	£1099	✓
19 Sep	26 Sep	£1099	✓
03 Oct	10 Oct	£1099	✓

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A TASTE OF MEDIEVAL ITALY

8 DAYS FROM £899

Give your taste buds the thrill of a lifetime with a backdrop of Italy's medieval towns and historic gems.



Ferrara



Bologna



Parma Cathedral



Modena



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways

7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel

11 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
3 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Dairy tour and Parmesan
cheese experience

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Balsamic vinegar-tasting experience with al fresco lunch
- Tour of medieval Parma
- Tour of medieval Mantua with a Local Guide
- Walking tour of Modena
- Farewell gourmet dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore medieval Ferrara and its castle
- Discover UNESCO-listed Ravenna
- Guided walking tour of Bologna



DAY 1 UK – BOLOGNA

Fly to Bologna today to start your culinary journey of medieval Italy. We'll transfer you to your home for the week, a 4-star hotel in historic Correggio. (D)

DAY 2 IL BORGO DEL BALSAMICO – PARMA

Jump straight into foodie heaven with a visit to the beautiful estate of Il Borgo del Balsamico, a producer of award-winning balsamic vinegar. A guided tour offers insight into the ageing process, while you taste your way through different varieties. Afterwards, we'll sit down for a delicious al fresco lunch in the idyllic garden. Gourmet delights don't end there though, with a visit to the city of Parma this afternoon. You'll enjoy free time to sample renowned prosciutto ham and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, in a wealth of deli shops and restaurants. Then, explore Parma Cathedral with its extraordinary frescoes, or simply sit back and people-watch in the famous Piazza Garibaldi, filled with atmospheric cafés and historic monuments. (B,L)

DAY 3 CORREGGIO – DAY AT LEISURE

You may want to sink into relaxation with a day at leisure. Alternatively, you can join us and discover one of Italy's best-kept secrets. Our optional excursion visits the UNESCO-listed Renaissance town of Ferrara, a destination that's inspired minstrels, poets and artists throughout history. Your Local Guide escorts you through a labyrinth of narrow streets, highlighting palaces from the 14th and 15th centuries. Stroll the ancient red-brick city walls before we



Regional dishes

journey to Castello Estense, a moated medieval castle with haunting dungeons, complete with the graffiti of prisoners once held there. If you're feeling particularly energetic, climb the 122 steps to the top of the tower and be rewarded with a panoramic view of Ferrara. (B)

DAY 4 PARMESAN CHEESE EXPERIENCE – MANTUA

The world-famous gastronomic delight of Parmesan cheese is on the menu today, with a dairy visit to learn about ancient techniques from master cheesemakers. After we've had our gourmet cheese fix, we'll travel to Mantua, a stunning medieval town encircled by three shimmering lakes. Often missed on the Italian tourist trail, this hidden gem has remained largely the same since the Middle Ages.

Here, an expert Local Guide will take you on a tour of the Palazzo Ducale, once the seat of the powerful Gonzaga family for 400 years. You'll see Renaissance frescoes, gilt ceilings and works of art throughout the castle, a gorgeously landscaped courtyard, amazing galleries and the sumptuous Bridal Chamber. (B,D)

DAY 5 CORREGGIO MARKET – MODENA

Make sure you leave plenty of room in your suitcase for souvenirs, antiques, arts and crafts from Correggio's street market, with free time this morning to browse to your heart's content. Next, discover the birthplace of Pavarotti and the culinary heart of Modena. This is a city that's both historic and imbued with modern innovation in car production, most famously due to Enzo Ferrari.

A knowledgeable Local Guide will ensure you see the highlights and hidden spots of this food mecca, which is the original home of balsamic vinegar. You can look forward to exploring the UNESCO-listed Romanesque cathedral, a 12th century architectural masterpiece of two great artists, and the elegant 17th century Town Hall with its stunning frescoed ceilings. (B)

DAY 6 CORREGGIO – DAY AT LEISURE

Have a day to tantalise your taste buds and explore as you wish, whether that's strolling around lovely Correggio, or relaxing at the hotel. Alternatively, you may not join us for an optional excursion to the mosaic-adorned town of Ravenna, home to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Soak up splendid Byzantine art and history on our tours of the Basilica di San Vitale and Basilica di Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, with its gabled façade and dazzling mosaics created by the Apollinaris of Ravenna. At Galla Placidia you'll see more incredible displays of glittering 5th and 6th century mosaics, along with the magical, star-covered interior of the dome. (B)

DAY 7 CORREGGIO – DAY AT LEISURE

Fuel up with a tasty breakfast this morning if you'd like to join our optional excursion to Bologna, the vibrant capital of the Emilia-Romagna region. After discovering magnificent palaces, charming streets and centuries-old churches, enjoy free time to explore and sample Bolognese sauce in its place of origin. This evening, we'll gather together for a gourmet farewell dinner served at our hotel's renowned restaurant, set in a picturesque inner courtyard. (B,D)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Taste award-winning balsamic vinegar at Il Borgo del Balsamico estate and enjoy lunch in idyllic gardens.



YOUR HOTEL



ALBERGO DEI MEDAGLIONI ★★★★★

With a fantastic location in the heart of Correggio, Albergo dei Medaglioni offers 4-star comfort. The recently renovated property occupies a beautiful art nouveau building, with a renowned restaurant on site.

DAY 8 BOLOGNA – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: FIMED

Direct flights

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02 May	09 May	£899	✓
16 May	23 May	£949	✓
06 Jun	13 Jun	£999	✓
13 Jun	20 Jun	£999	✓
05 Sep	12 Sep	£999	✓
12 Sep	19 Sep	£999	✓
26 Sep	03 Oct	£949	✓

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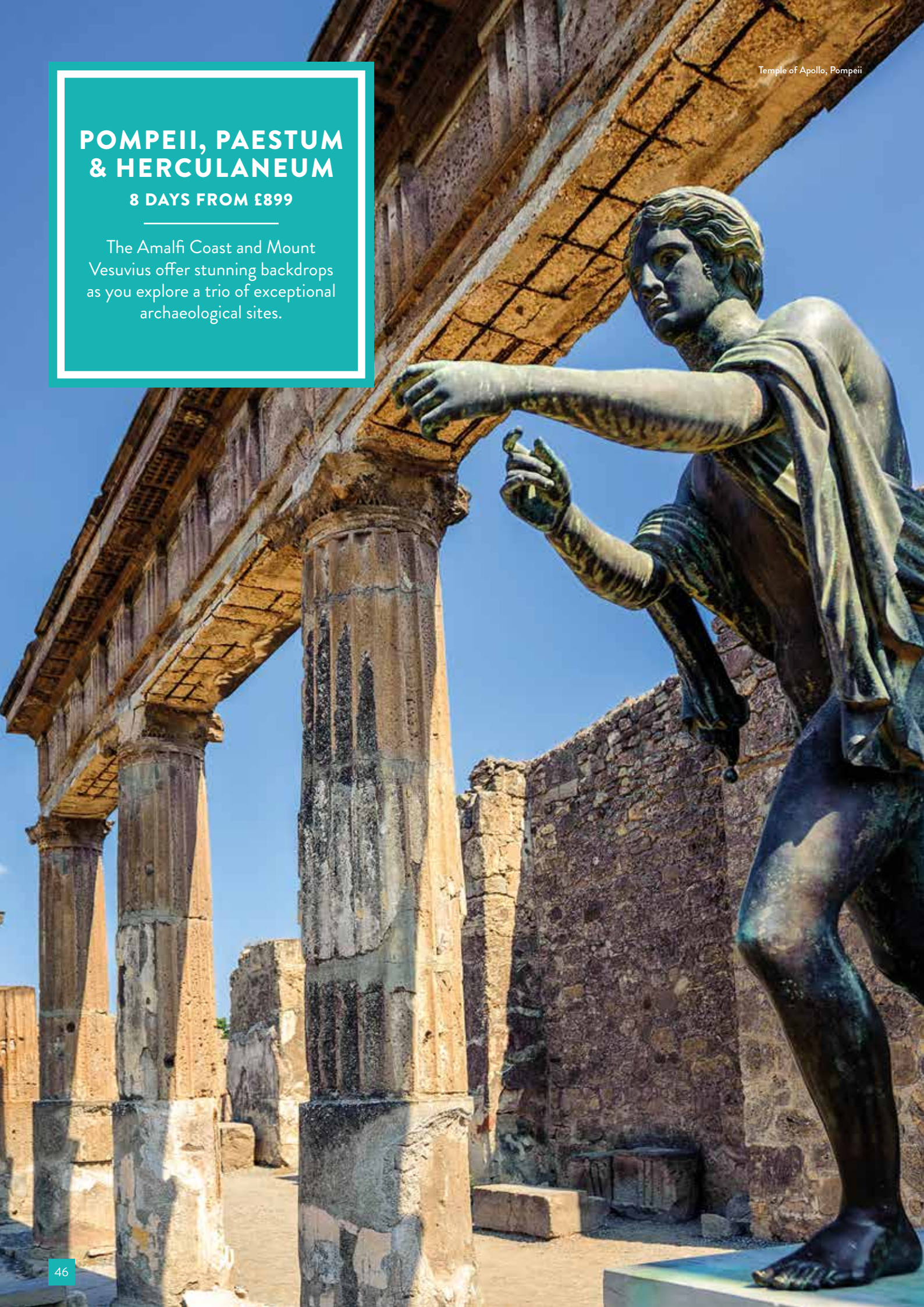
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POMPEII, PAESTUM & HERCULANEUM

8 DAYS FROM £899

The Amalfi Coast and Mount Vesuvius offer stunning backdrops as you explore a trio of exceptional archaeological sites.





Bay of Naples



Hotel Aequa



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel

HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 7 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a candlelit dinner on the hotel's
wisteria-shaded terrace (May-Oct)

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR LECTURER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Pozzuoli's Roman remains, Baia and Cumae
- The ruins of Pompeii
- Amalfi and Amalfi Coast drive
- Villa Poppaea at Oplontis and Herculaneum
- Paestum temples
- Pizza night at local Pizzeria (21 Mar-12 Oct)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- The exclusive island of Capri
- Walk to the summit of Mount Vesuvius
and Naples museum



DAY 1 UK – NAPLES

After your flight to Naples we'll transfer you to the pretty town of Vico Equense. Your hotel is in the heart of the town and offers lovely views over the Bay of Naples towards Mount Vesuvius. During your holiday you will have an opportunity to take in these views whilst enjoying a magical candlelit dinner on the hotel's terrace, a truly unforgettable experience. (D)

DAY 2 POZZUOLI, BAIA & CUMAE

A day of contrasts awaits you on an included tour,

which begins at Pozzuoli. Here you can follow in the footsteps of gladiators as you wander the maze of underground tunnels beneath its well-preserved Roman amphitheatre.

Next stop is Baia for a visit at the Archaeological Park of Terme Romane.

Your final stop is Cumae, where only ruins remain of the Greek temples that once stood here. The Cave of Sibil and the Temple of Jupiter are incredible sights. (B,D)

DAY 3 POMPEII

Today is the day that you will explore the remarkable ruins of Pompeii. As you wander its streets, you'll understand what life was like here before Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD smothering it and its inhabitants in hot ash. On your full-day tour, you'll see many of Pompeii's best sights, including villas decorated with frescoes, colourful mosaics, Roman baths, an impressive amphitheatre and more. (B,D)

DAY 4 AMALFI & PAESTUM

Before you reach historic Paestum today, a treat is in store in the shape of the beautiful Amalfi Coast. You'll travel along twisting cliff-top roads with views of the lovely resort of Positano to reach your destination. At your journey's end you'll discover three magnificent Doric temples. It's incredible to think that 2,500 years after they were built, the temples of Ceres, Neptune and Hera are still standing relatively intact. (B,D)

DAY 5 OPLONTIS & HERCULANEUM

Today your Local Guide will host a further day of exploration. Villa Poppaea at Oplontis was so well preserved by the ash from Mount Vesuvius' eruption that the Roman art inside almost looks freshly painted. Nearby, we'll head to Herculaneum, which was buried by the same eruption but is actually better preserved than Pompeii. (B,D)

DAY 6 VICO EQUENSE – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to spend at leisure, or you could take the local train to Sorrento for the day.

Alternatively, join our full-day optional excursion to the glamorous island of Capri, which is reached via a short boat trip. You could choose to take a stroll around the village of Capri and perhaps hop into an open-top taxi for a journey along winding streets to Anacapri. Here you can visit Villa San Michele, the former home of celebrated doctor and philanthropist Axel Munthe, surrounded by fragrant gardens. (B,D)

DAY 7 VICO EQUENSE – DAY AT LEISURE

You've seen Vesuvius from a distance and learned all about its immense power but today you can actually walk to its summit during our optional excursion. Towering almost 1,300 metres above the Bay of Naples, this is mainland Europe's only active volcano and the views you'll experience will take your breath away. Next, join your Tour Lecturer on a visit to the Museum of National Antiquities in Naples, where many of the relics discovered at Pompeii are displayed. (B,D)

DAY 8 NAPLES – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

TOUR LECTURER

A Tour Lecturer such as Karina, a classical archaeologist and theatre historian, will really help you get under the skin of these ancient cities.



YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL AEQUA ★★★★★

The Hotel Aequa is in the cliff-top town of Vico Equense, offering views over the Bay of Naples. Facilities include a bar, solarium, swimming pool and restaurant. Outdoor swimming pools are typically open May to September.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a standard sea-view room from £50 per person or a superior sea-view room from £90 per person for the duration of your stay. Tea/coffee making facilities are available at a supplement.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

ISLAND OF ISCHIA

4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD FROM £379

At the end of your holiday, head to the island of Ischia, where you'll stay at the 4-star Hermitage Hotel. Single room supplement from £130. You will be accompanied by a Local Guide. Available on dates marked with *.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – British Airways Holiday ref: FIPP

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Jan#	27 Jan	£899	✓
10 Feb#	17 Feb	£999	✓
21 Mar	28 Mar	£1259	✓
25 Apr	02 May	£1299	✓
09 May*	16 May	£1399	✓
06 Jun*	13 Jun	£1429	✓
04 Jul	11 Jul	£1399	✓
12 Sep*	19 Sep	£1349	✓
26 Sep	03 Oct	£1349	✓
03 Oct	10 Oct	£1299	✓
16 Nov	23 Nov	£1109	✓

* Island of Ischia add-on is available on these dates

For these departures, you will be staying at the 4-star hotel Villa Romana in Minori. Upgrade to a superior room from £90 per person

Maximum single supplement charge of £350.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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AMALFI COAST

8 DAYS FROM £799

Pastel-shaded villages perched on a winding coast overlooking the azure sea - it's this picture-postcard scenery that makes this region so special.





FAVOURITE MOMENT

It's fascinating to find out how limoncello is made, using only Amalfi lemons, but it's even better to sample the finished product in lovely Sorrento!



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel

HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Visit a winery in the Amalfi Hills with lunch

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Amalfi and Ravello
- Visit the lively resort of Sorrento, including limoncello-tasting

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a boat to the island of Capri
- Visit the exclusive resort of Positano (summer departures)
- Salerno's spectacular lights (November and December departures)
- Discover the ruins of Pompeii



DAY 1 UK – NAPLES

On arrival in Naples, we'll transfer you to the spectacular Amalfi Coast. Your 4-star hotel, located in the village of Minori, is surrounded by pretty beaches and lush green hills dotted with lemon and orange groves. (D)

DAY 2 AMALFI & RAVELLO

Your sightseeing of this beautiful region of Italy begins today, as you uncover the charms of two of its most picturesque towns. First we'll visit Amalfi, set between the mountains and the sea and dominated

by an impressive Romanesque cathedral said to hold the remains of St Andrew. We'll then drive high up the cliffs to Ravello, which is perched above Amalfi overlooking the waters of the Mediterranean Sea. (B,D)

DAY 3 SORRENTO

Today you'll head to the lively resort of Sorrento, which is set above the Bay of Naples. There's stunning scenery, a fantastic variety of elegant restaurants and pavement cafés and many wonderful shopping opportunities. You'll also get the chance to learn how the area's famous liqueur, limoncello, is made, with a tasting included of course.

During free time, why not shop for souvenirs – handmade leather sandals are a speciality here, and after your tasting, a bottle of limoncello might be top of your list. (B,D)

DAY 4 MINORI – DAY AT LEISURE

An optional excursion today gives you the chance to set sail for enchanting Capri, a favoured spot of the international jet set from the 1950s to today. Highlights of your guided tour include the hillside village of Anacapri, the wonderful Gardens of Caesar Augustus and the Faraglioni rocks. (B,D)

DAY 5 MINORI – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend your day is completely up to you. You can stay close to your hotel if you wish, or why not come with us on an optional trip to Positano.

This will take you on another scenic journey along the Amalfi coastline, so sit back and enjoy the views. Once in Positano, soak up the exclusive feel of this lovely resort as you browse chic designer boutiques, or maybe while away the time on the beach.

Instead of Positano, on our winter departures your option today is a visit to Salerno, to see the magical festive lights display. (B,D)

DAY 6 THE AMALFI HILLS

Your included excursion begins with another chance to take in the Amalfi Coast's sublime scenery as we drive way up into the hills to a winery. As we ascend, enjoy views of steep slopes, where the native grapes are cultivated on terraces. On arrival we'll taste some wine, before moving on to lunch at il Rifugio Tramonti, which typically consists of sausages cooked on the open grill, homemade cakes and local herbal liqueurs. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 MINORI – DAY AT LEISURE

During a free day you might choose to explore your lovely base, Minori, or simply soak up the sun by your hotel's swimming pool. Alternatively, you can join an optional excursion to discover the exceptional archaeological site of Pompeii, the Roman town frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

You're going to explore in fantastic company, as a Local Guide leads you through its maze of streets. As you stroll you'll get a fascinating insight into the last days of the people who lived here. You'll see villas still decorated with brightly painted mosaics, Roman baths and an impressive amphitheatre. (B,D)

DAY 8 NAPLES – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK today. (B)

WINTER DEPARTURES

If you choose to visit the Amalfi coast in the winter months, you can expect the weather to be milder than at home in the UK. Although some resorts may be quieter than in the summer months, you'll get to witness glorious sunsets and enjoy your sightseeing without the crowds.

YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL VILLA ROMANA ★★★★★

You'll stay at the newly-renovated, family-run Villa Romana in the centre of Minori. The hotel has a bar, restaurant, spa (which is adjacent to the hotel), lounge and pool. Most classic rooms have a balcony. Outdoor swimming pools are typically open May to September.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to an elegant and spacious superior room from £90 per person for the duration of your stay.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – British Airways **Holiday ref: FIAMC**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
03 Feb	10 Feb	£799	✓
23 Mar	30 Mar	£879	✓
26 Apr	03 May	£999	✓
10 May	17 May	£1049	✓
17 May	24 May	£1069	✓
31 May	07 Jun	£1069	✓
07 Jun	14 Jun	£1099	✓
14 Jun	21 Jun	£1099	✓
21 Jun	28 Jun	£1139	✓
28 Jun	05 Jul	£1139	✓
05 Jul	12 Jul	£1139	✓
12 Jul	19 Jul	£1139	✓
23 Aug	30 Aug	£1149	✓
06 Sep	13 Sep	£1169	✓
13 Sep	20 Sep	£1129	✓
20 Sep	27 Sep	£1129	✓
27 Sep	04 Oct	£1099	✓
04 Oct	11 Oct	£1079	✓
25 Oct	01 Nov	£959	✓
01 Nov	08 Nov	£899	✓
29 Nov	06 Dec	£799	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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CALABRIA - ITALY'S HIDDEN SOUTH

8 DAYS FROM £999

Discover rustic Calabria, one of Italy's hidden gems, where your hotel enjoys stunning sea views and boasts its own vineyard and farm.



Altomonte



Wine-tasting



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Stansted with Ryanair



7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel



HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 7 dinners (D)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Dinner at the Sbarra family restaurant



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided walk in your hotel's grounds
- Enjoy a wine-tasting
- Visit the towns of Belvedere and Diamante

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour of the Calabrian town of Altomonte
- Walk amongst the 'Giants of the Sila'
- Visit historic Cosenza



DAY 1 UK – LAMEZIA TERME

Depart on your flight to Lamezia Terme in Calabria today. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel in Cetraro, which offers amazing views over the Mediterranean Sea. (D)

DAY 2 CETRARO

Your sightseeing begins today before you have even left your hotel! It is set in magnificent grounds so a guided walk through its gardens and woodlands is a great way to get your bearings. Enjoy sea views as you make your way to the hotel's very own organic farm. This is where much of the excellent food you will enjoy during your stay is grown, and you'll have the chance to sample some delicacies right now.

Next, we'll head to the hotel's crowning glory, its vineyards, where you'll gain insight into the wine-making process before a tasting of the fruity wines produced here. You can then take a walk with your host to learn more about the Calabrian way of life and this region in the deep south of Italy.

With the rest of the day at leisure, perhaps make a beeline for the private beach, sit back and soak up the sun. If you discovered a favourite wine on today's vineyard visit, why not sip a glass at sunset on the hotel's pretty terrace. (B,D)

DAY 3 BELVEDERE & DIAMANTE

We'll leave the hotel this morning for an inclusive trip to the delightful towns of Belvedere and Diamante. We'll stroll through the ancient streets of Belvedere, passing ornate Baroque balconies and archways en route to its castle, where magnificent mountain views await.

Diamante is next, and here you'll see colourful streets adorned with murals by local artists. From the promenade look out to Cirella Island, once the haunt of pirates, and in the market be sure to buy some peperoncino. This chilli pepper is the town's speciality. There's time too, if you like, to stop at a café to sample an icy granita and watch the world go by.

The evening sees us get the chance to experience some true Calabrian hospitality and cuisine, as the Sbarra family welcome us to their restaurant. The house and old olive mill are surrounded by the large organic garden where vegetables and fruit used at the restaurant are grown.

You can watch the sunset from the terrace as you enjoy your meal cooked by the owner's wife, using produce taken straight from the garden. (B,D)

DAY 4 CETRARO – DAY AT LEISURE

The rest of your holiday has been left free for you to enjoy just as you wish. You'll have plenty of time to take advantage of your hotel's excellent facilities. They include a swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course and a private stretch of beach, so there's lots of things you can do. However, if you're keen to see more of Calabria, we have a range of optional excursions available, starting with a trip to the town of Altomonte. There's glorious architecture and ancient churches to admire, and if you're feeling energetic, you can climb up to the turrets of the Norman Tower for great views.

Finally, there will be a visit at the Moliterno Liquor factory where we'll see their little museum and taste some of the locally produced liquor. (B,D)

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DAY 5 CETRARO – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a relaxing day today, exploring Cetraro at your own pace or soaking up the sun on the beach. (B,D)

DAY 6 CETRARO – DAY AT LEISURE

If you've reached your peak of relaxation, our optional excursion will get you out and about in the great outdoors of Sila National Park. As you explore you'll encounter snow-capped peaks, colossal larch pine trees - the 'Giants of the Sila', crystal-clear streams and villages where time has seemingly stood still. (B,D)

DAY 7 CETRARO – DAY AT LEISURE

If you want to continue your exploration of Calabria, be sure to come with us today on an optional visit to historic Cosenza. This is the region's main town, and

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Watch the sunset from the terrace at the Sbarra family restaurant whilst enjoying your home-cooked meal using produce taken straight from the garden.

YOUR HOTEL



GRAND HOTEL SAN MICHELE

★★★★

The Grand Hotel San Michele enjoys stunning views over the Mediterranean. Facilities include a freshwater pool, nine-hole golf course, private beach, beautiful gardens and a terrace. Its own vineyard and farm provide fresh organic produce for the restaurant.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a sea-view room from £50 per person per week or a sea-view with balcony from £90 per person per week.

the Romanesque architecture of its cathedral and the Baroque exterior of the exquisite Teatro Rendano are worth the trip alone. It's a great place too for shopping, so you might want to pick up some last-minute souvenirs. (B,D)

DAY 8 LAMEZIA TERME – UK

Your holiday comes to an end today as you head to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 STANSTED – Ryanair **Holiday ref: FICAL**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
14 May	21 May	£1099	✓
09 Jul	16 Jul	£1129	✓
10 Sep	17 Sep	£1199	✓
01 Oct	08 Oct	£999	

Maximum single supplement charge of £400.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

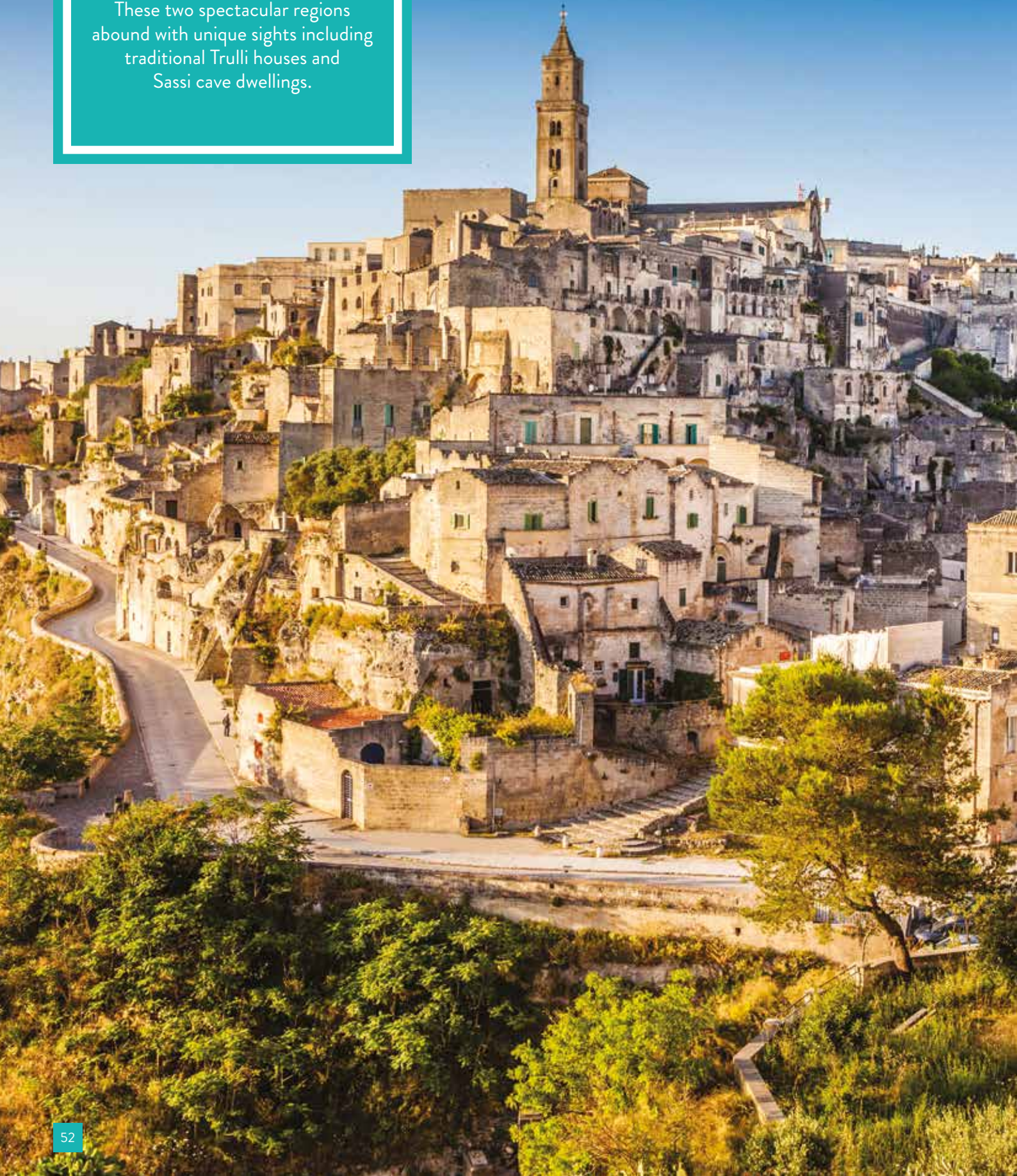
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PUGLIA & BASILICATA

8 DAYS FROM £1199

These two spectacular regions
abound with unique sights including
traditional Trulli houses and
Sassi cave dwellings.





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways



7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel



HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Lunch at Masseria Centrone, a
fortified farmhouse



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Matera and its Sassi houses
- Visit historic Lecce
- See the Trulli houses in three towns

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Ostuni and enjoy an olive oil-tasting
- Coastal town of Trani and the Grand Castel del Monte



DAY 1 UK – BARI

Depart on your flight to Bari today. On arrival, we will transfer you to the 4-star Hotel la Chiusa di Chietri near Alberobello. This is the ideal base from which to explore the regions of Puglia and Basilicata. It also boasts wonderful features including a lovely spa, beautiful gardens and an outdoor swimming pool. Between your sightseeing you can use these facilities at your leisure. (D)

DAY 2 FARMHOUSE EXPERIENCE

Today we'll visit Masseria Centrone, a fortified farm that has been in the Centrone family for over 150 years. Here we'll get a chance to experience a real flavour of the food grown and produced in the Apulian region, which includes cheeses, olive oil and bread. The visit will include a chance to watch a demonstration by one of the owners making orecchiette pasta whose shape is typical of the area. You will also get the chance to get hands on if you wish, making bread rolls, which will be baked in an open wood oven.

The highlight of the visit will be a lunch of typical regional food accompanied by wine and Limoncello. After lunch there will be a chance to explore the gardens. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 MATERA

You've a full day of exploration to look forward to today on a trip to the UNESCO-listed town of Matera. Here, your Local Guide will tell you all about the Sassi houses you'll see – incredible cave dwellings carved into the hillsides. They were inhabited right up until the 1950s and as one of Basilicata's most famous sites, they offer a fascinating window on the past.

Piazza del Duomo, Lecce



During a break in sightseeing your Tour Manager and Local Guide will be able to point you in the right direction if you fancy a spot of lunch. (B,D)

DAY 4 ALBEROBELLO – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend today is entirely up to you. If relaxation is on your agenda, why not laze by your hotel's pool, or book yourself into the spa for a treatment or two. If you want to explore at your own pace, there's a shuttle service into Alberobello.

Another alternative is an optional excursion to the pretty town of Ostuni. With your Tour Manager, take a stroll along its maze of narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses which sit beneath an imposing Gothic cathedral.

There's also the chance today to sample the olive oil that is produced in this region in an abundance of olive groves. Some of the trees here are hundreds of years old. (B,D)

DAY 5 ALBEROBELLO – DAY AT LEISURE

You have a choice to make today. You can spend more time enjoying the facilities at your hotel or maybe head into Alberobello for more sightseeing.

If you would like to see more of the region, an alternative is an optional day of exploration in the coastal town of Trani in the north of Puglia. Here you'll see fishermen at work in the busy harbour and have the chance to admire the simplicity of its 11th century cathedral.

In complete contrast is the grand Castel del Monte, which you'll also visit. This gleaming castle is made from pale stone and can be seen from miles around. As you stand at its base, cast your eyes upwards and take in this octagonal masterpiece which was built in the 13th century by Emperor Frederick II. (B,D)

DAY 6 LECCE

After breakfast we'll head off to explore the attractive city of Lecce. Together with your knowledgeable Local Guide, you'll uncover a new treasure around every corner as you stroll along streets lined with extravagant Baroque architecture. A couple of real highlights to keep an eye out for are the ancient Roman amphitheatre and the Church of Santa Croce. Spend some time looking closely at its ornate façade, which is adorned with intricately carved statues. (B,D)

DAY 7 ALBEROBELLO, LOCOROTONDO & MARTINA FRANCA

You're going to see Puglia's unique and quirky-looking Trulli houses on an included day out. As we drive into the Valley of Itria, these whitewashed cylindrical buildings with conical grey roofs can be seen in large numbers. Our first stop is Alberobello, where you'll see the Trulli are decorated with painted symbols on their roofs. Then, in Locorotondo you'll see the buildings are arranged in a circular pattern.

Finally, we reach Martina Franca, in the heart of the valley, where Moorish influences have created a town of medieval palaces and churches. The houses here are adorned with wrought-iron balconies, which puts you more in mind of Andalusia in Spain than Italy. (B,D)

DAY 8 BARI – UK

Today you will transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Not only do you taste local specialities at Masseria Centrone, you'll also have a hands-on experience as you make your own bread.



YOUR HOTEL

GRAND HOTEL LA CHIUSA DI CHIETRI ★★★★★

The Grand Hotel la Chiusa di Chietri features an outdoor pool and beautiful gardens surrounded by olive groves, vineyards and fruit trees. Situated 5km from Alberobello, a shuttle service into town is provided. Spa facilities are available at extra cost. Outdoor swimming pools are typically open May to September.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a superior room from £125 per person for the duration of your stay.



ROOM UPGRADE

TRULLO ROOMS

For an even more authentic taste of Puglia, take the opportunity to stay in a converted Trullo house in the grounds of the hotel. Authentic Trullo rooms or superior rooms in the main building are available at a supplement of £90 per person for the duration of your stay. Some superior rooms feature a sunken bath.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – British Airways Holiday ref: FIBA

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 May	20 May	£1249	✓
03 Jun	10 Jun	£1299	✓
10 Jun	17 Jun	£1319	✓
17 Jun	24 Jun	£1319	✓
01 Jul	08 Jul	£1269	
02 Sep	09 Sep	£1349	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1329	✓
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1299	✓
23 Sep	30 Sep	£1269	✓
07 Oct	14 Oct	£1199	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

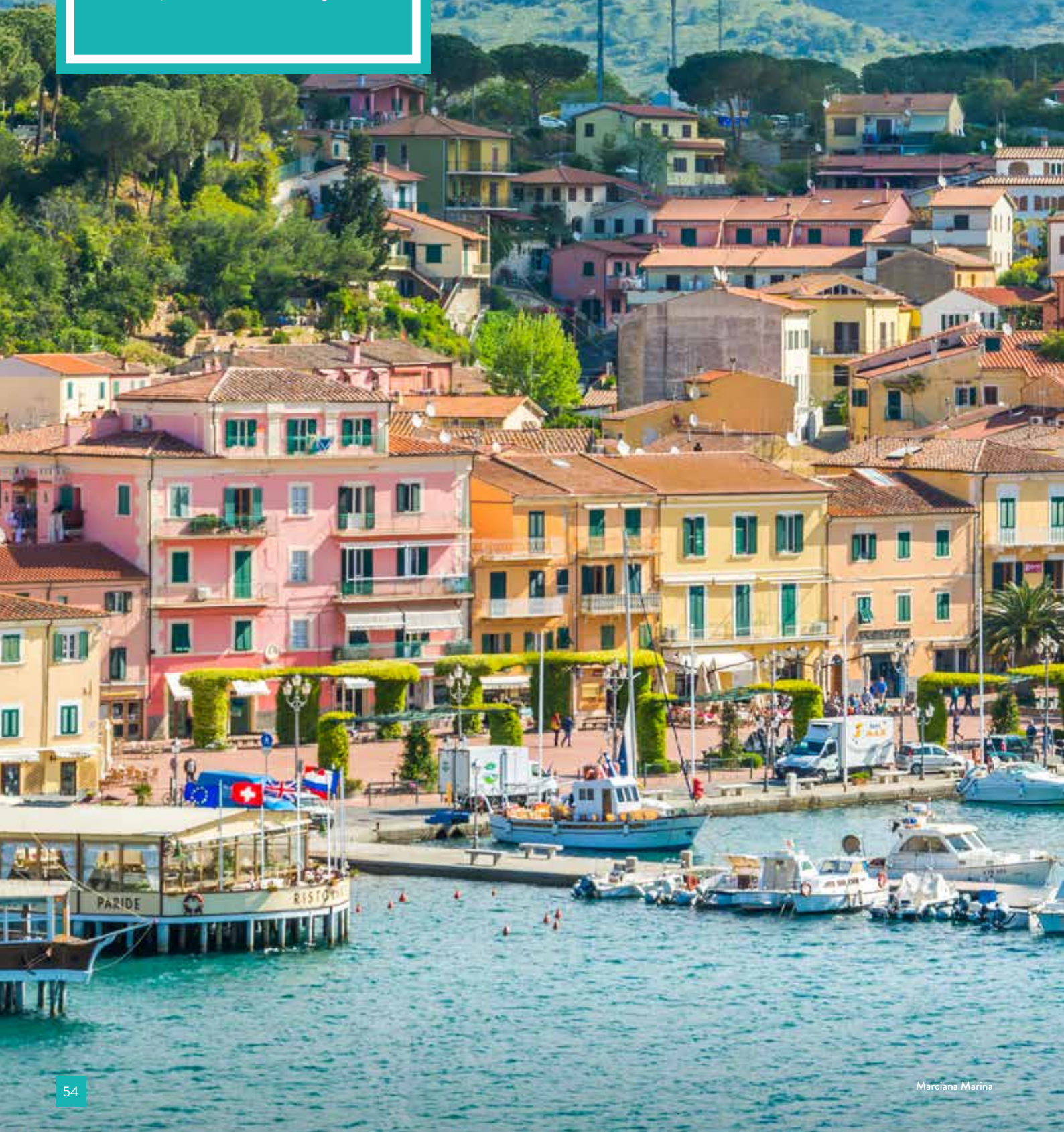
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THE ISLAND OF ELBA

8 DAYS FROM £919

From its rugged coastline to its historic towns, the island that famously harboured the exiled Napoleon is a true delight.





FAVOURITE MOMENT

The Acqua dell'Elba fragrance is made using plants found on the island of Elba - see how it is created and sample its lovely aroma.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways



7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel



ALL BREAKFASTS
7 breakfasts (B), 1 dinner (D)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Barbecue dinner around the pool



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Island tour and bay of Marina di Campo
- Acqua dell'Elba perfume experience
- Napoleon's San Martino Villa
- Eastern Elba tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Portoferraio, Napoleon's winter villa and craft beer experience
- Elba's 'Legend, Mystery and Intrigue' walk
- Wine-tasting at a winery and dinner at a seaside restaurant



the picturesque south coast to the colourful harbour and white-sand bay of Marina di Campo. Take in the scenery as you travel inland to Villa San Martino - Napoleon's summer house, then visit the perfume laboratory of Acqua dell'Elba, a company inspired by the discovery of a perfume bottle on a shipwreck from the 2nd century. Here, fragrances are created using plants from the island, and you can sample and buy a range of perfumes and aftershaves whilst visiting. (B,D)

DAY 3 MARCIANA MARINA - DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to spend as you wish. Alternatively, you can take an optional excursion to Portoferraio. This trip includes a visit to Napoleon's winter villa, Villa dei Mulini. It was from here that the exiled French emperor made plans to once again conquer Europe. Later, we visit a local artisan brewery which produces craft beers with an intense and traditional taste. Take the chance to sample a variety of different tasting brews. (B)

DAY 4 MARCIANA MARINA - DAY AT LEISURE

After breakfast you may choose to join an optional half-day walk through Elba's stunning scenery. Highlights include the ancient mountain hamlet of Poggio, San Cerbone Chapel, the Pisan fortress and the 11th century Sanctuary of the Madonna del Monte. This lovely walk ends with a gentle descent to the village of Marciana Alta. Spend the rest of the day at leisure at your hotel. (B)

DAY 5 EASTERN ELBA

There's more of Elba to discover today during our included half-day tour of the east of the island. You'll explore the remote Roman mining town of Capoliveri then continue on to the resort of Porto Azzurro. (B)

DAYS 6 MARCIANA MARINA - DAY AT LEISURE

Today, you can take it easy at your own pace or join our optional excursion to the 18th century vineyard at La Chiusa. You'll get the chance to taste up to four different wines, all made from grapes grown on the vineyard. From a flowery, flavoursome white, to an intense ruby red, there's a wine to suit all palettes. In the evening, why not relax by the sea and sample the cuisine at a seaside restaurant. (B)

DAY 7 MARCIANA MARINA - DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to spend at leisure. You could choose to admire Elba's beauty from the sea with a two-hour cruise on board 'The Nautilus', a

YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL TAMERICI ★★★★★

This modern hotel is in the picturesque town of Marciana Marina, just 650 metres from the sea, overlooking the island's northern coast. Facilities include a restaurant, sea-view terrace, tennis court and swimming pool.

Pools are typically open from May-October, at the discretion of the hotel.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a deluxe balcony room with side sea-view from £50 per person for the duration of your stay.

glass-bottomed vessel that will introduce you to the underwater wonders of the Mediterranean. You may even see a shipwrecked boat from the 1970s. (B)

DAY 8 PISA - UK

Your holiday comes to an end today as you transfer to Pisa for your flight home. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: FIEL

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 May	20 May	£919	✓
03 Jun	10 Jun	£979	✓
17 Jun	24 Jun	£1079	✓
02 Sep	09 Sep	£1099	✓
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1019	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £300.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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DAY 1 UK - PISA

Depart on your flight to Pisa. Transfer to Piombino from where you'll take the ferry to Elba. Then it's just a short journey to your hotel on the edge of the beautiful village of Marciana Marina.

DAY 2 CHIESI, MARINA DI CAMPO & VILLA SAN MARTINO

Join our included tour of the island. Our first stop is the tiny village of Chiesi, before you journey along

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Aeolian Islands' stunning coastline
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Stromboli



FAVOURITE MOMENT

Enjoy exceptional views and freshly caught fish as you sail from island to island on your seven-night cruise aboard a traditional wooden Turkish gulet.

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



WOODEN GULET

You will stay on board a traditional wooden gulet. Exclusively chartered for Travelsphere guests, this traditional vessel is made entirely of pine and mahogany, and has just seven cabins with double or twin beds. On board amenities include a sun-deck and elegant lounge with TV area. Cabins have en suite facilities and air-conditioning.

Images shown may not be of the gulet used on this holiday but facilities will be similar.

San Bartolo and the archaeological museum, which contains finds from all over the islands, including a collection of Greek theatrical masks. Alternatively, you may prefer to browse the shops. This evening has been left free for you to enjoy dinner in one of Lipari's restaurants. (B,L)

DAY 7 LIPARI & CAPO D'ORLANDO

Today you'll head to the Faraglioni, impressive rock formations lying off the coast, and stop at the beautiful pebble beach of Valle Muria. Lined with colourful volcanic rocks and lapped by crystal-clear waters, it's a great place for a swim. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 CATANIA – UK

Enjoy breakfast before disembarking your gulet. We'll then transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Please note: Embarkation taxes of approximately €55 per person are not included in the price of your holiday and will be payable locally. The itinerary may change according to sea and weather conditions.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - Norwegian Air **Holiday ref: FIAI**

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Jun	27 Jun	£1849	✓
27 Jun	04 Jul	£1849	
05 Sep	12 Sep	£1899	✓
12 Sep	19 Sep	£1899	✓

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.



CRUISE



ACTIVE PLUS



MAX 15 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with Norwegian Air



7-NIGHT EXCLUSIVE CRUISE
in a double or twin cabin on a traditional gulet boat exclusively chartered for Travelsphere



18 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 5 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Freshly cooked meals using local ingredients



ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED



TRAVELSPHERE CRUISE MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers and other transportation

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Unforgettable sailing to five islands aboard a traditional gulet
- Discover the 'Sulphur Island' of Vulcano
- A chance to see the 'Trail of Fire' created by the majestic Stromboli volcano
- Explore Panarea island
- Discover Stromboli
- Enjoy a taste of life in Salina, famous for its wine
- Explore Lipari, the largest island



DAY 1 UK – CATANIA

Depart on your flight to Catania. On arrival we will transfer you to the pretty Sicilian town of Capo d'Orlando. This is where you'll board your gulet, a traditional Turkish motor yacht crafted from wood. After time to settle into your cabin, enjoy a welcome cocktail and find out more about your cruise at a special

presentation. You'll then set sail across the cobalt-blue sea to Vulcano – one of the seven inhabited volcanic Aeolian Islands off the northern shore of Sicily.

Sailing in a gulet is a truly memorable experience, giving you the chance to sample a menu based around locally caught fish and take things at a slower pace. You can also make your own adventures, wading ashore on beaches, having been transported there by one of our outboard motor-equipped dinghies reached by climbing over the side of the boat. Or, simply take a secluded swim. Finally, whatever else you do, don't forget the chance to watch the sun set over the sea. (D)

DAY 2 VULCANO

Your exploration begins in Vulcano, which is dominated by an active volcano. It's also known as the 'Sulphur Island' and is celebrated for its therapeutic mud baths and hot springs. Why not wallow in the bubbling sulphurous waters or simply relax on the dramatic black-sand beach.

Then you'll sail to the Grotta del Cavallo, one of the largest caves in Sicily. Why not enjoy a swim at the Piscina di Venere, or 'bathing pool of Venus', a natural rock-fringed pool. This evening is free for you to dine in a restaurant of your choice in Vulcano. (B,L)

DAY 3 PANAREA

You'll spend the morning cruising around Panarea, the smallest and most fashionable island in the archipelago, with its large rocky ridges at Basiluzzo and Lisca Bianca. Maybe rent one of the electric cars and visit the magnificent Cala Junco cove, with its rock-strewn beach and aquamarine waters. From here you could walk to the nearby prehistoric village, which was only discovered in the 1940s and houses 20 small huts thought to date back centuries.

In the afternoon, stroll around the island's shops and perhaps pick up some locally-made souvenirs. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 STROMBOLI

Today you have some free time to discover Stromboli's small village. In its central square you'll find the pretty Church of San Vincenzo and a terrace offering panoramic views of the volcano.

Then you'll cruise around the island to Strombolicchio, a rock off the coast with a lighthouse on its summit.

In the evening you'll dine on board the gulet and later your entertainment comes in the form of Stromboli's 'trail of fire'. With a bit of luck you should be able to admire the majesty of this true wonder of nature with its continuous eruptions. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 SALINA

Today we cruise to the island of Salina, the greenest of the 'Seven Sisters', known for its famous sweet Malvasia wine, which is exported all over the world. We'll visit the beautiful bay of Pollara, where the opening scene of the award-winning 1994 movie 'Il Postino' was filmed. You could even take a coach journey to the pretty village of Lingua with its whitewashed houses, where you can visit Alfredo's Bar for a granita. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 LIPARI

Your destination today is Lipari, the capital of the archipelago. You'll have the chance to spend some time at the famous Spiaggia Bianca and during free time in the old town centre, perhaps visit the Cathedral of

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Taormina



Palermo



Agrigento



Giardini Naxos



Cefalù



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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

7 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Palermo street food experience

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Taormina with granita-tasting
- Visit the Roman Villa del Casale
- Sicily's capital Palermo and Monreale Cathedral
- The pretty fishing port of Cefalù

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Ascend Mount Etna by cable car
- Explore Mount Etna further on a Jeep adventure to the top
- Visit the ancient town of Agrigento



DAY 1 UK – CATANIA

Depart on your flight to Catania. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel in the picturesque coastal village of Giardini Naxos, situated close to Taormina. (D)
HOTEL CAESAR PALACE, GIARDINI NAXOS (4 STAR)

DAY 2 TAORMINA

We're off to Taormina today, a fascinating town which overlooks two sweeping bays. After a stroll, join your Tour Manager on an included visit to the magnificent Greco-Roman theatre here, perched dramatically on a cliff-top. As well as exploring this ancient site you can take in panoramic views of the sea and Sicily's famous volcano, Mount Etna, which looms in the distance. Before we head back to the hotel we'll make a stop for a tasting of granita. This semi-frozen dessert, that originated here, comes in many delicious flavours and is utterly refreshing. (B,D)
HOTEL CAESAR PALACE, GIARDINI NAXOS (4 STAR)

DAY 3 GIARDINI NAXOS – DAY AT LEISURE

It's Sicily's most famous attraction, its name is known the world over, and today you can see Mount Etna up close if you join our optional excursion. You can ascend Europe's tallest active volcano by cable car to enjoy breathtaking views. You'll also have an option to take a thrilling journey higher up the volcano in a 16-seater 4x4 vehicle in the company of an Alpine Guide. After our exploration of Mount Etna we'll call at a traditional farm shop for a tour. We'll learn all about



the fascinating way that honey is made and we'll try a selection of different flavours. We'll also taste locally produced olive oil, olives and vegetable pâté, along with three different wines. (B,D)
HOTEL CAESAR PALACE, GIARDINI NAXOS (4 STAR)

DAY 4 VILLA DEL CASALE – CAMPOFELICE DI ROCCELLA

We're going to head to our next base today, Campofelice di Roccella, near Cefalù, but not before the chance to revel in some Roman history. Our journey takes us to the 4th century Villa Romana del Casale, close to the town of Piazza Armerina. Here, excavations have revealed one of the world's richest and most complex collections of Roman mosaics. As you view them, you'll be amazed by their excellent condition. We'll continue to our hotel and once you've unpacked, why not head out for a stroll and explore your surroundings. (B,D)

ACACIA RESORT, CAMPOFELICE DI ROCCELLA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 MONREALE & PALERMO

Watching over Palermo is the beautiful Monreale Cathedral, one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture in the world. The pleasant yet unremarkable exterior of the cathedral offers no clue as to the exquisite golden paintings and spectacular mosaics you'll discover when you venture inside. We'll then move on to Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital, which boasts a wealth of architecture ranging in style from Arabic to Art Nouveau. Palermo is famous for its street food tradition and we'll experience this first hand at the market, where you'll be treated to a street food experience in a local bar. You'll be able to sample a wide variety of dishes, such as deep fried tuna, cheese made from sheep's milk and arancini, which are rice balls filled with ragu sauce. Also on the menu will be caponata, a sweet and sour dish made with aubergines and other vegetables, served in a tomato sauce. It promises to be a treat for your tastebuds!

After you've eaten you could take some time to explore the light-filled Capella Palatine chapel, which proudly exhibits intricate Byzantine mosaics. (B,L,D)
ACACIA RESORT, CAMPOFELICE DI ROCCELLA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 CAMPOFELICE DI ROCCELLA – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend today is entirely up to you. Relax by the pool or on the beach, or maybe you'll join an optional excursion to Agrigento. This ancient town dates back to the 6th century and is a wonderful showcase of Sicily's Greek past. With a Local Guide you'll discover the Valley of the Temples, which is dramatically situated on a high ridge overlooking the sea. Explore the Temple of Concord and the Temple of Zeus, the largest to be built by the Greeks. (B,D)
ACACIA RESORT, CAMPOFELICE DI ROCCELLA (4 STAR)

DAY 7 CEFALÙ

Today you'll head to nearby Cefalù, a pretty fishing port. There's lots to discover here, including its winding medieval streets, sandy beaches and one of Sicily's finest Norman cathedrals. If you peer inside, you'll see some of the island's earliest and best-preserved mosaics, with the spectacular Christ Pantocrator above the altar, particularly memorable. (B,D)
ACACIA RESORT, CAMPOFELICE DI ROCCELLA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 CATANIA – UK

There's time to enjoy the facilities at your hotel a little longer before we transfer you to Catania for your return flight to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Step back in time at Villa del Casale, where ancient and intricate floor mosaics offer a glimpse of the opulent lifestyle enjoyed by the Romans.



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You can extend your holiday with a bed-and-breakfast stay on the UNESCO-protected Aeolian island of Lipari. Single room supplement from £200. You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager. Available on dates marked with *.

YOUR HOTELS

HOTEL CAESAR PALACE ★★★★★

Near Taormina you will stay in the Hotel Caesar Palace. Facilities include a bar, lounges, swimming pool and restaurant with an extensive buffet.

ACACIA RESORT ★★★★★

This is a modern, elegant and comfortable resort located on a pristine beach between Palermo and Cefalù. It features an extra-large pool as well as a restaurant, bar and lovely gardens.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: FICLS

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
23 Apr	30 Apr	£1059	✓
07 May	14 May	£1179	✓
04 Jun*	11 Jun	£1219	✓
11 Jun	18 Jun	£1219	✓
18 Jun	25 Jun	£1219	✓
25 Jun	02 Jul	£1219	✓
13 Aug	20 Aug	£1299	✓
03 Sep*	10 Sep	£1319	✓
10 Sep	17 Sep	£1319	✓
17 Sep	24 Sep	£1319	✓
01 Oct	08 Oct	£1199	✓

* Aeolian Islands add-on is available on these dates.

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

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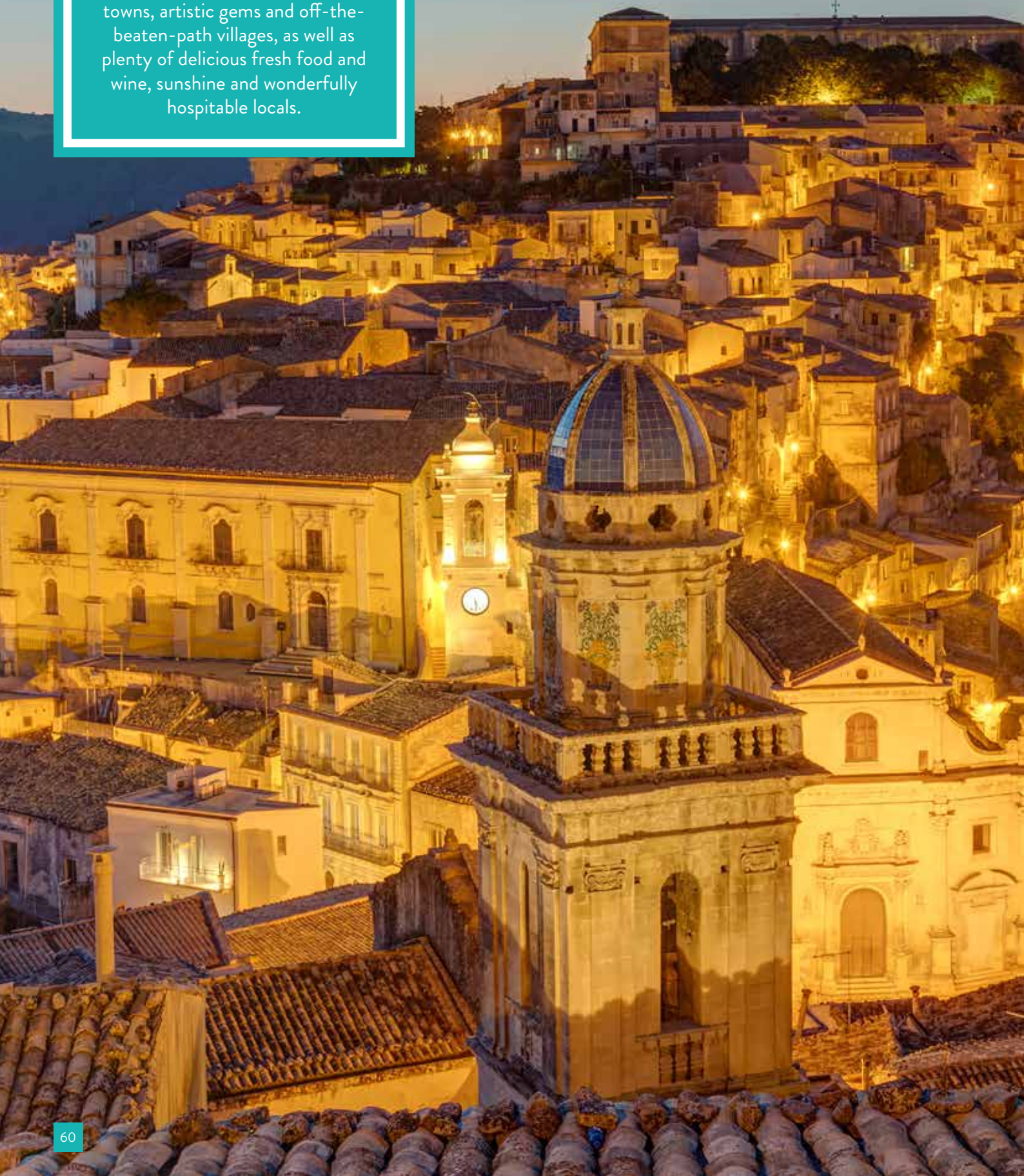
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Ortigia



Marsala wine-tasting

TOUR LECTURER

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Salvo Trigilia
One of our Tour Lecturers

FEATURE HOTEL

HOTEL BELMONTE ★★

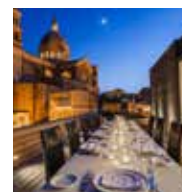
This family-run hotel in the historic centre of Favara has a restaurant specialising in Sicilian cuisine.

HOTEL UPGRADE

ALBA PALACE

★★★★

The 4-star sister hotel to Hotel Belmonte, the Alba Palace Hotel offers a medley of art, culture, fine food and fantastic comfort, and exudes authentic Sicily. Upgrade available for £60 per person for the duration of your stay.



ancient Sicilian recipe using heirloom grains. We then enjoy an authentic Sicilian meal (paired with local wine) lovingly prepared by the museum's owners. (B,L)

MERCURE SIRACUSA PROMETEO, SYRACUSE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 SYRACUSE – RAGUSA

Today we'll explore Syracuse's fabulous archaeological site and Ragusa, a hilltop town whose fate is inextricably linked to the earthquake of 1693. Following a rebuild, the town now stands as a Baroque jewel and part of the UNESCO-listed Noto Valley. Breathe in the magnificent views and explore the narrow alleyways and staircases of the Old Town. Later, we'll return to Syracuse and visit the island of Ortigia, which is connected to the mainland by three bridges. (B)

MERCURE SIRACUSA PROMETEO, SYRACUSE (4 STAR)

DAY 8 CATANIA – UK

Today we'll transfer you to Catania for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - easyJet Holiday ref: FISEC

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
16 Apr	23 Apr	£999	✓
21 May	28 May	£1099	✓
11 Jun	18 Jun	£1349	✓
03 Sep	10 Sep	£1399	✓
17 Sep	24 Sep	£1299	✓
01 Oct	08 Oct	£1149	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

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7 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels



12 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L),
2 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Learn how to make bread with
the 'Best Baker in Sicily'



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Marsala wine-tasting
- Discover the atmospheric medieval town of Erice
- Admire the Stagnone salt pans
- Visit Favara's successful social project
- Explore small, off-the-beaten-path villages
- Live one day as a Sicilian at Sant'Angelo Muxaro
- Lunch of a variety of local produce
- See the unique Andromeda Theatre
- Learn the story of Sicilian wheat
- Enjoy an exclusive meal in a local village
- Visit the Baroque town of Ragusa
- Explore the ancient Greek city of Syracuse and its archaeological site

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Sicily's famous Valley of the Temples
- Drive around Agrigento in a historical Fiat 500
- Learn the secrets of Sicilian rural life and recipes in Campobello



DAY 1 UK – PALERMO

Today you'll depart on your flight to the spectacular Mediterranean island of Sicily. When you arrive, we'll transfer you to your historical hotel in the centre of Marsala. (D)

HOTEL CARMINE, MARSALA (3 STAR)

DAY 2 MARSALA & ERICE

Today is all about Marsala, a town that's known for its fortified Marsala wine, which has been produced since the 18th century. We'll visit a winery and learn all about the local tittle while tasting different varieties. We'll then enjoy a light lunch of local specialities, including arancini, delicious deep-fried rice balls. The ancient medieval town of Erice is our next stop and, on our way back, we'll stop to admire the Stagnone salt pans, a lagoon-filled landscape and a haven for wildlife. (B,L)

HOTEL CARMINE, MARSALA (3 STAR)

DAY 3 FARM CULTURAL PARK – FAVARA

This morning we'll transfer to our historic hotel in the charming centre of Favara. After checking in, we'll visit the town's unique cultural and artistic hub, Farm Cultural Park, which has transformed the once semi-abandoned centre of the town into a wonderfully colourful enclave of contemporary art. The afternoon is free to spend how you wish. If you like, join us on our optional trip to the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the world. (B,D)

HOTEL BELMONTE, FAVARA (3 STAR) OR
ALBA PALACE, FAVARA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 FAVARA – DAY AT LEISURE

You're free to relax on your own today. Alternatively, why not join us on one of our fantastic optional trips. Our first trip is to the town of Agrigento, which you'll have the chance to explore in a historical Italian Fiat 500 while your Local Guide will fill you in on all the secrets of Agrigento town.

Our second optional trip takes us to the beautiful old town of Campobello di Licata, where we will learn its secrets and enjoy a lunch of rustic Sicilian food, a cookery demonstration of Mpanata (a traditional roulade of dough made with spinach) and a tasting of local wine, cheese and olive oil. (B)

HOTEL BELMONTE, FAVARA (3 STAR) OR
ALBA PALACE, FAVARA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 SANT'ANGELO MUXARO & ANDROMEDA THEATRE

Today we'll get entirely off the beaten track to explore the small, characterful villages of Sicily. Our first stop is Sant'Angelo Muxaro, a fascinating, thousand-year-old village perched on a solitary hill in the middle of the Platani river valley.

During our visit we'll meet dairy farmer Angelo and enjoy a taste of his delicious ricotta cheese. We'll then head to a local bakery, where owner Maria dishes up pizzas baked in wood ovens, bread seasoned with oil and oregano, and fragrant sweets with honey and almonds. In the afternoon, we'll explore Santo Stefano Quisquina, which has an intriguing outdoor stone theatre built by local shepherd-turned-sculptor Lorenzo Reina. One of the highest outdoor theatres on earth, its 108 cube-shaped stones represent the stars of the Andromeda constellation. (B,L)

HOTEL BELMONTE, FAVARA (3 STAR) OR
ALBA PALACE, FAVARA (4 STAR)

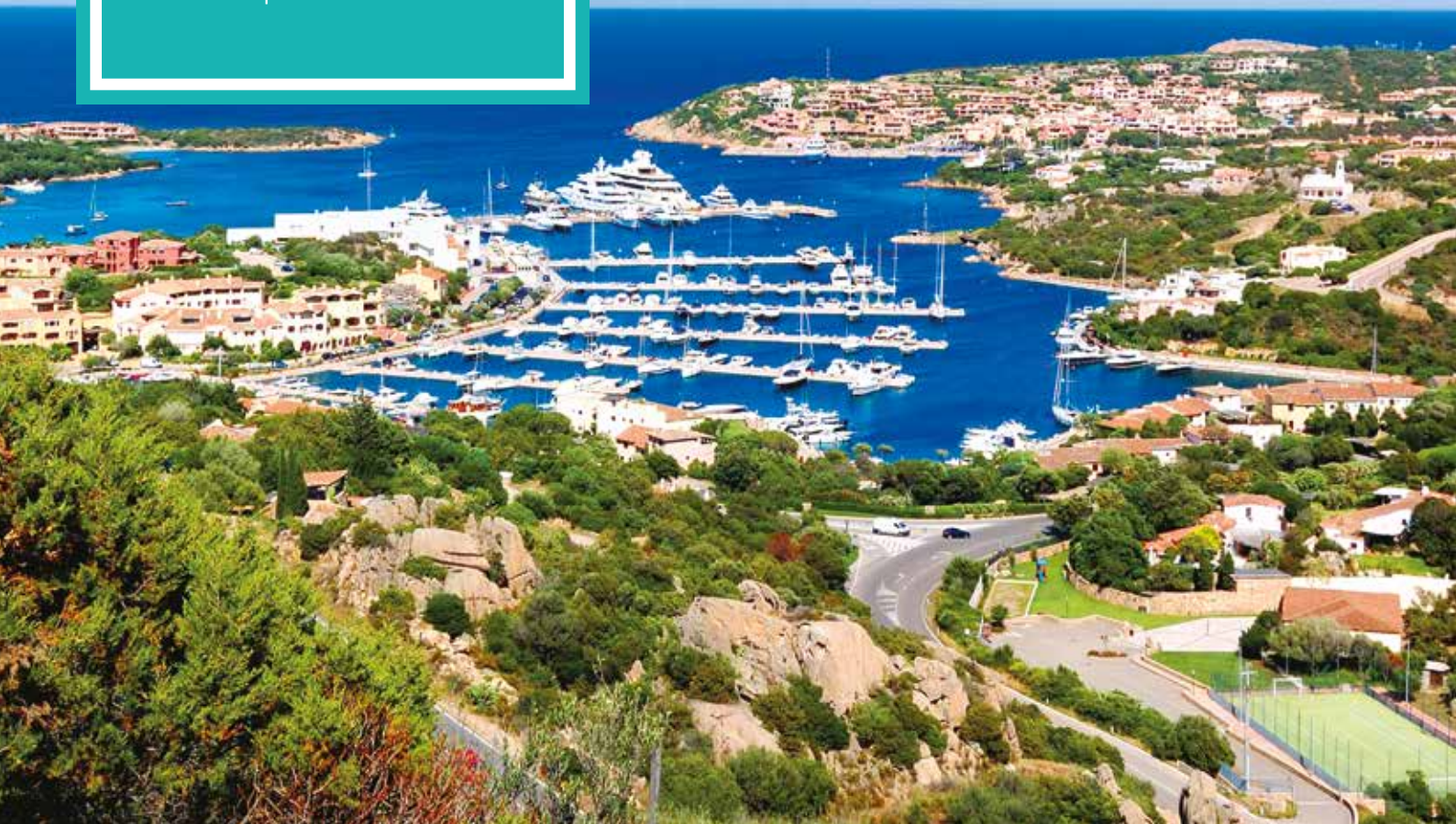
DAY 6 BORGO SANTA RITA – SYRACUSE

Sicilian wheat has been grown for thousands of years, and today we'll visit the village of Borgo Santa Rita to trace its history through the fields, in the oven and at the table. The village is a mere dot on the map, and home to just five families, but has risen to fame for its extraordinary bakery, where bread is baked to an

SARDINIA'S EMERALD COAST

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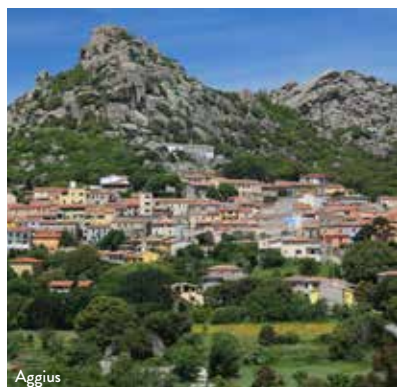
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La Maddalena islands



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HALF BOARD

7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy a typical Sardinian lunch at a rural farmhouse



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the Emerald Coast
- Explore the rural village of Aggus and meet local weavers
- The artists' village and market of San Pantaleo

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise to Sardinia's La Maddalena islands
- Snorkelling session in crystal-clear waters
- Dolphin-watching cruise
- Nuraghe La Prisgiona, winery visit and tasting
- Discover the island of Corsica



DAY 1 UK – OLBIA

You'll depart on your flight to Olbia today. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your 4-star hotel, which is located on the beautiful Costa Smeralda, on Sardinia's north-east coast. (D)

DAY 2 COSTA SMERALDA

You're going to get to know the Costa Smeralda, or Emerald Coast, on today's tour. Owned by the Aga Khan, this is one of the most exclusive stretches of coastline in the world. As we head off to explore, we'll discover beautiful white-sand beaches, idyllic remote bays and sublime hotels. It's no wonder this glamorous destination is a magnet for the rich and famous.

Enjoy some time to yourself with a stroll around Porto Cervo's pretty marina, where there's sure to be plenty of elegant yachts moored. The Piazzetta is another great place to head. It's lined with designer boutiques, cafés, bars and restaurants, so maybe sit with a refreshing drink and indulge in a spot of people-watching. (B,D)

DAY 3 AGGIUS & FARMHOUSE LUNCH

We're going to head to the village of Aggus today and get an authentic glimpse of rural Sardinian life.

One of the villagers will introduce us to the history of the village, which dates back to prehistoric times. We'll then head to the Ethnographic Museum Olbia



Bonifacio, Corsica

Carta Cannas, where we'll see a reconstruction of a traditional house and meet women who still weave textiles using traditional methods.

After a busy morning, we've a wonderful treat in store, lunch at the Muto di Gallura Farmhouse. The way of life here is relaxed and slow, and in this beautiful, rural setting we'll get a taste of real Sardinian life as we feast on an array of local dishes prepared with the freshest of ingredients. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 BAJA SARDINIA – DAY AT LEISURE

Today's optional excursion gives you the chance to see Sardinia's pretty bays and glorious beaches from the water on a relaxing cruise. You'll discover La Maddalena, an archipelago of rocky islands surrounded by inviting crystal-clear waters, and the main island, also called La Maddalena. Soak up the sun and maybe enjoy a swim before you tuck into an included lunch on this scenic day out. Alternatively, you could join a snorkelling excursion and get up close to the marine life that lives in the waters around the island.

Another option today is a dolphin-watching cruise, where you'll go in search of the bottlenose dolphins that live in Sardinia's waters. (B,D)

DAY 5 BAJA SARDINIA – DAY AT LEISURE

A free day gives you more time to enjoy the facilities at your hotel or relax on the beach.

As an alternative, your Tour Manager will host an optional excursion to the archaeological site of Nuraghe La Prisgiona. There's a whole village of about 100 stone-built megalithic structures to explore here, after which we'll head to a winery where we'll taste some local wine. (B,D)

DAY 6 SAN PANTALEO

Today we are going to visit the artists' village of San Pantaleo, one of the prettiest on the island and a joy to explore. It's set around a picturesque piazza where you can browse artisan shops and craft stalls, and watch local artists at work. (B,D)

DAY 7 BAJA SARDINIA – DAY AT LEISURE

You might choose to spend a lazy day on the beach – your hotel's very own private cove is just a short walk away. If you'd like to join an optional excursion, today's destination is the neighbouring island of Corsica. Lying off the coast of the South of France, its many attractive resorts boast gorgeous beaches and spectacular scenery. Our journey begins by road as we head through Northern Sardinia's shrubland to the town of Santa Teresa di Gallura, overlooking the narrow strait separating the islands. On arrival here, we'll board the ferry for the crossing to Bonifacio, which is perched dramatically on Corsica's cliff tops.

A great way to start your discoveries is with a stroll around the natural harbour here. Set against a backdrop of sheer cliffs and overlooked by a 9th century citadel, you might choose to walk up to its ancient walls for stunning views. Alternatively, head to the Old Town where a maze of narrow streets and intriguing alleyways are home to medieval houses. After your walk, why not stop for a rest at a harbour-side café, where you can soak up the sun and the views. (B,D)

DAY 8 OLBIA – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport in Olbia for your flight back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Enjoy a slower pace of life as you discover the rural side of Sardinia in the traditional village of Aggus and enjoy lunch at a farmhouse.

YOUR HOTEL



CLUB HOTEL BAJA SARDINIA

★★★★

You will stay in the elegant Hotel Club Baja Sardinia, which is situated directly on the beach, with its own private bay. Hotel facilities include a choice of restaurants and bars. Guest rooms feature a balcony or terrace.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a sea-view room with balcony or terrace from £125 per person for the duration of your stay.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 GATWICK - easyJet

Holiday ref: FISARD

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
02 May	09 May	£1199	✓
16 May	23 May	£1369	✓
26 Sep	03 Oct	£1349	✓
03 Oct	10 Oct	£1249	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £300.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



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4 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel

6 MEALS
4 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Visit the cliff-top Sea Lion Rocks tea room for a slice of cake and a cup of tea

SCENIC TRAIN
Several heritage rail journeys

ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Steam train ride to the seaside town of Port Erin and historic Castletown
- Travel on the Douglas Manx Electric Railway to Laxey and Ramsey
- Reach new heights on the Snaefell Mountain Railway
- Visit beautiful Groulle Glen
- Make full use of your Go Explore Heritage Card

DAY 1 LIVERPOOL – DOUGLAS

Today you'll board the fast catamaran 'Manannan' in Liverpool, bound for Douglas. Alternatively, you can take a flight. On arrival, transfer by coach to the 4-star Mannin Hotel, located close to the seafront.

DAY 2 PORT ERIN & CASTLETOWN

Join your Tour Manager for the steam train journey to Port Erin, a delightful seaside town with a sandy beach set in an enclosed harbour. You can visit the Railway



Museum here or walk along the promenade before taking the train to Castletown.

On arrival, the afternoon is free for you to do as you wish. Once the capital of the island, Castletown sits on the site of an ancient volcano and is one of the oldest towns in the British Isles. Perhaps enjoy a walk around its quaint narrow streets or visit the medieval Castle Rushen. (B,D)

DAY 3 LAXEY, RAMSEY & PEEL

This morning you will take the Douglas Manx Electric Railway (MER) to Laxey. On arrival, you will board the Great Laxey Mine Railway, which once carried metal ores from the mine. A short walk from the terminus is the Lady Isabella waterwheel. Built in 1854 to pump water from the mine, it is now the largest working waterwheel in the world. From here, take a lovely route on the MER to Ramsey.

After this you will take the bus to Peel, where you can spend the afternoon at leisure. You may enjoy a walk around the ruins of Peel Castle or take a stroll up Peel Hill for splendid views before taking the bus back to Douglas. (B)

DAY 4 SNAEFELL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY & GROUDLE GLEN

Today you will take the electric train to Laxey. On arrival, you will board the Snaefell Mountain Railway, reaching the summit in around 30 minutes. Here you can purchase refreshments from the café and on a clear day enjoy views of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Your next train journey will take you from Laxey to Groulle Glen, and after another short train journey to the cliff-top Sea Lion Rocks tea room, you can admire the scenery over a drink and a slice of cake before your return journey to Douglas. (B,D)

YOUR HOTEL



MANNIN HOTEL ★★★★★

The Mannin Hotel is an ideal base for exploring Douglas. Located close to the seafront, the recently renovated hotel boasts a restaurant serving homemade food and fine wines, and a soft seating lobby area ideal for relaxing with a drink. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

DAY 5 DOUGLAS – LIVERPOOL

After a morning at leisure, you'll head back to Liverpool by catamaran this afternoon. (B)

Please note: We cannot always guarantee that rail excursions will be steam-hauled. Itinerary may run in a different order due to train running times. Your Go Explore Heritage Card enables you to travel on the island's heritage railways and buses. It also allows entry into all Manx National Heritage sights including Peel Castle, House of Manannan and Castle Rushen.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 LIVERPOOL – Steam Packet Ferry Holiday ref: PEIOM

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
30 Apr	04 May	£679	✓
09 Jul	13 Jul	£699	✓
22 Oct	26 Oct	£679	

2020 LIVERPOOL – Flybe Holiday ref: PEIOMF

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
30 Apr	04 May	£829	✓
09 Jul	13 Jul	£849	✓
22 Oct	26 Oct	£829	

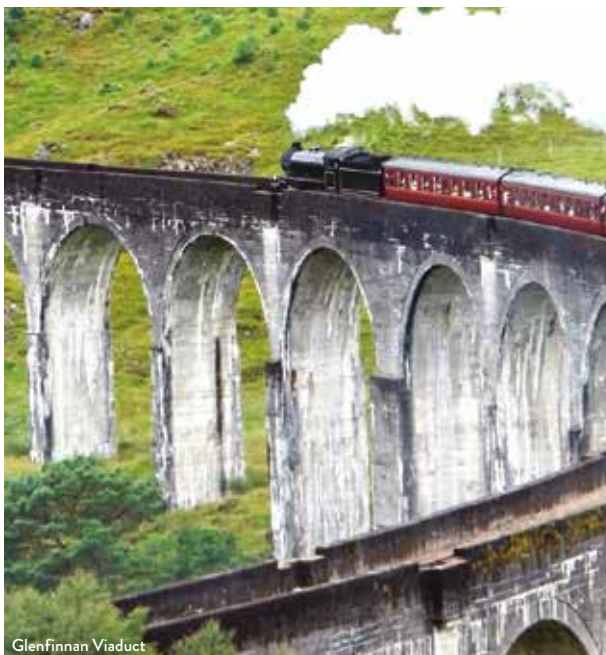
Maximum single supplement charge of £400.
For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you



Eilean Donan Castle



Glenfinnan Viaduct

GREAT RAILWAYS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

5 DAYS FROM £799

Incredible rail journeys and the glorious scenery of the Scottish Highlands - the perfect combination for a wonderful break close to home.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



4 NIGHTS
in a 3-star hotel



HALF BOARD
4 breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Whisky-tasting experience and
a taste of Scottish shortbread



SCENIC TRAIN
Several heritage rail journeys



ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION
Rail and coach transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- West Highland Line aboard the Jacobite Steam Train
- Cross Glenfinnan Viaduct and see the Glenfinnan Monument
- Rail journey to the Kyle of Lochalsh and Loch Ness visit
- Travel on the Strathspey Steam Railway
- Visit the Culloden Battlefield



DAY 1 INVERNESS

Make your own way to Inverness, where your hotel is located in the centre of the city, just a short stroll from Inverness Castle and the River Ness. (D)



Mallaig harbour

DAY 2 JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN — MALLAIG — GLENFINNAN

Your rail adventure begins after breakfast when you board the famous Jacobite Steam Train for a two-hour journey through some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery. The route, considered by many to be one of the world's greatest rail journeys, crosses the Glenfinnan viaduct, before continuing to the charming fishing port of Mallaig, where you'll make a stop at lunch time. Continue by coach to Glenfinnan, where you can admire the monumental tower that was built to commemorate Bonnie Prince Charlie. (B,D)

DAY 3 KYLE OF LOCHALSH

Today you will embark on one of the most scenic rail journeys in the world, from Inverness to the Kyle of Lochalsh on the west coast. This magnificent trip takes you through some incredible scenery across open moorland and through stunning valleys.

Continuing by coach, you'll discover Scotland's most romantic castle, Eilean Donan, situated at the mouth of Loch Long and offering views across to the Isle of Skye. Why not stop for lunch before exploring the castle (entrance not included). You'll also have the chance to visit Loch Ness. (B,D)

DAY 4 WHISKY-TASTING, CULLODEN BATTLEFIELDS & STRATHSPEY STEAM RAILWAY

Today you will visit a distillery to find out about the traditional art of malt whisky distilling. Enjoy a tour, followed by a tasting of single malts and pick up some tips about how best to appreciate the wonderful flavours.

We will also visit the Culloden Battlefield and walk the front lines where the Jacobites made their last stand.

This will be followed by a nostalgic trip on the Strathspey Steam Railway from Aviemore through the striking Boat of Garten to Broomhill – the village that featured as Glenbogle in the popular BBC drama 'Monarch of the Glen'. Relax with a drink as you admire the wonderful views on this 90-minute journey.

Spend this evening enjoying the surroundings of your hotel. (B,D)

YOUR HOTEL



BEST WESTERN INVERNESS PALACE HOTEL & SPA ★★★

Your hotel is located on the banks of the River Ness, in the heart of the city, opposite Inverness Castle. An elegant and stylish former mansion house, facilities include two restaurants, a lounge, indoor swimming pool, spa and free car parking on site.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a river-view room from £125 per person for the duration of your stay.

DAY 5 INVERNESS

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of your hotel and starting your journey home. (B)

Please note: We cannot always guarantee that rail excursions will be steam-hauled.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 MAKE YOUR OWN WAY			Holiday ref: PBS
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
10 May	14 May	£799	✓
14 Jun	18 Jun	£899	✓
06 Sep	10 Sep	£899	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £370.

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8 DAYS FROM £1069

Soak up the sun, the glitz and glamour of the Côte d'Azur's most chic resorts from your base in Cannes.



St Tropez



Cannes



St-Paul-de-Vence



Monaco



Nice



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways



7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel



ALL BREAKFASTS
7 breakfasts (B) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy the sweet flavours of candied fruit and crystallised flowers at a Confiterie in Nice



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the highlights of Cannes
- Visit the chic city of Nice
- Explore Monaco and Monte Carlo
- Tours of St Raphael and St Tropez

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit St-Paul-de-Vence and Antibes
- Head over the Italian border to San Remo



DAY 1 UK – CANNES

Depart on your journey to Cannes today. You'll fly to Nice and transfer to Cannes by coach. Your hotel is located just a short walk from La Croisette, the palm tree-lined boulevard which runs along the seafront.

DAY 2 CANNES & NICE

Cannes is known for its long sandy beaches, designer boutiques, glamorous yachts and the renowned annual film festival. Today's included excursion will introduce you to Cannes' highlights before continuing to the chic city of Nice, where we'll drive up Mont Boron for fantastic sweeping views. We also spend some time in the Cimiez district. Queen Victoria was once a regular at the Regina Palace Hotel here, and her statue still stands at the entrance to the district. Other attractions include an ancient Roman theatre. Visit a sweet shop in the centre of Nice where you will enjoy a tour to discover how the sweets are made and be treated to a few samples before filling your pockets with these tasty souvenirs. (B)

DAY 3 CANNES – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure, or join your Tour Manager on a full-day optional excursion to St-Paul-de-Vence, a charming hilltop fortified village, and Antibes, perhaps the most exclusive resort on the Côte d'Azur. (B)

DAY 4 MONACO & MONTE CARLO

Join our included excursion to the tiny sovereign state of Monaco today. Ruled by the Grimaldi family for more than seven centuries, it boasts luxurious hotels, exclusive restaurants and the highest number of millionaires per square metre than any other country in the world!

You'll also discover the district of Monte Carlo, which is the sophisticated playground of the rich and famous. It's renowned for its famous casino, exquisite gardens, opulent boutiques and a grand harbour filled with expensive yachts. (B)

DAY 5 CANNES – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to spend how you wish. You might want to laze on the beach, browse the designer boutiques or take a ferry to the Îles de Lérins. These two tiny traffic-free islands in the bay are crisscrossed by a network of well-marked walking trails, where you can discover hidden coves, tidal pools and unspoilt beaches. On Île Ste-Marguerite you could discover the 17th century Fort Royal, which served as a holding cell for prisoners including the mysterious 'Man in the Iron Mask'. And if you decide to head to Île St-Honorat you'll see a Cistercian abbey whose 20 or so monks tend the island's vineyards and also cultivate lavender and honey. There's no ferry between the two, so you'll have to return to the mainland in order to visit both. If you like to snorkel, you'll find the waters around the islands are teeming with life, including many protected species. (B)

DAY 6 CANNES – DAY AT LEISURE

If you'd like to venture further afield, join today's optional excursion which will take you over the Italian border to

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Explore Monte Carlo, the playground of the rich and famous - stroll the yacht-lined harbour and discover exquisite gardens and opulent boutiques.



YOUR HOTEL



CLARION SUITES CANNES CROISSETTE ★★★★★

You will stay in the Clarion Suites Cannes Croisette in Cannes, ideally located near the famous Croisette beach.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a pool-view room with balcony from £125 per person for the duration of your stay.

San Remo. Known as the Town of Flowers, the resort boasts exquisite gardens and parks. You'll also visit the old town of La Pigna and Hanbury Gardens. (B)

DAY 7 ST RAPHAEL & ST TROPEZ

Today we include a tour of the delightful resorts of St Raphael and St Tropez. Discover St Raphael's old quarter and take a stroll along its lovely promenade. Then in St Tropez, one of the most beautiful resorts in the south of France, maybe enjoy an ice cream as you admire the chic marina, or head to its atmospheric Old Town. (B)

DAY 8 CANNES – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your journey back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: FFRC

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
01 May	08 May	£1099	✓
05 Jun	12 Jun	£1149	✓
04 Sep	11 Sep	£1149	✓
18 Sep	25 Sep	£1099	✓
02 Oct	09 Oct	£1069	

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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AMSTERDAM IN FULL BLOOM

4 DAYS FROM £679

The gardens of Keukenhof are at the heart of this short break, which showcases the best of the Netherlands from colourful tulips and historic windmills to the picturesque canals of Amsterdam.



Amsterdam



Zaanse Schans

Keukenhof Gardens



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

Standard-class return rail travel by Eurostar from St Pancras International (via Brussels on return)

OR



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways



3 NIGHTS

in a 4-star hotel



ALL BREAKFASTS

3 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy a Dutch pancake lunch



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

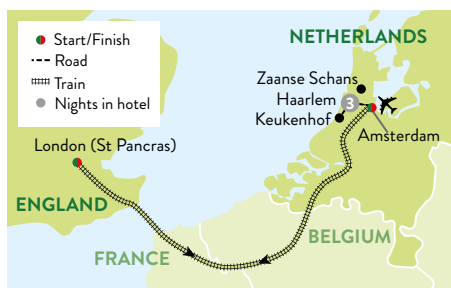
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the gardens at Keukenhof
- Discover Zaanse Schans, a living museum
- Tour of Amsterdam's highlights

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Lunch cruise in Amsterdam



exploration, starting with a visit to the incredible gardens of Keukenhof. Located in a centuries-old castle park, the gardens are only open for two months each spring, when the millions of bulbs planted turn into a kaleidoscope of colour. On a morning tour you'll see thousands of stunning flowers – there are 800 varieties of tulip alone – water displays, floral works of art, themed gardens and pavilions packed with magnificent displays.

Your tour continues as we head to Zaanse Schans where we will have a Dutch pancake lunch. Enjoy a starter of soup before tucking into this delicious traditional treat of pancakes served with fresh fruit and a cup of tea or coffee.

Zaanse Schans is a living museum which showcases a collection of historic windmills – a symbol of the Netherlands – as well as historic buildings that have been relocated here and are now museums. Among them are the Weaver's House and the Bakery Museum, with each focussing on a different element of Dutch culture and traditions, giving you a fascinating glimpse of the past. This evening you might choose to explore Haarlem's historic heart, the Grote Markt. This vast square is lined by historic buildings including the Grote Kerk – a magnificent cathedral dating back to the 14th century. It's also a great place to stop for a bite to eat or a drink. (B,L)

DAY 3 AMSTERDAM

You've another full day out today, as we head to Amsterdam. Your morning walking tour will introduce you to all the main sights of this beautiful compact city that's easily explored on foot. Take in famous sights including the network of picturesque canals that crisscross the city, world-renowned museums such as Anne Frank House and the Van Gogh Museum, and the infamous Red Light District.

A wonderful way to see the city is from the water, so why not join an optional cruise that includes lunch as you admire the views. There's plenty of free time in Amsterdam this afternoon for you to make your own discoveries. Stroll along its cobbled streets lined by gabled houses, or head into one of the fascinating

YOUR HOTEL



VAN DER VALK HOTEL ★★★★★

Your hotel is located within walking distance of Haarlem, with its beautiful canals, pretty almshouses and bustling shopping streets. Facilities include a restaurant and bar. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

museums you discovered this morning.

We'll then head back to Haarlem, where you can enjoy a relaxed evening. (B)

DAY 4 HAARLEM – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the railway station or the airport in Amsterdam, for your return to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 ST PANCRAS INTERNATIONAL - Eurostar **Holiday ref: PEHBF**

Direct rail outbound (via Brussels on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
17 Apr	20 Apr	£679	✓
04 May	07 May	£679	✓

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways **Holiday ref: PEHBFF**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
17 Apr	20 Apr	£819	✓
04 May	07 May	£819	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £290.
For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT & RAIL CHOICES

See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight or rail upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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Fortified town of Óbidos



Oporto



Lisbon

BEST OF PORTUGAL

8 DAYS FROM £1099

This fabulous journey from Oporto to Lisbon takes in the best of Portugal's highlights. Discover iconic monuments and sacred sites, and taste port and Vinho Verde in beautiful vineyards.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Gatwick with TAP Air Portugal



7 NIGHTS

in 3 and 4-star hotels



11 MEALS

7 breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Authentic Oporto olive leaf tea and olive oil tasting



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing tour of Oporto, including a cruise on the Douro River
- Learn about Portugal's famous Vinho Verde wine
- Discover the spectacular Douro Valley
- Port wine-tasting
- The town of Viseu
- Visit the impressive Batalha Monastery
- The fortified town of Óbidos
- Tour of Lisbon by tuk-tuk
- Lisbon's Belém district and St Jerome Monastery

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore picturesque Viana do Castelo, Braga and Guimarães
- Visit Sintra and Cascais

DAY 1 UK – OPORTO

After flying to Oporto, we'll transfer you to your hotel. (D) HOTEL SUAVE MAR, ESPOSENDE (3 STAR)

DAY 2 OPORTO

Today, explore on a sightseeing tour of Oporto, Portugal's second-largest city. We'll begin outside the Baroque Clérigos Church and admire its striking 75-metre-tall bell tower. There's free time for lunch, and afterwards we'll head to Ribeira, the city's UNESCO-listed Old Town. Here, we'll visit the famous Stock Exchange Palace – a magnificent



Neoclassical building, and a cruise along the Douro River provides wonderful views of the city. To complete our tour we head for an olive oil tasting session.

Dinner will be served at the hotel this evening. (B,D)

HOTEL SUAVE MAR, ESPOSENDE (3 STAR)

DAY 3 ESPOSENDE – DAY AT LEISURE

The choice is yours today, you can head out and make your own discoveries, or join an optional excursion and explore a little further afield. First of all you'll head to the beautiful city of Viana do Castelo, then you'll visit elegant Braga, the capital of the Minho province and a famous pilgrimage centre, and the charming city of Guimarães, whose historic town centre has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. (B,D)

HOTEL SUAVE MAR, ESPOSENDE (3 STAR)

DAY 4 DOURO VALLEY – VISEU

Today, we're going to visit Quinta da Aveleda, famous for its production of the Portuguese wine, Vinho Verde. The day continues as we drive towards the Douro Valley, stopping in Régua to visit a port wine producer for a tour and tasting. After free time for lunch, we'll make our way to Lamego, where the 18th century Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios sits on a hilltop overlooking the city.

Our final destination today is the historic town of Viseu, where we'll stay overnight. (B)

HOTEL GRAO VASCO, VISEU (4 STAR)

DAY 5 COIMBRA – BATALHA – ÓBIDOS

Today we'll explore Coimbra, the medieval capital of Portugal for over 100 years. Highlights include the university, one of the oldest in Europe, the New Cathedral with its ornate golden interior, and the impressive UNESCO-listed Batalha Monastery.

We'll then head to the fishing village of Nazaré, where

you'll find plenty of restaurants and bars in which to enjoy lunch. Finally we'll arrive in the town of Óbidos. (B) THE LITERARY MAN OR HOTEL JOSEFA D'OBIDOS, OBIDOS (4 STAR)

DAY 6 LISBON – ESTORIL

You're heading to Lisbon this morning, where a tour by tuk-tuk will introduce you to Saint George Castle, the imposing Lisbon Cathedral and show you the more traditional side of the city in Alfama. After free time for lunch, you'll head to Belém, where you'll see the St Jerome Monastery, the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower.

Later, we will transfer you to the fashionable resort of Estoril for an overnight stay. (B)

HOTEL VILA GALÉ ESTORIL, ESTORIL (4 STAR)

DAY 7 ESTORIL – DAY AT LEISURE

You may want to spend the final day of your holiday relaxing at the hotel or on the beach. Alternatively, if you want to carry on exploring, we offer optional excursions to the town of Sintra and to Cascais, an ancient fishing village with gorgeous beaches, pretty gardens and a delightful Old Town.

A tour of Estoril rounds off your excursion and this evening we'll get together for a farewell dinner. (B,D) HOTEL VILA GALÉ ESTORIL, ESTORIL (4 STAR)

DAY 8 LISBON – UK

We will transfer you to the airport in Lisbon for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - TAP Air Portugal Holiday ref: FPBE

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 May	11 May	£1099	✓
08 Jun	15 Jun	£1199	✓
07 Sep	14 Sep	£1249	✓
28 Sep	05 Oct	£1109	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £400.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. A price reduction of £210 applies.

THE BEAUTY OF THE AZORES

8 DAYS FROM £1719

The stunning Portuguese archipelago of the Azores offers a rich tapestry of splendid landscapes, from dormant volcanoes to therapeutic springs.





Crater Lakes, Cete Cidades



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with TAP Air Portugal via Lisbon

7 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

10 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a tasting at Porto Formoso Tea Plantation

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay on the islands of São Miguel and Faial
- Explore Furnas Valley including the warm mineral springs
- Terra Nostra Park Botanical Gardens
- Sete Cidades volcanic lakes
- Bretenha pineapple plantation with liqueur-tasting
- Discover lava-rock landscapes and whaling history on Pico Islands

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Whale and dolphin-watching cruise



DAY 1 UK – PONTA DELGADA, SÃO MIGUEL

Today you'll fly to Ponta Delgada on the island of São Miguel, the largest of the nine islands of the Azores archipelago.

DAY 2 FURNAS

Spend the day discovering Furnas, where your first stop is at Porto Formoso Tea Factory. A Local Guide will explain the history of this old factory as well as the

process of tea making, before you sample freshly made tea and take in the amazing view over the plantations. Then we'll continue to the Pico do Ferro Belvedere for stunning views. We take lunch in Furnas Village, located in the crater of an extinct volcano, where we'll try cozido das furnas, a combination of meats and seasonal vegetables cooked by the heat of the volcanic ash. Spend the afternoon at Terra Nostra Park, a splendid botanical garden which is home to thousands of species of plants and trees. The warm mineral springs here are known for their therapeutic qualities, so you may choose to take a dip. (B,L)

DAY 3 SETE CIDADES

Today you're going to see the remarkable twin lakes of Sete Cidades, carved into a volcanic crater. Enjoy a stroll and make your own discoveries before we take you on a spectacular journey across the island's central mountain range. After lunch, the ancient village of Bretenha is our final stop, and it's here that you'll visit a pineapple plantation and maybe sample pineapple liqueur. (B,L)

DAY 4 FAIAL ISLAND

We fly to the small island of Faial, where you'll stay in Horta. You'll see the island's scenic highlights on an included tour, which begins as we journey along the coast and past the Serra da Ferreira mountain range. Stretch your legs as you take in lovely views of the magnificent bay and natural thermal pools of Varadouro.

At Capelinhos you'll see a mesmerising landscape formed by volcanic eruptions. Your day ends with wonderfully scenic views from Caldeira and the Miradouro da Espalamaca. (B)

DAY 5 FAIAL ISLAND – DAY AT LEISURE

If you love wildlife, this morning's optional whale and dolphin-watching excursion is for you. Firstly, an expert will tell you about the species you might encounter and why the waters surrounding the Azores are home to so many of these magnificent creatures. The rest of your day can be spent at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 PICO ISLAND

A journey by boat takes you to the island of Pico today, for a full day of exploration. Highlights include the lava-rock landscape of Arcos do Cachorro and a former whaling factory at San Roque. Take in the scenery as we head across the centre of the island, stopping for lunch in the old whaling village of Laies. Your return route takes you along the coastal road and includes visits to the Whalers' Museum and the Church of St. Mateus. We'll round off the day with a tour and tasting at a cheese factory. (B,L)

DAY 7 SÃO MIGUEL – DAY AT LEISURE

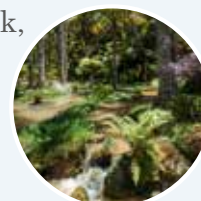
After flying back to São Miguel, spend the rest of the day here at leisure. (B)

DAY 8 SÃO MIGUEL – UK

Today you'll fly back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Treat yourself by relaxing in the warm mineral springs at Terra Nostra Park, which are known for their therapeutic qualities.



YOUR HOTELS



MARINA ATLANTICO HOTEL ★★★★★

In Ponta Delgada you will stay in the Marina Atlantico Hotel. Located on the sea front and overlooking the marina, the hotel enjoys stunning views.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a sea-view room at the Marina Atlantico from £50 per person per stay.



CANAL HOTEL ★★★★★

In Horta you will stay in the Canal Hotel, which is situated on the ocean front, just a short walk from the beach. The hotel enjoys fabulous views of Pico Mountain and the bay.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – TAP Air Portugal Holiday ref: FPAZO

Flights via Lisbon

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Jun	27 Jun	£1969	✓
12 Sep	19 Sep	£1849	✓
03 Oct	10 Oct	£1719	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £480.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

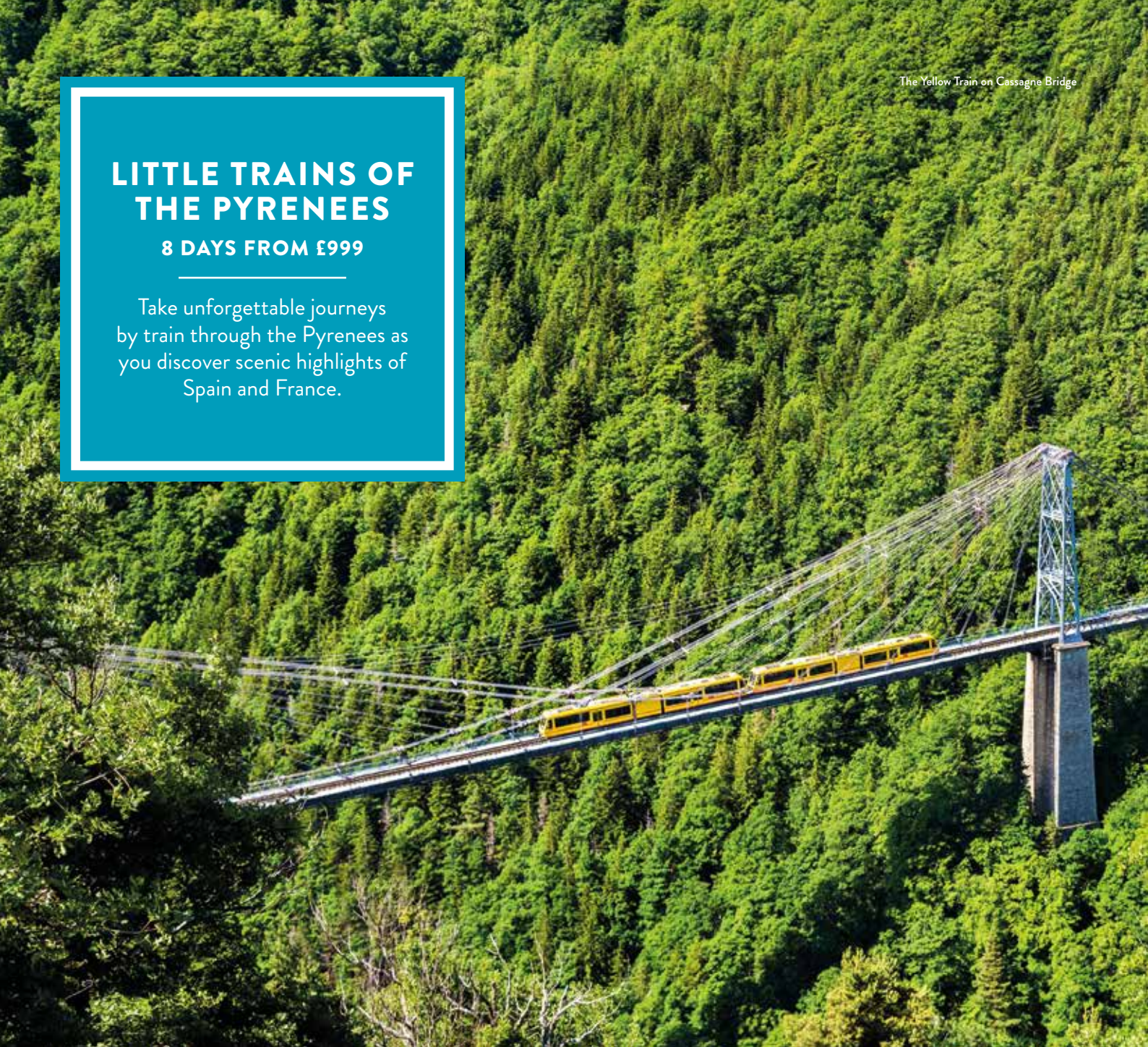
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Several iconic scenic rail journeys

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Overseas transfers, other transportation
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INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey on the Trenet de Cadaques
- Wine-tasting in Thuir
- Yellow Train ride from Villefranche-de-Conflent to Mont Louis
- Rack railway to Núria
- Medieval town of Besalú
- Figueres and Salvador Dali Museum

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Discover medieval Girona



DAY 1 UK – BARCELONA

Today you'll depart on your flight to Barcelona. On arrival we'll transfer you to the lovely resort of Roses, on the Costa Brava. The northernmost of Spain's Costas is home to some of the country's most charming towns, villages and beaches. Its stunning coastline stretches along the Mediterranean Sea for more than 300 kilometres and offers dramatic views of the famous Pyrenees, which tower up to 3,000 metres. Roses is renowned for its splendid wide beaches, all of which have earned Blue Flag status. As your hotel is located right on the seafront, why not take a stroll on the golden sands before dinner. (D)

DAY 2 TRENET DE CADAQUES

Get your holiday off to a relaxing start with a leisurely breakfast, then spend the next few hours just as you wish. You might want to tackle a few laps of the hotel's swimming pool, hit the gym or maybe treat yourself to a spa treatment. The beach is close by, so soaking up the sun and the sea views is another tempting option before this afternoon's excursion.

The Pyrenees mountain range divides Spain and France and offers spectacular opportunities for exploration,



and that's what this holiday is all about! Today's journey is on the Trenet de Cadaques – this fun road train will take you through Roses to Cap de Creus National Park, where the mountains meet the sea. (B,D)

DAY 3 THE YELLOW TRAIN

You'll head into France today, with your explorations beginning in the medieval walled city of Thuir. Located at the foothills of the Pyrenees, it is famed for its vineyards and for the Byrrh caves, where the aperitif Byrrh is made. This unique drink is a blend of fine Roussillon wines flavoured with plant extracts and quinine, which in the latter half of the 19th century was sold as a 'hygienic tonic wine'. Why not sample some before we continue to Villefranche-de-Conflent to board the Yellow Train for a journey through the Pyrenees.

This train line was originally constructed in 1903, with the yellow colours of the train chosen as they are the dominant colours of the Catalan flag. Spectacular Catalan scenery awaits as you pass through the medieval town of Villefranche-de-Conflent and into the Tet Valley. Here, the train track hugs the hillside and you'll have wonderful views of forests, streams, viaducts and bridges until you reach Mont Louis. Here, we'll disembark the train and find our coach waiting for us, ready to whisk us back to the hotel. (B,D)

DAY 4 NÚRIA VALLEY RACK RAILWAY

We're staying in Spain today, where you'll enjoy another fantastic trip by rail into the mountains. This time it's an electric cog train which takes you into the Núria Valley. In fact, the railway is the only form of transport here. As you journey into the heart of the area, you'll get an idea of the enormity of the valley. Keep your eyes peeled for deer or marmot and listen to your guide who will tell you more about this remote and spectacularly beautiful area. In the summer months, it is a haven for wildlife and a popular destination for walkers. In the winter months it is a ski resort. (B,D)

DAY 5 BESALÚ

Today we'll head to the medieval town of Besalú. Its star attraction is without doubt the Romanesque bridge over the river Fluvià. We will take a tour on the Aerotren of Besalú. (B,D)

DAY 6 ROSES – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you have a full day at leisure to do exactly as you please. You can make further use of your hotel's excellent facilities or relax on the nearby golden sandy beaches. Alternatively, head to Girona, which featured in the popular Game of Thrones series. Here you can discover the Jewish quarter and the wonderful cathedral amongst its narrow medieval streets. (B,D)

DAY 7 FIGUERES

You'll make more discoveries today, but this time they'll be on foot in the delightful town of Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dali. What you'll find here is an intriguing Old Town with a laid-back atmosphere. After a stroll, we'll head inside the Dali Theatre and Museum where you can see many famous works by the surrealist painter. Dali is also buried here and his crypt is under the stage. Your tour ends at Perelada Castle, where you'll enjoy a tasting of four different types of wine including cava, take a tour of the cellars and visit its museum. (B,D)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Explore the ancient cellars and taste a variety of wines at the beautiful vineyard at Perelada Castle, which has been producing wine since the Middle Ages.

YOUR HOTEL



PRESTIGE HOTELS ★★

You will stay in one of the Prestige Hotels located in the heart of Roses. Each one is close to the beach and offers facilities including a restaurant, bar and swimming pool.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a sea-view room from £90 per person for the duration of your stay.

DAY 8 BARCELONA – UK

Today we'll transfer you back to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: PSPYR

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
22 Apr	29 Apr	£999	✓
06 May	13 May	£1049	✓
13 May	20 May	£1049	✓
03 Jun	10 Jun	£1099	✓
17 Jun	24 Jun	£1149	✓
08 Jul	15 Jul	£1199	✓
05 Aug	12 Aug	£1249	✓
02 Sep	09 Sep	£1149	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1149	✓
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1099	✓
23 Sep	30 Sep	£1099	✓

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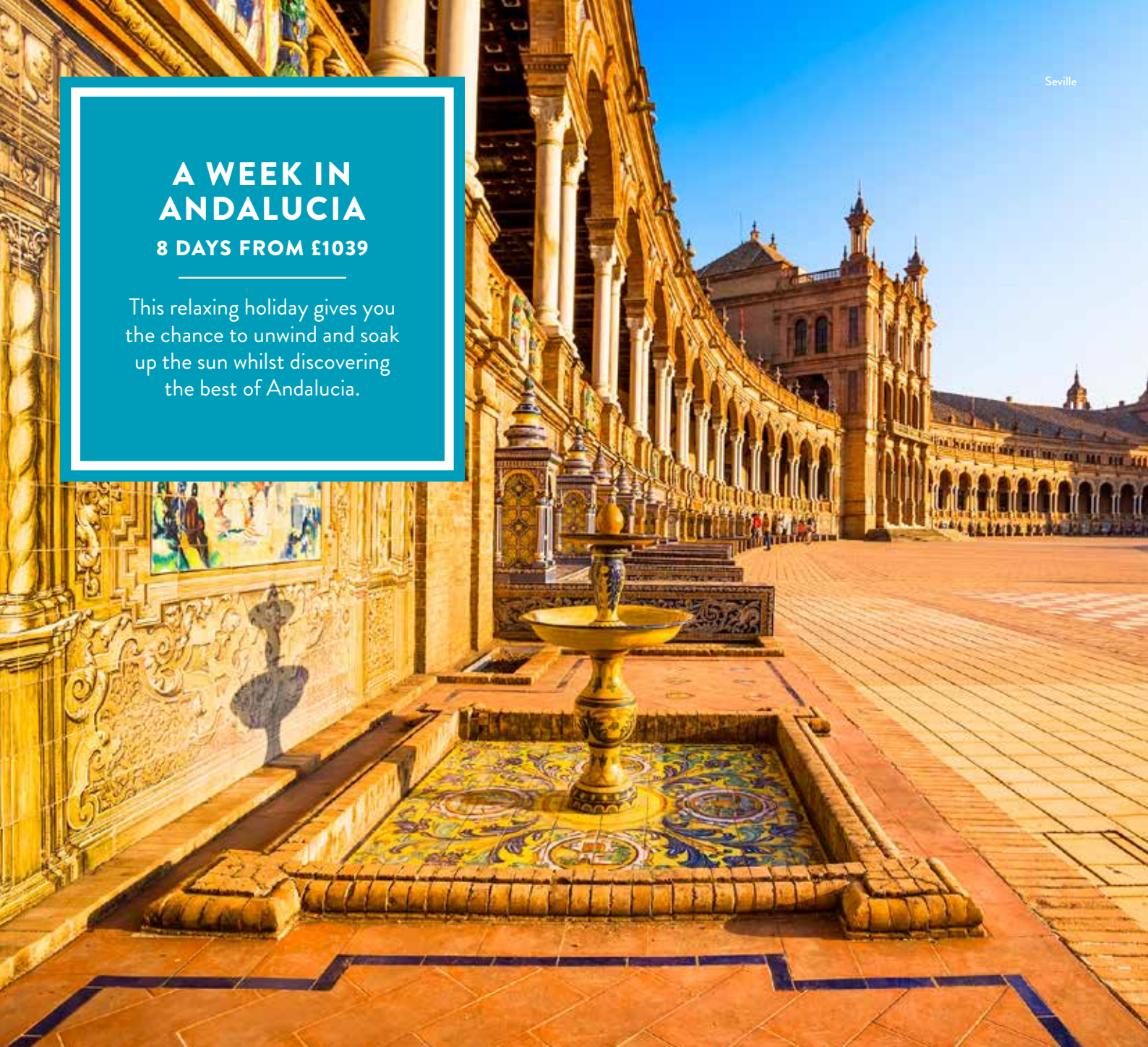
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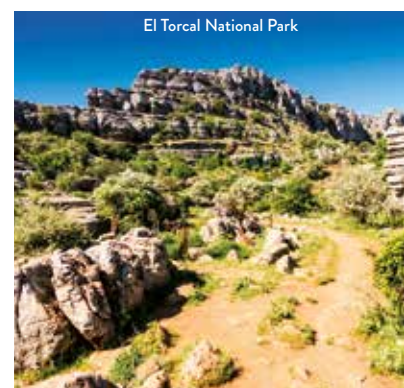
This relaxing holiday gives you the chance to unwind and soak up the sun whilst discovering the best of Andalucia.



Alhambra Palace



Cordoba



El Torcal National Park



Tapas bar



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LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a light lunch at one of Seville's
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TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing in the city of Cordoba
- Explore Andalucia's regional capital, Seville
- Granada tour and the Alhambra Palace

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Antequera, El Torcal National Park
and the Dolmens
- Visit the cliff-top town of Ronda
- Tour of cosmopolitan Malaga



DAY 1 UK – MALAGA

Depart on your flight to Malaga today. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel in Antequera and you'll have time to relax and unwind before dinner this evening. (D)

DAY 2 ANTEQUERA – DAY AT LEISURE

If you want to experience authentic Andalucia, here it is in medieval Antequera, whose landscape is punctuated by the towers of Moorish fortresses and Gothic churches. To really get under its skin, why not join our optional guided tour. Highlights include the Roman Baths, the 16th century Arch of the Giants and the wonderful scenery of El Torcal National Park. You'll also discover the Dolmens, megalithic mass tombs dating back 4,500 years. (B,D)

DAY 3 CORDOBA

Today you're going to discover the city of Cordoba, which sits in a beautiful position on a bend of the Guadalquivir River. It's a fascinating place and the highlight of your visit is sure to be the dazzling Mezquita, or Great Mosque, which dates back to the 8th century. Inside what is said to be one of the world's greatest Islamic buildings, you'll see more than 850 granite, jasper and marble pillars. You'll also spend time exploring the labyrinth of winding streets and flower-filled courtyards in the Jewish quarter, before we head back to Antequera. (B,D)

DAY 4 SEVILLE

You're heading to Seville today. This is Andalucia's regional capital, and if you're an opera fan you'll know it as the atmospheric setting for Bizet's Carmen and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. On your tour, highlights include the Plaza de España which displays a beautifully tiled alcove for each of Spain's provinces, and the Gothic cathedral. Admire the Alcazar, the royal palace built on the site of a Moorish fort, and wander through the Barrio Santa Cruz area.

Tapas bars are plentiful in this maze of lanes, the perfect location for us to end our tour with a light lunch at one of the fine Tapas bars. You might sample dishes such as bravas patatas, chorizo and calamares a la romana – Seville is credited with its invention after all! (B,L,D)

DAY 5 ANTEQUERA – DAY AT LEISURE

Time at leisure may be just what you need today, so why not relax by the pool at your hotel.

However, if you're keen to discover more of Andalucia, your Tour Manager will be hosting an optional excursion to the cliff-top town of Ronda. You'll see the 600ft deep gorge, El Tajo, which divides it in two and is spanned by an ancient stone bridge, the Puente Nuevo. We'll also leave time for a leisurely stroll around Ronda's cobblestone streets lined with the typical whitewashed houses of the region. (B,D)

DAY 6 GRANADA

You really can't visit this region of Spain without a trip to the stunning Alhambra Palace, so that's where you are going today. Standing high on a hill overlooking Granada, this magnificent complex was built by the Moors in the 13th and 14th centuries and added to over time. Your tour not only includes the grand halls, courtyards and fountains of the palace, but also the lovely Generalife Gardens. Later we'll explore Granada, where you'll see a mix of Moorish and Spanish architecture amongst its narrow, winding lanes. (B,D)

DAY 7 ANTEQUERA – DAY AT LEISURE

Choose to spend the day in Antequera exploring further or relaxing by the pool, or perhaps join our final optional excursion. This time we're off to Malaga, a cosmopolitan city on the Costa del Sol, famous as the birthplace of the celebrated artist Pablo Picasso. The city is set on a beautiful bay of the Mediterranean and we'll take in wonderful views from the two Moorish citadels, the Alcazaba and Gibralfaro. (B,D)

DAY 8 MALAGA – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport in Malaga today for your flight back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Marvel at the ornate column and arch design of the inner courtyard at the Moorish complex of the Alhambra Palace.

YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL ANTEQUERA ★★★★★

You will stay in the Hotel Antequera, which is a 20-minute walk from the centre of Antequera, in the heart of Andalucia.

Facilities include a bar, lounge, restaurant, outdoor and indoor pools, hot tub and sauna. Outdoor swimming pools are typically open May to September.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a junior suite from only £150 per person for the duration of your stay.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - British Airways **Holiday ref: FSWA**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
11 Mar	18 Mar	£1059	✓
01 Apr	08 Apr	£1089	✓
06 May	13 May	£1099	✓
20 May	27 May	£1099	✓
03 Jun	10 Jun	£1099	✓
17 Jun	24 Jun	£1099	✓
01 Jul	08 Jul	£1099	✓
05 Aug	12 Aug	£1099	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1149	✓
23 Sep	30 Sep	£1149	✓
07 Oct	14 Oct	£1099	✓
04 Nov	11 Nov	£1039	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £300.

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

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Flight upgrade

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Alhambra Palace



Cadiz

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Be awestruck by the sheer size and intricate detail of the UNESCO-listed Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

9 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

13 MEALS
9 breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Sherry-tasting in Jerez

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Ronda tour including El Tajo gorge
- Explore Seville, the home of flamenco
- Cadiz guided tour
- Visit Cordoba and its Mezquita
- Granada's magical Alhambra Palace
- Visit Malaga and the Picasso Museum

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Alcazar, a royal palace
- Watch a thrilling Flamenco Show
- Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art visit and show



DAY 1 UK – MALAGA

After flying to Malaga, on Spain's Costa del Sol, we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel in Mijas. (D)
TRH MIJAS, MIJAS (4 STAR)

DAY 2 RONDA – SEVILLE

We'll take to the road this morning and travel through the Andalusian mountains to Seville. On the way we're going to stop at the picturesque cliff-top town of Ronda. Here, a Local Guide will talk you through all

its highlights. You'll see the 600ft-deep El Tajo gorge that divides the town in two and the ancient bridge spanning it. You'll also head to the southern side of town to admire its typically Andalusian whitewashed houses. Arrive in Seville in time for a traditional Spanish dinner. (B,D)

HOTEL HESPERIA, SEVILLE (4 STAR)

DAY 3 SEVILLE

Andalusia's regional capital is, as all opera fans will know, the setting for Bizet's Carmen and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. Your tour includes the main highlights, including the Gothic cathedral and the Barrio Santa Cruz area. (B,D)

HOTEL HESPERIA, SEVILLE (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SEVILLE – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy time to yourself this morning. This afternoon, you've an optional second trip into Seville - this time you'll enjoy a guided tour of the Alcazar, the royal palace built on the site of a Moorish fort.

This evening, you might wish to join our optional flamenco show. Andalusia, and in particular Seville, is known for this dramatic and passionate art form. (B)
HOTEL HESPERIA, SEVILLE (4 STAR)

DAY 5 SEVILLE – JEREZ

Today we journey to the town of Jerez. On arrival you can explore at leisure, or join an optional tour to visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art. Here you'll learn all about the classical traditions of Spanish Baroque horsemanship and see how the horses and riders prepare for competitions. You'll then take your seat in the auditorium to watch a mesmerising equestrian performance accompanied by traditional music and costumes.

In the afternoon, we'll enjoy a visit to a bodega to learn all about the production of Jerez's famous sherry with a tasting included, of course. (B)

HIPOTELS SHERRY PARK, JEREZ (4 STAR)

DAY 6 CADIZ

Venture out from Jerez today and discover the rich history of Cadiz, widely acknowledged as the oldest populated city in Europe. Your tour will uncover its ancient mansions, scenic plazas, picturesque churches and more. (B)

HIPOTELS SHERRY PARK, JEREZ (4 STAR)

DAY 7 JEREZ – CORDOBA – GRANADA

Our destination today is Granada, which we will reach via a visit to Cordoba. This city's crowning glory is one of the world's greatest Islamic buildings, the Mezquita, or Great Mosque. After a tour inside, we'll have time to explore the maze of winding streets and picturesque squares of the Jewish quarter. (B,D)

URBAN DREAMS HOTEL, GRANADA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 GRANADA

You really can't visit Granada without a trip to the Alhambra Palace, so as well as your city tour today, that's exactly where you're heading. Built by the Moors in the 13th and 14th centuries, this magnificent complex is complemented perfectly by the lovely Generalife Gardens, which you'll also discover. (B)

URBAN DREAMS HOTEL, GRANADA (4 STAR)

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DAY 9 GRANADA – MALAGA – MIJAS

This morning we're off to Malaga for a tour of its Old Town and a visit to the Picasso Museum – the celebrated artist was born in the city. Later we're going to head back to the whitewashed Andalusian village of Mijas for a final evening. (B)

TRH MIJAS, MIJAS (4 STAR)

DAY 10 MALAGA – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: FSAND

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
08 May	17 May	£1449	✓
05 Jun	14 Jun	£1479	✓
04 Sep	13 Sep	£1549	✓
18 Sep	27 Sep	£1549	✓
02 Oct	11 Oct	£1499	

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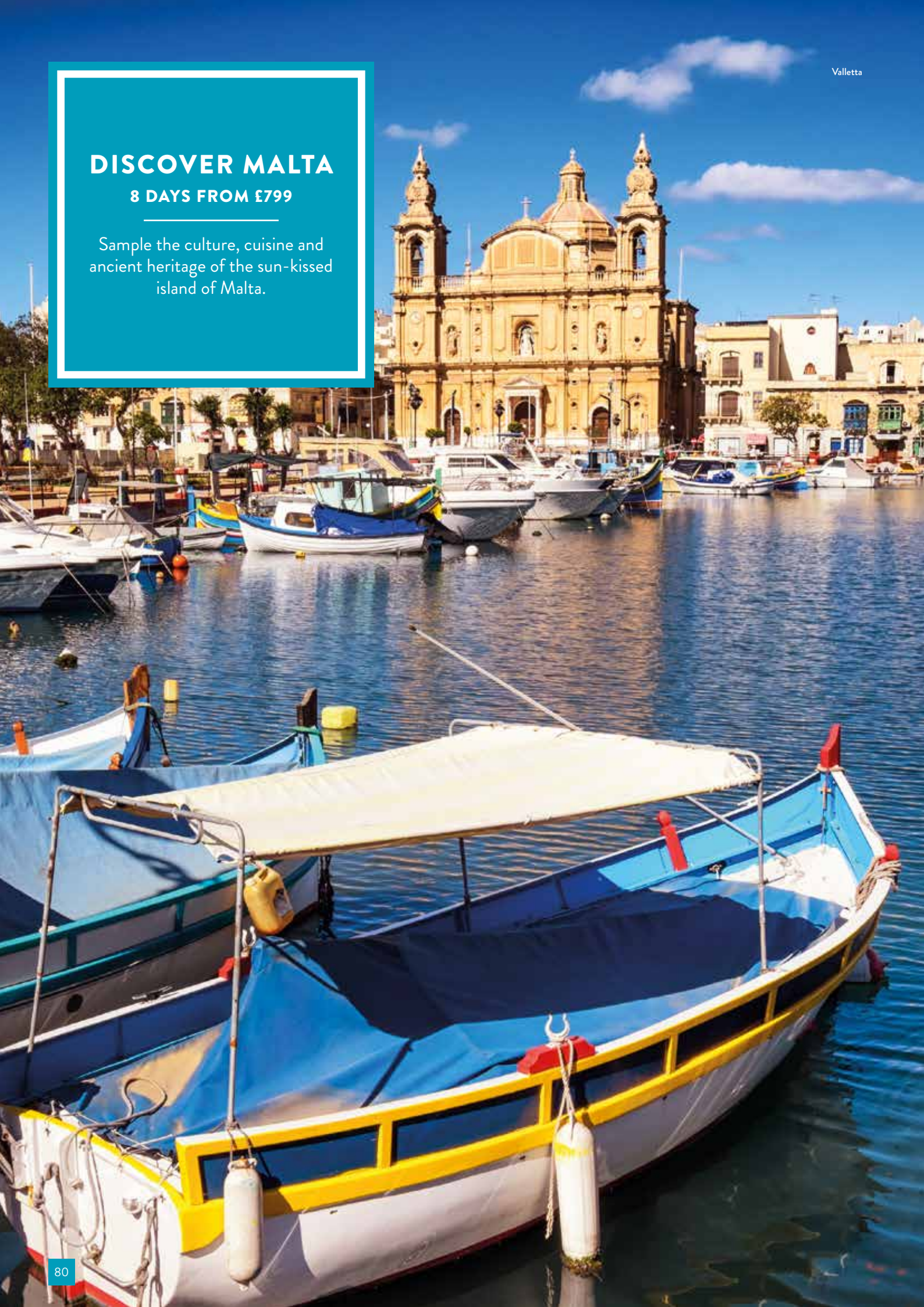
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LOCAL FLAVOURS
Traditional Maltese meal in a farmhouse
in Dingli

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Valletta tour and St John's Co-Cathedral
- Exclusive visit to the Saluting Battery and chance to help prepare the cannon
- Walking tour of the three cities of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa
- Shop for local handicrafts
- Explore ancient Mdina
- Evening of traditional food, folk music and dance

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Gozo island visit with wine-tasting and lunch
- Visit Marsaxlokk and the Blue Grotto



DAY 1 UK — ST PAUL'S BAY

Malta beckons as you depart on your flight to the Mediterranean isle. When you arrive, we will transfer you to your hotel in pretty St Paul's Bay. Here, you can relax and take in the dazzling sea views. (D)

DAY 2 VALLETTA

After breakfast, you'll get to know Malta's capital Valletta, a World Heritage City brimming with historical sites. First, you'll head to the Barrakka Gardens, which are laid out on part of the city's old

fortifications and offer magnificent views of the famous Grand Harbour. You'll then visit the Saluting Battery, where one of eight replica cannons is fired daily at midday. Our group will be granted exclusive access to the area where the cannons are located and we will be the only people there. Then, as midday approaches, you will be invited to help prepare the cannon if you wish, and we'll watch and listen as it is fired - you may need to cover your ears!

Afterwards, we'll explore Valletta's main streets on foot. You'll see many historic buildings built by the Knights of St John, such as the Auberges and the magnificent St John's Co-Cathedral, where Caravaggio's masterpiece 'Beheading of St John the Baptist' is on display. (B,D)

DAY 3 ST PAUL'S BAY — DAY AT LEISURE

Today is a free day, or there's an optional excursion to the pretty green island of Gozo, just a short ferry ride away. Stepping ashore on Gozo, we'll visit the shrine of Ta'Pinu, a church set amid beautiful countryside, and Dwejra, where an inland lagoon of saltwater is linked to the sea by a small arch-like tunnel.

There's a chance to shop for local handicrafts including pottery, glass and lace at the Fontana Cottage Crafts Village. Then we will enjoy lunch on a private estate overlooking the medieval village of Għarb. In the afternoon we'll explore the medieval city of Victoria on foot and visit the Cittadella, a walled city within the city, which has recently been restored. (B)

DAY 4 ST PAUL'S BAY — DAY AT LEISURE

You're free again to relax or explore at your own pace. If you fancy an excursion, join us on our optional tour to Marsaxlokk, a fishing village on the island's south coast with a picturesque harbour filled with colourful boats. Explore the famous seafood market and if you fancy sampling some of the local catch yourself, there will be time to have lunch by the water. Later, you'll see the Blue Grotto caves, a series of seven dramatic sea caves. You can experience this spectacular natural wonder up close by boat if you wish, for a fantastic photo opportunity. (B)

DAY 5 DINGLI

We'll spend today with a local family on their 600-acre farm in the rural village of Dingli. We'll be warmly welcomed by the owner and taken on a tour to see the vegetable plot and olive-tree orchard. We'll discover more about the history of the farm, learn about the traditional process of making olive oil and enjoy a lunch of specialities which have been cooked by the family for generations, all washed down with a refreshing glass of homemade lemonade squeezed from lemons grown on the old tree in the garden. (B,L)

DAY 6 THREE CITIES & MDINA

A full day of exploration starts with a walking tour of Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea. Collectively known as the Three Cities, they were built and fortified by the Knights of Malta and their narrow streets are home to historic buildings and churches.

Next, we will drive to Mosta Village and visit its domed Church of Santa Maria, which was modelled on Rome's Pantheon, before continuing to Ta'Qali craft village, where you can watch the art of glass-blowing. You'll also have time to shop for souvenirs before we reach Mdina, Malta's ancient capital. This hilltop city is filled with beautiful architectural gems and you'll have some

YOUR HOTEL



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ROOM UPGRADE

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time to stroll through the narrow streets and admire spectacular views of the surrounding landscape. (B)

DAY 7 ST PAUL'S BAY — DAY AT LEISURE

Today is a free day. In the evening we'll enjoy a night of traditional music, dance and food in a Maltese village. During a fabulous dinner, you'll be entertained by local musicians and traditional dancing. It's the perfect way to end this wonderful introduction to Malta. (B,D)

DAY 8 ST PAUL'S BAY — UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Air Malta **Holiday ref: FEMI**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
19 Mar	26 Mar	£799	✓
02 Apr	09 Apr	£899	✓
14 May	21 May	£949	✓
11 Jun	18 Jun	£989	✓
03 Sep	10 Sep	£1019	✓
01 Oct	08 Oct	£979	✓
05 Nov	12 Nov	£799	✓

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

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FAVOURITE MOMENT

Sip a martini Bond-style atop 007 Mountain, which featured in 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'.



FEATURE HOTEL

GRAND HOTEL SUISSE MAJESTIC

In Montreux, you will stay in the Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic, which was built in Belle Epoque style in 1870 and completely renovated in 2010. From your deluxe guest room you will enjoy fabulous views of Lake Geneva.

and you'll reach it as you travel on two trains. A great way to break up our journey is with a cruise on Lake Thun. We're also going to visit romantic Spiez Castle, perched on a rocky outcrop on the lake's shores. Next you'll board the luxurious Golden Pass Classic Train. It's first-class all the way at your hotel too. Here, your deluxe room offers fabulous lake views. (B)

GRAND HOTEL SUISSE MAJESTIC, MONTREUX (4 STAR)

DAY 7 MONTREUX – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you are free to explore at your leisure. Your holiday includes a Montreux Riviera Card, giving you free access to public transport as well as discounted entry to a number of attractions.

Alternatively, you may wish to join your Tour Manager for an optional excursion. You'll travel by rail to Glacier 3000, which offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the Swiss Alps and a variety of attractions including a suspension bridge Peak Walk by Tissot, a walk over the glacier and a tour with the snow bus. This is also the home to the Alpine Coaster – the world's highest bobsleigh track.

At the hotel this evening, enjoy a drink on its terrace which overlooks Lake Geneva. (B,D)

GRAND HOTEL SUISSE MAJESTIC, MONTREUX (4 STAR)

DAY 8 GENEVA – UK

Today we'll transfer you by train to Geneva airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: PEDSR

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
27 May	03 Jun	£2349	✓
10 Jun	17 Jun	£2399	✓
08 Jul	15 Jul	£2399	✓
18 Aug	25 Aug	£2399	✓
01 Sep	08 Sep	£2299	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

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CT CLASSIC TOURING

ACTIVE PLUS

FLIGHT CHOICES

MAX 35 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways

7 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

14 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 1 brunch (Br), 1 lunch (L), 5 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Schilthorn James Bond brunch

SCENIC TRAIN
Several iconic scenic rail journeys

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel on the Bernina Express to Tirano
- Travel on the Glacier Express to Brig
- Culinary village walk in Wengen
- Trümmelbach Falls, '007 Mountain' and Mürren
- Lake Thun cruise and Spiez Castle
- Take the Golden Pass train to Montreux
- Card giving free public transport in Montreux
- Farewell drink at your Montreux hotel

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Jungfrauoch - the 'Top of Europe'
- Glacier 3000 experience with lunch



DAY 1 UK – ZURICH

Fly to Zurich today, and then we'll transfer you to Davos Platz. (D)

GRISCHA HOTEL, DAVOS (4 STAR)

DAY 2 BERNINA EXPRESS

Your day begins as you board the Bernina Express for a first-class return journey on the Bernina Line – a UNESCO-listed railway that's more than 100 years old. You'll make your way from Davos through St Moritz and then across the border to Tirano in Italy. It's a thrilling route that passes through no fewer than 55 tunnels and crosses 196 bridges, as well as the famous circular viaduct of Brusio. It also climbs the 2,253-metre Bernina Pass and passes through the Valtellina Valley in Italy.

Back in Davos later this afternoon, you are invited to join the maître d'hôtel for a glass of wine in the hotel's wine cellar. (B,D)

GRISCHA HOTEL, DAVOS (4 STAR)

DAY 3 GLACIER EXPRESS

Today you'll take a panoramic journey on the world's slowest express train, the Glacier Express. You'll be travelling first-class and will be served a three-course lunch with wine as you wind your way through spectacular scenery to Brig. You'll then continue by rail to the mountain resort of Wengen, which is beautifully located in the heart of the Alps. (B,L,D)

SUNSTAR HOTEL OR HOTEL REGINA, WENGEN (4 STAR)

DAY 4 WENGEN

You can get to know Wengen during a guided culinary walk this morning. You can then choose to spend the afternoon at leisure, or perhaps you'll come on an exciting optional trip. This takes you to Jungfrauoch – the 'Top of Europe' – for views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau summits. You'll take the Jungfrau Railway, which travels through a mountain tunnel and takes the steep climb to Jungfrauoch. Located at 3,454 metres above sea level, this is the highest railway station in Europe. What you'll see during two stops and from viewing platforms, is an incredible world of rock, ice and snow on all sides. (B)

SUNSTAR HOTEL OR HOTEL REGINA, WENGEN (4 STAR)

DAY 5 TRÜMMELBACH FALLS & SCHILTHORN

Today, embark on a train ride to Lauterbrunnen, and from here a Postbus – an iconic yellow Swiss bus – takes you to Trümmelbach Falls. You will then take the cable car to Birg to admire stunning vistas from its viewing platform. Then it's on to Schilthorn, known as the '007 Mountain'. On its 2,970-metre summit sits a revolving restaurant, Piz Gloria, which featured in the 1969 James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'. You can enjoy a martini here, shaken not stirred, of course, while you take in 360-degree views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains.

Enjoy a brunch fit for James Bond at the 360-degree revolving restaurant, where you'll enjoy delicacies and regional products against a magnificent backdrop.

Your next cable car ride takes you to Mürren, a picturesque cliff-top village with amazing views of the Lauterbrunnen Valley. After plenty of time to explore, we'll head back to the hotel, where there will be a Buddha-themed wellness experience in the pool area. (B,Br,D)

SUNSTAR HOTEL OR HOTEL REGINA, WENGEN (4 STAR)

DAY 6 WENGEN – MONTREUX

The elegant town of Montreux is your destination today,

SALZBURG & THE SPECTACULAR AUSTRIAN LAKES

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Enjoy picturesque villages and
spectacular scenery on this
enchancing tour of the
Austrian Lake District.





Fortress Hohensalzburg



Cesky Krumlov

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

"Try some of Austria's typical cuisine. I can't resist the spätzle, a delicious variety of noodle, often served with goulash."

Paul Steed
Tour Manager



YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL ATTERGAUHOFF ★★

You will stay at the family-run Hotel Attergauhof, which is centrally located in the village of St Georgen. Facilities include a bar/lounge, restaurant and steam room.

hotel offers a great range of leisure activities including mountain biking and walking trails. Maybe you'll walk into the village, where you'll find a small selection of shops, bars and restaurants. Or you could choose to take the short rail journey to Lake Attersee.

Alternatively, why not join our optional excursion to an Austrian brewery, including a tasting, of course. (B)

DAY 7 SALZBURG

Round off your holiday today with an included excursion to 'The Sound of Music' city Salzburg, one of Europe's best preserved historic cities. On your guided tour you'll learn that its old centre has hardly changed since the times of famous Austrian composer Mozart. Discover Baroque domed churches, merchant houses and hidden arcaded courtyards dominated by the Hohensalzburg Fortress.

Other highlights are Mozart's Square, the magnificent cathedral and the elegant Mirabell Gardens. There's plenty of time to make your own discoveries too. Why not take a seat in a café and indulge in the local tradition of kaffee und kuchen, or coffee and cake. If you fancy a spot of shopping, we recommend you make a beeline for the Getreidegasse. (B,D)

DAY 8 MUNICH – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Lufthansa Holiday ref: FAL

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 May	20 May	£1069	✓
10 Jun	17 Jun	£1079	✓
15 Jul	22 Jul	£1079	✓
05 Aug	12 Aug	£1099	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1079	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £250.

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RT RELAXED TOURING

FLIGHT CHOICES

MAX 35 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Lufthansa

7 NIGHTS
in a 3-star hotel

11 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Traditional Austrian apple strudel and house coffee or tea in Hallstatt

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Austrian folklore evening at your hotel
- A relaxing cruise across Lake Attersee
- Visit the lakeside village of Hallstatt
- Explore St Wolfgang
- Salzburg tour, including coffee and cake

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a lakeland tour
- Visit the town of Cesky Krumlov in Southern Bohemia
- Austrian brewery visit and tasting



DAY 1 UK – MUNICH

Depart on your flight to Munich today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel in St Georgen, a picturesque resort in the heart of the Austrian Lake District and close to Lake Attersee.

During your stay you'll be treated to a traditional folklore evening, and a cruise across the lake will

also feature. Lake Attersee is the biggest lake of the Salzkammergut, or Lake District, and the largest that belongs exclusively to Austria. Its shores are surrounded by towering mountains and due to its depth – it is 171 metres at its deepest – it's a popular spot for divers. (D)

DAY 2 HALLSTATT

Your Tour Manager will host today's included excursion to the beautiful lakeside village of Hallstatt, which sits at the base of a mountain. Austria's oldest and perhaps most photographed village is famous for its salt mines, and this valuable commodity has been produced here for thousands of years. It is also known for its pretty pastel-painted houses which seemingly cling precariously to a narrow strip of land between the mountain and the lake. You'll see all of this and more as its small size means that Hallstatt is easily explored on foot.

We'll head to a restaurant just off the market square in Hallstatt to enjoy Austrian apple strudel. (B)

DAY 3 ST GEORGEN – DAY AT LEISURE

You're free to explore St Georgen at leisure today. If you're an art-lover, you will be interested to know that Symbolist painter Gustav Klimt spent many summers in the region, which inspired a vast majority of his landscapes.

If you'd like to explore further afield, an optional excursion gives you the chance to see more of the stunning scenery of the Austrian Lake District. A particular highlight is Mondsee, where fans of 'The Sound of Music' film will recognise the church from the wedding scene. Further sightseeing in the picturesque village of St Gilgen, on the shores of the Wolfgangsee, rounds off your day. (B,D)

DAY 4 ST WOLFGANG

We'll take you to another lakeside resort today on an included visit to St Wolfgang. This is home to the legendary White Horse Inn, which was made famous by the musical comedy of the same name.

Sat on the north shore of the Wolfgangsee and at the foot of Schafberg Mountain, this charming market town is a lovely place to enjoy a stroll. As you go, you'll find narrow, cobbled streets lined with tall, ancient buildings. Make sure you visit the church – it boasts a spectacular carved Gothic altar. (B)

DAY 5 ST GEORGEN – DAY AT LEISURE

Relax and do your own thing today, or you may choose to take an optional trip to Southern Bohemia. After crossing the River Danube into the Czech Republic, you'll find yourself in the lovely old town of Cesky Krumlov, recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Together we'll stroll through a maze of winding streets with 13th century buildings at every turn. You'll visit the Gothic Church of St Vitus and we'll take you up to the town's historic castle, perched above the Vltava River. Once inside, you'll be whisked back in time to the Renaissance as you wander through its courtyards and corridors. (B,D)

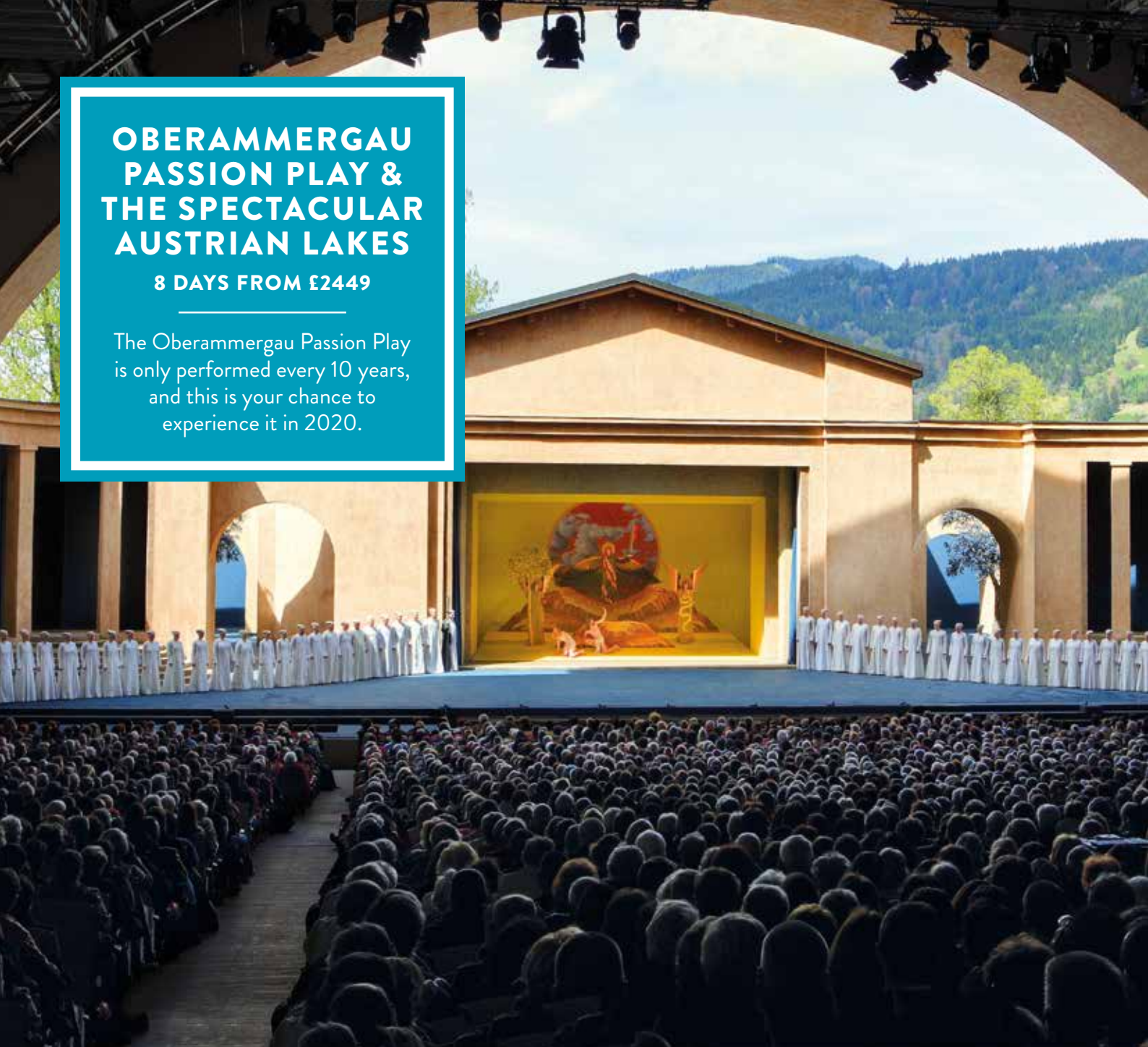
DAY 6 ST GEORGEN – DAY AT LEISURE

Take time out to discover St Georgen further today. If you're feeling active, the area surrounding you

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY & THE SPECTACULAR AUSTRIAN LAKES

8 DAYS FROM £2449

The Oberammergau Passion Play is only performed every 10 years, and this is your chance to experience it in 2020.



St Bartholomew, Germany



Salzburg



Oberammergau



Hallstatt



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Lufthansa

7 NIGHTS
in 3 or 4-star hotels

16 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Entrance to the Oberammergau Museum
- Watch the Oberammergau Passion Play and take home an official programme
- Guided walking tour of Salzburg
- Berchtesgaden and a cruise on Lake Königssee
- Tour of the Salzkammergut, Austria's Lake District
- Lake cruise from St Gilgen to St Wolfgang
- The Kaiservilla at Bad Ischl and village of Hallstatt
- Tour of the Hohenwerfen Fortress

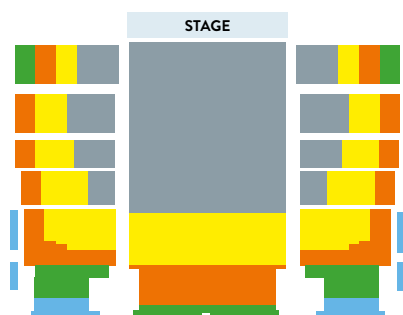


DAY 1 UK – MUNICH

Fly to Munich and transfer to your hotel in the Oberammergau area for a two-night stay. (D)
HOTEL OBERAMMERGAU AREA (3 OR 4 STAR)

THE HISTORY OF THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

In 1633, the small Bavarian community of Oberammergau had endured months of the plague. The villagers who survived vowed to perform a play about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, and repeat it every 10 years. This tradition has continued for more than 380 years, and in 2020, the Passion Play will be performed for the 42nd time. By law, all of the actors in this epic amateur production must come from the village.



DAY 2 OBERAMMERGAU & THE PASSION PLAY

Today's the day you're going to watch the famous Passion Play. You will transfer to the village of Oberammergau after breakfast. Take a stroll through the historical town and perhaps visit the Oberammergau Museum, where you can discover more about the Passion Play and the region's history of wood carving. Lunch will be served prior to the performance, which starts at 2.30pm, and you will enjoy dinner during the three-hour interval. The Passion Play will finish at around 10.30pm when you will return to your hotel by coach. (B,L,D)

HOTEL OBERAMMERGAU AREA (3 OR 4 STAR)

DAY 3 SALZBURG

After breakfast, you will drive to Salzburg and enjoy a walking tour of the city in the company of a Local Guide. On this 'Sound of Music' themed tour, you'll see some of the movie's historic sights and filming locations, including Leopoldskron Palace, Frohnburg Palace and the impressive Mirabell Palace Gardens. Lunch is included in a restaurant and afterwards you are free to explore further at your own pace, before continuing to your hotel in St. Georgen. (B,L,D)

ATTERGAUHOFF HOTEL, ST GEORGEN (3 STAR)

DAY 4 BERCHTESGADEN & LAKE KÖNIGSSEE

Visit the picturesque Bavarian market town of Berchtesgaden and nearby Lake Königssee. Surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery, you'll take a cruise on the emerald-green waters of the lake to St Bartholomä Peninsula, where an ancient Baroque-style church is topped by two red-onion domes. (B,D)

ATTERGAUHOFF HOTEL, ST GEORGEN (3 STAR)

DAY 5 SALZKAMMERGUT & CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

Today you'll embark on a scenic drive through the Salzkammergut, Austria's Lake District. You'll see some of the area's prettiest spots, including Lake Mondsee. Visit the picturesque village of St Gilgen on the shores of Lake Wolfgang, where you'll learn how the well-known Mozartkugeln chocolates are produced and have a chance to make your very own. A cruise across the lake takes you to picturesque St Wolfgang and from here you'll travel to Lake Traunsee. (B,D)

ATTERGAUHOFF HOTEL, ST GEORGEN (3 STAR)

DAY 6 BAD ISCHL & HALLSTATT

Today, visit the spa town of Bad Ischl and take a tour of the 'Kaiservilla', the summer residence of Emperor Franz Josef. Next, head to the beautiful lakeside village of Hallstatt, famous for its salt mines. (B,D)

ATTERGAUHOFF HOTEL, ST GEORGEN (3 STAR)

YOUR OBERAMMERGAU HOTEL

Your hotel for the two-night stay in the Oberammergau area will be allocated depending on what Passion Play ticket category you book. Category 3 bookings will include a 3-star hotel and category 2 bookings a 4-star hotel. Your hotel will be confirmed in the early months of 2020 and if it is located outside the village, return transfers will be provided on the day of the performance.

Passion Play Tickets

It is not possible to select the exact location of your seat, but you can choose to be in category 3 or category 2.

Tour Code FOBAL:
Ticket category 3 seating

Tour Code FOBAL 2:
Ticket category 2 seating (upgraded seating)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

The Passion Play is only performed every 10 years and is a wonderful spectacle to behold.

FEATURE HOTEL



HOTEL ATTERGAUHOFF ★★★

Your family-run hotel is centrally located in the village of St. Georgen, close to Lake Attersee and not far from the city of Salzburg. Facilities include a bar/lounge, restaurant and steam room.

DAY 7 HOHENWERFEN FORTRESS

You'll travel to the mighty Hohenwerfen Fortress today, which is perched on a hill above the Salzahtal Valley. You'll recognise it from the film 'Where Eagles Dare', and during your tour you'll discover more about medieval life in the castle and admire amazing views of the surrounding scenery. The castle is also home to Austria's first falconry museum, where you can learn about birds of prey. (B,D)

ATTERGAUHOFF HOTEL, ST GEORGEN (3 STAR)

DAY 8 MUNICH – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 HEATHROW - Lufthansa Holiday ref: FOBAL

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
25 May	01 Jun	FULL	✓
15 Jun	22 Jun	£2449	✓
20 Jul	27 Jul	£2449	✓
17 Aug	24 Aug	£2449	✓
14 Sep	21 Sep	£2449	✓
21 Sep	28 Sep	£2449	✓

Ticket category 2 seating Holiday ref: FOBAL2

25 May	01 Jun	£2749	✓
15 Jun	22 Jun	£2749	✓
20 Jul	27 Jul	FULL	✓
17 Aug	24 Aug	£2749	✓
14 Sep	21 Sep	£2749	✓
21 Sep	28 Sep	£2749	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £400.

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

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Flight upgrade

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CROATIA UNCOVERED

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Discover the best of captivating Croatia on land and sea, from magical islands to medieval cities.



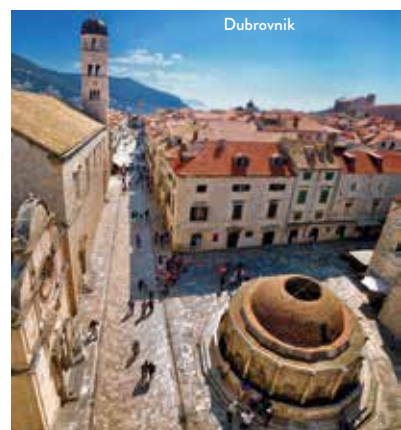
Korcula



Krka National Park

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Discover traditional Croatian cuisine and the spirit of Bukovica's old times with a local family at the Mićanovi dvori rural family estate - an unbeatable way to get a taste of the local culture.



Dubrovnik



Šibenik

CLASSIC
TOURINGACTIVE
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CHOICESMAX 38
GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Gatwick with easyJet



3 NIGHTS

in 4-star hotels



7-NIGHT EXCLUSIVE CRUISE

on board 5-star Deluxe MV Katarina
exclusively chartered for Travelsphere

21 MEALS

10 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L),
6 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy a Croatian lunch with a local family



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tour of Trogir
- Visit to the Krka National Park waterfalls
- Explore the marble streets of Zadar
- Taste local wines and sample home-made olive oil on board your ship
- Guided tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town
- Enjoy a Captain's Dinner on board
- Tour of Mljet National Park
- Discover UNESCO-listed Split
- Enjoy a farewell dinner on board

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Walking tour of Korcula
- Traditional dinner with a local family in Zrnovo
- Kayaking around the walls of Dubrovnik
- Walking tour of Hvar



DAY 1 UK – TROGIR

Today, you'll fly into Split Airport and transfer to your hotel in Trogir. (D)

HOTEL ROTONDO, TROGIR (4 STAR)

DAY 2 TROGIR – KRKA NATIONAL PARK – ZADAR

After breakfast, meet up with your Local Guide for a walking tour around the historic highlights of Trogir, including the mighty 13th century Trogir Cathedral. Afterwards we'll head off and explore the stunning waterfalls of Krka National Park, then transfer to the medieval walled city of Zadar in the evening. Relax to the soothing sounds of the Sea Organ, an experimental instrument built into marble steps and 'played' by the ocean, and gaze out at the sunset. (B,D)

HOTEL KOLOVARE, ZADAR (4 STAR)

DAY 3 ZADAR

This morning we'll join our Local Guide and embark on a walking tour of the beautiful city of Zadar. You'll love the old frescoes of the Romanesque Zadar Cathedral, while the Church of St Donatus, with its distinctive circular shape, contains columns recycled from the old Roman Forum. After the tour, we'll visit a rural family estate, Mićanovi Dvori, where we'll feast on the popular Croatian delicacy 'peka' – meat and vegetables baked on a fire under a bell-shaped pan. This evening is free to explore Zadar at your own pace. (B,L)

HOTEL KOLOVARE, ZADAR (4 STAR)

DAY 4 ZADAR – ŠIBENIK – SPLIT

After breakfast we'll head towards Šibenik, a scenic town in a picturesque bay where the Krka River meets the Adriatic Sea. Our Local Guide will lead us to the 16th century St Nicholas' Fortress, and the mighty Cathedral of St James, where we'll marvel at the gorgeous rose windows and ornately-sculpted stone heads. This evening we'll take a bus to Split, where we'll board our chartered cruise ship, our home for the rest of the trip. The MV Katarina is a brand new, hi-spec vessel with plenty of places to relax and features a jacuzzi and sun-loungers. The boat also provides easy access for swimming in the sea, so you are free to enjoy the clear waters of Croatia's Adriatic Coast. (B,D)

DAY 5 SPLIT – KORCULA

For a small country, Croatia produces a huge amount of olives, and the families of your captain and crew grow them in their home village. As we cruise to Korcula we'll learn about the process of making olive oil, enjoy a tasting, then sit down to lunch onboard. This afternoon is yours to spend as you wish, or you can join an optional walking tour of the island. Korcula's highlights include the Gothic-Renaissance St Mark's Cathedral and the striking old city walls.

Tonight there's a chance to further immerse yourself in the local culture with an optional dinner at the village of Zrnovo with a local family. Meet different generations of the family who will welcome you into their home and treat you to a wholesome home-cooked meal served with some local tipple. (B,L)

DAY 6 KORCULA – DUBROVNIK

Today sees us sail to Dubrovnik, the jewel in the crown of the Adriatic. The red roofs, imposing city walls and historic architecture of its medieval Old Town has made Dubrovnik the star of many films and TV series including Game of Thrones, and you can explore it up close as you stroll through its narrow streets, lined with cafés, shops and restaurants. For an inspiring alternative view of this medieval gem try our optional excursion where you can take a kayak trip around the city walls. The evening's yours to explore Dubrovnik as you wish – we recommend trying octopus brudet, a rich seafood stew. (B,L)

DAY 7 DUBROVNIK

Today we'll explore Dubrovnik in more depth on a guided tour of the famous Old Town, where you'll pass the oldest pharmacy in Europe, walk the polished main street, see the bullet mark remnants of the Balkan War, as well as marvel at iconic sites such as Rector's Palace, a 15th century Gothic-Renaissance masterpiece, and the Franciscan Monastery. In the afternoon, you're free to explore at your leisure. Back on the ship we'll attend the Captain's dinner, followed by drinks and dancing with the crew. (B,D)

DAY 8 DUBROVNIK – MLJET

Today the ship takes us to one of the greenest and most beautiful of the Adriatic Islands, Mljet, where we can explore dense forests and lounge by glittering lakes. Enjoy a tour with a Local Guide at Mljet National Park and have time to explore on your own. Don't miss Mljet's cultural attractions, either – these include a photogenic Benedictine monastery shrouded in dark forest and a starkly beautiful 12th century church, one of the oldest in the Adriatic. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 MLJET – HVAR – SOLTA

You'll want to be up on deck as the ship approaches the

YOUR EXCLUSIVE SHIP



MV KATARINA ★★★★★

This brand new Deluxe ship was brought into service in 2019 and is exclusively chartered for Travelsphere guests. Facilities include a dining room, bar, sun deck with hot tub and sun loungers, plus a swimming platform.

All lunches and dinners have four courses and are served with a glass of wine or beer. Fresh fruit and snacks are served daily and there is unlimited tea and coffee.

Find out more about sailing on this amazing ship (including cabin amenities) on pages 92-93.



CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Lower Deck to a Main Deck cabin from £200 or Upper Deck from £300.

stunning island of Hvar. We'll disembark in the main town for an optional walking tour, taking in the 17th century Arsenal and the stately square Trg Sv Stjepana. Next, we head to the tranquil island of Solta, stepping ashore in Stomorska. This fishing village is famed for its fleet of ancient wooden ships, originally used to transport the island's wine and olive oil to the mainland. (B,L)

DAY 10 SOLTA – SPLIT

Our final port of call is Croatia's second largest city, Split. A guided walking tour will introduce us to the mighty Diocletian's Palace. Later, we'll visit a fresh produce market, a great place to get a feel for everyday life in the city, and then the afternoon is yours to explore. (B,D)

DAY 11 SPLIT – UK

Today we'll disembark and transfer to Split airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: You will be joined by travellers on 'Croatian Island Hopping' from day 4 onwards.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 GATWICK – easyJet Holiday ref: FCRESL

Direct flights

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03 May	13 May	£1449	✓
10 May	20 May	£1549	✓
17 May	27 May	£1549	✓
24 May	03 Jun	£1649	✓
31 May	10 Jun	£1749	✓
07 Jun	17 Jun	£1849	✓
14 Jun	24 Jun	£1949	✓
21 Jun	01 Jul	£1949	✓
28 Jun	08 Jul	£1849	✓
05 Jul	15 Jul	£1749	✓
19 Jul	29 Jul	£1749	✓
02 Aug	12 Aug	£1749	✓
30 Aug	09 Sep	£1949	✓
06 Sep	16 Sep	£2149	✓
13 Sep	23 Sep	£2149	✓
20 Sep	30 Sep	£1949	✓
27 Sep	07 Oct	£1749	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1600.

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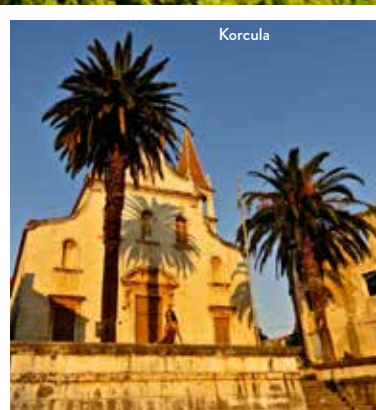
Mljet



Kayaking in Dubrovnik

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Discover Mljet National Park, a beautiful combination of saltwater lakes and dense forest, and home to a Franciscan monastery.



Korcula





Hvar



CRUISE



ACTIVE PLUS



FLIGHT CHOICES



MAX 38 GROUP SIZE

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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Gatwick with Norwegian Airlines



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LOCAL FLAVOURS

Taste home-made olive oil on board your ship



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- Traditional dinner with a local family in Zrnovo
- Kayaking around the walls of Dubrovnik
- Walking tour of Hvar



DAY 1 UK – SPLIT

Depart on your flight to Split today. On arrival, we'll transfer you to the harbour where your ship, MV Katarina and its crew, are waiting to greet you. Gather with your fellow passengers to enjoy a welcome cocktail, followed by a delicious evening meal on board. The ship will be docked in Split overnight. (D)

DAY 2 SPLIT – KORCULA

For a small country, Croatia produces a huge amount of olives, and the families of your captain and crew grow them in their home village. As we cruise to Korcula we'll learn all about the process of making olive oil and enjoy a tasting. We'll arrive after lunch, so we'll step ashore and stretch our legs. The island is the reputed birthplace of the famous adventurer Marco

Polo and boasts atmospheric streets watched over by the majestic St Mark's Cathedral. You can join us on an optional guided walking tour or you can make your own discoveries during free time, before heading back to the ship. This evening, if you'd like to try some Dalmatian specialities, join our optional guided walking tour of the village of Zrnovo, which includes a home-cooked dinner with a local family. (B,L)

DAY 3 KORCULA – DUBROVNIK

Today we sail to Dubrovnik, where you will have plenty of time to explore this amazing city and learn about its colourful history. Take a stroll through the beautiful Old Town, where local people chat outside their homes and the narrow streets are lined with cafés, shops and restaurants. You could choose to walk around the magnificent city walls and take in stunning views of the Old Town and Adriatic Sea. If you'd like to see the city from a different perspective, why not take to the water and kayak beneath the city walls on our exciting optional excursion.

There are lots of wonderful places to eat in Dubrovnik and the fresh local seafood comes highly recommended. This evening is yours to explore what's on offer in the city's restaurants and to have dinner wherever you fancy. (B,L)

DAY 4 DUBROVNIK

You're going to discover more of Dubrovnik today as you soak up its beauty on a guided tour of the Old Town. There's so much to see here, so during a free afternoon perhaps stroll along the famous Stradun to the former Rector's Palace, now a museum, or ride the cable-car up Srd Hill, which offers amazing views. Perhaps visit the Franciscan Monastery, which houses the oldest pharmacy in Europe.

Back on board the ship tonight, a special Captain's Dinner gives you a great excuse to dress up. (B,D)

DAY 5 DUBROVNIK – MLJET

This morning we take a gentle journey north along the beautiful Adriatic coastline. After lunch on board, we'll arrive at one of the most attractive of the Adriatic islands, Mljet. In the company of an expert Local Guide, we will uncover this important and impressive national park, which is a beautiful combination of saltwater lakes and dense forest. Architectural highlights include a Franciscan monastery and a charming church. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 MLJET – HVAR – SOLTA

You'll want to be on deck as the ship approaches Hvar – the views are absolutely stunning. Step ashore in the main town, also called Hvar, for an optional walking tour. Next, we head to the tranquil island of Solta, stepping ashore in Stomorska. This fishing village is famed for its fleet of ancient wooden ships, originally used to transport the island's wine and olive oil to the mainland. (B,L)

DAY 7 SOLTA – SPLIT

Our final port of call is Split, the second-largest city in Croatia. Together we'll explore during a guided walking tour, with Diocletian's Palace a stunning highlight. One of the world's most impressive Roman monuments, the palace houses an assortment of restaurants, bars and shops within its ancient walls. We'll visit a market selling fresh produce and then you can spend the rest of the afternoon exploring at your own pace. Back on the ship, there's a lovely farewell evening planned. (B,D)

YOUR EXCLUSIVE SHIP



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Find out more about sailing on this amazing ship (including cabin amenities) on pages 92-93.



CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Lower Deck to a Main Deck cabin from £200 or Upper Deck from £300.

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CROATIA UNCOVERED
11 DAYS FROM £1449

For even more Croatian delights, we offer a longer version of this holiday with the chance to explore the medieval town of Trogir, Krka National Park and Zadar. See pages 88-89 for details.

DAY 8 SPLIT – UK

After disembarking the ship this morning, we'll transfer you to Split airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: You will be joined by travellers on 'Croatia Uncovered' for this tour.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – Norwegian Airlines **Holiday ref:** FCRES

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 May	13 May	£949	✓
13 May	20 May	£999	✓
20 May	27 May	£999	✓
27 May	03 Jun	£1099	✓
03 Jun	10 Jun	£1249	✓
10 Jun	17 Jun	£1349	✓
17 Jun	24 Jun	£1399	✓
24 Jun	01 Jul	£1449	✓
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05 Aug	12 Aug	£1249	✓
02 Sep	09 Sep	£1549	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1549	✓
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1549	✓
23 Sep	30 Sep	£1449	✓
30 Sep	07 Oct	£1349	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1100.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



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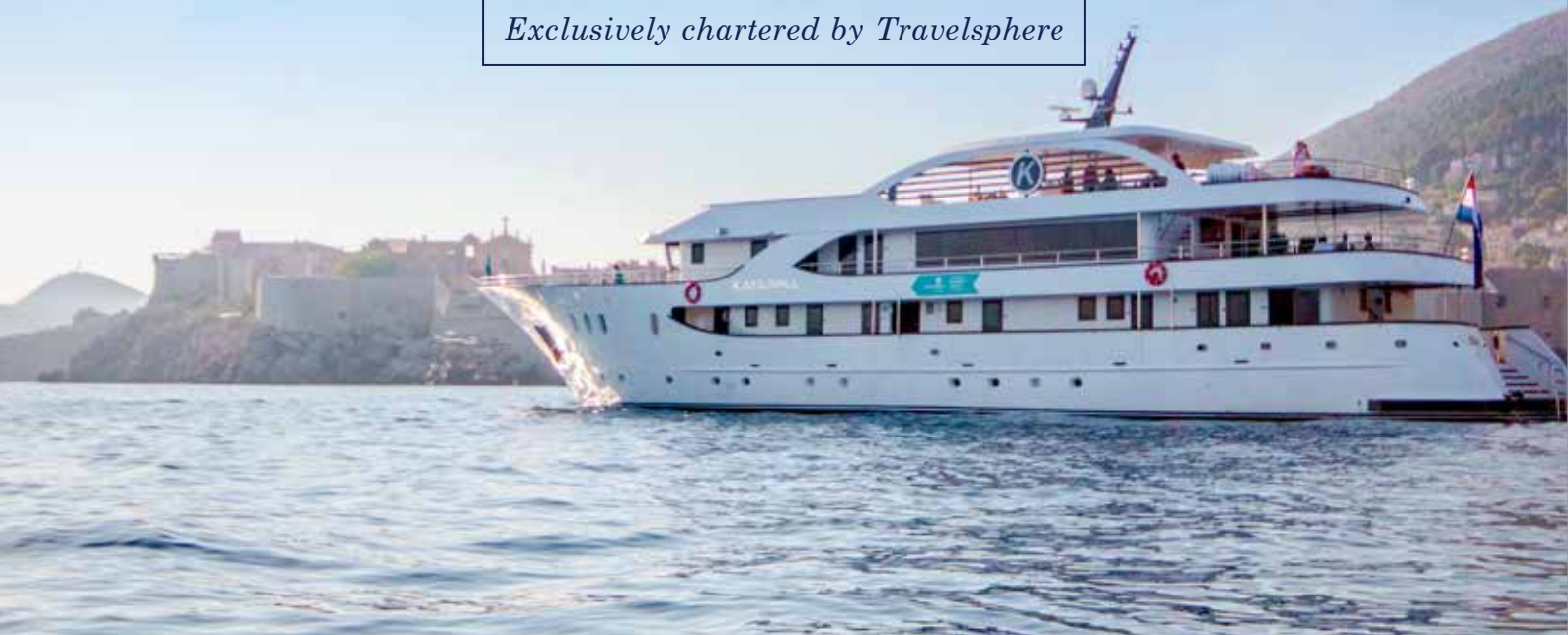
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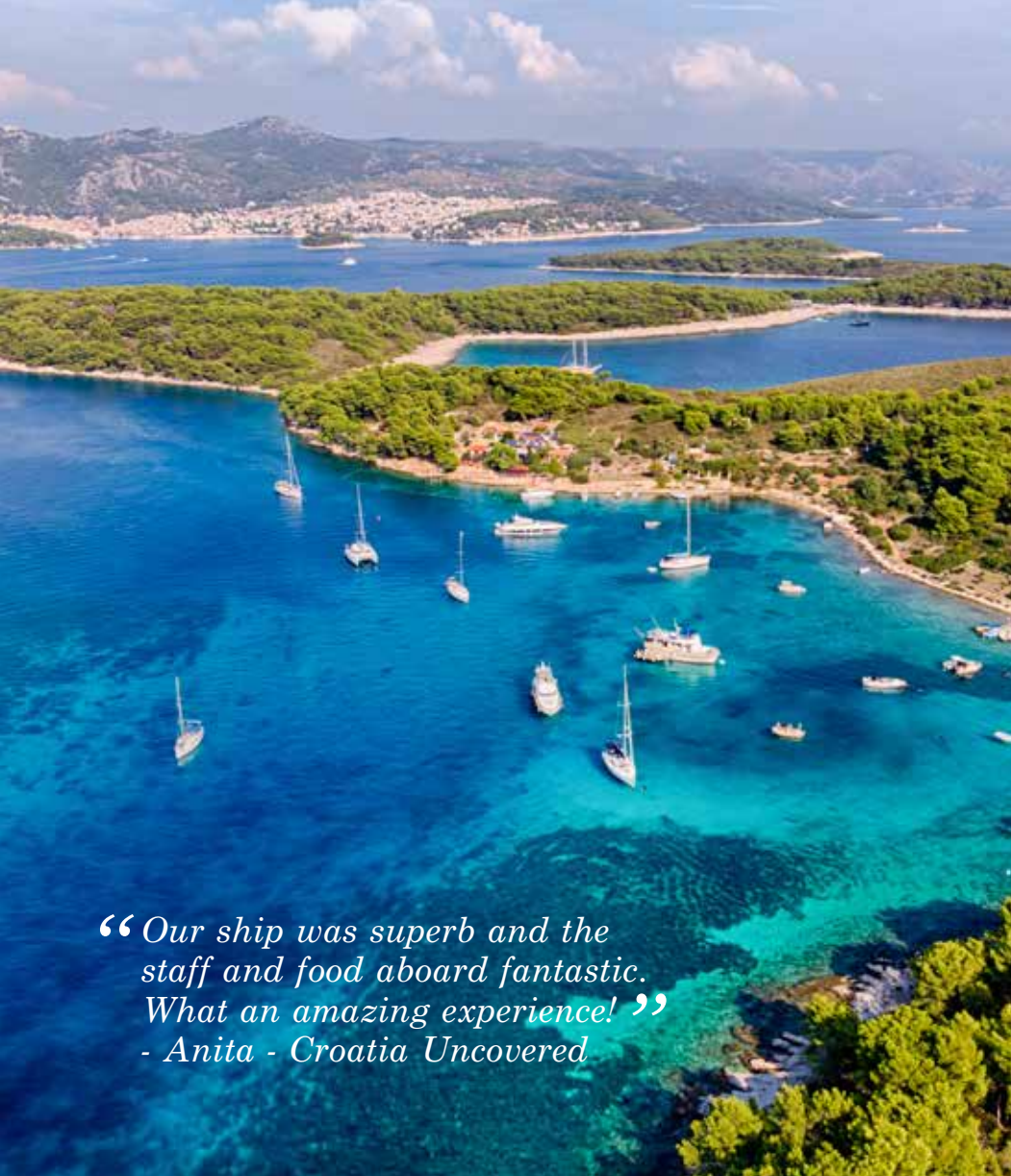
You'll wake each day to a beautiful view, while all you've had to do is enjoy the facilities on board and the comforts of your well-appointed cabin. As your ship sails through turquoise waters towards a picturesque harbour, enjoy a morning coffee on the sun deck, planning your day of exploration. When you step ashore, you will have a chance to experience the natural wonders, historic sights and hidden treasures of the day's port of call.

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- Use of a hot tub
- Fresh bed linen, towels and beach towel plus daily house-keeping
- Free wireless internet access
- Welcome cocktail
- Four-course meals prepared by the on board chef
- Captain's Dinner
- Buffet breakfasts
- Daily fresh fruit and snacks
- Tea, coffee and water served all day
- Olive oil and wine-tasting



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Predjama Castle, Slovenia



Pula's Roman amphitheatre

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7 NIGHTS

in a 4-star hotel



13 MEALS

7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
5 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS

Family-run winery with tastings
and light lunch

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Opatija tour with chocolate-tasting
- Rijeka walking tour and Trsat Castle
- Istrian Peninsula tour and Pula Amphitheatre
- Picturesque towns of Lovran and Moscenice

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Slovenia's Postojna Caves and Predjama Castle
- Walking tour of Kastav and its forest trail



DAY 1 UK – ZAGREB

Today you'll fly to Zagreb Airport and transfer to the sophisticated resort of Opatija, on Kvarner Bay, your base for the next seven nights. Your hotel is beautifully located on Opatija's seven-mile coastal promenade known as the Lungomare. (D)

DAY 2 OPATIJA & RIJEKA

Join your Tour Manager for a walking tour of Opatija today. The resort boasts splendid Austro-Hungarian

architecture as well as beautiful gardens and a lovely coastal promenade. During your tour you'll also see a chocolate-making demonstration and enjoy a tasting.

This afternoon you'll visit the capital of Istria, Rijeka, where during a walking tour you'll see Trsat Castle, which looms over the city from its hilltop position. You've time to make your own discoveries before heading back to the hotel. (B,D)

DAY 3 ISTRIAN PENINSULA

You'll see more of the Istrian Peninsula on today's full-day included excursion. Visit the town of Pula and step inside the impressive Roman amphitheatre, which would have once hosted gladiatorial battles.

Next we'll head to a family-run winery set in a beautiful location on a hillside. Here we'll take a tour of the cellars before tasting three types of white wine and a red, which we'll enjoy with a light lunch of cheese, prosciutto, bread and olive oil.

We then move on to medieval Rovinj, a delightful resort with a charming old town and a colourful harbour. Tonight, the hotel is hosting a Mediterranean-themed dinner in the restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 LOVRAN & MOSCENICE

On our included excursion this morning you'll journey along the Lungomare to the picturesque town of Lovran, where a stroll around its town square will reveal Baroque architecture and the 14th century Church of St George. Next you'll head to Moscenice. Overlooking the coast, this medieval fortified town falls steeply towards the sea and boasts narrow streets dotted with ancient churches and elegant villas. This afternoon is free for you to relax at leisure in your resort. Tonight, why not head out for a stroll on Opatija's promenade and find a restaurant for dinner. (B)

DAY 5 OPATIJA – DAY AT LEISURE

Croatia's Plitvice National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site where 16 lakes spill into each other, forming impressive cascading waterfalls. Today's optional excursion includes a boat trip across Lake Kozjak, the largest in the park, and there will be free time to take lunch and enjoy the glorious scenery. (B,D)

DAY 6 OPATIJA – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure or join our optional excursion to neighbouring Slovenia. You'll visit the Postojna Caves, carved by the Pivka River and filled with incredible stalactites and stalagmites. Your tour then moves on to Predjama Castle, which has perched precariously on a cliff for the past 700 years. (B)

DAY 7 OPATIJA – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to spend at leisure. Perhaps spend some time relaxing in the wellness centre and spa at your hotel or take a dip in the large indoor swimming pool.

Alternatively, why not join our optional excursion to the small town of Kastav, which stands on a hill overlooking Opatija. Fortified with a medieval wall and nine towers, it is a delight to explore on foot, especially as we head along its shady forest trail.

Tonight, we'll enjoy a Kvarner-themed farewell dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Visit a family-run winery set in a beautiful hillside location. Tour the cellars and sample a variety of wines accompanied by traditional finger food.



YOUR HOTEL



HOTEL PALACE BELLEVUE ★★★★★

Stay in the historic Hotel Palace Bellevue, which is perfectly located facing the sea in the heart of Opatija. Facilities include a restaurant with terrace, bar, wellness centre and spa, indoor swimming pool, hot tub, sauna and fitness centre.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a sea-view room from £90 per person for the duration of your stay.

DAY 8 ZAGREB – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: FCROI

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 May	20 May	£1079	✓
03 Jun	10 Jun	£1129	✓
17 Jul	24 Jul	£1149	✓
05 Aug	12 Aug	£1149	✓
09 Sep	16 Sep	£1099	✓
30 Sep	07 Oct	£1079	✓
07 Oct	14 Oct	£1049	✓

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7 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

13 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
5 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Elafiti Islands cruise with lunch

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town
- Explore the medieval city of Kotor
- Discover Becici and Budva
- Visit Njeguši village and Cetinje, the Old Royal capital of Montenegro

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Game of Thrones tour of Dubrovnik
- A scenic cruise on Lake Skadar
- Visit to an eco village and farm



DAY 1 UK – DUBROVNIK

You'll fly to Dubrovnik today. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel, which is perfectly located just a short walk from the city's Old Town and a stretch of pebbly beach. (D)

HOTEL LERO, DUBROVNIK (4 STAR)

DAY 2 DUBROVNIK

Today's sightseeing starts with a guided walking tour through Dubrovnik's maze of narrow streets. We'll take in views from the imposing city walls and see the Franciscan Monastery and its historic pharmacy. Other highlights are the former Rector's Palace, which is now a museum, and the 17th century cathedral, which houses many treasures. There's so much to see



Elafiti Islands

in Dubrovnik, so explore further at your own pace. You might choose to take a journey by cable car from the Old Town to the peak of Mount Srđ, for fantastic views. You could head to the nearby beach or if you're a fan of Game of Thrones, why not join our optional excursion to the Old Town. (B)

HOTEL LERO, DUBROVNIK (4 STAR)

DAY 3 ELAFITI ISLANDS CRUISE

A fantastic day out is included today – a cruise to the lovely beaches of the Elafiti Islands, which are backed by lush pine forests. You'll step ashore on Šipan, where Renaissance villas built by Dubrovnik's wealthiest families as summer retreats enhance the landscape. This is a great setting for our lunch of typical Dalmatian cuisine, which includes some delicious fresh seafood. Next, we're going to set sail for Lopud, where a walk to the hilltop Franciscan Monastery will reward us with gorgeous views over the islands. (B,L,D)

HOTEL LERO, DUBROVNIK (4 STAR)

DAY 4 DUBROVNIK – BUDVA

We're on the road this morning, travelling along the Croatian coast to the beautiful bays of Montenegro and the medieval city of Kotor. Here you can explore the Old Town's tiny alleys, which are overshadowed by towering cliffs and the high walls of ancient stone houses. You'll also have time to head to one of the squares where you can sit with a cool drink and enjoy splendid views of the Boka Mountains. As we journey further south to Becici, enjoy more stunning scenery of clear lakes and dramatic mountain peaks. (B,D)

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 MONTENEGRO

You'll get to know Montenegro on today's included tour, which starts with a drive along the curvy road on the slopes of Mount Lovćen to Njeguši village. We'll make a stop at a restaurant to sample some cheese and wine and then head to Cetinje, the Old Royal capital of Montenegro. Highlights here include the Old Town and the Monastery of Cetinje. (B)

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 BUDVA – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend today is up to you. You might choose to relax at your hotel, which boasts an inviting indoor swimming pool. Alternatively, come with us on an optional cruise on Lake Skadar, where you will discover picturesque islands and bays which are home to an abundance of wildlife. (B,D)

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA (4 STAR)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Šipan, with its Renaissance villas, is a great setting for lunch. Sample typical Dalmatian cuisine including some of the best seafood in the area.

YOUR HOTELS



HOTEL LERO, DUBROVNIK ★★★★★

Your hotel is located 400 metres from the beach and just a 15-minute walk from the centre of Dubrovnik.

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA ★★★★★

This modern hotel is located on the Montenegrin coast, just a short stroll from the beach.



DAY 7 BUDVA – DAY AT LEISURE

You can relax and do your own thing today, however, if you're keen to make more discoveries, our optional tour of Grblje, an eco village, is sure to tempt you.

Here you'll meet the Erzegovic family who will welcome you with a glass of local brandy then show you round their farm before a light lunch.

Tonight, you're invited to a restaurant for a special farewell dinner of local specialties. (B,D)

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 DUBROVNIK – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport in Dubrovnik for your flight back to the UK. (B)

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 GATWICK – British Airways Holiday ref: FHRMR

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 May	20 May	£1299	✓
10 Jun	17 Jun	£1449	✓
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1449	✓
23 Sep	30 Sep	£1349	✓

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



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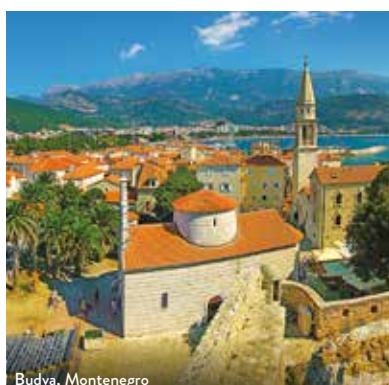
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Budva, Montenegro



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Skopje, Macedonia



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13 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

22 MEALS
13 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Farewell dinner in a local tavern

ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the capitals of Sarajevo, Belgrade, Tirana, Skopje and Zagreb
- Sutjeska National Park, home to Mount Maglic
- Breathtakingly beautiful Kotor Bay
- Orientation walk in Budva
- The hill town of Kruje and the Skanderbeg and Ethnographic Museums
- Lake Ohrid and the Bay of Bones
- The pretty town of Despotovac
- Explore Novi Sad, on the banks of the Danube
- Croatian wine-tasting in Kutjevo



DAY 1 UK – SARAJEVO

Depart on your flight to Sarajevo, where we'll transfer you to your hotel. (D)

HOTEL BRISTOL, SARAJEVO (4 STAR)

DAY 2 SARAJEVO

We're going to explore the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina today, a city revered for its cultural and religious diversity. You'll see the Ottoman-style Emperor's Mosque in the same neighbourhood as the Catholic Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Orthodox Church of the Nativity and a Jewish synagogue. During your full-day tour you'll also be reminded of Torvill and Dean's 1984 Winter Olympics figure skating success at the quirky Olympic Museum. (B)

HOTEL BRISTOL, SARAJEVO (4 STAR)

DAY 3 SARAJEVO – BUDVA

Sutjeska National Park is home to the highest peak in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Maglic Mountain. We'll see this before an included lunch and an onward journey

into Montenegro. Here, the picturesque coastal town of Budva is our new base. (B,L,D)

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 KOTOR BAY & BECICI

You've the chance to admire more mountain scenery today on a drive to the fjord-like Kotor Bay. We'll take a stroll around the walled city of Kotor before we cruise to 'Our Lady of the Rocks' – a man-made islet housing a church and museum. Legend has it that the tiny island was formed by fishermen dropping a rock into the bay each time they returned from a successful voyage.

This afternoon we'll spend some time in the neighbouring towns of Becici and Budva. At Becici, we'll find a lovely sandy beach, and in Budva a walking tour will reveal a picturesque Old Town enclosed by Venetian walls.

Why not head back into the town this evening and find a restaurant in which to enjoy local delicacies. (B)

HOTEL BRACERA, BUDVA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 BUDVA – TIRANA

Today's journey takes you to Albania's capital, Tirana, with a stop on the way at the hill town of Kruje.

Here you'll see its 5th century fortress, dramatically located on top of a rocky outcrop. You'll also visit the Skanderbeg and Ethnographic Museums, where a preserved farmhouse gives a fascinating insight into traditional life. (B,D)

HOTEL TIRANA INTERNATIONAL, TIRANA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 TIRANA – LAKE OHRID

There's time for a walking tour of Tirana this morning before we head to the Macedonian border and on to Lake Ohrid. Your lakeside hotel offers lovely views, so simply relax and enjoy. This evening why not enjoy a walk around the lake's promenade, where you'll find a good selection of restaurants and cafés. (B)

HOTEL ROYAL VIEW, LAKE OHRID (4 STAR)

DAY 7 LAKE OHRID

We're going to spend today discovering the beauty of Lake Ohrid. Our first stop is the Bay of Bones, a reconstruction of a prehistoric settlement that was built on the water between 1200 and 600 BC. After lunch, we'll enjoy the lake from a different perspective when we take to the water on a relaxing cruise. It promises to be a very serene and peaceful experience and is the perfect way to take in the magnificent beauty of the surrounding mountains and unspoilt landscapes. Later, there's time to explore the historic town of Ohrid too. Cobble streets, ancient churches and lakeside cafés are all part of its allure and there are some lovely shops if you want to hunt for souvenirs. (B,L)

HOTEL ROYAL VIEW, LAKE OHRID (4 STAR)

DAY 8 LAKE OHRID – SKOPJE

Next stop on your adventure is the Macedonian capital, Skopje, which is home to the memorial house of Mother Teresa. Come on a walk through the narrow, winding streets of the Old Bazaar and take in panoramic views from the Upper Town. (B,D)

HOTEL SOLUN, SKOPJE (4 STAR)

DAY 9 SKOPJE – BELGRADE

Today we're going to cross the border into Serbia, where its capital Belgrade will be our home for the next two nights. We reach it via a visit to the imposing Manasija Monastery with its 11 towers and impressive fortified walls. We're also going to have some free time in nearby Despotovac, a pretty town named after Serbian prince Stefan Lazarevic, who was given the title 'Despot'.

There's lots to discover in Belgrade, and with a free evening you can head into the city for dinner at a restaurant of your choosing. (B)

HOTEL PRAG, BELGRADE (4 STAR)

DAY 10 BELGRADE

See the highlights of Belgrade on a guided tour today. The former capital of Yugoslavia has plenty of sights, starting with the quaint cobbled lanes of the Bohemian Quarter. You'll see the Residence of Princess Ljubica

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Relax on a tranquil cruise on Lake Ohrid, surrounded by an unspoilt landscape of rugged mountains and verdant hillsides.

and the imposing Captain Miša's Mansion. Your tour also passes the old and new palaces, which now house the Belgrade City Assembly and the office of the President of the Republic of Serbia. (B)

HOTEL PRAG, BELGRADE (4 STAR)

DAY 11 BELGRADE – NOVI SAD

Today we'll introduce you to Serbia's second-largest city, Novi Sad, for a tour and an overnight stay. Take in the sight of the imposing Petrovaradin Fortress, located on the right bank of the Danube, and the equally impressive Freedom Square. (B,D)

HOTEL ALEKSANDAR, NOVI SAD (4 STAR)

DAY 12 NOVI SAD – ZAGREB

Your final destination on the Balkan Peninsula is Croatia, where we'll base ourselves in its capital Zagreb. En route we'll pay a visit to Osijek, situated where the Drava and Danube Rivers meet, and home to a fortified centre. A little later we'll find ourselves in Kutjevo, a town known for its wines, so we'll head to a winery for a tasting. (B,D)

HOTEL DUBROVNIK, ZAGREB (4 STAR)

DAY 13 ZAGREB

After breakfast, your tour of Zagreb will introduce you to a city reminiscent of Prague, Budapest and Vienna, whose upper town is filled with churches and palaces. Perhaps you'll visit the Old Town Gate, now a shrine to the Virgin Mary, or head to the striking twin-spired cathedral, set within a medieval fort. This evening we'll head to nearby taverna and enjoy a farewell dinner of local specialities. (B,D)

HOTEL DUBROVNIK, ZAGREB (4 STAR)

DAY 14 ZAGREB – UK

After breakfast, you'll head to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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Flights via Vienna outbound
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Flight upgrade

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Rovinj



FAVOURITE MOMENT

Visit Bled Castle where you'll get an elevated view over the stunning Lake Bled, one of Slovenia's prettiest spots. Take a moment to enjoy the beauty of the sparkling emerald-green waters.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways



9 NIGHTS

in 4-star hotels



16 MEALS

9 breakfasts (B), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Tour of Ptuj in Slovenia and wine-tasting



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Maribor river cruise with a glass of wine
- Cruise on beautiful Lake Bled
- Discover elegant Ljubljana
- The stunning Postojna Caves
- UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Walking tour of Zagreb
- Farewell dinner in a local restaurant in Zagreb

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Istria region, including Motovun
- Krk Island, Kosljun Islet and wine-tasting
- Visit to Tito's house and farm lunch



DAY 1 UK – ZAGREB

After flying to Zagreb, we will transfer you to Ptuj, Slovenia's oldest town, located on the Drava River. (D) GRAND PRIMUS HOTEL, PTUJ (4 STAR)

DAY 2 PTUJ

This morning, we'll head off on a walking tour of this unique town, which boasts a fascinating Roman heritage and a well-preserved medieval centre. The region is also known for its wine-making, so we'll drop by the Ptuj Wine Cellar for a tasting of some of its excellent wines. (B,D)

GRAND PRIMUS HOTEL, PTUJ (4 STAR)

DAY 3 PTUJ – LAKE BLEB

A day of exploration will take you to Maribor, a former European Capital of Culture. A remarkable sight here is the Zametovka Old Vine, the world's oldest living vine specimen to still bear grapes. With a reported age of 400 years this amazing plant has more than earned its place in the Guinness Book of Records. Next, we're going to indulge in a glass of wine and a snack as we take in lovely views on a cruise on the Drava River. After disembarking you'll have some free time to explore Maribor at your own pace before we make our way by road to Bled. (B,D)

RIKLI BALANCE HOTEL, LAKE BLEB (4 STAR)

DAY 4 LAKE BLEB

You're going to experience Lake Bled's abundance of natural beauty today on a sightseeing tour. Firstly, we'll take a cruise on the lake and visit St Mary's Church, which is set on an island surrounded by the emerald-green waters. After this we'll drive to Bled Castle, located on a cliff offering beautiful lake views. Finally, we're going to head to the charming town of Radovljica, which is home to many well-preserved historic buildings and the Vintgar Canyon. This evening, why not enjoy a stroll and see if you can find a restaurant with lake views in which to enjoy dinner. (B)

RIKLI BALANCE HOTEL, LAKE BLEB (4 STAR)

DAY 5 LAKE BLEB – OPATIJA

Today you're going to discover Slovenia's capital Ljubljana, one of Europe's oldest. You'll have plenty of free time to take a stroll around its centre, where Baroque buildings and ancient ramparts are overlooked by a grand castle.

Our sightseeing takes a different turn this afternoon, when we arrive at the Postojna Caves, carved over thousands of years by the Pivka River. We'll head into the depths of these caverns by train on an eerie journey which takes us past incredible stalactites and stalagmites and sculpted galleries of rock.

In the evening, we'll leave Slovenia behind and head to neighbouring Croatia, where your hotel is in the lovely seaside resort of Opatija. (B,D)

REMISENS HOTEL ADMIRAL, OPATIJA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 OPATIJA – DAY AT LEISURE

Relaxation is on the cards today, with a full day to spend at leisure, or take a stroll along the seven mile coastal promenade known as Loungomare that runs along the front of your hotel.

If you're still raring to go, an optional excursion will introduce you to the many delights of the Istria region. A journey by road will give you the chance to relax as you admire the scenic Mirna River valley and the medieval hilltop town of Motovun. A stop will then be made at a family-run restaurant for lunch. You'll then go on to discover pretty Rovinj, where you can stroll to the Church of St Euphemia to take in sweeping views of the Adriatic.

Opatija boasts a great selection of bars, cafés and restaurants offering lovely sea views, so why not head out and find yourself the perfect spot for dinner. (B)

REMISENS HOTEL ADMIRAL, OPATIJA (4 STAR)

DAY 7 OPATIJA – DAY AT LEISURE

The choice is all yours today, you can enjoy a day of relaxation in your resort, or you can join an optional excursion. We'll head to Krk Island, which is connected

to the mainland by a bridge. Highlights here include the Islet of Kosljun and its Franciscan monastery, the fortified town of Krk and medieval Vrbnik, where a wine-tasting is a welcome end-of-day treat. (B,D) REMISENS HOTEL ADMIRAL, OPATIJA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 OPATIJA – ZAGREB

We're heading to Croatia's capital Zagreb today but not before we delve into the wonders of nature at Plitvice Lakes National Park. This UNESCO-listed site is famed for its 16 lakes which are interconnected by a series of cascading waterfalls. We're going to explore by foot and then take to the waters on a relaxing cruise on the largest lake, Lake Kozjak. As you go, admire the thundering falls and keep a lookout for an array of wildlife, including many species of birds. (B,D)

AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CAPITAL, ZAGREB (4 STAR)

DAY 9 ZAGREB

Get to know Zagreb on a morning walking tour, with highlights including the city's charming main square and impressive cathedral.

You can spend the afternoon at leisure if you wish, or come on an optional trip to Kumrovec, the birthplace of Marshal Tito, president of former Yugoslavia. You'll visit his former house and see the surrounding quaint cottages that are typical of the region. A stop is made at a family farm, where we'll enjoy a homemade lunch before we head to Trakoscan Castle.

This evening we'll get together and make our way to a restaurant for a farewell dinner of traditional Croatian cuisine. (B,D)

AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CAPITAL, ZAGREB (4 STAR)

DAY 10 ZAGREB – UK

Today you will transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: FSLCRO

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 May	29 May	£1699	✓
10 Jun	19 Jun	£1699	✓
19 Aug	28 Aug	£1699	✓
09 Sep	18 Sep	£1599	✓
23 Sep	02 Oct	£1499	✓
07 Oct	16 Oct	£1369	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £400.

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Flight upgrade

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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways



7 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels



11 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Dinner with a local family with folklore
show and free-flowing wine and brandy



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the 17th century Mogosoia Palace
- Explore the medieval citadel of Sibiu
- Visit a BioFarm and sample the produce
- Stroll the gardens of the grand Brukenthal Summer Palace
- Traditional weaving demonstration
- Dinner in Brasov at a Slow Food restaurant
- Medieval Brasov and its impressive church
- Discover Bran Castle
- Atmospheric dinner in Bran Castle grounds
- The magnificent Peles Castle and Sinaia Monastery
- Panoramic Bucharest sightseeing tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Biertan, Sighisoara and wine-tasting
- Traditional farewell dinner



DAY 1 UK – BUCHAREST

After flying to Bucharest, we'll transfer you to your hotel.
NOVOTEL BUCHAREST CITY CENTRE (4 STAR)

DAY 2 BUCHAREST – MOGOSOIA – SIBIU

This morning we'll transfer to Mogosoia and visit the



beautiful Mogosoia Palace, built in the 1600s by the famous Prince Constantin Brancoveanu. En route to Sibiu we'll stop for lunch in Curtea de Arges, home to a remarkable Romanian Orthodox monastery. We'll arrive in Sibiu in the evening and enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

CONTINENTAL FORUM HOTEL, SIBIU (4 STAR)

DAY 3 SIBIU – SIBIEL

Today, we'll embark on a walking tour of Sibiu, which is as photogenic as any medieval town in Eastern Europe. We'll marvel at the 14th century Lutheran Cathedral, home to a looming spire and Romania's largest pipe organ, and the historic Bridge of Lies. We'll then meet a representative from the 'We Help!' charity, supported by the Travelsphere Cares initiative, and learn how they help Romania's disadvantaged children.

This evening sees us head to the mountain village of Sibiul, where we will sit down to a traditional Romanian dinner in a family home. (B,D)

CONTINENTAL FORUM HOTEL, SIBIU (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SIBIU – DAY AT LEISURE

An optional excursion this morning goes to the village of Biertan, home to a looming fortified church. Next we'll visit Sighisoara, the birthplace of one of Transylvania's most notorious sons, Vlad the Impaler – the real-life inspiration for Dracula. We'll meet a representative of the Mihai Eminescu Trust, which works with the Prince of Wales' Charitable Foundation to restore traditional Transylvanian villages. Finally, we'll stop at a local vineyard, to learn about the local wine-making culture and, naturally, enjoy a few samples. (B)

DAY 5 SIGHISOARA – BRASOV

Today we're heading into the countryside to learn about rural Romanian life. We begin in Nucet with a visit to an innovative BioFarm, where we'll savour some of the produce. In Avrig we'll relax in the gardens of the Brukenthal Summer Palace, an elegantly crumbling 19th century mansion. Then we'll proceed to the village of Lisa to meet skilled wool-weavers who make beautiful carpets using vintage machinery powered by a water mill. Tonight, we'll have dinner at a Slow Food restaurant in medieval Brasov. (B,D)

HOTEL ARMATTI, BRASOV (3 STAR)

DAY 6 BRASOV – BRAN

This morning we'll set off to see the sights in Brasov, including the looming Black Church – an imposing building and the biggest triumph of Gothic

architecture in Romania. Our next stop, Bran Castle, also known as Dracula Castle, takes the Gothic up a notch with its spires and rooftops rising dramatically from the forest – a breathtaking sight. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner in the castle grounds – a really atmospheric experience. (B,D)

HOTEL ARMATTI, BRASOV (3 STAR)

DAY 7 BRAN – BUCHAREST

Our first stop today is the striking Sinaia Monastery. It's named after Egypt's Mount Sinai, but with its Brâncovenesc domes and archways, this 300-year-old monastery – still home to several monks – is distinctly Romanian. Next it's on to the fairytale Peles Castle, a magnificent Neo-Renaissance masterpiece in the Carpathian Mountains. Arriving in Bucharest in the evening, we'll enjoy a panoramic city tour, taking in iconic sights like the Arcul de Triumf and Patriarchal Cathedral, the seat of the Romanian Orthodox Church. We finish with an optional farewell dinner at renowned Casa Doina, with centuries-old Romanian recipes like sarmale (meat-stuffed cabbage rolls). (B)

NOVOTEL BUCHAREST CITY CENTRE (4 STAR)

DAY 8 BUCHAREST – UK

With Romania thoroughly explored, this morning we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)



TRAVELSPHERE CARES

When you book this holiday you are helping us to support the 'We Help!' initiative, which helps disadvantaged children in Romania.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: FRTRA

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
02 May	09 May	£1149	✓
06 Jun	13 Jun	£1229	✓
20 Jun	27 Jun	£1269	✓
22 Aug	29 Aug	£1329	✓
05 Sep	12 Sep	£1309	✓
19 Sep	26 Sep	£1289	✓
03 Oct	10 Oct	£1249	✓

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FAVOURITE MOMENT

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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with Turkish Airlines

11 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

23 MEALS
11 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L),
10 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Coffee and baklava-tasting in the
Grand Bazaar

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Istanbul including The Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Topkapi Palace and Grand Bazaar
- Visit the Gallipoli War Memorial
- Troy tour and visit to the ancient city of Pergamon
- Tour of one of the ancient wonders of the world in Ephesus - The Temple of Artemis
- Visit Sirince Village and discover Turkish agriculture
- Picnic lunch in the ruins of Aphrodisias
- Pamukkale hot springs and swimming opportunity
- Visit Konya - capital of the Seljuk Empire
- Cappadocia and the Goreme Valley with a glass of wine at sunset
- Visit to Ankara including the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Istanbul by night tour including Turkish folklore show
- Morning cruise along the Bosphorus
- Visit the Golden Horn
- Whirling Dervishes performance in Cappadocia



DAY 1 UK - ISTANBUL

Fly to Istanbul, where we'll transfer you to your hotel. (D)
SAPPHIRE HOTEL, ISTANBUL (4 STAR)

DAY 2 ISTANBUL

Today, embark on our Byzantine and Ottoman Relics tour where we explore Istanbul, the once capital of the Roman and Ottoman Empires. From Sultanahmet Square we'll explore the Hippodrome's stunning

obelisks and intriguing history of chariot races. Prepare yourself for breathtaking sights as we visit the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque.

After savouring local flavours at a Turkish restaurant, we'll marvel over the priceless collections at the Topkapi Palace Museum. Sharpen your bargaining skills at the Grand Bazaar, the trading hub of the city where you can find everything from pots and carpets to fruit and spices. Taste baklava, a sweet pastry made of layers of filo filled with chopped nuts and honey, and learn the secrets of Turkish coffee-making at Sark Kahvesi - a famed coffee shop. This evening, perhaps join our optional excursion to watch a traditional Turkish folklore show. (B,L)
SAPPHIRE HOTEL, ISTANBUL (4 STAR)

DAY 3 ISTANBUL - CANAKKALE

After a leisurely breakfast, feel free to explore at your own pace or join our scenic Bosphorus cruise. You'll admire the city skyline and views of historic monuments, and we'll hop off the boat for a glimpse of local life on Istanbul's Asian side.

Settle in for a relaxing afternoon drive to Canakkale, with sweeping views of the Marmara Sea coastline. We'll stop at the famous WWI battlefields of Gallipoli, then cross the historic Dardanelles channel for dinner and leisure time at our hotel. (B,D)

BUYUK TRUVA HOTEL, CANAKKALE (4 STAR)

DAY 4 CANAKKALE - KUSADASI

The myths and legends of Troy await this morning. The city of Homer's famous poem The Iliad, which makes art of the real-life Trojan War, is an archaeological site that highlights more than 3,000 years of history and civilisation. Explore the UNESCO-listed ancient city of Pergamon, an open-air museum with striking remains of the Acropolis. (B,D)

TUSAN BEACH RESORT, KUSADASI (4 STAR)

DAY 5 EPHEBUS & SIRINCE

Today's adventure begins at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ephesus. This is one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world and home to the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

This afternoon, we'll visit a charming village known for its wine production. Sirince sits at the top of a hill boasting vineyard and countryside views, with Greek heritage and plenty of gourmet food to feast on. (B,D)

TUSAN BEACH RESORT, KUSADASI (4 STAR)

DAY 6 KUSADASI - PAMUKKALE

We'll travel to Aphrodisias today to discover the beautifully preserved Greco-Roman settlement and museum. Dedicated to the goddess of love, Aphrodite, the temple here dates from the 3rd century BC. You'll enjoy a delicious picnic lunch before we travel to Pamukkale, celebrated for its startling white cliffs and mineral-rich thermal waters. (B,L,D)

RICHMOND PAMUKKALE THERMAL RESORT, PAMUKKALE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 PAMUKKALE - KONYA

Next, we'll take an exciting tour of Hierapolis. The ruins of this ancient spa city include a Roman theatre, the agora and a huge Necropolis, home to more than 1,000 tombs. On the way to Konya, once the capital of the Seljuk Empire, we'll pass the glistening lakes of Eğirdir and Beyşehir. (B,D)

BERA KONYA HOTEL, KONYA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 KONYA - CAPPADOCIA

Konya is home to the Mausoleum of Mevlana, who was

the founder of the sect of Whirling Dervishes, and it's our first stop after breakfast at the hotel today. We'll also admire the spectacular blue-tiled dome of Karatay Medrese and visit the 13th century Caravanserai Sultanhanı. Here you can choose to join our optional excursion to watch a Whirling Dervishes performance - a unique spiritual ceremony. (B,D)

PERISSIA HOTEL, CAPPADOCIA (4 STAR)

DAY 9 CAPPADOCIA

Join us for a tour of Göreme Valley with its fairytale rock formations and network of man-made caves that house churches, storehouses and living quarters.

The incredible Kaymaklı Underground City was used by the earliest Christian settlers, and is a maze of tunnels and rooms. At sunset, relish a glass of local wine with stunning views over Love Valley. (B,D)

PERISSIA HOTEL, CAPPADOCIA (4 STAR)

DAY 10 CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA

Enjoy an early breakfast today before our drive to the bustling capital city of Ankara. In the afternoon, delve into history at the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations. We'll also visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk, then enjoy an overnight stay with free time for relaxation or fun. (B,D)

HOLIDAY INN ANKARA - CUKURAMBAR, ANKARA (4 STAR)

DAY 11 ANKARA - ISTANBUL

A bright and early start takes you back to Istanbul to explore at your own pace in the afternoon.

Alternatively, enjoy an optional half-day excursion to the Golden Horn, Chora Museum and Pierre Loti café with pretty views over the Bosphorus. Take advantage of free time in the evening for some last-minute shopping or sightseeing, then join us for a delicious farewell dinner together at the hotel. (B,D)

SAPPHIRE HOTEL, ISTANBUL (4 STAR)

DAY 12 ISTANBUL - UK

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before your airport transfer and flight home to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - Turkish Airlines Holiday ref: FETKT

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
03 Apr	14 Apr	£1199	✓
08 May	19 May	£1269	✓
05 Jun	16 Jun	£1329	✓
11 Sep	22 Sep	£1389	✓
25 Sep	06 Oct	£1329	✓
16 Oct	27 Oct	£1299	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £350.

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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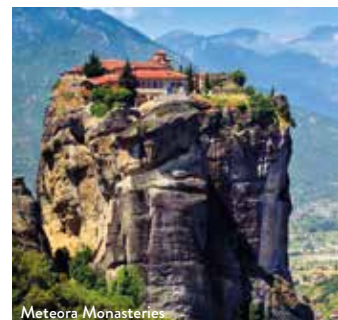
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Acropolis, Athens



Steam train, Mount Pelion



Meteora Monasteries



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from Gatwick with easyJet

7 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels

10 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 3 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Special traditional dinner in Volvos town

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome dinner in a taverna
- Tour of Athens
- Cross the Corinth Canal
- Visit the Theatre of Epidauros
- Nafplion and the Palace Complex of Mycenae
- Picturesque Nafpaktos
- Explore Delphi

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Temple of Poseidon
- Islands cruise, folklore show and lunch
- Meteora and its monasteries
- Scenic steam train ride and visit Mount Pelion and its villages

DAY 1 UK – ATHENS

After flying to Athens we'll transfer you to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a walking tour of Plaka, the city's Old Town, which sits at the foot of the Acropolis. Its two main streets are lined with cafés, shops and interesting old buildings, and we've selected a great restaurant for tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

ATHENS TIARE HOTEL, ATHENS (4 STAR)

DAY 2 ATHENS

There's so much to discover in Athens. First, you'll see the Panathenaic Stadium, which hosted the first modern-day Olympics in 1896. You'll pass the



Parliament building and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. You'll see Hadrian's Arch, said to have been built to celebrate the arrival of Hadrian to the city, before reaching the iconic Acropolis. This hilltop citadel is home to several ancient ruins, including the Parthenon. Its imposing columns are unmistakable. You'll also have the chance to view the fascinating exhibits in the Acropolis Museum.

Set your own pace with free time in the city this afternoon, or perhaps join an optional excursion to the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion. (B)

ATHENS TIARE HOTEL, ATHENS (4 STAR)

DAY 3 ATHENS – DAY AT LEISURE

You've a full day left in Athens, so there's time to see more of this incredible city if you wish.

If you'd rather spend your time cruising the Greek islands that lie just off the mainland, join our optional excursion. Lunch and traditional entertainment are also included, so relax and enjoy! (B)

ATHENS TIARE HOTEL, ATHENS (4 STAR)

DAY 4 ATHENS – NAFPAKTOS

You can brush up on your Greek mythology on today's excursion to the Peloponnese region, the legendary stomping ground of the gods, crossing the Corinth Canal on the way. Visit the Theatre of Epidauros, then head to the first capital of modern Greece, Nafplion. After time to get lunch, we set our sights on the Palace complex of Mycenae and end our day at the Treasury of Atreus, an impressive royal tomb. (B,D)

NAFPAKTOS HOTEL, NAFPAKTOS (3 STAR)

DAY 5 NAFPAKTOS – VOLOS

The pretty port city of Nafpaktos is a delight to explore on foot. After this you can rest your legs as we head up to the Castle of Nafpaktos by coach. It's wonderfully preserved, and from its hilltop position you'll get fantastic views.

We'll take to the road once again and head to one of the most sacred sites in Greece, Delphi. Said to be the place where heaven and earth meet, this was an important religious sanctuary. Your sightseeing includes the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Treasury of Athenians, where the offerings were stored. (B)

VOLOS PALACE HOTEL, VOLOS (4 STAR)

DAY 6 VOLOS – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend the day just as you wish, whether that's relaxing, exploring at your own pace, or joining an optional excursion to visit the famous Meteora Monasteries, perched atop towering pillars of rock. (B)

VOLOS PALACE HOTEL, VOLOS (4 STAR)

DAY 7 VOLOS – DAY AT LEISURE

You can choose to take a memorable journey through stunning scenery today on our optional excursion aboard the legendary Pelion steam train to picturesque villages and the art galleries of Makrinitsa.

Later, you're invited to a Greek evening at a tsipouradiko – a type of tavern known for their fresh fish – in Volos. On the menu will be traditional dishes alongside the anise-flavoured aperitifs ouzo and tsipouro, after which these taverns are named. (B,D)

VOLOS PALACE HOTEL, VOLOS (4 STAR)

DAY 8 THESSALONIKI – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – easyJet Holiday ref: FGATH

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
10 May	17 May	£1449	✓
07 Jun	14 Jun	£1499	✓
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Chania



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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
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7 NIGHTS
in a 4-star hotel



HALF BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 7 dinners (D)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Sample Cretan coffee at a traditional kafeneion



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Tour Lecturer



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Wildflower meadows and the White Mountains tour
- Explore the Akrotiri Peninsula
- Chania and its Venetian harbour
- Discover Spili and the Minoan Cemetery
- Visit the ancient city of Aptera

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

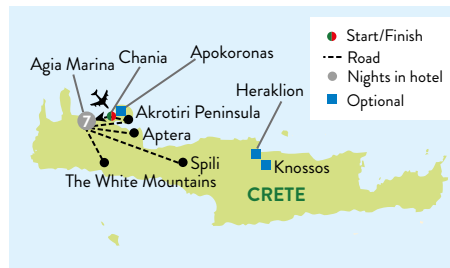
- Knossos Palace and Heraklion
- Wildflowers of Apokoronas and visit to a womens co-operative to discover how lace and silk are produced

DAY 1 UK – CRETE

You'll depart on your flight to Chania today. On arrival we'll transfer you to the lovely seaside resort of Agia Marina, on Crete's north-west coast. (D)

DAY 2 THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

You should see plenty of wildflowers on today's tour, which takes you into the Omalos Upland Plain, Crete's orange-growing region. As you ascend into the spectacular scenery of the White Mountains, past traditional farms and fragrant citrus groves, your Tour Lecturer will share their knowledge with you. They'll tell you about the various types of flora you might see, including daphnes, tulips, peonies and anemones. You'll also learn about the many types of endemic flowers



that only grow in this part of the island. Your next stop is the viewpoint at the entrance of the Samaria Gorge, which is believed to be the largest in Europe. It's said that at least 450 types of plant grow here, so you're sure to notch up more wildflower spots. (B,D)

DAY 3 AGIA MARINA – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend today is entirely up to you. You could choose a day of relaxation and take the few steps from your hotel to the sandy Blue Flag beach. Alternatively, join an optional excursion to the north coast and the magnificent Minoan Palace ruins of Knossos. The seat of the legendary King Minos, this multi-storeyed palace covered an area of 22,000 square metres. The Minoans were Europe's first advanced civilisation, and you'll learn all about them as well as hear about the mythological labyrinth – the dwelling of the Minotaur. You'll then head to Crete's capital Heraklion. There's time to stop for lunch if you wish, and to admire the Old Town's Venetian walls and the ancient fortress that dominates the harbour. (B,D)

DAY 4 AKROTIRI PENINSULA & CHANIA

Spend time with your Tour Lecturer today as they host a botanical ramble around the Akrotiri Peninsula. You'll also visit the Byzantine monastery of Agia Triada, one of the most significant monuments on Crete.

We're going to end our day in Chania. One of Crete's most beautiful cities, it boasts a picturesque Old Town with Neoclassical buildings and an enchanting Venetian harbour. (B,D)

DAY 5 SPILI

We drive east today towards Rethymno and visit the Minoan cemetery of Armenoi, which in spring displays a mass of wildflowers. We then continue our journey to Spili, hunting for orchids and other flowers along the way. This charming mountain village is well known for the spring-water fountain in its main square, which features a row of sculptured lion heads. (B,D)

DAY 6 APTERA

A morning of exploration takes you to the hilltop city state of Aptera, the most powerful city of western Crete during the Minoan period. In the company of

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your Tour Lecturer, you'll discover the remains of an ancient city whose impressive walls date back to the 5th century BC. Temples, Roman cisterns and a Byzantine monastery stand in a beautiful landscape strewn with wildflowers. (B,D)

DAY 7 AGIA MARINA – DAY AT LEISURE

If relaxation is high on your list, you may want to head to the beach today, or enjoy your hotel's facilities.

If you choose to join today's optional excursion you'll head to Apokoronas, an area located at the foot of the White Mountains and renowned for its wildflowers. Your tour ends in the lovely beach resort of Almyrida, where, if you wish, you can enjoy lunch by the sea. (B,D)

DAY 8 CRETE – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - easyJet Holiday ref: FGRSC

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
14 Apr	21 Apr	£999	✓
21 Apr	28 Apr	£1129	✓
28 Apr	05 May	£1049	✓

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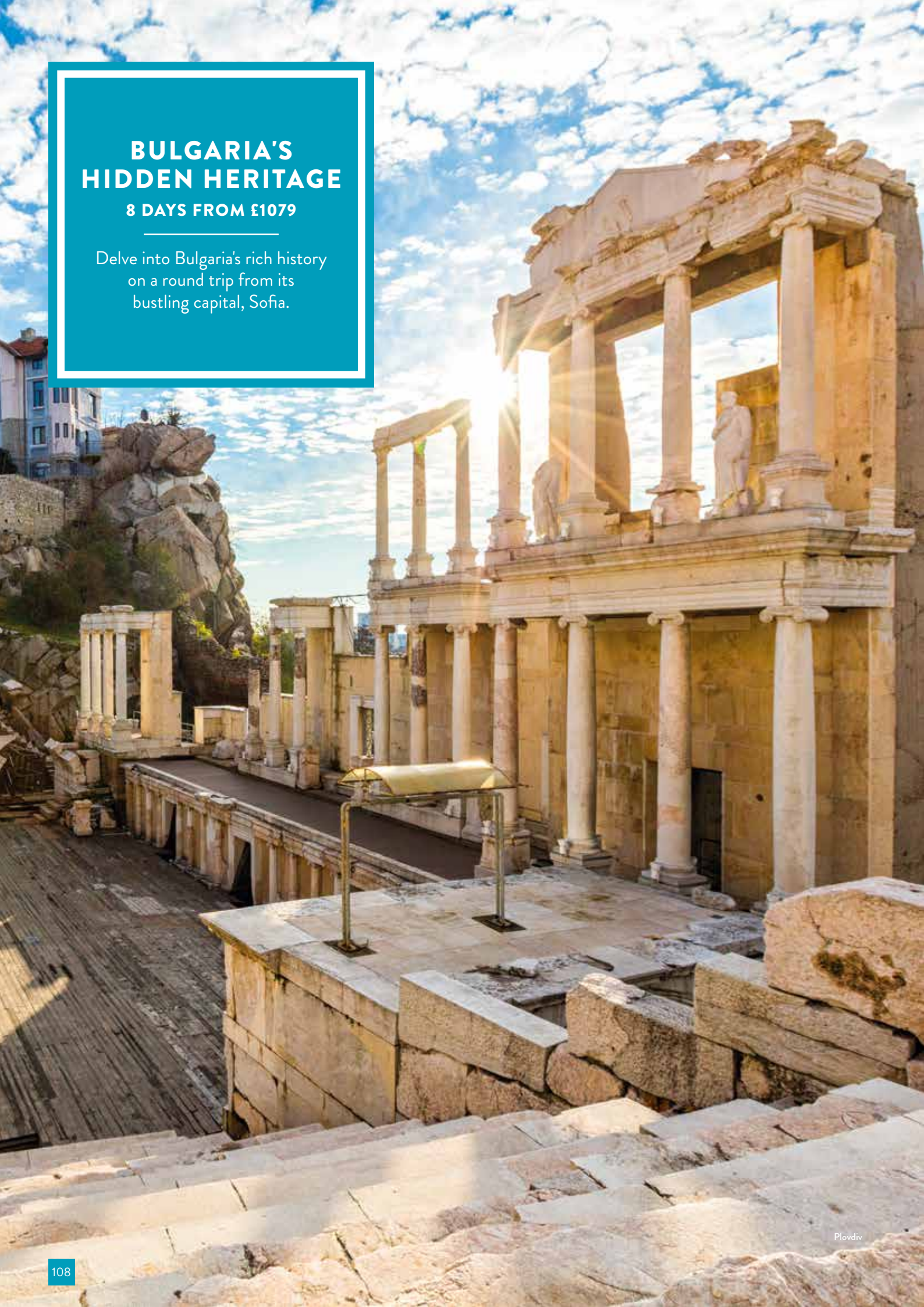
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Rila Monastery



Sofia

FAVOURITE MOMENT

As well as local specialities including porcini soup served in a bread bowl, traditional dancing is on the menu at your farewell dinner and folklore show.

DAY 6 KMETOVTSI – SOFIA

After breakfast today you're going to visit a rose oil distillery. The damask rose, or Bulgarian rose, has a deep and intense scent, and the country is one of the top producers of rose oil. This highly prized commodity is used to make some of the world's most famous and expensive perfumes – to make just 1kg of oil it takes three tonnes of petals. This is why rose oil is known as 'liquid gold'. You'll see just how it is produced on your tour and you'll even get to sample products including rose water and rose and lavender oil.

Next we'll head to Kazanlak to see a Thracian tomb dating back to the 4th century BC. Our journey here takes us via the scenic Shipka Pass, which winds through mountainous terrain. (B)

HOTEL ARENA DI SERDICA, SOFIA (5 STAR)

DAY 7 SOFIA

This morning join your Tour Manager for a walking tour of Sofia to discover onion-domed churches, Ottoman mosques and many of the country's finest museums and galleries.

This afternoon, why not come with us on an optional excursion to the Rila Monastery. Founded by a hermit monk in around 927 AD, it's the largest in Bulgaria.

Tonight, we're going to head back into the capital to enjoy dinner and a traditional folklore show. The restaurant we are going to dates back to the 19th century and is located close to Lion's Bridge. An array of delicious Bulgarian specialities will be on the menu, including chicken prepared in a large clay egg and porcini soup served in a bowl of bread. (B,D)

HOTEL ARENA DI SERDICA, SOFIA (5 STAR)

DAY 8 SOFIA – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: FBULG

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 May	16 May	£1099	✓
06 Jun	13 Jun	£1129	✓
04 Jul	11 Jul	£1129	✓
01 Aug	08 Aug	£1159	✓
12 Sep	19 Sep	£1199	✓
19 Sep	26 Sep	£1149	✓
03 Oct	10 Oct	£1079	✓

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

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TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Dinner in Plovdiv's Old Town
- Explore Plovdiv's Roman and Ottoman sites
- Discover Nessebar, including the archaeological museum
- Varna's archaeological museum and the 'Madara Horseman'
- Tryavna and Etara
- Visit a rose oil distillery
- Travel through the scenic Shipka Pass
- Discover Sofia

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Visit the Rila Monastery



DAY 1 UK – SOFIA

After your flight to Sofia we'll transfer you to your hotel in Plovdiv. This evening we'll get together and head into the Old Town where we'll enjoy dinner. (D) **GRAND HOTEL, PLOVDIV OR HOTEL LANDMARK CREEK, PLOVDIV (4 STAR)**

DAY 2 PLOVDIV – VARNA

Enjoy breakfast before setting off on a day of sightseeing, which begins with a walking tour of Plovdiv.

As we explore the Old Town we'll see its Roman amphitheatre, which dates back to the 2nd century AD and was uncovered during a landslide in 1972.

We'll then continue by road to Varna, with an included visit en route to Nessebar. This UNESCO-listed city is situated on a rocky peninsula jutting out into the Black Sea and is connected to the mainland by a narrow causeway. Here, you'll find remains of Roman and medieval walls and cobblestone streets lined with houses built in Bulgarian National Revival style. However, it is mostly known for its many ancient churches from different periods of history. Each has a tale to tell, from the Church of St John the Baptist with its cylindrical dome, to St Stephen's Church and its 16th century frescoes. (B)

HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP, VARNA (4 STAR)

DAY 3 VARNA

Today you'll visit Varna to see the fascinating relics housed in its archaeological museum. There are thousands of exhibits from the Stone and Middle Ages, including the Gold of Varna. This is the oldest gold treasure in the world and was found in the necropolis of Varna – known as the largest prehistoric necropolis in south-eastern Europe.

The afternoon has been left free for you to explore Varna at your own pace. The city has plenty of shops and restaurants as well as art galleries and an aquarium showcasing the creatures found in the Black Sea. (B)

HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP, VARNA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 VARNA – KMETOVTSI

You're heading to Kmetovtsi for an overnight stay. Your first stop is Madara, where you'll see the impressive Madara Horseman. This early medieval rock relief is carved into a plateau and depicts a horseman trailed by a running dog, with a lion crushed beneath the horse's hooves. The sculpture was created in the 7th century more than 20 metres up a 100-metre-high cliff and is one of Bulgaria's most famous monuments.

Next we continue to the town of Veliko Tarnovo, which is home to a reconstructed fortress and well-maintained streets lined with wooden houses. Perhaps walk up Zarevets Hill to enjoy breathtaking views over the town and the numerous monasteries that decorate the picturesque gorges of the Yantra River. (B,D)

HOTEL FENERITE, KMETOVTSI (3 STAR)

DAY 5 TRYAVNA & ETARA

The town of Tryavna, which lies at the foot of a mountain, is where you'll head today. Known as a centre of culture and crafts, the Tryavna Artistic School was established here in the 18th to 19th centuries, and you'll see evidence of craftsmanship all around as you explore. The clock tower is the first sight sure to catch your eye. This central landmark has been standing since 1814, and the whole square in which it sits is the only completely preserved complex from the Bulgarian National Revival period. You can also watch craftsmen at work and visit the Woodcarving Museum, one of many in the town, before we head to the open-air museum of Etara. In all, this museum boasts 50 sites showcasing Bulgarian life at the turn of the 19th century. (B,D)

HOTEL FENERITE, KMETOVTSI (3 STAR)

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TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Reykjavik
- Eyjafjalla and Mýrdalsjökull glaciers
- Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls
- The Westman Islands and Heimaey Island
- The Golden Circle
- Geysir and Strokkur geysers
- Light lunch at a geothermal greenhouse

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Whale-watching from Reykjavik's Old Harbour
- The Blue Lagoon



DAY 1 UK – REYKJAVIK

After your flight to Keflavik International Airport, there's just a short onward transfer to Reykjavik. This evening we'll get together and head to a restaurant for an Icelandic welcome dinner. (D)

SKUGGI HOTEL, REYKJAVIK (3 STAR)

DAY 2 SOUTH SHORE

Your Icelandic adventure starts with a sightseeing tour of the capital Reykjavik. You'll then head to the Eyjafjalla and Mýrdalsjökull glaciers, where you've the chance to walk behind the Seljalandsfoss waterfall, before learning about geothermal energy at an exhibition at the Hellisheiði Power Plant.

Next, we take you to the tiny settlement of Skógar and one of Iceland's best folk museums, before arrival at Skógafoss waterfall – one of the country's largest. Our journey then takes us past the Sólheimajökull glacier en route to the black-sand beach of Reynisfjara and the southernmost village in Iceland, Vik. (B,D)

HOTEL STRACTA, SOUTH SHORE (3 STAR)

DAY 3 WESTMAN ISLANDS

You're going to stay on the Westman Islands tonight, reached by a 30-minute ferry crossing. We'll spend the morning exploring the island of Heimaey, where highlights include the ancient fort of Skansinn and a walk up to the crater of the Eldfell volcanic cone. We'll also head to Elephant Rock, where you'll be left in no doubts as to how it got its name when you see the shape of the rock. Then finally we'll visit Eldheimar, a museum depicting the story of the 1973 volcanic eruption on Heimaey, one of Iceland's biggest natural disasters. (B)

HOTEL VESTMANNAEYJAR, WESTMAN ISLANDS (3 STAR)

DAY 4 GOLDEN CIRCLE

You're heading back to Iceland's capital today, for a two-night stay. Before arrival, a day of sightseeing takes us around the famous Golden Circle route and starts at the mighty Gullfoss, or Golden Waterfall. The next wonders of nature you'll view are the Geysir and Strokkur geysers at Haukadalur hot springs. Later, we'll learn how it's possible to grow crops in Iceland's cold climate at Fridgeimar, a geothermal greenhouse, where we'll take a break for lunch. Another delicious treat here is a drink of schnapps, which is served in a tomato!

Your day ends in UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park, where you'll get to walk along the Great Atlantic Rift. This is where two plates of the earth's crust are slowly pulling Iceland apart. (B,L)

SKUGGI HOTEL, REYKJAVIK (3 STAR)

DAY 5 REYKJAVIK – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to explore more of Reykjavik at

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Walk behind the roaring Seljalandsfoss waterfall - one of the few in the world where you can do so.

your own pace. If you want to learn about Iceland's history and heritage, we recommend a trip to the National Museum. Alternatively, you could take in panoramic views of the city from the 73-metre-high tower at Hallgímskirkja church.

If you'd rather join an organised trip, there are two fabulous opportunities today. This morning you will have the chance to join an optional whale-watching excursion. Then later this afternoon, there's an optional visit to the incredible Blue Lagoon - Iceland's famous geothermal spa - where you can relax in the warm mineral-rich waters. (B)

SKUGGI HOTEL, REYKJAVIK (3 STAR)

DAY 6 REYKJAVIK – UK

Today we will transfer you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Icelandair Holiday ref: FIRE

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 Apr*	11 Apr	£2099	✓
05 Oct	10 Oct	£2099	✓

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* Flight from London Gatwick on this date

FLIGHT CHOICES

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Flight upgrade

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Arctic Cathedral, Tromsø



Sami and reindeer



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LOCAL FLAVOURS

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TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Tromsø
- Visit the Polaria Museum
- Husky sledding in search of the Northern Lights
- Sami cultural experience including reindeer sledding and lunch

DAY 1 UK – TROMSØ

Depart on your flight to Tromsø. This lively city sits in a wonderful position, surrounded by blue fjords and majestic mountains. It is the perfect base from which to explore the region in the company of your Tour Manager.

DAY 2 TROMSØ

Tromsø is famous for its midnight sun during the summer and dark polar nights in winter. Join your Local Guide and discover the city's best sights today, including a photostop at the spectacular Arctic Cathedral, designed to resemble an iceberg. You'll also visit the Polaria Museum where you can learn about the marine life of the Arctic and admire the bearded seals which live here. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore further at your own pace. This evening, you'll head to the Tromsø Wilderness Camp where you will slip into a special cold-weather suit and boots ready for your exciting included husky sledding excursion. As your husky-driven sleigh glides rapidly through the snowy landscape, keep your eyes peeled for the amazing Aurora Borealis, more commonly known as the Northern Lights. Tromsø is at the heart of the Northern Lights zone, making it one of the best places in the world to view this spectacular, natural phenomenon, which is caused when electrically charged particles from the sun enter the Earth's atmosphere. Be sure to keep your fingers crossed for a sighting.

Later, you will arrive at a lavvu dwelling – a traditional Sami dwelling which looks similar to a Native American tepee – where you will enjoy a traditional Sami meal around a roaring fire. If conditions are right, you'll have plenty more opportunities to see the Northern Lights tonight as you won't return to your hotel until late. (B,D)

DAY 3 CAMP TAMOK

Today, head to Camp Tamok, where you'll spend a full day with your Sami hosts as they introduce you to their fascinating culture. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a reindeer sled on a drive through the park, plus learn the art of lasso throwing – an essential skill for Sami reindeer herders. After the morning's adventures, relax in the lavvu where you'll be served a warming lunch and have the chance to admire Sami handicrafts and hear traditional folk tales. (B,L)

DAY 4 TROMSØ – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to explore Tromsø and the surrounding area. Why not sample the local speciality of Mack beer, which is brewed in the world's northernmost brewery. (B)

DAY 5 TROMSØ – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

You won't believe your eyes when the Northern Lights come out to play.

YOUR HOTEL



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2020 GATWICK – Norwegian Airlines Holiday ref: FNH

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START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
10 Feb	14 Feb	£1599	✓
16 Mar	20 Mar	£1599	✓
09 Nov	13 Nov	£1299	

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Baden, main square



Charles Bridge, Prague



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7 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Viennese apple strudel-making demonstration

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hungary's capital, Budapest
- Visit the historic town of Eisenstadt
- Tour of Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace visit
- Walking tour of Prague

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Sunset cocktail cruise on the River Danube (pre-bookable only)
- Vienna Woods, Heiligenkreuz Abbey and the spa town of Baden
- Mozart & Strauss concert (pre-bookable only)



DAY 1 UK – BUDAPEST

You'll fly to Budapest today, where on arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel.

VERDI GRAND, BUDAPEST (4 STAR)

DAY 2 BUDAPEST

Today you'll explore Hungary's capital on an included sightseeing tour. This delightful city is split in two by the famous River Danube, with the historic quarters of Buda on one side and the modern architecture and bustling streets of Pest on the other. They are linked by eight bridges that span the river, so you'll spend today wandering between the two, discovering their many highlights. There's the impressive Heroes'

Square, one of the most visited spots in the city, which is surrounded by grand buildings and home to a fine collection of monuments and statues. You'll see St Matthias Church, located atop Buda Castle Hill, and nearby Fisherman's Bastion. The lookout towers here were built in the 1800s and now afford spectacular views of the city, the river and Pest's iconic parliamentary buildings.

You can make your own discoveries this afternoon, and maybe choose to end your day with an optional sunset cocktail cruise on the Danube this evening. (B)

VERDI GRAND, BUDAPEST (4 STAR)

DAY 3 BUDAPEST – VIENNA

You're heading to Austria today, and its elegant capital, Vienna. On the way here, we'll make a stop at the historic town of Eisenstadt, where you can stretch your legs and soak up the sights. The capital of the Burgenland region sits at the foot of the Leitha Mountains and is one of the smallest capitals in the Austrian federation. One of its main attractions is the Baroque Esterházy Palace, where the composer Haydn was musical director from 1766. (B)

ARCOTEL WIMBERGER, VIENNA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 VIENNA

Vienna is arguably one of Europe's most ornate and beautiful cities, and you'll see it in all its glory on a morning tour. You'll view St Stephen's Cathedral with its imposing Gothic spire, and the grand Hofburg Palace, which is one of the biggest palace complexes in the world. This was the residence and seat of government of the Habsburg emperors until 1918, and the oldest parts of the building date back to the 13th century.

A highlight this morning is sure to be your visit to the equally impressive Schönbrunn Palace. Here you'll discover the secret of the Viennese apple strudel - the master confectioners are true entertainers - and enjoy a taste with a tea or coffee.

We've left the rest of the day free for you to spend as you wish. (B,D)

ARCOTEL WIMBERGER, VIENNA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 VIENNA – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today making your own discoveries in Vienna, or perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion to Vienna Woods. This heavily forested region is a UNESCO-designated biosphere reserve. Within this stunning landscape, nestled at the foot of the Austrian Alps, is the Heiligenkreuz Abbey, founded in 1133 and inhabited ever since by Cistercian monks. On your visit, if you're lucky, the silence might be broken by the haunting sounds of Gregorian chant. Your tour ends in the delightful spa town of Baden, where you can explore at your own pace. Its main square boasts historic buildings including the Kaiserhaus, where Emperor Franz I would spend the summer, and there are many museums and shops to discover.

Vienna is famous for its café culture, so once back why not relax over a cup of Austrian coffee and indulge in a slice of sachertorte. This rich chocolate cake was invented for Prince Wenzel von Metternich in 1832 and is now a world-famous culinary speciality.

If you'd like to attend a concert, you can enjoy the works of Mozart and Strauss during an optional evening out in Vienna. (B)

ARCOTEL WIMBERGER, VIENNA (4 STAR)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Discover the best views in Budapest from the terrace of Fisherman's Bastion, where you can marvel at the Parliament Building and the Danube.



DAY 6 VIENNA – PRAGUE

The Czech Republic is your final destination, and you'll head here after breakfast this morning. Your first stop will be the lovely little town of Telc, which is so picturesque its main square is often described as one of the most beautiful in Europe. As you explore at your own pace, be sure to admire the Renaissance chateau on the square, which resembles a castle plucked straight out of the pages of a fairy tale.

We finish the day in Prague, the Czech Republic's largest city and its capital. (B)

CLARION CONGRESS HOTEL, PRAGUE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 PRAGUE

Prague is full of historic highlights and is fascinating to explore, and that's just what you'll do on a walking tour today. Head to the Old Town to see landmarks including Wenceslas Square, which is home to the famous Astronomical Clock. This is one of the most elaborate timepieces ever built, and the 'Walk of the Apostles', when carved figures of Christ and his Disciples are set in motion, really is a delight to watch. You'll also cross the 14th century Charles Bridge, where local artists display their work and musicians will serenade you.

When your tour ends, head off and take in more sights independently. Perhaps head to the Jewish quarter, where you'll find six synagogues and the Old Jewish Cemetery in what was once the largest Jewish ghetto in Europe. Maybe you'll head to a café or a bar, to enjoy a coffee or try one of the Czech Republic's famous beers.

This evening a dinner cruise is included, so enjoy the sights and a feast of Czech specialities as you sail on the Vltava River. (B,D)

CLARION CONGRESS HOTEL, PRAGUE (4 STAR)

DAY 8 PRAGUE – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport today for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: FEBVP

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Jun	25 Jun	£1499	✓
17 Sep	24 Sep	£1599	✓

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

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Flight upgrade

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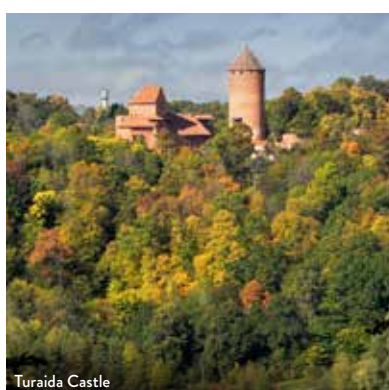
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FAVOURITE MOMENT

Spend a memorable evening at the award-winning Senoji Trobele restaurant and be treated to a traditional Lithuanian folk show of music and dancing.



DAY 7 VILNIUS

Discover Vilnius with a guided tour of its UNESCO-listed Old Town, one of the largest surviving medieval towns in Europe. You'll see St Anna's Church, St Peter's and Paul's Church, the cathedral and the Gate of Dawn. There's an optional afternoon excursion to explore the 14th century Trakai Castle, located on an island and home to a museum of art. (B) HOLIDAY INN VILNIUS, VILNIUS (4 STAR)

DAY 8 DRUSKININKAI – GRUTAS PARK – WARSAW

Today's journey by road takes us to Warsaw in Poland. On the way we'll stop off to explore the spa town of Druskininkai, which boasts many mineral springs and mud baths. Close by, we'll also visit Grutas Park, an extraordinary collection of Soviet-era sculptures. Enjoy a traditional dinner at a restaurant in Warsaw. (B,D) NOVOTEL CENTRUM WARSAW, WARSAW (4 STAR)

DAY 9 WARSAW

You'll discover the best of Warsaw as your Tour Manager and Local Guide point out all the highlights on today's tour. There's Castle Square, which fronts the Royal Castle, Sigismund's Column – the city's most famous landmark, and St John's Cathedral. Together we'll stroll through the Market Square and stop to admire the Monument of Warsaw's Uprising. (B) NOVOTEL CENTRUM WARSAW, WARSAW (4 STAR)

DAY 10 WARSAW – UK

You'll head to the airport today for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: FBALT

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
12 May	21 May	£1919	✓
09 Jun	18 Jun	£1949	✓
23 Jun	02 Jul	£1969	✓
28 Jul	06 Aug	£1969	✓
11 Aug	20 Aug	£1949	✓
01 Sep	10 Sep	£1899	✓
15 Sep	24 Sep	£1899	✓
29 Sep	08 Oct	£1799	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £550.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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DAY 2 HELSINKI – TALLINN

Discover Helsinki today with a full day of exploration. After you've enjoyed breakfast, join your Tour Manager on a stroll around the city's historical centre. Notable sights include Senate Square, the Presidential Palace, the Parliament building and Finlandia Hall, home to the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dedicated to the famed composer, the Sibelius Monument is our next highlight, followed by the Temppeliaukio Church, carved into solid rock and crowned with a copper dome.

In the afternoon we'll take the ferry to Tallinn. (B,D) SOKOS HOTEL, TALLINN (4 STAR)

DAY 3 TALLINN

Enjoy a walking tour of Tallinn this morning, which will introduce you to districts dating back to the Middle Ages. Together we'll walk along narrow streets lined by Gothic-style merchants' houses to discover Toompea Castle, Town Hall Square and the Russian orthodox Alexander Nevskij Cathedral.

In the afternoon, there is an optional tour of the grand Kadriorg Palace, a gift from Peter the Great to his wife Catherine I in the 1720s. (B) SOKOS HOTEL, TALLINN (4 STAR)

DAY 4 TURAIDA CASTLE – SIGULDA – RIGA

The next leg of your journey takes you into Latvia, where you'll stay in Riga for two nights. Our drive here gives us the chance to enjoy further sightseeing, firstly with a stop at the reconstructed medieval Turaida Castle. Later, we can stretch our legs in the pretty town of Sigulda. Located in Gauja National Park, you'll soon see why it's labelled the Latvian Switzerland!

In the evening, dine on fine food at a renowned restaurant owned by three famous chefs. (B,D) WELLTON HOTEL RIGA OR CENTRUM OR RADISSON BLU LATVIJA, RIGA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 RIGA

Explore Riga today on a walking tour with a Local Guide. Your sightseeing will include the Dome Cathedral, Riga Castle and St Peter's Cathedral. The tour ends at the famous Riga central market where we'll stop at a fish bar and enjoy a buffet of local fish specialities (as well as meat and cheeses). Latvia has a strong fishing tradition and fish dishes feature prominently in Latvian cuisine. If you feel brave you could even do as the locals do and try sprats on bread with a shot of vodka. There's an optional afternoon visit to the Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum on the banks of Lake Jugla for a fascinating insight into Latvia's culture and traditions. (B,L)

WELLTON HOTEL RIGA OR CENTRUM OR RADISSON BLU LATVIJA, RIGA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 RUNDALE PALACE – SIAULIAI – VILNIUS

Today, we drive to Vilnius, calling at the pilgrimage site of the Hill of Crosses in Siauliai, as well as Rundale Palace – a masterpiece of Baroque architecture created by Italian architect FB Rastrelli.

This evening, enjoy the traditional atmosphere of Senoji Trobele restaurant and be entertained by a folk show performed by local musicians and dancers. In this restaurant, traditional dishes are prepared from the oldest recipes and corn bread is baked daily, a staple of Lithuanian cuisine that is not to be missed. (B,D) HOLIDAY INN VILNIUS, VILNIUS (4 STAR)

CT CLASSIC TOURING

FLIGHT CHOICES

MAX 35 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways

9 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

14 MEALS
9 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
4 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Lunch experience at Riga central market

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Helsinki and discover its historical centre
- Explore Tallinn
- Turaida Castle and the town of Sigulda
- Latvia's capital Riga
- Fine dining in one of Riga's renowned restaurants
- Discover the Hill of Crosses and Rundale Palace
- Typical Lithuanian dinner with folk show
- Tour of Vilnius, Lithuania's historical capital
- Grutas Park's sculptures
- Guided tour of Polish capital Warsaw

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour of Kadriorg Palace
- The Open-Air Museum in Riga
- Trakai Castle and its art museum



DAY 1 UK – HELSINKI

You'll depart on your flight to the Finnish capital, Helsinki. Upon arrival you'll have some free time to explore at your leisure and find a spot for dinner to sample the local cuisine.

RADISSON BLUE ALEKSANTERI HOTEL, HELSINKI (4 STAR)

MOSCOW & ST PETERSBURG

8 DAYS FROM £1949

Discover the iconic sites of these two great cities and get an insight into the opulent lives of Russian aristocracy.

St Basil's Cathedral, Red Square, Moscow



St Petersburg



The Kremlin, Moscow



Vodka-tasting



State Hermitage Museum



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Lufthansa via Munich

7 NIGHTS
in 4 and 5-star hotels

10 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 3 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Vodka-tasting with pancakes and red caviar in the Russian Vodka Museum

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

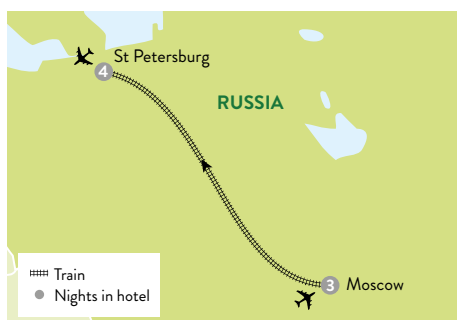
TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Moscow tour
- The Kremlin and Armoury Museum
- The Museum of Patriotic War of 1812
- Tolstoy's House, Khamovniki
- St Petersburg tour
- State Hermitage Museum visit
- Catherine Palace and gardens
- Fabergé Museum visit

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Ballet performance in St Petersburg



DAY 1 UK – MOSCOW

Depart on your flights to Moscow. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel in the Russian capital. (D)
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MOSCOW PAVELETSKAYA (4 STAR)

DAY 2 THE KREMLIN & ARMOURY MUSEUM

Today you'll discover the highlights of Moscow on a sightseeing tour. The city boasts some incredible architecture, so be sure to have your camera at the ready. Later, we delve further into the city's history with a visit to The Kremlin. On arrival at this mighty fortress, there's time to admire its magnificent cathedrals and palaces prior to your tour of the Armoury Museum. The collection here fills nine halls and on display you'll see jewellery, armour, weaponry, imperial clothing and many other treasures. (B)
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MOSCOW PAVELETSKAYA (4 STAR)

DAY 3 THE MUSEUM OF PATRIOTIC WAR OF 1812 & LEO TOLSTOY ESTATE

Today we'll visit The Museum of Patriotic War of 1812, located in the very centre of Moscow, just a few steps away from the Red Square. It is housed in a beautiful 19th century red-brick building, which was originally Moscow's City Hall and then became the State Lenin Museum during the Soviet period. The exhibition contains a fascinating collection of weapons, uniforms, documents and works of art relating to the War of 1812, including rooms dedicated to the Battle of Borodino and Napoleon's retreat from Moscow.



Catherine Palace

Your explorations continue this afternoon as we head to Khamovniki to visit the Leo Tolstoy Museum Estate, one of Russia's oldest literary museums. The writer lived in this house from 1882 to 1901 and penned many famous works here. (B)

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MOSCOW PAVELETSKAYA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 MOSCOW – ST PETERSBURG

We're heading to St Petersburg today, which we reach via a four-hour journey on the Sapsan fast train. We'll stay in the city for the next four nights. (B,D)
DOM BOUTIQUE HOTEL, ST PETERSBURG (5 STAR)

DAY 5 ST PETERSBURG

St Petersburg, formerly Leningrad, was the capital of Russia until the October Revolution in 1917. On today's sightseeing tour we'll see its palaces, broad avenues and a host of architectural treasures. There's time too to make your own discoveries and explore at your own pace.

You've the chance to attend a ballet at one of St Petersburg's renowned theatres on an optional excursion, which promises to be an amazing experience. (B)
DOM BOUTIQUE HOTEL, ST PETERSBURG (5 STAR)

DAY 6 HERMITAGE MUSEUM & VODKA TASTING

Today's highlight is the remarkable State Hermitage Museum, where we've arranged a fascinating guided tour. On display is a wonderful showcase of wealth, art and culture with more than three million items in its collection, and we'll see as much as possible.

You're heading to another museum this afternoon, the Russian Vodka Museum, where you will learn all about the country's national drink. After your tour we've arranged a tasting in authentic Russian style, with pancakes and red caviar. (B)
DOM BOUTIQUE HOTEL, ST PETERSBURG (5 STAR)

DAY 7 CATHERINE PALACE & THE FABERGÉ MUSEUM

Today we head to Pushkin to see the Catherine Palace, a Baroque masterpiece named after Peter the Great's wife, Catherine I. As we explore the palace and gardens, you'll get a glimpse of the Russian high life and an understanding of the extravagance of Russia's Imperial rulers.

This afternoon, you'll gain further insight into the opulent lives of the Russian tsars on an included visit to the Fabergé Museum. Inside, you'll see nine of the Imperial Fabergé eggs given by the two last tsars of Russia to their wives and mothers as elaborate Easter gifts. (B,D)
DOM BOUTIQUE HOTEL, ST PETERSBURG (5 STAR)

DAY 8 ST PETERSBURG – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Discover stunning Fabergé Eggs, given by the Tsars to their wives as elaborate gifts.



YOUR HOTELS



Dom Boutique Hotel, St Petersburg

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT MOSCOW PAVELETSKAYA ★★★★★

This modern, stylish hotel is located close to the city centre. It features a restaurant and lobby bar. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

DOM BOUTIQUE HOTEL, ST PETERSBURG ★★★★★

Located in a beautiful 19th century mansion, your hotel is in the heart of St Petersburg, close to its many attractions. It features a restaurant and bar.

YOUR RUSSIAN VISA APPLICATION

British citizens require a visa to travel to Russia. Your application must be arranged in person at a Russian Embassy, but we will assist you with this in every way we can. We will send you a visa application form and guidance notes.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Lufthansa Holiday ref: FRMP

Flights via Munich

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
14 May	21 May	£1949	✓
16 Jul	23 Jul	£2149	✓
06 Aug	13 Aug	£2149	✓
10 Sep	17 Sep	£1949	✓
24 Sep	01 Oct	£1949	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £550.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.


FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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A price reduction of £325 applies.



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A few of our favourites

TASTY TREATS

Visit a farmhouse for a tasting of Culatello ham and Parmigiana cheese.

Cruising the Heart of Italy

– see page 121

A CROWN JEWEL

Marvel at the ornate architecture of the stunning Alhambra Palace.

The Spirit of Andalucia

– see page 122

WORLD-FAMOUS WINE

Head to Oporto, the world-famous home of port wine, and indulge in a tasting.

The Golden River - Valley of the Douro

– see page 123

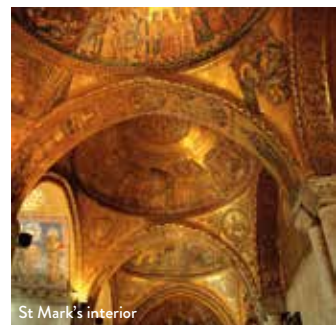
VENICE & THE VENETIAN LAGOON

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Admire Venice's unique highlights, from St Mark's Cathedral to the Doge's Palace, and venture beyond this iconic floating city to discover Padua and the islands of Murano and Burano.



Venice



St Mark's interior



Murano glass



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with British Airways



4-NIGHT CRUISE
on board 4-star MS Michelangelo



ALL INCLUSIVE
4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L),
4 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding
Champagne and selected wines)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Farewell gala dinner on board - French
cuisine with a touch of European flair



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Enjoy a boat trip to the islands of Murano and Burano
- Visit a Gondola workshop and a Venetian mask-making workshop
- Visit historic Padua and discover its impressive Basilica of Saint Anthony
- Onboard evening entertainment

You also have a choice of included excursions to really tailor-make your perfect holiday. Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Visit to the Doge's Palace and the San Marco's seat

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Hear all about Casanova's adventures on a Casanova and Castles tour



DAY 1 UK – VENICE

You will depart on your flight to Venice today. On arrival you will board your ship. Settle into your comfortable cabin before enjoying dinner and meeting the crew at a Captain's welcome cocktail reception on board. (D)

DAY 2 VENICE

Get to know Venice more on today's guided tour of the city. Begin in St Mark's Square, where you can discover its crowning glory, the stunning St Mark's Cathedral, before continuing to the Doge's Palace.

An alternative shore excursion today gives you the chance to learn about one of the most famous lovers in history, Casanova.

In the afternoon, you'll discover the nearby islands of Murano and Burano in the company of a guide on a relaxing boat trip.

Then, enjoy an evening of excellent onboard entertainment, followed by an overnight stay in this unique city. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 VENICE

Today we visit a gondola workshop and learn all the secrets of this art directly from the master artisans. Afterwards, we'll visit a Venetian carnival mask-making workshop. The afternoon has been left free for you to explore more at your own pace if you wish. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 PADUA

Cruise across the magnificent Venetian Lagoon for a tour of Padua. Explore the city on foot, taking in its medieval marketplaces and the Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua – a fascinating Roman Catholic church that serves as a place of pilgrimage for people visiting from all over the world. Back on board the ship, enjoy a farewell gala dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 VENICE – UK

After breakfast, it's time to disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



MS MICHELANGELO ★★★★★

You will stay on board the 4-star ship MS Michelangelo. Facilities include a restaurant, bar-lounge, sun deck, gift shop and wi-fi. Cabins feature en suite facilities with shower, TV, hair-dryer, radio and safe.

CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Upper Deck with picture windows from £125 per person for the duration of your cruise.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: KVEN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 Mar	13 Mar	£1199	✓
23 Jul	27 Jul	£1399	✓
20 Aug	24 Aug	£1399	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £350.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

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Vicenza



Verona



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6 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L),
6 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding
Champagne and selected wines)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Farewell gala dinner on board - French
cuisine with a touch of European flair



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Murano and Burano islands
- Guided tour of Vicenza
- Discover Mantua
- Guided tour of Cremona and Parma
- Onboard evening entertainment

You also have a choice of included excursions
to really tailor-make your perfect holiday.
Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Walking tour of Venice and the Doge's Palace
- Explore Verona

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Follow in the footsteps of Casanova in Venice
- Explore Verona by bike and visit the
Giusti Gardens



DAY 1 UK – VENICE

You'll fly to Venice today and on arrival we will transfer you to your ship. Settle into your cabin before enjoying dinner and meeting the crew at the Captain's welcome cocktail reception. (D)

DAY 2 VENICE

The delights of Venice await, and if you have chosen the Explorer Package, today you'll discover St Mark's Square on foot and enjoy a tour of Doge's Palace. Alternatively, if you have booked the Discovery Package, you will explore Venice by following in the footsteps of Giacomo Girolamo Casanova, who was born in the city in 1725.

This afternoon, everyone is invited to join an excursion to the Venetian Lagoon islands of Murano and Burano. This evening has been left free for you to explore Venice at your leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 VENICE – CHIOGGIA – VICENZA – PORTO VIRO – ROVIGO

After cruising to Chioggia, we'll head to Vicenza for a guided tour. As you enjoy your tour, the ship will cruise to Porto Viro, where we'll rejoin it and spend the afternoon cruising towards Rovigo. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 ROVIGO – TORRETTA – VERONA – VALDARO

After breakfast, we cruise to Torretta. This afternoon, you've the chance to explore Verona. If you've opted for the Explorer Package, your sightseeing tour will take you to Casa di Giulietta, where you'll see Juliet's balcony. After this, you'll head to the iconic Arena di Verona, a Roman amphitheatre which encapsulates 2,000 years of history. Alternatively, the Discovery Package includes a bicycle tour of Verona and a visit to the magnificent Giusti Gardens. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 VALDARO – MANTUA

The ship will cruise to Mantua this morning and on arrival you can choose to join an optional guided tour. Highlights include the vast 500-room Palazzo Ducale di Mantova and the historic centre of the city. (B,L,D)

YOUR CRUISE SHIP

MS MICHELANGELO

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CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Upper Deck with picture windows from £150 per person for the duration of your cruise.



DAY 6 MANTUA – CREMONA – PARMA

Today, join us on an excursion to Cremona where a stroll through the historical centre reveals its hidden treasures. We'll then head to the town of Polesine Parmense and visit a farmhouse.

In the afternoon, we'll go to Parma to indulge in art, music, history and more food! Back on board this evening we'll enjoy a farewell gala dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 MANTUA – VENICE – UK

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Venice for your flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways **Holiday ref:** KVMA

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
17 Jun	23 Jun	£1949	✓
27 Jul	02 Aug	£1989	✓
24 Aug	30 Aug	£1989	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £460.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

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A price reduction of £170 applies.

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ALL INCLUSIVE
7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding Champagne and selected wines) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy an authentic tapas lunch in Cordoba

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Guided walking tour of Seville, the regional capital of Andalucia
- Panoramic coach tour of Jerez
- Discover the ancient city of Cadiz by night and by day
- A flamenco performance on board the ship
- Isla Minima Nature Reserve (In the summer months visit the Wharf of the Caravels)
- Visit the island of Minima, where you can watch a horse show
- Tasting of local specialties in a Bodega
- Tour of Granada to discover the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens
- Farewell gala dinner
- Onboard evening entertainment

DAY 1 UK – SEVILLE

After your flight to Seville, embark your ship, MS Belle de Cadix, late this afternoon. Meet the captain and crew at a welcome cocktail reception. (D)

DAY 2 SEVILLE – CORDOBA – SEVILLE

Today you will travel to Cordoba by coach and visit



the Mezquita, the former Jewish quarter and the 14th century synagogue. After a tapas lunch, there's free time to explore independently. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 SEVILLE – CADIZ

Begin today with a guided walking tour of Seville, starting in the Plaza de España. You'll then return to the ship to start your cruise. As you pass through Doñana National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, keep a lookout for birds - many different species thrive in this habitat.

On arrival in Cadiz this evening, join your guide for a walking tour. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 JEREZ – CADIZ – EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

This morning you'll journey to Jerez by coach. You'll see the Alcazar, a former Moorish fortress, the cathedral and the old Jerez mosque. You'll return to Cadiz and explore its old centre this afternoon, and then enjoy a flamenco show on board this evening. Later, the ship will set sail for El Puerto de Santa Maria. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA – ISLA MINIMA – SEVILLE

Today you will visit a Bodega renowned for its production of Manzanilla, a variety of dry sherry. The ship then cruises to Isla Minima, arriving early in the evening. You'll step ashore to visit a typical Andalusian hacienda and watch an impressive horse show. Later, the ship will sail back to Seville. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 SEVILLE – GRANADA – SEVILLE

Today, you'll travel by road to Granada to visit the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. Spend the afternoon making your own discoveries. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 SEVILLE – ISLA MINIMA NATURE RESERVE

Enjoy a morning at leisure on board your ship, before heading ashore to visit the Isla Minima Nature Reserve. This unspoilt area of natural beauty is home to an amazing variety of bird species, which you will discover as you explore in the company of a guide. On our August departure, you'll visit the Wharf of the Caravels

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



MS LA BELLE CADIX ★★★★★

You will stay on board the 4-star premium ship MS La Belle Cadix. On board you'll find a restaurant, bar-lounge, sun deck, gift shop and wi-fi. Cabins feature en suite facilities with shower, TV, hair-dryer, radio and safe. Upper and Middle Deck cabins have Panoramic windows and Upper Deck cabins have French balconies.

CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Middle Deck from £200 or Upper Deck from £255 per person for the duration of your cruise.

instead, where you will see replicas of ships used by Christopher Columbus. Back on board, enjoy a farewell gala dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 SEVILLE – UK

You'll disembark the ship after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - easyJet Holiday ref: KSHFPP

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
05 Mar	12 Mar	£1649	✓
27 Aug	03 Sep	£1899	✓
01 Oct*	08 Oct	£1999	✓

* Price based on a Middle Deck cabin

Maximum single supplement charge of £650.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

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RIVER CRUISE



FLIGHT CHOICES



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CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- A panoramic tour of Oporto by night
- Vila Real, whose Mateus Palace appears on labels of Mateus rosé wine
- Discover medieval Lamego – the shrine of Nossa Senhora dos Remedios
- Farewell gala dinner
- Onboard evening entertainment

You also have a choice of included excursions to really tailor-make your perfect holiday. Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Explore the home of port wine, Oporto
- Visit to the historic town of Guimarões
- Spain's ancient university city of Salamanca

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Explore Oporto by tram and visit the Tramway museum
- Hike along the Douro coastline
- Bicycle tour of Salamanca



DAY 1 UK – OPORTO

After flying to Oporto, we'll transfer you to your river cruiser. Enjoy a welcome drink and dinner on board, followed by a panoramic tour of the city. (D)

DAY 2 OPORTO

Today you can join a tour of Oporto, the home of port wine. Stroll through the Old Town and head to Vila Nova de Gaia, one of the region's famous port producers, for a tour and tasting. Alternatively, you can discover Oporto by tram and visit the Tram Museum. Explore Oporto at leisure this afternoon before enjoying an evening of dancing and folk music. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 OPORTO – GUIMARÃES – REGUA

This morning, we will journey by coach to the university town of Guimarões and discover its historical treasures on foot. If you're feeling active, an alternative excursion takes you on a hike along Oporto's coast. This afternoon we sail the Douro Valley to Regua. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 REGUA – BARCA D'ALVA

Fruity Mateus rosé wine is produced in this region and today you can join a tour of the town of Vila Real to wander in the beautiful gardens of Solar de Mateus. Spend a leisurely afternoon cruising and enjoy a traditional flamenco show on board this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 BARCA D'ALVA – SALAMANCA

Today we visit the ancient university city of Salamanca, where you can choose to explore the architecture of its elegant streets or discover the city by bicycle. You'll rejoin the ship for dinner and an evening of entertainment. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 BARCA D'ALVA – FERRADOSA – PINHAO

The locks of Valeira and Pocinho are this morning's highlights, en route to Ferradosa. From here, we enjoy a tasting of port wine in a local quinta. The ship docks at Pinhao overnight and we'll enjoy a gala dinner on board this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 PINHAO – LAMEGO – OPORTO

Join our excursion to Lamego, a medieval town boasting a wealth of ornate Baroque buildings, including the shrine of Nossa Senhora dos Remedios.

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



MS INFANTE DON HENRIQUE ★★★★★

You will stay aboard the MS Infante Don Henrique. Facilities on board include a lounge-bar with a dance floor, restaurant, large sun deck with deckchairs, gift shop, lift and air-conditioning. All cabins feature en suite facilities, radio, TV, hair-dryer and safe.

CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Middle Deck from £150 and Upper Deck from £200 per person for the duration of your cruise.

After cruising back to Oporto, you'll enjoy a fabulous farewell dinner and a traditional folklore show. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 OPORTO – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – TAP Portugal

Holiday ref: KCDO

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 Apr	13 Apr	£1999	✓
11 May	18 May	£2099	✓
13 Jul	20 Jul	£2149	✓
05 Oct	12 Oct	£2099	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £525.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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CRUISING THE WINELANDS OF FRANCE

8 DAYS FROM £2349

Experience delectable French wines amid spectacular landscapes as you cruise to maritime cities, vineyards and historical marvels.



Dordogne River



Rochefort



Libourne



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Gatwick with easyJet or British Airways



7-NIGHT CRUISE

on board 4-star Premium MS Cyrano de Bergerac



ALL INCLUSIVE

7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding Champagne and selected wines) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Visit to a family-owned vineyard



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Embark on a panoramic tour of historic Royan
- Explore the seaside cities of Rochefort and La Rochelle
- Discover UNESCO-listed Saint-Eutrope Basilica and the Roman Amphitheatre of Saintes
- Tour the underground monuments of Saint-Emilion
- Visit Talmont-sur-Gironde and Meschers-sur-Grande
- Onboard evening entertainment

You also have a choice of included excursions to really tailor-make your perfect holiday. Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Visit the renowned Grand Crus wine route of Médoc • See the majestic Château de Roquetaillade and Cadillac • Guided tour of Bordeaux

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Visit the renowned wine region of Médoc, sample fine wines and cheese, and cycle through the vineyards • Go on a gourmet walking tour of the Cadillac foothills and vineyards • Visit La Cité du Vin in Bordeaux



DAY 1 UK – BORDEAUX

After flying to Bordeaux, we'll escort you to the ship. Meet the captain and crew at a welcome cocktail reception and enjoy a delicious dinner on board. (D)

DAY 2 PAUILLAC – THE MÉDOC – ROYAN

Visit the charming town of Pauillac, discover the celebrated Médoc wine route and enjoy a tasting on the Explorer excursion. Alternatively, the Discovery Package takes you cycling off the beaten path to castles and vineyards, and includes a sample of Grand Cru Classé with an assortment of cheeses. Later, we all meet again to take a panoramic tour of Royan. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 ROYAN – ROCHEFORT – LA ROCHELLE – ROYAN

Travel by coach to Rochefort to learn rope-making techniques, then take a guided tour of La Rochelle. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 ROYAN – SAINTES – MESCHERS-SUR-GIRONDE – LIBOURNE

Visit Saintes and marvel at its Roman theatre and the Saint-Eutrope Basilica. In the afternoon, we'll cruise to the seaside village of Talmont-sur-Gironde. Explore cobbled streets and the Romanesque Church of Saint-Radegonde before cruising to Libourne and touring the cave dwellings of Meschers-sur-Gironde. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 LIBOURNE – BORDEAUX

Tour the underground monuments of the Monolithic Church of Saint-Emilion and visit a vineyard for a wine-tasting. Enjoy a tour of Bordeaux tonight. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 BORDEAUX – CADILLAC

In Cadillac, those on the Explorer Package will visit the Château de Roquetaillade and stop at a wine cellar in the Sauternais for a tasting. Alternatively, the Discovery Package includes a gourmet vineyard walk and wine-tasting. Later, you can choose a guided tour of Cadillac, and this evening we'll enjoy a gala evening on board. (B,L,D)

YOUR CRUISE SHIP

MS CYRANO DE BERGERAC

★★★★

You'll stay on the premium 4-star MS Cyrano De Bergerac, featuring an incredible range of amenities. On board you'll find a bar-lounge, restaurant, sun deck, gift shop and stay connected with wi-fi. All cabins are en suite with twin or double beds, TVs, radios, hair-dryers and safes.



CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Middle Deck from £175 and Upper Deck from £200 per person for the duration of your cruise.

DAY 7 BORDEAUX

Take a guided tour of Bordeaux on the Explorer Package, or visit La Cité du Vin on the Discovery Package. Explore at leisure this afternoon before dinner and entertainment on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 BORDEAUX – UK

You'll enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and transferring to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - easyJet or British Airways Holiday ref: KBYH

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
11 Apr	18 Apr	£2349	✓
21 Jul	28 Jul	£2399	✓
14 Aug	21 Aug	£2449	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £610.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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Honfleur



Rouen Cathedral



River Seine

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From the places that have been a source of inspiration to painters and poets alike, to those that have helped shape world history, this wonderful journey is awash with highlights.



RIVER CRUISE



FLIGHT CHOICES



MAX 30 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

Standard Class Return Eurostar from St Pancras International to Paris

OR

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways



7-NIGHT CRUISE

on board 4-star ship MS Botticelli



ALL INCLUSIVE

7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding Champagne and selected wines) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Farewell gala dinner



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Cruise through Paris by night
- Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny
- Follow the Abbey Trail, including Jumièges Abbey
- Deauville, Calvados distillery, Breuil Castle and Côte Fleurie
- Guided walking tour of Honfleur
- Tour of Rouen and its famous cathedral
- Onboard evening entertainment

You also have a choice of included excursions to really tailor-make your perfect holiday. Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Guided tour of Paris
- Visit the Martainville Château

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Walk along the banks of the River Seine
- Stroll to Château Gaillard



DAY 1 UK – PARIS

On arrival in Paris, we'll transfer you to your ship. Enjoy views of Paris' illuminated landmarks this evening. (D)

DAY 2 PARIS

Join a guided tour of Paris, or enjoy a walk along the banks of the River Seine. This afternoon, you have time to explore Paris at your leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 PARIS – GIVERNY – VERNON

Today we sail to the town of Vernon, then drive to the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny. The artist lived here from 1883 until his death in 1926, and you'll have time to explore his house and gardens. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 DUCLAIR – HONFLEUR

After arriving in Duclair, you'll set off by coach to discover the Abbey Trail, a route dotted with majestic abbeys along the River Seine. Later, you will cruise to Honfleur. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 THE CÔTE FLEURIE – HONFLEUR

Join an excursion to the Côte Fleurie, which includes visits to Deauville and Breuil Castle for a tasting of Calvados. Later, explore Honfleur on a guided walking tour, which takes in the charming Vieux Bassin. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 HONFLEUR – ROUEN

On arrival in Rouen, enjoy a guided walking tour of the city. Highlights include the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the market place where Joan of Arc was burned alive and the Gros-Horloge, or Great Clock. Back on board, we'll enjoy an evening of entertainment. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 ROUEN – LES ANDELYS

This morning you will cruise through the lock in Amfreville to Les Andelys. Enjoy a guided tour of Martainville Château or stroll to the ruins of Château Gaillard for stunning views over the River Seine. Back on board the ship this evening, you'll be served a farewell gala dinner. (B,L,D)

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



MS BOTTICELLI ★★★★★

You will stay on board the 4-star ship MS Botticelli. On board you'll find a restaurant, bar-lounge, sun deck, gift shop and wi-fi. Cabins feature en suite facilities with a shower, TV, hair-dryer, radio and safe.

CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Upper Deck from £185 per person for the duration of your cruise.

DAY 8 PARIS – UK

This morning we'll transfer you to the railway station or airport for your journey back to the UK. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 ST.PANCRAS INTERNATIONAL

- Eurostar

Holiday ref: KPCN

Direct high-speed train

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Apr	20 Apr	£1799	✓
25 Jul	01 Aug	£1899	✓
11 Oct	18 Oct	£1749	✓

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways

Holiday ref: KPCNF

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Apr	20 Apr	£1899	✓
25 Jul	01 Aug	£1999	✓
11 Oct	18 Oct	£1849	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £600.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight or rail upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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A price reduction of £90 applies based on the Rail Inclusive price above (KPCNF).

CRUISING THE ROMANTIC RHINE

9 DAYS FROM £2399

Admire beautiful scenery as you cruise the River Rhine from The Netherlands to Switzerland, calling at a host of historic cities and charming towns, including Cologne and Basel, along the way.



Cologne



Statue of Kaiser Wilhelm, Koblenz



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways



8-NIGHT CRUISE

on board 4-star Premium ship
MS Douce France II



ALL INCLUSIVE

8 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L), 8 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding Champagne and selected wines) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Wine-tasting in Breisach



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception • Visit the Netherlands' Open-air Museum • Explore Cologne, with its impressive architecture
- Admire beautiful scenery as you sail to charming Koblenz • Tour of Basel's highlights • Onboard evening entertainment • Farewell gala dinner

You also have a choice of included excursions to really tailor-make your perfect holiday. Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Explore the Dutch capital of Amsterdam • Visit Haarlem to admire its Gothic architecture (On our April 3 departure you will visit the Keukenhof Gardens) • Explore Mainz and visit the Gutenberg Museum • Discover Strasbourg • Tour of Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum • Admire the spectacular Rhine Falls

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Cycle around Amsterdam • Enjoy a guided bike ride to Haarlem's sand dunes following the Flower Route (On our April 3 departure you will visit the Keukenhof Gardens) • Tour the Rhineland vineyards • Take in views of Strasbourg from the iconic cathedral • Cycle the Kaiserstuhl • Rhine Falls with mini cruise



DAY 1 UK – AMSTERDAM

Today you'll fly to Amsterdam, where you'll board your ship and enjoy a welcome cocktail reception. (D)

DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

Enjoy a guided morning tour of Amsterdam or explore like a local, by bicycle! This afternoon visit Haarlem or cycle to the city's sand dunes and beaches. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 AMSTERDAM – EMMERICH-AM-RHEIN – DÜSSELDORF

Our ship will arrive at the town of Emmerich-am-Rhein today, from where you can visit the Netherlands Open-air Museum near Arnhem. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 DÜSSELDORF – COLOGNE – KOBLENZ

Your ship arrives in Cologne today, so let's head ashore for a walking tour. A must-see is its UNESCO-listed Gothic cathedral. Back on board, your cruise continues to Koblenz, where the ship docks overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 KOBLENZ – MAINZ – STRASBOURG

Enjoy the scenery as you cruise to Mainz, past the Lorelei rock. Step inside the Gutenberg Museum or take a tour of the Rhineland vineyards. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 STRASBOURG – BREISACH

Discover Strasbourg on your chosen excursion. Back on board, sail to Breisach and explore at leisure before this evening's gala dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 BREISACH – COLMAR – BASEL

Set off on a guided tour of Breisach and enjoy a tasting of local wine. This afternoon, we include a guided tour of Colmar and visit to the Unterlinden Museum, or a bicycle tour of the Kaiserstuhl. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 BASEL – SCHAFFHAUSEN – BASEL

Wake up in Switzerland and discover Basel's highlights. This afternoon join an excursion to the Rhine Falls. (B,L,D)

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



MS DOUCE FRANCE II ★★★★★

The MS Douce France II 4-star premium ship features a lounge-bar, dining room and large sun deck. Cabins are spread over two decks and all have double or twin beds, en suite facilities, satellite TV, radio, hair-dryer and safe.

CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Upper Deck with panoramic windows from £220 per person for the duration of your cruise.

DAY 9 BASEL – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: KACB

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
03 Apr	11 Apr	£2399	✓
04 Jul	12 Jul	£2499	✓

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: KBCA

Direct flights

On these dates the itinerary operates in reverse from Basel to Amsterdam			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
12 Jun	20 Jun	£2599	✓
13 Aug	21 Aug	£2599	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £670.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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Monastery Mraconia, Iron Gates



Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna



Danube, Budapest

CRUISING THE BLUE DANUBE TO THE BLACK SEA

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Set off on a serene journey along the River Danube, enjoying the many comforts of your 4-star ship as you discover some of Europe's most fascinating capital cities.



RIVER CRUISE



FLIGHT CHOICES



MAX 30 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways



11-NIGHT CRUISE

on board 4-star Premium ship MS Vivaldi



ALL INCLUSIVE

11 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L), 11 dinners (D) and all drinks (excluding Champagne and selected wines) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Folklore show in Belgrade with dinner



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Captain's welcome cocktail reception • Visit the abbey in the Austrian town of Melk • Enjoy an evening folklore show in Budapest • Visit Puszta and watch an equestrian show • See rock dwellings in the Roussenski-Lom Valley • Sightseeing in the Bulgarian city of Rousse • Tour of Bucharest • Farewell gala dinner • Onboard evening entertainment

You also have a choice of included excursions to really tailor-make your perfect holiday. Choose from:

EXPLORER EXCURSIONS

- Tour of historic Vienna, including the Schönbrunn Palace
- Explore the Old Town in Slovakia's capital, Bratislava
- Discover the highlights of Budapest on a tour
- Tour of historic Novi Sad, Serbia's second city
- Soak up the sights in Serbia's capital, Belgrade
- Take a boat trip through the Danube Delta at Tulcea

DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

- Viennese Art of Living
- Hiking in the Little Carpathians
- Discover Budapest on a bicycle tour
- Hike to Petrovaradin Fortress in Novi Sad
- Speedboat ride along the Danube Delta



DAY 1 UK – VIENNA

Fly to Vienna today, and we'll transfer you to Linz to join your ship. Enjoy a welcome cocktail before dinner. (D)

DAY 2 MELK

Enjoy a tour of Melk Abbey today. This evening, head ashore in Vienna for a concert of Viennese music. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 VIENNA – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST

Enjoy a tour of Vienna and the Schönbrunn Palace or take a backstage tour of the Konzerthaus concert hall.

You'll then sail to Bratislava for a tour, or you may have chosen to set off on a hiking excursion in the Little Carpathians. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 BUDAPEST

Come ashore with us this morning for a tour of Budapest. Alternatively, take in the city's highlights by bicycle. Later, enjoy a folklore show. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 BUDAPEST – KALOCSA

From Kalocsa you'll visit Puszta, where you'll watch an exciting equestrian show. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 KALOCSA – NOVI SAD – BELGRADE

Explore Novi Sad then rejoin the ship as it sails to Belgrade. A folklore show is included tonight. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 BELGRADE

Enjoy a morning guided tour of Belgrade or see the sights on a cycling tour. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 BELGRADE – IRON GATES

Relax on board as you cruise the Danube. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 IRON GATES – ROUSSE

Early this morning we arrive at Rousse, a picturesque city in Bulgaria. Visit the Roussenski Lom Valley and then take a sightseeing tour of the city. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 ROUSSE – BUCHAREST

We sail to Giurgiu in Romania this morning, from where you can visit its capital, Bucharest. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 TULCEA

Tulcea is where the River Danube empties into the Black Sea, creating the Danube Delta. Board a smaller

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



MS VIVALDI ★★★★★

Facilities on board the 4-star premium MS Vivaldi include a restaurant, lounge-bar with dance floor, bar, large sun deck and gift shop. All cabins have en suite facilities including shower, air-conditioning/heating, satellite TV, hair-dryer and safe.

CABIN UPGRADE

Upgrade from Main Deck to Middle Deck from £275 and Upper Deck from £335 per person for the duration of your cruise. Upper and Middle Deck cabins have panoramic windows.

boat or a speedboat to explore this nature reserve. Enjoy a traditional Romanian folklore show and gala dinner on board this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 BUCHAREST – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport in Bucharest for your flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: Itinerary may vary due to changes in water levels.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: KALIT

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
24 Apr	05 May	£3199	✓
09 Jul	20 Jul	£3399	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £900.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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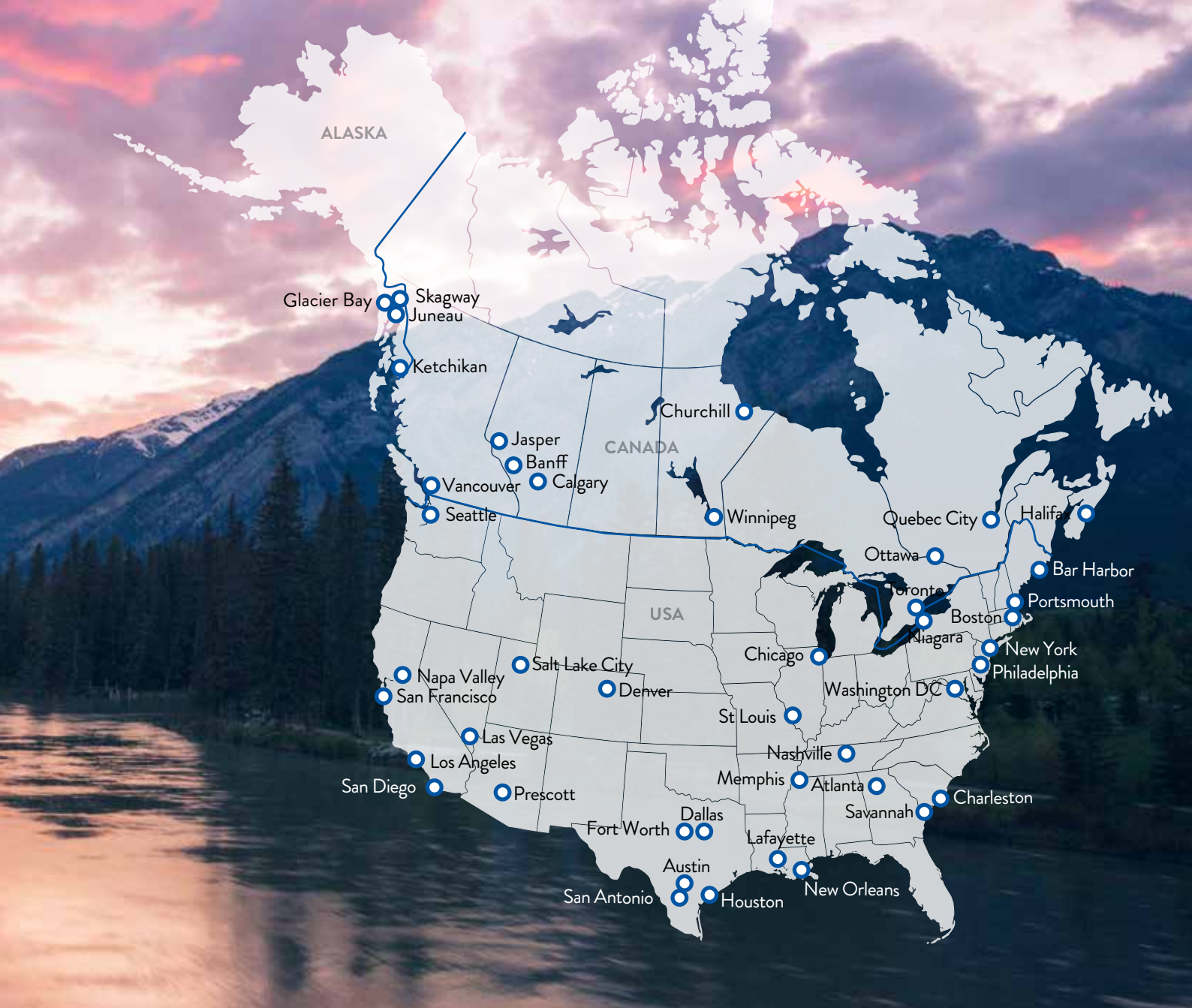


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A few of our favourites

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Visit the world's first national park and see the famous geyser, Old Faithful.

Epic Wonders of the National Parks

– see page 138

COLOURFUL FALL FOLIAGE

Drive along the Kancamagus Highway for unrivalled views of the fall colours.

New England & Canada in the Fall

– see page 150

SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS

Ride the Banff Gondola and take in the spectacular beauty of the Rockies.

Rockies Winter Wonderland

– see page 158

BEST OF THE WEST

14 DAYS FROM £2399

Take in the glitz and glamour of Los Angeles and Las Vegas, and marvel at the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon and Yosemite National Park.



Yosemite National Park

FAVOURITE MOMENT

As you stand at the edge of the Grand Canyon, you'll be blown away by the size of this incredible natural wonder. It really is a sight to behold - nature in all its glory!



San Francisco



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic
- 12 NIGHTS**
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight
- 7 MEALS**
6 breakfasts (B), 1 dinner (D)
and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Discover Pier 39 in San Francisco
with dinner
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Los Angeles tour including Hollywood
- Tour of San Diego
- The iconic Grand Canyon
- Drive along a part of Route 66
- View the mighty Hoover Dam
- Stay on the Las Vegas Strip
- Explore Yosemite National Park
- Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and tour San Francisco
- Stay in Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco
- Enjoy clam chowder in San Francisco

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- The beach-front city of Santa Monica
- Universal Studios
- San Diego Bay cruise
- Western-style dinner in Prescott
- Jeep ride through Red Rock Canyons
- Helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon
- Las Vegas by night tour
- Dinner and Cirque Du Soleil show in Las Vegas
- Mob Museum in Las Vegas
- San Francisco cruise around the bay
- A helicopter flight over San Francisco



DAY 1 UK – LOS ANGELES

Depart on your flight to Los Angeles. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel.

HILTON GARDEN INN BURBANK DOWNTOWN, LOS ANGELES

DAY 2 LOS ANGELES

Join us on a tour of LA this morning, where you'll see highlights including Hollywood and Grauman's Chinese Theatre. Explore at your own pace later, or take an optional drive on the famous Route 66 to Santa Monica. (B)

HILTON GARDEN INN BURBANK DOWNTOWN, LOS ANGELES

DAY 3 LOS ANGELES – SAN DIEGO

You can discover LA your own way this morning as you explore at your own pace. If you have always dreamed of visiting Universal Studios, that's where our optional excursion is headed. This thrilling theme park is packed with movie memorabilia and exciting attractions. (B)
HILTON SAN DIEGO MISSION VALLEY

DAY 4 SAN DIEGO

Soak up the sights of this Spanish-influenced city on a morning tour, then the rest of the day is all yours. Maybe join an optional cruise around San Diego Bay.
HILTON SAN DIEGO MISSION VALLEY

DAY 5 SAN DIEGO – PRESCOTT

Today we're heading to Prescott on a drive through the spectacular desert into the state of Arizona. For a traditional western experience, join our optional dinner this evening.

SPRINGHILL SUITES PRESCOTT

DAY 6 PRESCOTT – FLAGSTAFF

We take to the road again today, driving into Northern Arizona with a stop at the township of Sedona, known for its vibrant arts community. Explore at leisure or join an optional Jeep ride into the surrounding rock formations. Our final destination today is the former Wild West town of Flagstaff. (B)

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL FLAGSTAFF

DAY 7 GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

This is the day that you visit one of the world's most iconic natural wonders, the Grand Canyon, which is a must-see on any traveller's list. For a truly unforgettable experience, why not choose to view this spectacular 14-mile-wide gorge from the air on an optional helicopter flight. (B)

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL FLAGSTAFF

DAY 8 FLAGSTAFF – LAS VEGAS

You're going to travel on the legendary Route 66 today, westwards to Las Vegas. On the way we're going to pass the mighty Hoover Dam. If you want to be dazzled, join an optional Las Vegas by night tour to take in the lights and sights of this spectacular desert city. (B)

HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS

DAY 9 LAS VEGAS – DAY AT LEISURE

As you explore Las Vegas at your own pace, dip into the themed hotels that line the famous Strip or visit the Mob Museum on an optional excursion. Later, join an optional dinner and evening at a Cirque du Soleil show.

HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS

DAY 10 LAS VEGAS – SELMA

On today's drive through the Mojave Desert back to California, we'll follow the trail of the early settlers.

HOLIDAY INN SELMA - SWANCOURT

DAY 11 YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK – SAN FRANCISCO

Travelling north, today you're going to visit the vast Yosemite National Park. With its abundance of waterfalls, lakes and dramatic mountain peaks, it's a wonderful place to explore. We'll stop for lunch in the park before travelling on to San Francisco. (B)

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 12 SAN FRANCISCO

Your morning tour of San Francisco begins as you cross the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. You'll then take in wonderful views from the city's Twin Peaks and visit landmarks including Golden Gate Park and Chinatown.

Spend the rest of the day exploring at leisure, or maybe take an optional cruise around the bay or a helicopter flight over the city.

This evening we'll enjoy a dinner at a restaurant on San Francisco's Pier 39. (D)

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 13 SAN FRANCISCO – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP



+ ADD-ON

LOS ANGELES 2 NIGHTS FROM £279

Make your own discoveries in Los Angeles before your tour begins. Includes two nights bed-and-breakfast in a hotel of a good standard. Available on all 2021 dates. See page 170 for details.

+ ADD-ON

OAHU, HAWAII 6 NIGHTS FROM £1499

Enhance your holiday with a stay on the magical Hawaiian island of Oahu. Includes six nights room only in a hotel of a good standard. Available on all dates. See page 170 for details.

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

> STAY LONGER

SAN FRANCISCO 3 NIGHTS FROM £349

Extend your stay in the beautiful city of San Francisco and discover more of the sights at your own pace. Includes three nights room only in a great quality hotel. Available on all dates. See page 170 for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic **Holiday ref: USA**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
29 Apr	12 May	£2649	✓
27 May	09 Jun	£2749	✓
17 Jun	30 Jun	£2749	✓
12 Aug	25 Aug	£3049	✓
02 Sep	15 Sep	£2849	✓
16 Sep	29 Sep	£2849	✓
07 Oct	20 Oct	£2649	✓
04 Nov	17 Nov	£2449	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic **Holiday ref: USA**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
12 May	25 May	£2699	✓
16 Jun	29 Jun	£2749	✓
11 Aug	24 Aug	£2999	
01 Sep	14 Sep	£2799	
15 Sep	28 Sep	£2799	✓
20 Oct	02 Nov	£2599	
17 Nov	30 Nov	£2399	

Maximum single supplement charge of £900.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.



✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255.
A price reduction of £640 applies.

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Experience some of the most
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tour of the west.



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



Los Angeles



Grand Canyon



Palm Springs



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- RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic
- 14 NIGHTS**
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight
- 11 MEALS**
10 breakfasts (B), 1 dinner (D)
and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Dinner on Pier 39 in San Francisco
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tours of Los Angeles
- Orientation tour of Palm Springs
- The Grand Canyon
- The glitz of Las Vegas
- Explore Yosemite National Park
- Stop in pretty Sausalito
- San Francisco tour and Golden Gate Bridge
- 17 Mile Drive
- Monterey and Carmel-by-the-Sea
- Drive along the Californian coastline

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Universal Studios
- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- Helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon
- Las Vegas by night tour
- Dinner and Cirque du Soleil show in Las Vegas
- Mob Museum in Las Vegas
- Helicopter flight over San Francisco
- 'Escape from the Rock' cruise around Alcatraz
- Catalina Island tour



DAY 1 UK – LOS ANGELES

Depart on your flight to Los Angeles. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel.

HILTON GARDEN INN BURBANK DOWNTOWN, LOS ANGELES

DAY 2 LOS ANGELES

Your morning tour will give you the chance to experience many of Los Angeles' highlights including Hollywood, where you'll see brass stars along the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the famous Hollywood sign and the TCL Chinese Theatre. Here you'll be able to admire celebrity handprints, footprints and autographs etched into the concrete.

If you've always dreamed of visiting Universal Studios, why not come with us on an optional tour this afternoon. There's so much to see and do here, from thrilling rides to a behind-the-scenes tour. (B)

HILTON GARDEN INN BURBANK DOWNTOWN, LOS ANGELES

DAY 3 LOS ANGELES – PALM SPRINGS

This morning you arrive in the desert oasis of Palm Springs. Hollywood movie stars have been coming here for years and you'll soon see why on a short orientation tour. If you wish, you can take an optional ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway this afternoon. (B)

PALM MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA, PALM SPRINGS

DAY 4 PALM SPRINGS – PRESCOTT

Sit back and take in the views today, as a long but rewarding journey takes you through the Arizona desert to Prescott. As the road stretches out for miles in front of you, admire the landscape of red sand, dramatic rock formations and towering cactus plants. (B)

SPRINGHILL SUITES PRESCOTT

DAY 5 GRAND CANYON

This is the day you visit the iconic Grand Canyon. Over a mile deep in parts and more than 14 miles wide, it stretches for an incredible 277 miles. Its scale is simply immense and an optional helicopter flight is one of the best ways to take in this spectacular sight. (B)

SPRINGHILL SUITES PRESCOTT

DAY 6 PRESCOTT – LAS VEGAS

You're going off in search of man-made wonders today. Travelling along a section of Route 66, you'll pass the immense Hoover Dam. Later you'll arrive in the desert city of Las Vegas, which is stunning at night when it's illuminated by colourful neon lights. (B)

HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS

DAY 7 LAS VEGAS – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today exploring Las Vegas at your own pace. Just walking up and down the famous Strip will keep you entertained for hours. If you want to catch a show, join our optional excursion to see 'The Beatles Love' by Cirque du Soleil.

HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS

DAY 8 LAS VEGAS – SELMA

We head back to California today on a journey that takes us through the Mojave Desert. Extending over 25,000 square miles, it is bordered by mountain ranges and is home to a wide variety of cacti.

HOLIDAY INN SELMA - SWANCOURT

DAY 9 YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK – MARIPOSA

Today you're going to visit Yosemite National Park. In contrast to the dry deserts of previous days, here you'll see an abundance of waterfalls and lakes. (B)

BEST WESTERN PLUS YOSEMITE WAY STATION MOTEL

DAY 10 MARIPOSA – SAN FRANCISCO

Our sights are set on the vibrant city of San Francisco today. On the way we'll stop in the pretty city of Sausalito, where you might choose to enjoy lunch.

Our afternoon begins with the excitement of crossing the famous Golden Gate Bridge. Your tour of San Francisco then takes in numerous sights, from the iconic cable cars to the colony of sea lions in residence at Fisherman's Wharf. (B)

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 11 SAN FRANCISCO – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you can set your own pace as you explore at leisure. You can also choose from a range of optional excursions. On offer is a helicopter ride over the city and under the bridge, and a chance to sail by the former prison island of Alcatraz.

This evening we'll enjoy a three-course dinner at one of the renowned restaurants on Pier 39. (D)

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 12 SAN FRANCISCO – SAN LUIS OBISPO

There's a wonderful journey ahead today as we travel along 17 Mile Drive. Described as one of the most scenic drives in the world, the road winds its way through a forest of Cypress trees and along a dramatic stretch of rocky coastline dotted with fine sandy beaches. As we make our way to San Luis Obispo, we'll stop at the waterfront city of Monterey and then at Carmel-by-the-Sea, with its lovely white-sand beach.

LA CUESTA INN, SAN LUIS OBISPO

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Yosemite National Park.



TAILOR YOUR TRIP

> STAY LONGER

**LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
2 NIGHTS
FROM £329**

Extend your holiday with an extra two nights in Long Beach at the Hotel Maya. Located close to Los Angeles, you'll have plenty of time to discover this waterfront city at your own pace. Available on all dates. See page 170 for details.



DAY 13 SAN LUIS OBISPO – LONG BEACH

You'll experience even more beautiful scenery today as we head to Long Beach, an ocean-front city with an array of museums and shops. (B)

HOTEL MAYA, LONG BEACH

DAY 14 LONG BEACH – DAY AT LEISURE

You've a full day at leisure in Long Beach to spend just as you wish.

Alternatively, why not join an optional excursion to Catalina Island. We'll reach Catalina by ferry, and step ashore on the island for a tour. (B)

HOTEL MAYA, LONG BEACH

DAY 15 LONG BEACH – LOS ANGELES – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport in Los Angeles ready for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 16 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UGW1

Direct flights

05 Jun	20 Jun	FULL	✓
11 Sep	26 Sep	£3049	✓
16 Oct	31 Oct	£2949	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UGW1

Direct flights

16 Apr	01 May	£2849	✓
21 May	05 Jun	£2999	✓
04 Jun	19 Jun	£3049	✓
17 Sep	02 Oct	£3049	✓
08 Oct	23 Oct	£2949	✓
19 Nov	04 Dec	£2799	

Maximum single supplement charge of £1000.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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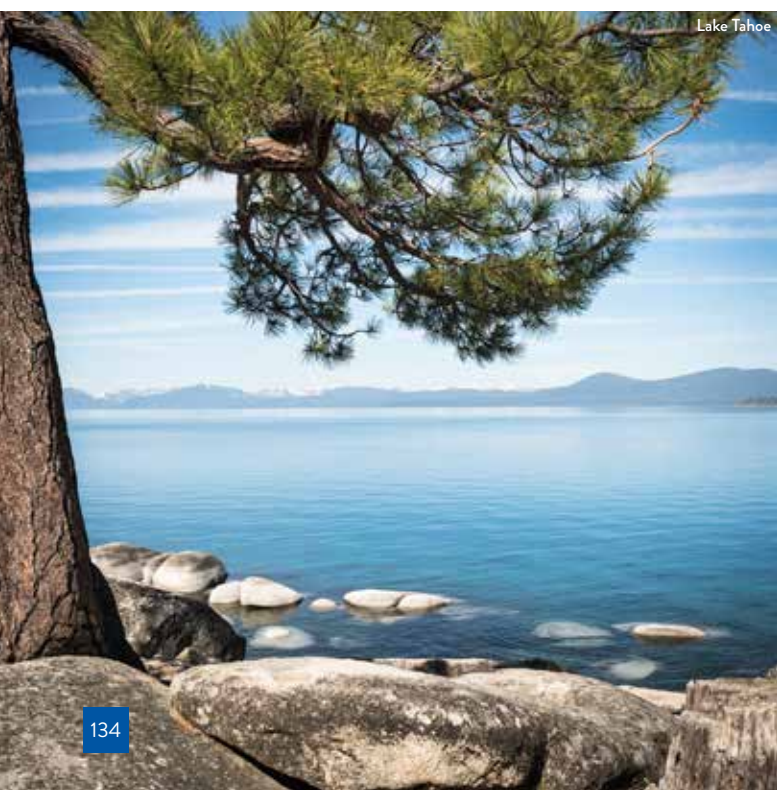
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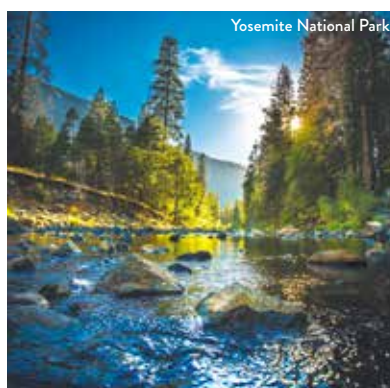
Discover vineyards and splendid scenery. Sample Napa Valley wines, wander coastal cities and soak up the sights of Yosemite National Park.



Napa Valley



Lake Tahoe



Yosemite National Park



San Francisco



Alcatraz



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic
- 10 NIGHTS**
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight
- 10 MEALS**
8 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
1 dinner (D) and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Dinner with local wine in Napa Valley
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of San Francisco
- Visit to pretty Sausalito
- Trip to Sonoma, including lunch and wine-tasting
- Scenic tour of Napa Valley
- Stop at Oxbow Public Market
- Sacramento Old Town tour
- Tour of Yosemite National Park
- Scenic drive along 17 Mile Drive to Carmel

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Alcatraz and Golden Gate Bridge Tour
- Guided bike tour of San Francisco
- Dinner on the Wine Train in Napa Valley
- Dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe
- Visit to Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Scenic California coast tour



DAY 1 UK – SAN FRANCISCO

Depart on your flight to San Francisco. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel.

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 2 SAN FRANCISCO

Start your discovery of Northern California with a tour of its most famous city. Once the heart of the California Gold Rush, hill-top San Francisco is now renowned for its eclectic mix of attractions for every kind of traveller. Savour fresh crab at Fisherman's Wharf while you admire the impressive Golden Gate Bridge, or head up to the Twin Peaks for panoramic views of the Bay Area.

In the afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to meander around the city at your own pace or join our optional excursion to Alcatraz.

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 3 SAN FRANCISCO – NAPA VALLEY

Spend another morning soaking up San Francisco at leisure, from its pretty Painted Ladies (colourful Victorian houses) to lush Golden Gate Park. There's



also the chance to discover the city's highlights on an optional bike tour with a Local Guide. We'll regroup just before lunch and swap San Francisco's steep streets for pretty Sausalito just across the bay. Stroll along its attractive boardwalk and set some time aside to see bohemian houseboats built in the 1940s at Richardson Bay. Next, it's time to venture to Napa Valley and indulge in a delicious dinner accompanied by famous wines. **(D)**

HAMPTON INN & SUITES, NAPA VALLEY

DAY 4 NAPA VALLEY – SONOMA

Explore more of California's wine country with a trip to Sonoma, a historic city replete with colonial-era buildings and numerous galleries. We'll tuck into a lunch of tasty local cuisine and enjoy a wine-tasting session before setting out on a scenic drive through the Napa Valley to Oxbow Public Market. The 40,000 square-foot marketplace sits right on the shores of the Napa River and is jam-packed with stalls and eateries selling all manner of regional delicacies.

In the evening, you'll have the chance to hop on the Napa Valley Wine Train for a leisurely cruise through lush vineyards – all the while savouring fresh Californian cuisine. **(B,L)**

HAMPTON INN & SUITES, NAPA VALLEY

DAY 5 NAPA VALLEY – SACRAMENTO – LAKE TAHOE

Today is taken up by a visit to California's state capital, Sacramento. The city was a key hub during the Gold Rush era and you can still spot old-world saloons, wooden sidewalks and the occasional horse and cart in Sacramento's Old Town.

Continue to Lake Tahoe, an immense lake (the largest alpine lake in North America) that lies on the border of California and Nevada, fringed by several picturesque State Parks. On arrival, take an optional dinner cruise. **(B)**

MONTBLEU RESORT CASINO & SPA, LAKE TAHOE

DAY 6 LAKE TAHOE – OAKHURST

Today we'll depart Lake Tahoe for Oakhurst. This attractive area is just a short drive from the forests, waterfalls and granite walls of Yosemite National Park. **(B)**

COMFORT INN YOSEMITE AREA, OAKHURST

DAY 7 YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

From glimpsing Yosemite Valley for the first time from the Wawona Tunnel to standing beside a giant sequoia tree, there's a lot to look forward to at Yosemite National Park. You'll get to spend an entire day making the most of its natural allures, whether that's taking in the jaw-dropping views or enjoying a paddle at Cathedral Beach in the shadow of the soaring, 900-metre-high El Capitan rock. **(B)**

COMFORT INN YOSEMITE AREA, OAKHURST

DAY 8 MARIPOSA – MONTEREY

Today, we'll take a scenic drive through California's Central Valley to Monterey. Enjoy an ocean-themed day beginning with a visit to Cannery Row, a historic street lined with old sardine packing factories.

It's up to you whether you take the rest of the day to relax and sightsee at your own pace, or if you'd like to sign up for our optional tour of Monterey Bay

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Wander around Sonoma plaza, exploring the unique shops, popping into the tasting rooms and soaking up the relaxed atmosphere of this small town.

Aquarium. Built on the site of one of the city's old factories, highlights include the sea otter pools and 28-foot kelp forest. **(B)**

BEST WESTERN PLUS VICTORIA INN, MONTEREY

DAY 9 MONTEREY – DAY AT LEISURE

Uncover Monterey at your own pace today with a leisurely wander around the city. Spend a few hours exploring the shops and tucking into fresh seafood at Old Fisherman's Wharf or stroll along the 18-mile Monterey Beach Coastal Trail in the sunshine.

If you'd rather take advantage of the coastal idylls on the city's doorstep, why not join our optional tour of the magnificent California coastline on the famous Pacific Coast Highway 1 and the Big Sur, which includes a stop for wine-tasting. **(B)**

BEST WESTERN PLUS VICTORIA INN, MONTEREY

DAY 10 MONTEREY – CARMEL – SAN FRANCISCO

On your final full day in Northern California, we'll take you on a tour of 17 Mile Drive, a popular coastal road that hugs the Monterey Peninsula. Stop off at various viewpoints and pass a host of natural and historic highlights, including the famous Lone Cypress Tree on Pebble Beach.

The scenic drive will end in charming Carmel, another Californian city by the sea that's known for its mix of art galleries, fine dining and gorgeous white sand beaches. After soaking up its sights, it'll be time to return to San Francisco. **(B)**

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

DAY 11 SAN FRANCISCO – UK

We'll transfer you to San Francisco airport for your return flight to the UK. **(B)**

DAY 12 UK

Today, you'll land back in the UK.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UHNC

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 Sep	17 Sep	£2899	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UHNC

Direct flights

09 May	20 May	£2799	
20 Jun	01 Jul	£2899	
05 Sep	16 Sep	£2899	

Maximum single supplement charge of £1200.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £540 applies.**

SAN FRANCISCO & THE OREGON COAST

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As you journey from San Francisco,
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take time to enjoy the local beer,
wine and seafood.



Seattle



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FAVOURITE MOMENT

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SAN FRANCISCO 2 NIGHTS FROM £229

Start your holiday with an extra two nights in San Francisco and discover more of the sights at your own pace. Available on all dates. See page 170 for details.

DAY 10 SEATTLE – DAY AT LEISURE

A day to yourself gives you the opportunity to explore Seattle at your own pace.

Alternatively, why not join our optional tour, which takes you to the 'Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour'. You'll learn many fascinating facts here about Boeing and the planes that bear the aerospace giant's name.

EXECUTIVE HOTEL PACIFIC, SEATTLE

DAY 11 SEATTLE – UK

Enjoy your final morning at leisure before we transfer you to the airport for your overnight flight back to the UK.

DAY 12 UK

Today you'll arrive back in the UK.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: USFO

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 May	31 May	£2899	✓
10 Jun	21 Jun	£2899	✓
09 Sep	20 Sep	£2899	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: USFO

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
26 May	06 Jun	£2899	
09 Jun	20 Jun	£2899	✓
08 Sep	19 Sep	£2899	

Maximum single supplement charge of £900.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic

10 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight

7 MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Lunch at a waterfront restaurant

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of downtown San Francisco
- Prime hotel locations in San Francisco and Seattle
- Redwood National Park
- Winery visit with wine-tasting
- Crater Lake National Park
- Yaquina Bay Lighthouse
- See Mount St Helens volcano
- Columbia River Gorge and Hood River

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- San Francisco evening tour including dinner
- San Francisco cruise around the bay
- Helicopter flight over San Francisco
- 'Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour' in Seattle



DAY 1 UK – SAN FRANCISCO

Today you'll depart on your flight to San Francisco. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel where a two-night stay gives you plenty of time to get to know this exciting, cosmopolitan city.

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 2 SAN FRANCISCO

We'll explore San Francisco on a sightseeing tour which includes Fisherman's Wharf, looking up to the sharp hairpin turns of Lombard Street, Union Square and the city park. Once you have your bearings, you can set your own pace this afternoon, perhaps take an optional bay cruise or a thrilling helicopter ride. Then, if you're still raring to go this evening, you can view the city by night on an optional tour.

HOTEL ZEPHYR, SAN FRANCISCO

DAY 3 SAN FRANCISCO – EUREKA

Leaving the hills of San Francisco behind, we will journey across the Golden Gate Bridge and head northwards into California's scenic wine country.

BEST WESTERN PLUS HUMBOLDT BAY INN, EUREKA

DAY 4 REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK – GRANT'S PASS

As your journey continues to Oregon today, you're going to get the chance to explore Redwood National Park. The coast redwood is the tallest known plant species in the world, soaring to more than 350 feet tall and living for an average of 600 years. Before arrival in Grant's Pass, another highlight of today is a visit to a winery for a tasting. (B)

RED LION INN & SUITES GRANTS PASS

DAY 5 CRATER LAKE

You're in for a scenic treat today as you visit Crater Lake. The area's violent volcanic past has given way to this tranquil, picturesque body of water which is renowned for its deep-blue colour. Surrounded by cliffs, it is America's deepest lake and is fed entirely by rain and snow.

Back at Grant's Pass, you can spend the rest of the day just as you wish. (B)

RED LION INN & SUITES GRANTS PASS

DAY 6 GRANTS PASS – NEWPORT

Today you'll travel to Newport, on the Oregon Coast, a place that seafood lovers will know as the 'Dungeness Crab Capital of the World'. On arrival we'll have lunch at a waterfront restaurant and enjoy a stroll along Fisherman's Memorial Walk. (B,L)

BEST WESTERN AGATE BEACH INN, NEWPORT

DAY 7 NEWPORT – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a free day in Newport to spend as you please. This scenic city is home to two lighthouses, including the tallest in Oregon, and its beaches are a great place to head to look for whales and bald eagles. Be sure to admire the Yaquina Bay Bridge, the city's most iconic landmark. (B)

BEST WESTERN AGATE BEACH INN, NEWPORT

DAY 8 NEWPORT – TROUTDALE

We stop at Cape Meares scenic view point where, in the summer, resident whales are often seen. Travel on to Portland's Washington Park with its spectacular rose garden. (B)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS PORTLAND EAST - TROUTDALE

DAY 9 COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE – SEATTLE

You'll head to Seattle today, but not before the chance to discover the Columbia River Gorge and Hood River. We'll also admire Mount Hood - the tallest peak in Oregon, and view Mount St Helens. This active volcano, at 40,000 years old, is relatively young and offers a great photo opportunity. (B)

EXECUTIVE HOTEL PACIFIC, SEATTLE

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Mount Rushmore



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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

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15 NIGHTS

in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



17 MEALS

15 breakfasts (B), 1 picnic lunch (L),
1 dinner (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Fort Hays Chuckwagon supper and
cowboy music show



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- Badlands National Park
- The Crazy Horse Memorial
- Battle of Little Bighorn site
- The world's first national park, Yellowstone
- Grand Teton National Park
- Arches National Park
- Mesa Verde National Park
- Monument Valley
- The iconic Grand Canyon National Park
- Bryce Canyon National Park's unique geology
- Zion Canyon National Park
- The neon-lit city of Las Vegas
- Stay on the Las Vegas Strip

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Scenic river float at Jackson Hole
- Great Salt Lake and Salt Lake City
- Four-wheel drive tour of Monument Valley
- Helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon
- Las Vegas by night



DAY 1 UK – DENVER

Depart on your flight to Denver today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel.

HOLIDAY INN DENVER CHERRY CREEK

DAY 2 DENVER – RAPID CITY

Your adventure begins in earnest today, with a journey to Rapid City. On the way we're going to stop at Cheyenne and the former military and trading outpost of Fort Laramie. This is where chief Red Cloud signed the treaty that gave the supposedly worthless Black Hills to the Sioux. Just six years later, Custer discovered gold in the Black Hills, prompting the Gold Rush and ultimately causing the Battle of Little Bighorn.

There's a treat in store tonight as we head to Fort Hays Chuckwagon supper and cowboy music show, located on the film set of 'Dances with Wolves'. (B,D)

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY CARLSON, RAPID CITY

DAY 3 MOUNT RUSHMORE & BADLANDS

Your day begins with a visit to Mount Rushmore, with its famous granite sculptures of Presidents Roosevelt, Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson. You'll also see the Crazy Horse Memorial this morning.

The highlights keep on coming today with an afternoon tour of Badlands National Park, an eerie world carved over millions of years by the forces of nature. (B)

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY CARLSON, RAPID CITY

DAY 4 RAPID CITY – SHERIDAN

You're heading into 'Wild West' territory today with a drive through the Black Hills to Deadwood, a town created on the back of the Gold Rush. The entire city is a national historic landmark, and there's time for you

to have a good look around before we head to Sheridan for the night. (B)

BEST WESTERN SHERIDAN CENTER

DAY 5 SHERIDAN – LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD – CODY

The highlight of your day is a visit to the historic site of the Battle of Little Bighorn. A guided tour gives you the chance to relive Custer's Last Stand and get a fascinating insight into one of the most famous battles in western history. (B)

THE CODY, CODY

DAY 6 CODY – YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

After your tour today, you'll be able to say that you have set foot in the world's first national park. Yellowstone is a wonderland of spouting geysers, hot springs, boiling pools and bubbling mud pots. On your tour you'll see the extraordinary Yellowstone Canyon with its waterfall twice the height of Niagara and, of course, 'Old Faithful', which erupts every 93 minutes. The park is also a wildlife sanctuary with bears, elk, moose and herds of buffalo all roaming freely, so keep your eyes peeled for sightings. (B)

BRANDIN IRON INN, WEST YELLOWSTONE

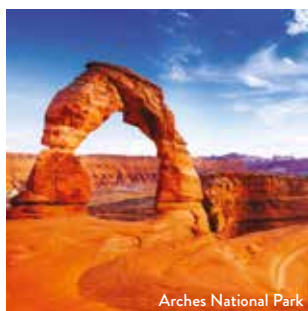
DAY 7 GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK – JACKSON

The next national park you'll tick off your list is Grand Teton, famed for its beautiful landscapes dominated by snow-capped peaks, lakes and glaciers. You can take in these exceptional sights today before joining an optional river float through the amazing scenery at Jackson Hole. (B)

THE ANTLER INN, JACKSON



Grand Canyon



Arches National Park



Little Bighorn



Old Faithful geyser, Yellowstone National Park

DAY 8 JACKSON — SALT LAKE CITY

Our next destination is Salt Lake City, and our journey here gives us further opportunities to take in stunning scenery. We're going to make a stop at Logan Canyon, whose near-vertical walls of limestone cut through the Bear River Mountains. You'll probably be feeling hungry by now, and our next stop at Bear Lake is where we'll eat our picnic lunch. So find a shady spot by its turquoise waters and tuck in. (B,L)

CRYSTAL INN HOTEL & SUITES, SALT LAKE CITY

DAY 9 SALT LAKE CITY — DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today exploring Salt Lake City, which was founded by the Mormons. For easy access to the city's most important sights, a great place to start is the central Mormon Square.

If you like, you can take an optional trip to the Great Salt Lake after which the city is named. (B)

CRYSTAL INN HOTEL & SUITES, SALT LAKE CITY

DAY 10 ARCHES NATIONAL PARK — CORTEZ

Your next base is Cortez, which we reach via a visit to Arches National Park. When you view what is the world's greatest concentration of red sandstone arches, you'll understand just how it got its name! (B) BAYMONT INN & SUITES CORTEZ

DAY 11 MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Mesa Verde National Park is also within reach from Cortez, and it's where your tour takes you today. This archaeological masterpiece is famed for its cliff dwellings, with Cliff Palace having more than 200 rooms. (B) BAYMONT INN & SUITES CORTEZ

DAY 12 CORTEZ — MONUMENT VALLEY

Today we are heading to Monument Valley, instantly recognisable as the setting for many Old West movies. Here you can explore in fantastic company on an optional four-wheel drive tour narrated by an expert Navajo guide. (B)

GRAND CANYON PLAZA HOTEL, TUSAYAN

DAY 13 GRAND CANYON — KANAB

As highlights go, the Grand Canyon is hard to beat, and today is the day that you get to see this iconic natural wonder. It's a breathtaking sight however viewed, but an optional helicopter flight gives you the thrilling chance to see it from the air. Stop just outside of the National Park and enjoy a Navajo Taco from the Native Grill, supported by our Travelsphere Cares programme, before continuing to Kanab. (B) HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES KANAB

DAY 14 BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

There are just two more national parks to go now, and today you'll view the spires of rock and vast natural amphitheatres that form the unique geology of Bryce Canyon. (B)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES KANAB

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When you book this holiday you're supporting the DinéHózhó project 'Native Grill' - a food truck run by a local Navajo family that you will visit. DinéHózhó aims to further integrate Navajo culture by assisting indigenous-owned businesses in their development and connecting them to the tourist industry. See pages 24-25.

DAY 15 ZION NATIONAL PARK — LAS VEGAS

A day of contrasts begins with a tour of Zion National Park to see sheer cliffs and mesmerising rock formations. Equally enthralling is your destination tonight, the man-made wonder that is Las Vegas, where a night tour is one option. (B)

HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS

DAY 16 LAS VEGAS — UK

We'll transfer you to the airport today for your return flight to the UK. (B)

DAY 17 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: At certain times of year Yellowstone may experience snow and we may need to use a different route.

Altitude: During this tour you will travel to altitudes of over 10,500ft where altitude sickness can occur. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions or have any other concerns, please consult your doctor.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Yellowstone National Park offers so many opportunities to spot wildlife. To see the magnificent bison is incredible.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: UAPLB

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
29 Apr	15 May	£2999	✓
11 May	27 May	£3099	✓
01 Jun	17 Jun	FULL	✓
15 Jun	01 Jul	FULL	✓
07 Sep	23 Sep	£3199	✓
09 Sep	25 Sep	FULL	✓
21 Sep	07 Oct	£3249	✓
23 Sep	09 Oct	£3249	✓
05 Oct	21 Oct	£3149	✓
12 Oct	28 Oct	£2999	✓

2021 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: UAPLB

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
03 May	19 May	£3099	✓
17 May	02 Jun	£3199	✓
07 Jun	23 Jun	£3299	✓
14 Jun	30 Jun	£3299	✓
09 Aug	25 Aug	£3399	✓
06 Sep	22 Sep	£3199	✓
08 Sep	24 Sep	£3199	✓
20 Sep	06 Oct	£3199	✓
04 Oct	20 Oct	£3099	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1200.

For more details visit travelsphere.co.uk

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

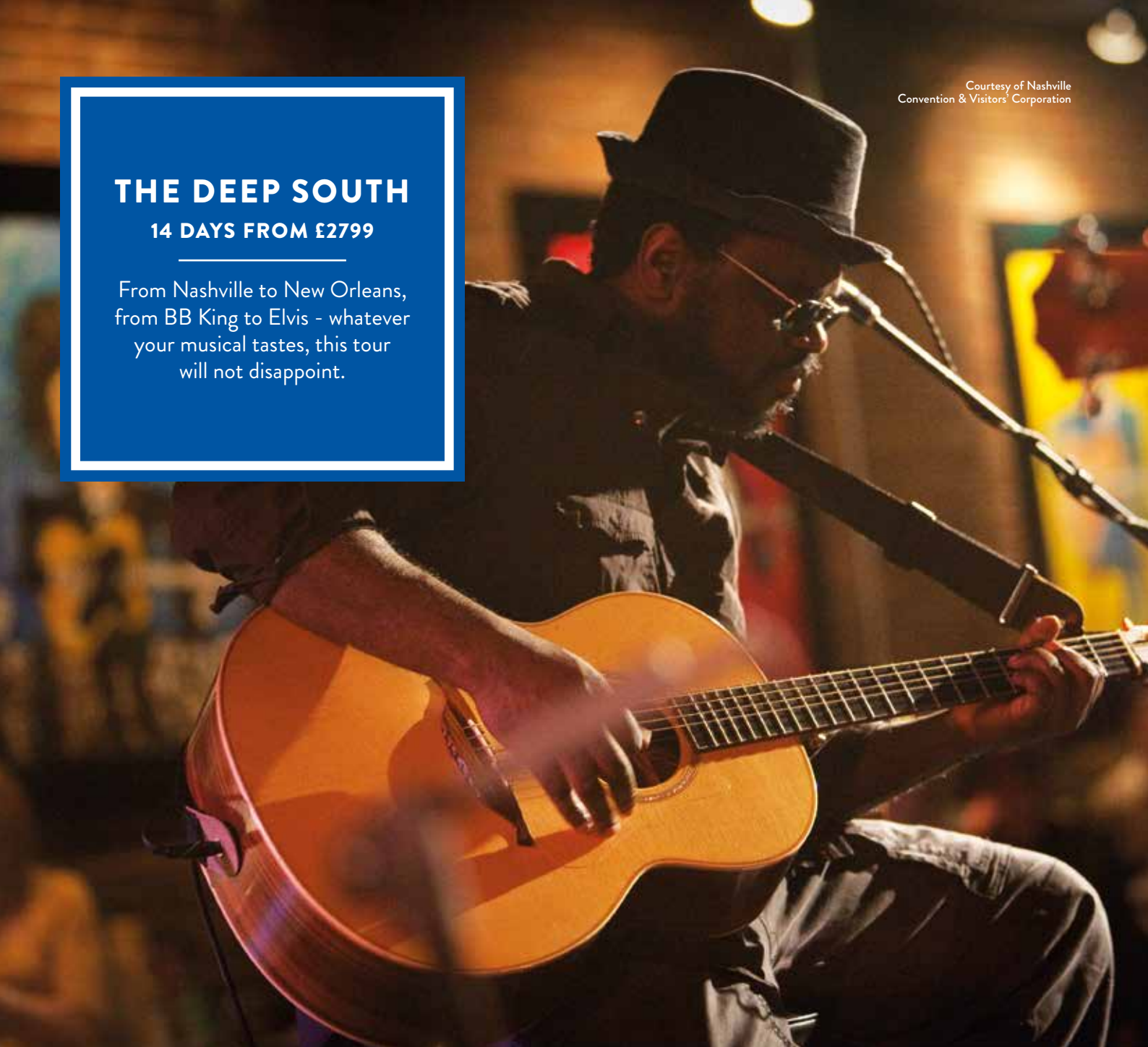
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14 DAYS FROM £2799

From Nashville to New Orleans,
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your musical tastes, this tour
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French Quarter, New Orleans



Elvis' Graceland mansion in Memphis



Canal Street,
New Orleans



Beale Street



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RETURN FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Delta Airlines
(via Atlanta on return)



12 NIGHTS

in hotels of a great quality plus 1 night in flight



7 MEALS

6 breakfasts (B), 1 brunch (Br)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Live jazz brunch in New Orleans'
French Quarter



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Atlanta, including the Martin Luther King Center
- Chattanooga, historically a major railroad hub
- Nashville, the city that "calls music home"
- Country Music Hall of Fame and Studio B
- Special performance by two of Waylon Jennings' band members
- Home of the blues, Memphis
- Elvis' former home, Graceland and Sun Studios
- Explore the BB King Museum
- New Orleans tour
- Antebellum mansion tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Chattanooga's Incline Railway and Rock City
- Nashville night out with dinner and live music
- Grand Ole Opry evening
- Visit Tupelo – birthplace of Elvis
- New Orleans' French Quarter walking tour
- Take a journey on a New Orleans paddle steamer
- Louisiana's swamps and a Southern plantation



DAY 1 UK – ATLANTA

You'll fly to Atlanta today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES ATLANTA DOWNTOWN

DAY 2 ATLANTA – CHATTANOOGA

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before beginning your exploration of the Deep South in the company of your Tour Manager. On your tour of the city, you'll see its main highlights, including the Martin Luther King Center. (B)

CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO HOTEL

DAY 3 CHATTANOOGA – DAY AT LEISURE

You've a free day to explore Chattanooga at leisure. Alternatively, you could opt to take a trip on the incline

railway to Rock City. These incredible rock formations and gardens sit atop Lookout Mountain and offer fantastic views. (B)

CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO HOTEL

DAY 4 CHATTANOOGA – NASHVILLE

Leaving Chattanooga, we're bound for Nashville today. On arrival in Tennessee's capital, a short orientation tour will help you to find your bearings.

If you want to experience a night out in the city that "calls music home", why not join an optional excursion of dinner and an evening of live entertainment. (B)

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN

DAY 5 NASHVILLE

We've a fabulous music-themed day in store for you today. It begins as you step inside the hallowed halls of Studio B, which became famous in the 1960s for its part in the Nashville Sound.

This is followed by a unique performance by two of Waylon Jennings' band members, and to round off the day you'll visit the Country Music Hall of Fame.

There's one more exciting experience to come if you choose to join an optional excursion – an evening of live music at the Grand Ole Opry. (B)

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN

DAY 6 NASHVILLE – MEMPHIS

The next great musical city you'll visit is Memphis, standing proudly on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. On arrival in the afternoon, we're going to set off together to discover some of its many highlights, including the Riverfront and Beale Street, the home of the blues. (B)

HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN

DAY 7 MEMPHIS

Memphis is synonymous with Elvis Presley and today we're going to find out about this connection. Our first visit is to Sun Studios, where the 'King of Rock 'n' Roll' made his first recordings back in 1954.

This is followed by Graceland, where we'll take a fascinating guided tour of the opulent mansion that was his home from 1957 until his death in 1977.

HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN

DAY 8 MEMPHIS – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to explore more of Memphis at leisure.

Alternatively, come with us to Tupelo, where you'll see the house where Elvis was born and visit a museum displaying one of the most remarkable collections of Elvis memorabilia in the world.

HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN

DAY 9 MEMPHIS – VICKSBURG

We're going to take to the road today, leaving marvellous Memphis behind and crossing the border into Mississippi. Visit the BB King Museum, where you'll learn all about the life and music of the legendary 'King of the Blues'.

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES VICKSBURG

DAY 10 NEW ORLEANS

Our ultimate destination is the 'Big Easy', or New Orleans, home to another musical genre – jazz. You may choose to join an optional walking tour of the French Quarter, taking in Jackson Square, Pirate's Alley and the world-famous Bourbon Street. (B)

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 11 NEW ORLEANS – DAY AT LEISURE

Your day begins with a buffet brunch accompanied by live jazz music, which is served in a pretty outdoor courtyard in the French Quarter. An included tour this morning introduces St Louis Cathedral and cemeteries full of above-the-ground tombs, known as Cemeteries of the Dead. The rest of the day is all yours to do just as you wish. If you're still keen to discover more, your Tour Manager is hosting an optional afternoon trip on an authentic paddle steamer. (Br)

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 12 NEW ORLEANS – DAY AT LEISURE

With so much to discover in New Orleans, you might want to spend the day exploring at your own pace.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

You'll bring back magical memories of an exclusive private performance, which tells the story of 'outlaw' country music in the 1970s.



SPECIAL DEPARTURE

MARDI GRAS
14 DAYS FROM £3199
14 FEBRUARY 2020*
5 FEBRUARY 2021*



This special departure follows a similar itinerary to our Deep South tour, and includes a ticket to the fantastic Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans. See page 171 for details.

However, you can also join an optional excursion as you head off into the swamps by boat, where you can look for plenty of wildlife, including alligators.

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 13 NEW ORLEANS – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your return flights to the UK.

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Delta Airlines Holiday ref: UTDS

Direct flight (via Atlanta on return)			
14 Feb*	27 Feb	£3199	✓
13 Mar	26 Mar	£2799	✓
24 Apr	07 May	£2849	✓
22 May	04 Jun	£2899	✓
05 Jun	18 Jun	£2899	✓
11 Sep	24 Sep	£2849	✓
02 Oct	15 Oct	£2849	✓
16 Oct	29 Oct	£2849	✓
06 Nov	19 Nov	£2799	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Delta Airlines Holiday ref: UTDS

Direct flight (via Atlanta on return)			
05 Feb*	18 Feb	£3199	✓
12 Mar	25 Mar	£2799	✓
23 Apr	06 May	£2829	✓
07 May	20 May	£2879	✓
04 Jun	17 Jun	£2899	✓
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15 Oct	28 Oct	£2849	✓
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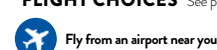
* Mardi Gras special departure is available on this date

Fly direct with British Airways for a supplement from £249 per person

Maximum single supplement charge of £950.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

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7 MEALS

6 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Chuckwagon lunch at Beaumont Ranch



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the classic American city of Dallas
- Visit to the Sixth Floor Museum, dedicated to John F Kennedy
- Tour Southfork Ranch, a filming location of the hit TV series Dallas.
- Authentic cattle drive at Fort Worth Stockyards
- Experience life on a working cattle ranch
- Explore the cool, off-beat city of Austin
- Visit German-influenced Fredericksburg
- Texas Wine Country winery tour and tasting
- Explore culturally vibrant San Antonio
- Tour NASA's Johnson Space Center
- Discover Cajun culture in Lafayette
- Visit Avery Island and a classic plantation house
- Encounter colourful New Orleans

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Evening of Cajun dance and cuisine
- Bayou cruise and alligator spotting



DAY 1 UK – FORT WORTH

Today you'll arrive in the Texan city of Fort Worth and transfer to your hotel, where you'll meet your companions in the evening for a welcome drink.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH/BLACKSTONE

DAY 2 FORT WORTH – DALLAS

This morning we'll make our way to the classic

American city of Dallas. Our tour of the city includes a trip to the Sixth Floor Museum, which is dedicated to the story of John F Kennedy and 1960s America. In the afternoon, we'll tour Southfork Ranch, a working ranch and the filming location for the long-running US soap Dallas. (B)

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH/BLACKSTONE

DAY 3 FORTH WORTH

Today we'll get a taste of the Wild West at the Fort Worth Stockyards. The historic stockyards were at the centre of America's cattle industry in the late 1800s and at one point sold a million cattle per year. Today, they bring the Wild West to life with an authentic cattle drive every day. We'll watch the drive and chat to the drovers before taking a private walking tour of the stockyards. (B)

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH/BLACKSTONE

DAY 4 BEAUMONT RANCH – AUSTIN

No visit to cowboy country would be complete without a trip to a cattle ranch. This morning we'll visit Beaumont Ranch to see what happens on a working ranch. You'll get to meet the owner's herds of Texan Longhorn cattle, as well as the horses and llamas! Get your camera ready because our lunch will be prepared on a traditional chuckwagon – the wagon used by cowboys for cooking during long cattle drives. Then it's full steam ahead to Austin. (B,L)

HOLIDAY INN AUSTIN TOWNLAKE

DAY 5 AUSTIN

Deemed 'Live Music Capital of the World' and famous for (of all things) its sizeable bat colony, Austin is Texas' cool, off-beat capital. We'll tour the city's landmarks, including the Texas Capitol building, Texas University and the 360 bridge, and go behind the scenes at Austin City Limits (ACL Live), a long-running, iconic television show recorded in Austin that showcases new musicians. The rest of the day is yours to get to know this extraordinary city.

HOLIDAY INN AUSTIN TOWNLAKE

DAY 6 FREDERICKSBURG – SAN ANTONIO

Today we'll visit Fredericksburg, a classic American small town and an excellent place for shopping and art. Fredericksburg is right in the centre of Texas Wine Country, so in the afternoon we'll visit one of the 50 or so wineries in the area for a tour and tasting. Then, it's onwards to San Antonio.

HAMPTON INN SAN ANTONIO - DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

DAY 7 SAN ANTONIO

Vibrant, culturally diverse San Antonio is the oldest city in Texas, with five Spanish missions that are now a UNESCO World Heritage site. We'll visit some of the city's landmarks including the Alamo, the mission at the centre of a historic battle of the Texan Revolution. The afternoon is free for you to spend as you wish, so why not cruise down the Rio San Antonio or stroll along the Riverwalk? (B)

HAMPTON INN SAN ANTONIO - DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

DAY 8 SAN ANTONIO – HOUSTON

Today we'll travel to Houston and the Johnson Space Center for a thrilling behind-the-scenes look at space exploration. (B)

CROWNE PLAZA RIVER OAKS, HOUSTON

DAY 9 HOUSTON – LAFAYETTE

Next stop is the city of Lafayette in the heart of America's Deep South. Home of the Acadian refugees, Lafayette is considered the centre of Cajun life in the US. We'll visit Vermilionville, a village of recreated and restored buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries that brings Acadian and Cajun history to life. The rest of the day is free. Perhaps join us in the evening for a night of Cajun cuisine and dance.

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, LAFAYETTE

DAY 10 LAFAYETTE – NEW ORLEANS

We'll take a trip through rural Louisiana to Avery Island, a quirky place that isn't an island at all, but a vast dome of salt. Famous as the home of the Tabasco Pepper Sauce, we'll take a factory tour to learn about the history and manufacturing process of the famous condiment. Later, on our way to New Orleans, we'll stop for a tour of Houmas House, a classic plantation house with 38 acres of lush gardens. (B)

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 11 NEW ORLEANS

Birthplace of jazz and home to wonderful Cajun and Creole food, New Orleans is one of America's most-loved destinations. We'll see the city's landmarks, and then you'll have the rest of the day to look around on your own.

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 12 NEW ORLEANS – DAY AT LEISURE

New Orleans is in 'Bayou Country', named after the low-lying wildlife-rich 'bayous' or wetlands which surround it. Join us on an optional cruise of this watery landscape and look for one of its most famous inhabitants, the American Alligator. Or simply spend the day doing whatever you fancy, whether that's more sightseeing or just a day of relaxing, Sazerac in hand.

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 13 NEW ORLEANS – UK

Today you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2021 HEATHROW - American Airlines Holiday ref: UTCN

Direct flight (via Philadelphia on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
07 May	20 May	£2999	✓
03 Sep	16 Sep	£2899	
22 Oct	04 Nov	£2799	

Fly direct for a supplement from £249 per person

Maximum single supplement charge of £900.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



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DAY 11 NEW ORLEANS – DAY AT LEISURE

With so much to see and do in New Orleans you might want to spend the day exploring at your own pace. However, you can also choose to join an optional excursion to discover two sides of Louisiana, with a swamp cruise and a plantation visit.

It's your final evening, so why not head off to Bourbon Street or Frenchmen Street to enjoy the music scene. **SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL**

DAY 12 NEW ORLEANS – UK

The morning is yours to do as you wish. Later, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 13 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – United Airlines Holiday ref: UCNA1

Direct flight (indirect on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
23 May	04 Jun	£2799	✓
06 Jun	18 Jun	£2899	✓
12 Sep	24 Sep	£2699	✓
31 Oct	12 Nov	£2599	✓

2021 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: UCNA1

Direct flight (indirect on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
08 May	20 May	£2799	✓
12 Jun	24 Jun	£2899	✓
04 Sep	16 Sep	£2699	✓
30 Oct	11 Nov	£2599	✓

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Maximum single supplement charge of £900.

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FLIGHT CHOICES

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Flight upgrade

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LOCAL FLAVOURS
Live jazz brunch in New Orleans French Quarter

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TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Chicago
- Entry to 360 Chicago
- Live Chicago blues evening
- Springfield and Abraham Lincoln Museum
- Studio B and the Country Music Hall of Fame
- Tour of Memphis
- Sun Studios visit
- Elvis Presley's former home Graceland
- New Orleans tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Chicago's architecture river cruise (subject to time of year)
- Nashville night out
- Grand Ole Opry evening
- Paddle steamer with lunch
- Bayou swamp tour and Louisiana plantation



DAY 1 UK – CHICAGO

Depart on your flight to Chicago. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel for a two-night stay.

HAMPTON INN CHICAGO MAGNIFICENT MILE

DAY 2 CHICAGO

You're going to discover the best of Chicago today in the company of your Local Guide. End your morning at the impressive Navy Pier on the shores of Lake Michigan, where there's free time for lunch or an afternoon cruise if you wish.

There's a great night ahead, starting with a visit to 360 Chicago observation deck. After this, we're going to head to an authentic blues club. **(B)**

HAMPTON INN CHICAGO MAGNIFICENT MILE

DAY 3 CHICAGO – SPRINGFIELD – ST LOUIS

We take to the road today and head to St Louis in Missouri. En route we're going to stop in Springfield, the state capital of Illinois and former home of President Lincoln. **(B)**

PEAR TREE INN ST LOUIS UNION STATION

DAY 4 ST LOUIS – NASHVILLE

The impressive Gateway Arch is the highlight of your sightseeing tour of St Louis this morning. Our next stop and our base for two nights is Nashville, the capital of Tennessee. **(B)**

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN

DAY 5 NASHVILLE

In the country music capital of the world, of course the theme for today is music! Firstly, you'll enter Studio B to stand where Elvis Presley and countless other performers recorded famous tracks. Next you'll see the vast collection of memorabilia that's on display in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

There's one more exciting experience to come if you choose to join an optional excursion – an evening of live music at the Grand Ole Opry. **(B)**

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN

DAY 6 NASHVILLE – MEMPHIS

You're bound for Memphis today, stood proud on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. The city is synonymous with Elvis Presley and, during your sightseeing tour, you'll visit the famous Sun Studios where he made his first recordings in 1954. **(B)**

HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN

DAY 7 MEMPHIS

We're going to head to Graceland today for a fascinating guided tour of the opulent mansion that was home to Elvis from 1957 until his death in 1977.

HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN

DAY 8 MEMPHIS – DAY AT LEISURE

You've a free day to explore Memphis at leisure. Many fascinating museums pay tribute to the city's musical heritage, so maybe you'll choose to visit some of them. At the Memphis Music Hall of Fame, you will learn about the city's legendary musicians through an exciting array of interactive exhibits.

HOLIDAY INN MEMPHIS DOWNTOWN

DAY 9 MEMPHIS – NEW ORLEANS

We're going to head deeper south to New Orleans today, the birthplace of another musical genre, jazz. From museums and churches to parks and boutiques, there is plenty to discover in this energetic city.

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

DAY 10 NEW ORLEANS

Your day begins with brunch accompanied by live jazz music, which is served in a courtyard in the French Quarter. A morning sightseeing tour of the 'Big Easy' will help you to get your bearings. **(Br)**

SHERATON NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

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Savannah

Cape Fear River





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- 12 NIGHTS**
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight
- 10 MEALS**
9 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L)
and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Traditional Southern fare buffet
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Atlanta tour, including Martin Luther King Center
- Stay in Savannah
- Charleston's Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
- Elegant Charleston
- Wilmington, on the banks of the Cape Fear River
- Richmond, on the shores of the James River
- Tours of Jamestown and Williamsburg
- Visit Monticello, once home to Thomas Jefferson
- Capital of the United States, Washington DC
- Experience the 'Plain' lifestyle in Amish Dutch Country
- The USA's original capital, Philadelphia

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Atlanta History Center and Cyclorama
- Sightseeing tour in Savannah
- Charleston harbour cruise to Fort Sumter
- Evening tour of Washington's monuments



DAY 1 UK – ATLANTA

Today you'll fly to Atlanta. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel for a two-night stay.

AC HOTEL ATLANTA DOWNTOWN

DAY 2 ATLANTA

This morning's tour includes Peachtree Street and the gold-domed Georgia State Capitol. Visits to the grave site of Dr Martin Luther King and a memorial dedicated to the civil rights leader, who was born in Atlanta, are further highlights.

This afternoon you may choose to visit one of the many attractions in Downtown Atlanta: the Centennial Olympic Park celebrating the legacy of the 1996 Olympics, the World of Coca-Cola which was invented in Atlanta, or maybe the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Or join our optional excursion to the Atlanta History Center where the restored Cyclorama painting is displayed through theatrical film.

AC HOTEL ATLANTA DOWNTOWN

DAY 3 ATLANTA – SAVANNAH

You can set your own pace as you explore Savannah today. The city boasts more than 20 historic squares, shaded by oak trees and surrounded by elegant homes, charming churches and fascinating museums. Be sure to take in Chippewa Square, where scenes from Forrest Gump were filmed. Alternatively, join an optional sightseeing tour of the city.

STAYBRIDGE SUITES SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT

DAY 4 SAVANNAH – DAY AT LEISURE

You can set your own pace as you explore Savannah today. The city boasts more than 20 historic squares, shaded by oak trees and surrounded by elegant homes, charming churches and fascinating museums. Be sure to take in Chippewa Square, where scenes from Forrest Gump were filmed. Alternatively, join an optional sightseeing tour of the city.

This evening, why not make a beeline for the cobbled street alongside the river. It's home to a myriad of restaurants and bars where musicians often play. (B)

STAYBRIDGE SUITES SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT

DAY 5 SAVANNAH – CHARLESTON

Our journey to Charleston takes us first to the beautiful Magnolia Plantation House and Gardens, founded by the Drayton family in 1676, when they arrived here from Barbados. We'll take a tour to learn more about the family and their home. (B)

HOLIDAY INN RIVERVIEW, CHARLESTON

DAY 6 CHARLESTON

Founded in 1670, Charleston is the oldest city on America's Eastern seaboard. It's built around a lovely natural harbour and distinctive palmetto palm trees line its charming streets. As we explore the Old Town together, highlights include the waterfront, the old slave mart and the exchange building.

This afternoon, why not join a fascinating optional tour to Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the American Civil War were fired. You'll learn more about the history of the conflict and see a network of waterways, marshland and bridges along the way.

Charleston's restaurant scene is considered to be one of the best in the country, so why not head out this evening and sample some local specialties. (B)

HOLIDAY INN RIVERVIEW, CHARLESTON

DAY 7 CHARLESTON – WILMINGTON

Today we head to Wilmington in North Carolina, set on the banks of the Cape Fear River. (B)

BEST WESTERN PLUS WILMINGTON/WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

DAY 8 WILMINGTON – RICHMOND

We're heading north today to the state of Virginia, where our base for two nights is Richmond, capital of the Confederacy during the American Civil War.

Today Richmond is a buzzing city, located on the banks of the James River. Here, you will find the Virginia State Capitol, a building designed by Thomas Jefferson, and Monument Avenue with its statues of well-known Confederate figures. (B)

HAMPTON INN & SUITES RICHMOND DOWNTOWN

DAY 9 JAMESTOWN – WILLIAMSBURG

Today you're going to experience the beginnings of modern America, starting in historic Jamestown, where the first British settlement was established in 1607.

Next, we'll visit Colonial Williamsburg, which has been faithfully restored to its original 18th century state. You'll see craftsmen and traders wearing authentic costumes and instead of cars, the only way to travel here is by horse-drawn carriage. (B)

HAMPTON INN & SUITES RICHMOND DOWNTOWN

DAY 10 RICHMOND – WASHINGTON DC

Your highlight today is a visit to Monticello, the magnificent home of Thomas Jefferson, third President

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

NEW YORK 3 NIGHTS FROM £699

You can choose to extend your holiday with a visit to New York and stay in the heart of Manhattan. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the famous landmarks, a tour of Central Park and a guided walk along Fifth Avenue. You'll also discover the Manhattan skyline on a cruise around the island. Includes three nights room only in a great quality hotel. Available on dates marked with *. See page 170 for details.

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of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence. After your tour, we travel onwards to Washington DC, our base for the next two nights. (B)

CAMBRIA HOTEL, WASHINGTON DC

DAY 11 WASHINGTON DC

The capital of the United States of America, Washington DC radiates outwards from the Capitol Building. On our morning tour we will see the White House, the US Treasury and many of the city's other famous landmarks. We'll pass the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and the Washington Memorial, which stretch along the Mall to the Arlington Cemetery and the Pentagon.

Take time to make your own discoveries this afternoon. (B)

CAMBRIA HOTEL, WASHINGTON DC

DAY 12 LANCASTER – PHILADELPHIA

Today we drive to Lancaster County. In the home of America's oldest Amish settlement, you'll experience the centuries-old 'Plain' lifestyle still lived by thousands of people. We'll take a tour of the Dutch Country, where windmills are used to harness the power of nature and the horse and buggy is the primary form of transportation. (B)

SONESTA HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA

DAY 13 PHILADELPHIA – UK

We'll explore Philadelphia together this morning. It was the USA's original capital city and is where the Declaration of Independence was written, signed and introduced to the public in 1776. On our tour we'll see highlights including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Franklin Institute, before we take you to the airport in New York for your flight home. (B)

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

Please note: The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UCHE

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Sep*	26 Sep	£2729	✓
11 Oct	24 Oct	£2699	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UCHE1

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 May*	19 May	£2899	✓
17 Jun*	30 Jun	£2899	✓
23 Sep*	06 Oct	£2899	✓
14 Oct*	27 Oct	£2799	✓

* New York add-on is available on these dates

Maximum single supplement charge of £1100.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.



✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £600 applies.**

DISCOVER NEW ENGLAND

14 DAYS FROM £3099

This tour is perfect for travellers
who want to discover the
splendours of New England.





FAVOURITE MOMENT

Take in the varied landscapes of Acadia National Park, with its rocky coastline, mountains, forests, ponds and marshlands.

You'll also see some of the summer homes built by America's wealthiest families in the late 19th century. We'll admire Rosecliff, where 'The Great Gatsby' and 'High Society' were filmed.

If you wish to, you can join a visit to The Breakers, the most ostentatious mansion of them all. It was built by the Vanderbilt family and is a 70-room Italian Renaissance-style palazzo. Later you'll have some free time to explore Brick Marketplace and the waterfront. (B)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, MIDDLETOWN/NEWPORT

DAY 10 NEWPORT – MARTHA'S VINEYARD

You'll take a ferry to Martha's Vineyard this morning. This delightful island is where celebrities and presidents, past and present choose to take their holidays, and we'll be staying overnight. (B)

SUMMER CAMP, OAK BLUFFS, MARTHA'S VINEYARD

DAY 11 MARTHA'S VINEYARD – HYANNIS

After returning to the mainland by ferry, our journey continues north to Plymouth. You'll visit the Plimoth Plantation - a recreated 17th century village.

RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER AT HYANNIS

DAY 12 CAPE COD

On today's journey, you'll travel along the beautiful Cape Cod National Seashore and make a stop at Chatham Light. You'll also have time to explore Provincetown. (B)

RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER AT HYANNIS

DAY 13 BOSTON – UK

You'll leave Cape Cod and head back to Boston this morning. We'll visit the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, before transferring to the airport for your flight home. (B)

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

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DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UNENG

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
24 May	06 Jun	£3099	✓
07 Jun	20 Jun	£3299	✓
20 Sep	03 Oct	£3299	✓
27 Sep	10 Oct	£3299	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UNENG1

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
23 May	05 Jun	£3099	✓
06 Jun	19 Jun	£3199	✓
19 Sep	02 Oct	£3299	✓
26 Sep	09 Oct	£3299	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1000.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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CT CLASSIC TOURING

FLIGHT CHOICES

MAX 35 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic

12 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight

12 MEALS
11 breakfasts (B), 1 dinner (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a traditional New England clambake

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Boston including the Freedom Trail
- Discover Ogunquit and the coast of Maine
- Visit the former ship-building town of Kennebunkport
- See the iconic lighthouse at Portland
- Explore Acadia National Park
- Visit Bar Harbor
- The White Mountains and Franconia Notch State Park
- Browse the shops and galleries of Woodstock
- Mark Twain House and Museum
- Tour of Newport
- Martha's Vineyard visit
- Meet New World Pilgrims at Plimoth Plantation
- Cape Cod and Provincetown
- John F. Kennedy Library and Museum

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Lulu Lobster Cruise from Bar Harbor
- Newport's famous mansion - The Breakers



DAY 1 UK – BOSTON

Today you'll fly to Boston. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel in the newly developed Seaport District. ELEMENT BOSTON, SEAPORT

DAY 2 BOSTON – OGUNQUIT

You'll see many of Boston's highlights on a sightseeing tour this morning. We'll travel along the famous Freedom Trail and visit Beacon Hill, Quincy Market and Cambridge, home of Harvard University. Later we'll head to Ogunquit, a charming beach town in southern Maine, where you'll find quaint shops and lively restaurants. Whilst you're here, be sure to take a walk along the Marginal Way footpath for fabulous views of the New England coast. (B)

MEADOWMERE RESORT, OGUNQUIT

DAY 3 OGUNQUIT – BAR HARBOR

Kennebunkport was known for its shipbuilding, and today you'll see some of the town's mansions, built by wealthy captains. Later we'll visit Cape Elizabeth and you'll see Portland Head Light - Maine's oldest lighthouse. Our journey continues to Bar Harbor. (B)

HOLIDAY INN RESORT, BAR HARBOR

DAY 4 ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

On today's visit to Acadia National Park you'll see an incredible natural landscape of mountains and marshland, forest and rocky coast. The area is home to a variety of wildlife, so be sure to keep a lookout for whales, seals, peregrine falcons and more. Later spend some free time exploring the village of Bar Harbor. This evening we'll get together and enjoy a traditional New England lobster clambake, a dish handed down by Native Americans. (B,D)

HOLIDAY INN RESORT, BAR HARBOR

DAY 5 BAR HARBOR – BETHEL

This morning you'll have further time to explore the rocky coast of Bar Harbor, or simply relax in one of the many cafés and maybe enjoy a Maine blueberry soda or a 'Maple Leaf' latte. Alternatively, join our optional excursion, a narrated cruise aboard the LuLu Lobster boat, and see how the crew haul the lobster traps. Later we'll drive to Bethel. (B)

BETHEL INN, BETHEL

DAY 6 BETHEL – FAIRLEE

You'll see glorious New Hampshire countryside today, as we travel through the White Mountains and along the Kancamagus Scenic Byway into Franconia Notch State Park. You'll visit Flume Gorge, a natural granite valley, before continuing to Fairlee in Vermont. (B)

LAKE MOREY RESORT, FAIRLEE

DAY 7 FAIRLEE – HARTFORD

Your day begins with a visit to the quintessential New England Town of Woodstock. After time to explore the boutiques and galleries, we'll head into Massachusetts and stop for lunch in Northampton. Later we'll head to Hartford, Connecticut's state capital. (B)

HILTON GARDEN INN SOUTH, HARTFORD

DAY 8 HARTFORD – NEWPORT

Today you'll visit the house where Mark Twain lived with his family and wrote his most important works. Then you'll be able to shop for bargains at a Premium Outlet on our way to Newport, Rhode Island. (B)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, MIDDLETOWN/NEWPORT

DAY 9 NEWPORT

On today's tour of Newport, you'll see the church where John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier and stroll through the narrow streets of the Old Town.

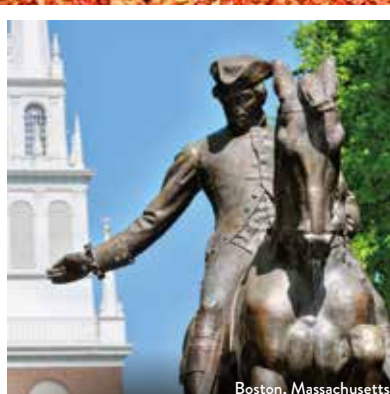
NEW ENGLAND & CANADA IN THE FALL

12 DAYS FROM £2649

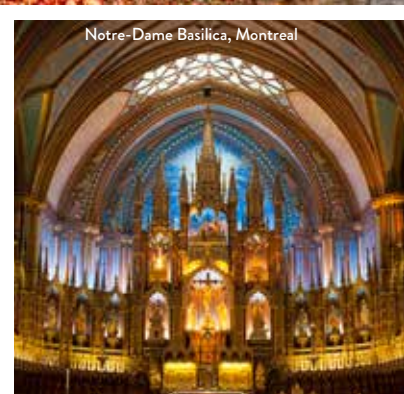
The glorious fall foliage of New England, iconic cities and Niagara Falls - the sights don't get much better than this.



Niagara Falls



Boston, Massachusetts



Notre-Dame Basilica, Montreal



Quebec City



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways



10 NIGHTS

in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



4 MEALS

2 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 1 dinner (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Lunch at Quincy Market, Boston



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Centrally located hotel in Boston
- Boston, including the Freedom Trail
- Explore coastal Salem - home of the infamous witch trials
- Drive along the Kancamagus Highway to see the splendid fall foliage
- Explore the White Mountains of New Hampshire
- Visit North Conway and Stowe in New England
- Visit Montpelier, Vermont's capital and the smallest state capital in the USA
- Visit Morse Maple Farm
- Enjoy the scenery and four contrasting cities on Canada's Maple Leaf Trail
- Explore French-influenced Montreal
- Quebec City, the only walled city in North America
- Ottawa, Canada's elegant capital
- Tour of Toronto, Canada's premier city
- Enjoy breathtaking views of Niagara Falls

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Fenway Park Stadium tour - home of the Boston Red Sox
- Spectacular views from the CN Tower
- Cape Cod and Plymouth
- Helicopter flight over Niagara Falls



DAY 1 UK – BOSTON

Depart on your flight to Boston in Massachusetts today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel, which is located right in the heart of downtown Boston. **BOSTON MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE, BOSTON**

DAY 2 BOSTON

Today you'll discover the city that is known the world over for the political protest over the Tea Act of 1773, the Boston Tea Party. You'll also visit Beacon Hill, the city's charming historic district, and we'll cross the water and head to Cambridge, home of the world-famous Harvard University. At lunchtime we'll make

our way to Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall, where we will have lunch at one of the fabulous food stalls. This afternoon you may wish to join our optional excursion to Fenway Park Stadium for an insider's tour - home of the famous Boston Red Sox. (L)

BOSTON MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE, BOSTON

DAY 3 BOSTON – DAY AT LEISURE

You can explore Boston at your own pace today. From your downtown hotel, Boston Common is easily accessible.

Alternatively, you've the option to visit beautiful Cape Cod, renowned for its delightful seaside towns, white churches, pristine beaches, lighthouses and breathtaking dunes. On the way we'll make a stop in Plymouth, and see the famous Plymouth Rock, said to mark the spot where pilgrims first set foot in the New World in 1620.

BOSTON MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE, BOSTON

DAY 4 BOSTON – SALEM – NORTH CONWAY

We're going to head north into New Hampshire today, but not before a guided walk through Salem, location of the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. A local expert will bring to life this dark period of history, when more than 200 people were accused of witchcraft and innocent lives were lost.

Later we'll drive along the scenic Kancamagus Highway. Known as 'the Kanc', this beautiful stretch of road is one of the best places from which to see New England's exceptional fall foliage. (D)

FOX RIDGE RESORT, NORTH CONWAY

DAY 5 NORTH CONWAY – VERMONT – STOWE

You've plenty of opportunities to soak up New England's glorious scenery today on a leisurely drive through the White Mountains and Franconia Notch State Park. When we reach Vermont, we'll visit Montpelier, the smallest state capital in the USA. We're going to visit Morse Maple Farm to see how maple syrup is produced, and if you wish, there's also time to visit the impressive Vermont State House.

Later, we'll drive to Stowe for an overnight stay. (B)

COMMODORES INN, STOWE

DAY 6 STOWE – MONTREAL

A journey by road takes us through the beautiful Vermont countryside to the Canadian border and on to Montreal. This bilingual city occupies an island at the junction of the St Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers and has a real cosmopolitan feel. On arrival, a sightseeing tour will introduce us to the cobbled streets and 17th century buildings of Old Montreal. (B)

HOTEL FAUBOURG, MONTREAL

DAY 7 QUEBEC CITY

You're heading off to Quebec City today, the heart of French Canada and the country's only walled city. Standing on the St Lawrence River, it is an enticing blend of winding cobbled streets, ancient churches, Norman-style houses, stone buildings and public squares. Your tour will introduce famous sights including the magnificent Château Frontenac.

HOTEL FAUBOURG, MONTREAL

DAY 8 MONTREAL – OTTAWA

Our destination today is Canada's capital city Ottawa, where we'll take a tour to tick off the sights. Located on the Rideau Canal, its main attractions include the Parliament Buildings, the grand Fairmont Château Laurier hotel and the historic ByWard Market.

CAPITAL HILL HOTEL & SUITES, OTTAWA

DAY 9 OTTAWA – TORONTO

This morning we're going to travel to Toronto and discover its highlights on a sightseeing tour. The 1,815ft high CN Tower dominates the skyline and is one of the world's tallest free-standing structures.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 10 NIAGARA FALLS

Today you'll experience one of Canada's most iconic natural wonders as you head to the awesome Niagara Falls. The falls are a breathtaking sight no matter how you view them, but the chance to fly over them on an optional helicopter ride is hard to beat.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Listening to a Local Guide tell the story of the Salem Witch Trials brings this shocking event to life.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

NEW YORK 3 NIGHTS FROM £699

You can choose to start your holiday early with a visit to New York and stay in the heart of Manhattan. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the famous landmarks, a tour of Central Park and a guided walk along Fifth Avenue. You'll also discover the Manhattan skyline on a cruise around the island. Includes three nights room only in a great quality hotel and train travel from New York to Boston. Available on dates marked with *. See page 170 for details.

> STAY LONGER

TORONTO 2 NIGHTS FROM £159

Extend your stay in the beautiful city of Toronto and discover more of the sights at your own pace. Includes two nights room only in a great quality hotel. Available on all dates. See page 171 for details.

As we head back to the hotel, we've time to stop in picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 11 TORONTO – UK

Enjoy a little more free time to explore this fascinating city. Perhaps head to the Distillery District to browse the Victorian warehouses converted into galleries, studios and boutiques, before we transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 12 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – British Airways Holiday ref: UNEW

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
21 Sep*	02 Oct	£2649	✓
28 Sep*	09 Oct	£2649	✓
04 Oct	15 Oct	£2649	✓

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Direct flights

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20 Sep*	01 Oct	£2649	
27 Sep*	08 Oct	£2649	
04 Oct*	15 Oct	£2649	
08 Oct	19 Oct	£2649	

*New York add-on available on these dates.

Maximum single supplement charge of £1000.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

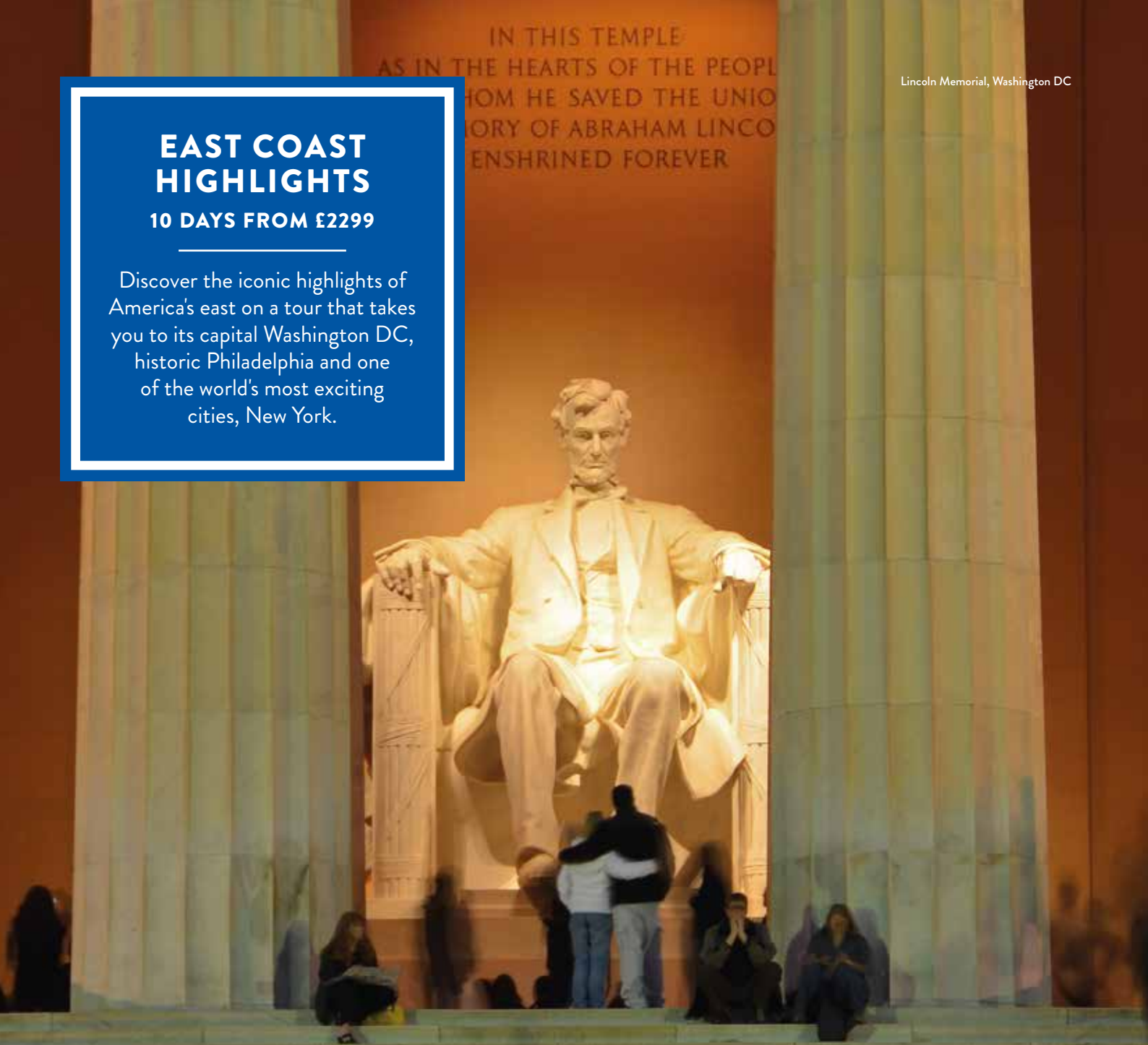
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EAST COAST HIGHLIGHTS

10 DAYS FROM £2299

Discover the iconic highlights of America's east on a tour that takes you to its capital Washington DC, historic Philadelphia and one of the world's most exciting cities, New York.

Lincoln Memorial, Washington DC



Independence Hall, Philadelphia



Empire State Building



Statue of Liberty



Capitol Building



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic



8 NIGHTS

in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



6 MEALS

5 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

See Manhattan from the water on a lunch cruise



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tour of Washington DC
- Experience the 'Plain' lifestyle on a visit to the Dutch Country
- View Philadelphia from the One Liberty Place Observation Deck
- Guided tour of Philadelphia
- See New York's highlights on a guided tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Arlington National Cemetery, Alexandria and cruise to Georgetown
- Evening cycling tour of Washington DC
- Top of the Rock observation deck and horse-and-carriage ride in Central Park



DAY 1 UK – WASHINGTON DC

Depart on your flight to Washington DC, the capital of the USA. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel.

THE FAIRFAX AT EMBASSY ROW

DAY 2 WASHINGTON DC

You'll discover the USA's capital this morning on a tour beginning at the Capitol Building. You'll see the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument, the White House and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (B)

THE FAIRFAX AT EMBASSY ROW

DAY 3 WASHINGTON DC – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free for you to explore at leisure. Alternatively, you could join an optional tour which takes you to Arlington National Cemetery, Old Town Alexandria and historic Georgetown. This evening you have the option of a cycling tour to see the city's monuments spectacularly illuminated. (B)

THE FAIRFAX AT EMBASSY ROW

DAY 4 WASHINGTON DC – LANCASTER – PHILADELPHIA

We've a complete change of pace today as we drive to Lancaster County. In the home of America's oldest Amish settlement you'll experience the centuries-old 'Plain' lifestyle still lived by thousands of people. We'll take a tour of the Dutch Country, where windmills are

used to harness the power of nature and the horse and buggy is the primary form of transportation.

Today's journey ends as we reach Philadelphia, America's first capital, which is known as the 'City of Brotherly Love'. This evening you'll see 'Philly from the Top' as we head to the Observation Deck of One Liberty Place, a 61-storey skyscraper. The views are fantastic and you'll learn all about the history and the icons of this fabulous city. (B)

HAMPTON INN PHILADELPHIA

DAY 5 PHILADELPHIA

You'll get to know Philadelphia a little better on this morning's sightseeing tour. As the birthplace of America, the city is home to no fewer than 67 National Historic Landmarks. Stroll along the cobbled streets of Society Hill, where in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. You'll also see UNESCO-listed Independence Hall, where the declaration, as well as the United States Constitution, were debated and adopted, and the Liberty Bell. Other highlights include the US Mint and Betsy Ross House, where the first American flag is said to have been made.

With so much to see and do, your free afternoon is sure to fly by as you make your own discoveries. The city has a thriving arts culture, so maybe head to Benjamin Franklin Parkway with its monumental fountains, plazas and a host of museums, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Here, fans of the 'Rocky' movies, in which Sylvester Stallone played boxer Rocky Balboa, can have their photo taken with a statue of the 'Italian Stallion', created for Rocky III. A must is to then recreate the boxer's famous run up the museum steps and his raised-arms salute. (B)

HAMPTON INN PHILADELPHIA

DAY 6 PHILADELPHIA – NEW YORK

The final stop on your holiday is New York, where on arrival, you'll head off on a tour with a Local Guide who will show you around the Big Apple. Highlights include the iconic Empire State Building, the theatre district of Broadway, the beautiful Chrysler Building, Wall Street, One World Trade Center and the city's pulsating heart, Times Square.

Your hotel is located in Midtown Manhattan, close to Grand Central Terminal, so after you've settled in, why not head out and explore. Also referred to as Grand Central Station, this is so much more than a rail terminal – you can shop here, admire its famous ornate ceiling, and maybe eat at its famous Oyster Bar. (B)

HYATT PLACE NEW YORK CITY TIMES SQUARE

DAY 7 NEW YORK

Today we will see Manhattan from a different perspective on a sightseeing tour from the water. Your lunch cruise will give you breathtaking views of this thrilling city as you admire the One World Trade Center, the UN headquarters, the Yankee Stadium and more. You'll also sail under the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges, and the pièce de résistance of your tour is sure to be the iconic Statue of Liberty. Also known as Liberty Enlightening the World, this enduring symbol of freedom and democracy is probably New York's most famous landmark.

During your free afternoon you might choose to head to lower Manhattan, where you can take a walk over the Brooklyn Bridge, or make your way downtown to Greenwich Village. This bohemian district, where the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan forged their musical careers, is home to a host of attractions and is a foodie's paradise. (L)

HYATT PLACE NEW YORK CITY TIMES SQUARE

DAY 8 NEW YORK – DAY AT LEISURE

You can explore New York today at your own pace, or why not join our optional morning tour. With your Tour Manager you'll see the best of Midtown Manhattan, starting with a trip up the Rockefeller Center to the Top of the Rock Observation Deck. The views from up here are spectacular, with Central Park to the north, and if you gaze south, one highlight is the Empire State Building in all its glory. Back down on the ground, you'll

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Your hotel in New York is right at the heart of the action, just steps away from the dazzling lights of Times Square.



TAILOR YOUR TRIP



+ ADD-ON

BOSTON 2 NIGHTS FROM £549

You can choose to extend your holiday with a two-night stay in Boston. Your add-on includes train travel from New York and two nights' accommodation. Available on all dates. See page 171 for details.

then stroll the few blocks to Central Park, also known as 'New York's backyard'. You can then rest your legs as you discover its highlights on a horse-and-carriage ride. You'll leave from the park and head onto the famous shopping street of Fifth Avenue, with attractions such as the Museum of Modern Art and St Patrick's Cathedral within easy reach, not to mention enticing stores including Tiffany's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

HYATT PLACE NEW YORK CITY TIMES SQUARE

DAY 9 NEW YORK – UK

Today we will transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 10 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UWPN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
26 Jun	05 Jul	£2299	✓
04 Sep	13 Sep	£2499	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: UWPN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
07 May	16 May	£2299	✓
04 Jun	13 Jun	£2299	✓
10 Sep	19 Sep	£2499	✓
15 Oct	24 Oct	£2299	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1000.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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NEW YORK CITY BREAK

5 DAYS FROM £1499

Discover all the iconic highlights of the 'city that never sleeps' on this non-stop short break to New York.



Statue of Liberty



Central Park



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with United Airlines

3 NIGHTS
in a great quality hotel plus 1 night in flight

1 MEAL
1 lunch (L) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
See Manhattan from the water on a lunch cruise

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay right in the heart of Manhattan
- Tour of New York's iconic sights
- Guided walk through Central Park
- Guided stroll along Fifth Avenue

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- New York and the Empire State Building by night
- See a Broadway Show



cruiser and sail along the Hudson. Lunch will be served, accompanied by live piano music, as you listen to the commentary and take in amazing views of the famous bridges of Brooklyn and Williamsburg - two of the most iconic landmarks in the world.

You can spend tonight as you please. If you'd like to see the bright lights of New York in company, come with us on an optional excursion to the Empire State Building. (L)

DAY 3 NEW YORK

Your day begins as you take the subway to Central Park to enjoy a stroll in the company of a knowledgeable Local Guide. You'll hear all about its history, planning and development, and depending on the route we take, highlights could include the Jackie Onassis Reservoir, built to commemorate the first lady, and Strawberry Fields. This section of the park is dedicated to the memory of John Lennon, and here you can sit and enjoy the Imagine mosaic beneath the shade of American elms. The world-famous singer, songwriter and peace activist was murdered outside his apartment in the Dakota building, opposite the park.

When we leave the park, you've the chance to do a spot of window shopping on a guided walk along historic Fifth Avenue. This is where you'll find some of the world's most prestigious shopping names including Tiffany & Co, Cartier and Gucci. It's also home to legendary department stores including Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale's.

An afternoon and evening to yourself gives you the chance to explore further or take in a Broadway show.

DAY 4 NEW YORK — UK

Spend your final day in this exciting city at leisure before we transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 5 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

YOUR HOTEL



FAIRFIELD INN TIMES SQUARE

Set in a prime location in the heart of Manhattan, your hotel is just a short distance from many of the city's attractions including the Empire State Building. Facilities include a fabulous rooftop bar, which offers panoramic views over the city skyline.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - United Airlines **Holiday ref: UNYC**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Sep	22 Sep	£1599	✓
25 Sep	29 Sep	£1599	✓

2021 HEATHROW - United Airlines **Holiday ref: UNYC**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
17 Sep	21 Sep	£1599	
24 Sep	28 Sep	£1599	
01 Oct	05 Oct	£1499	

Maximum single supplement charge of £600.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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DAY 1 UK — NEW YORK

Depart on your flight to New York today. On arrival we'll transfer you to the heart of midtown Manhattan, where you'll stay for the next three nights. Your hotel is close to many attractions, and this evening is free so there's time to explore this fabulous 24-hour city at your own pace.

DAY 2 NEW YORK

Today is the day that you get to see New York's iconic renowned attractions on a sightseeing tour. Your Local Guide will take you past hotspots including the Empire State Building, Wall Street and Broadway. You'll see the One World Trade Center and the Chrysler Building before heading to Chinatown. Last but not least, you'll find yourself in bustling Times Square, one of the most visited places in the world.

Next we will admire the Manhattan skyline from a different perspective when we step aboard a river



CN Tower, Toronto



Casa Loma



Niagara Falls

TORONTO & NIAGARA WINTER ESCAPE

7 DAYS FROM £999

Discover Toronto's fantastic highlights and the magic of Niagara Falls on this wonderful winter break.



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with Air Transat



5 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



WELCOME DRINK



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a winery tour and a tasting of icewine at Niagara-on-the-Lake



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Toronto's CN Tower
- Toronto sightseeing tour
- See the spectacular Niagara Falls
- Niagara-on-the-Lake

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Helicopter ride over Niagara Falls (weather dependant)
- Visit Casa Loma
- Watch an ice hockey game in Toronto (fixtures permitting)

DAY 1 UK – TORONTO

Today you'll fly to Toronto, Canada's largest city. On arrival, we will transfer you to your centrally located hotel and the rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure. There are bars and restaurants within easy reach if you want to head out for a stroll and the famous Eaton Centre – home to more than 250 outlets – is just a three minute walk from your hotel.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 2 TORONTO

We'll explore the fantastic city of Toronto today. Beginning at the CN Tower, you'll get your bearings and enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the city, Toronto Island and Lake Ontario. Once you've seen the city from above, it's time for a sightseeing tour on the ground.



You'll visit the Ontario Parliament building, City Hall and see the Rogers Centre – home of the Blue Jays baseball team. It's then onto the city's historic Distillery District, a collection of once-derelect Victorian buildings which have been transformed into an array of inviting shops, galleries and restaurants. There's free time here for lunch, shopping and perhaps a visit to a gallery.

In December, Toronto's Christmas Market takes place in the Distillery District, complete with glittering festive lights and the city's largest outdoor ice rink. For those visiting in January, the amazing Toronto Light Festival takes place here.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 3 TORONTO – NIAGARA FALLS

After a leisurely start we'll transfer you to one of Canada's most famous attractions – Niagara Falls. The falls are a spectacular sight at any time, but winter adds an extra touch of magic, when spray blankets nearby trees and lamp posts and freezes to create a glittering world of ice. Enjoy time to explore this natural wonder at leisure. You could go on a thrilling 'Journey Behind the Falls', or take an optional helicopter ride for a spectacular view from the air.

The Winter Festival of Lights runs from November to mid January, and during this time colourful lights and animated displays decorate the area close to the falls, so depending on your date of travel, you may be able to head out tonight to see the falls spectacularly lit.

DOUBLETREE FALLSVIEW RESORT & SPA, NIAGARA FALLS

DAY 4 NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Today we'll soak up even more beauty on our visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake, known as one of the 'loveliest towns in Canada'. The area is also known for its wines, in particular icewine, which is made from grapes that have frozen naturally on the vine. We'll take a tour of lakefront vineyards and learn about Niagara's wine-making heritage before enjoying a tasting. Back at the hotel, you've another chance to admire the view of the falls at night.

DOUBLETREE FALLSVIEW RESORT & SPA, NIAGARA FALLS

DAY 5 NIAGARA FALLS – TORONTO

We'll head back to Toronto today and after checking into your hotel, the day is yours to explore as you wish. Toronto is a city that's well prepared for wintry conditions, with a huge network of underground walkways known as 'The Path' linking the downtown shopping and entertainment districts. You might choose to head to the St Lawrence Market, one of the best food markets in the world, or maybe head to an art gallery or museum. Those interested in Canada's history might wish to join an optional excursion to Casa Loma, one of North America's only castles. This well-preserved museum gives a fascinating insight into the life of Sir Henry Pellatt, who made his fortunes by providing Toronto with Hydro Electricity and building Canada's largest private residence of its era.

Tonight, if the fixtures are in your favour, you might opt to see the Toronto Marlies in action – the city's ice hockey team plays at the Ricoh Coliseum.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 6 TORONTO – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

DAY 7 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK – Air Transat Holiday ref: UNTW

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
02 Dec	08 Dec	£999	✓
09 Dec	15 Dec	£1159	

2021 GATWICK – Air Transat Holiday ref: UNTW

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Jan	26 Jan	£1099	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



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CANADA'S EASTERN SPLENDOURS

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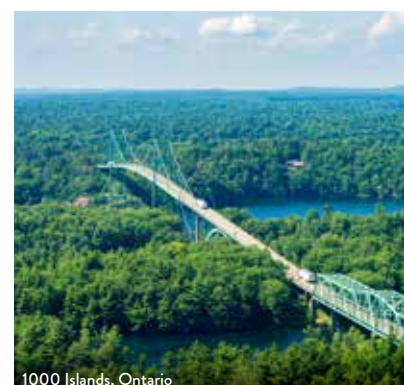
Canada's rich history and immense beauty are yours to discover on this tour of iconic cities and natural wonders.



Parliament Building, Ottawa



Quebec



1000 Islands, Ontario



Toronto's CN Tower



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Air Canada



10 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



1 MEAL
1 lunch (L) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS
Lunch at an authentic Sugar Shack



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- See the spectacular Niagara Falls
- Visit the Victorian town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Tour of Toronto's highlights
- Wine-tasting on the shores of Lake Ontario
- Scenic cruise around the 1000 Islands
- Explore Canada's capital city, Ottawa
- Overnight stay in the Laurentian Mountains
- Orientation tour of Quebec City
- Tour of Montreal

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Helicopter flight over Niagara Falls
- Whale-watching at Baie St Catherine, Quebec
- Interactive Polar Bear tour at the Canadian Museum of Nature
- Spectacular views from the CN Tower



DAY 1 UK – NIAGARA FALLS

Depart on your flight to Toronto. On arrival, we'll transfer you to Niagara Falls for an overnight stay. You'll get your first glimpse of this natural wonder beautifully lit up at night.

DOUBLETREE FALLSVIEW RESORT & SPA, NIAGARA FALLS

DAY 2 NIAGARA FALLS – TORONTO

Today you'll experience one of Canada's most iconic natural wonders as you head to the awesome Niagara Falls. Consisting of three waterfalls – Horseshoe Falls, American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls, they are a breathtaking sight, and how you view them is up to you. The thrill of flying over them on an optional helicopter ride is hard to beat. Another option is a cruise on the Niagara River, which will get you really close to the thundering waters. We'll leave the falls and head to picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake, often described as one of the 'loveliest towns in Canada'. Situated at the mouth of the Niagara River, it's also



Mont Tremblant

renowned for its wines, in particular icewine, which is made from grapes that have frozen naturally on the vine. After a winery tour, we'll clink glasses as we enjoy a tasting whilst taking in beautiful views of Lake Ontario.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 3 TORONTO

Canada's largest city is going to be a delight to explore on your morning tour. This sprawling multi-cultural metropolis offers so much. There are landmarks including the Parliament building, City Hall and the Roger's Centre Stadium, which is home to the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team. Then you've got beautiful beaches on Lake Ontario's shores, a zoo and the largest aquarium in the country. With a free afternoon, see how many you can fit in! For spectacular panoramic views, a trip to the top of the CN Tower in one of the glass-fronted lifts is highly recommended. You could also spend time taking a stroll through the Old Town with its great markets.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 4 TORONTO – OTTAWA

We travel to Rockport today, where we join our Heart of the Island Cruise, with great views of the 1000 Islands. Some islands are large and home to opulent mansions, while others are tiny, uninhabited outcrops.

CAPITAL HILL HOTEL & SUITES, OTTAWA

DAY 5 OTTAWA

Your day begins with a walking tour of Canada's modern-day capital city. Highlights will include Confederation Square, the National War Museum, Sparks Street, the grounds of Parliament Hill and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. By lunchtime we'll be in ByWard Market, so why not choose a restaurant before exploring further at your own pace. We highly recommend a visit to Rideau Hall, the official residence and workplace of Canada's Governor General.

CAPITAL HILL HOTEL & SUITES, OTTAWA

DAY 6 OTTAWA – MONT TREMBLANT

This morning you could join our optional excursion to the Canadian Museum of Nature. The hands-on Polar Bear tour with Mammal and Arctic Galleries, presents a spectacular window to the geography, climate, wildlife and people of Canada's Arctic. Later we'll revel in the beauty of the Laurentian Mountains as we make our way to the resort town of Mont Tremblant on the shores of Lake Tremblant. As you explore the resort, you'll find a huge choice of shops and restaurants. If you like, you can ride a gondola to the top of the highest peak in the Laurentians for amazing views.

LODGE DE LA MONTAGNE, MONT TREMBLANT

DAY 7 MONT TREMBLANT – QUEBEC CITY

We arrive in Quebec City today. Inside the fortified walls of this 400-year-old city you'll find an intact fortress – La Citadelle – and the Upper and Lower towns. On your tour you'll see the fairytale Château Frontenac – a hotel which dominates the skyline, City Hall, the Latin Quarter, the Military Drill Hall and Old Quebec. Another highlight is the Plains of Abraham, the site of the 1759 Battle of Quebec between the French and British. Time to yourself this afternoon gives you the chance to explore your own way.

HOTEL PUR, QUEBEC CITY

DAY 8 QUEBEC CITY – DAY AT LEISURE

The choice is all yours today – you can explore the cobbled streets of Quebec City at your own pace, or

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Visit Chez Dany for an authentic Quebecois Sugar Shack lunch. Enjoy a tour, live music and authentic pancakes along with a tasting of melting maple taffy on snow.

you can take an optional trip to Baie-Sainte-Catherine. Located at the junction of the St Lawrence River and the Saguenay Fjord, this is a hot spot for whale-watching. The journey itself offers fantastic river views, and the chance to see whales in their natural habitat is something you'll never forget.

HOTEL PUR, QUEBEC CITY

DAY 9 QUEBEC CITY – MONTREAL

As we make our way to Montreal we'll be rewarded by wonderful views. En route we're going to make a stop at an authentic Quebecois Sugar Shack for lunch. We'll take a tour and enjoy traditional Quebec cuisine whilst listening to live music. Be sure to sample the pancakes and melting maple taffy on snow – delicious! (L)

LE NOUVEL HOTEL, MONTREAL

DAY 10 MONTREAL

An important port, Montreal is filled with character and boasts a remarkable history, as you'll find out on your tour today. Two main highlights are the underground pedestrian network, dubbed the 'underground city', and the Notre Dame Basilica. This huge Neo-Gothic church is a feast for the eyes with its gilded wooden interior, paintings and sculptures.

LE NOUVEL HOTEL, MONTREAL

DAY 11 MONTREAL – UK

You've time in Montreal this morning to explore a little more. Later, we're going to transfer you to the airport for your overnight flight back to the UK.

DAY 12 UK

Today you'll arrive back in the UK.

Please note: The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Air Canada Holiday ref: UCEC

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
19 May	30 May	£2299	✓
09 Jun	20 Jun	£2349	✓
08 Sep	19 Sep	£2399	✓
22 Sep	03 Oct	£2349	✓
06 Oct	17 Oct	£2199	

2021 HEATHROW – Air Canada Holiday ref: UCEC

Direct flights

19 May	30 May	£2299	✓
23 Jun	04 Jul	£2349	✓
01 Sep	12 Sep	£2399	✓
15 Sep	26 Sep	£2399	

Maximum single supplement charge of £700.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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A price reduction of £600 applies.

ROCKIES WINTER WONDERLAND

10 DAYS FROM £1849

Winter is a great time to explore the Canadian Rockies, with snowy peaks, frozen waterfalls and sleigh rides just some of the magical highlights.



Sleigh ride, Banff National Park



Upper Hot Springs, Banff

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Admire spectacular views of sparkling snow-capped peaks when you ride the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain.



FEATURE HOTEL



FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

Steeped in history, this iconic hotel has sat on the shores of Lake Louise for over 100 years, surrounded by rugged mountains and the mighty Victoria Glacier. Originally a one-storey log cabin, the hotel has evolved over the years to become a luxurious mountain resort and your holiday includes a two night stay here. Hotel facilities include a choice of restaurants and bars, spa and health club featuring indoor heated pool, whirlpool, steam room and fitness centre.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a lake-view room from £125 per person.

cosmopolitan city with some lovely parks, cafés and restaurants. We'll take in its highlights on a sightseeing tour before checking into our hotel.

Tonight you might choose to sample some local tipples and live music at one of the cities cowboy bars. (B)

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT CALGARY DOWNTOWN, CALGARY

DAY 9 CALGARY – UK

After some free time this morning, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 10 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Air Canada Holiday ref: UWIN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
02 Dec	11 Dec	£1949	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Air Canada Holiday ref: UWIN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Jan	22 Jan	£1849	✓
03 Feb	12 Feb	£1899	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Air Canada

8 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight

ALL BREAKFASTS
8 breakfasts (B) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Make S'mores by an open fire with mulled wine

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Banff National Park tour
- Banff Gondola ride
- Horse-drawn sleigh ride
- Relax in Banff's hot springs
- Jasper National Park tour
- Stay in the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- Lake Louise fire-pit drinks
- Calgary tour and visit to the Canada Olympic Park

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Snowshoeing on Lake Louise
- Maligne Canyon Icewalk



DAY 1 UK – CALGARY

Today you'll fly to Calgary and on arrival we'll transfer you to your downtown hotel.

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT CALGARY DOWNTOWN, CALGARY

DAY 2 BANFF

This morning, we'll drive through the spectacular snow-capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains to Banff, and when we arrive, we'll head out straight away to explore UNESCO-listed Banff National Park. Nestled in the heart of the Rockies, this incredible wilderness is home to snowy mountains, glistening glaciers and ice-covered lakes. You'll see vast swathes of pine forest,

where wolves, elk and deer roam free, so keep your eyes peeled. Other scenic highlights are the Hoodoos of Bow Valley, imposing spires of rock carved by wind and water, and the sensational views at Surprise Corner. You'll then take a ride on the Banff Gondola. This cable car takes you to the top of Sulphur Mountain for unrivalled views of Banff and six scenic mountain ranges.

The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. There's a great selection of bars and restaurants just a short walk from your hotel. (B)

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 3 BANFF

Your day begins with a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the snowy landscape. You'll be treated to magnificent views as you listen to the jingle of sleigh bells on this unforgettable journey.

Later, you can warm up – and soak up some history – when you visit Banff's natural hot springs. They're located in an historic spa and bathhouse but with lovely modern amenities. As you relax in the soothing hot waters of a mountain spring, you can take in views of snow-covered peaks in every direction. (B)

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 4 BANFF – JASPER

Sit back and take in more stunning scenery today as we journey by road to Jasper. At this time of year, its national park is described as a Christmas card come to life, with its beautiful snow-dusted evergreens and frozen waterfalls. (B)

LOBSTICK LODGE, JASPER

DAY 5 JASPER

Today's the day that you get to explore Jasper National Park. It is home to abundant wildlife, shimmering glaciers, crystal-clear lakes, thundering waterfalls and evergreen forests. We'll take in all the wonderful sights on a tour before you have the chance to join an optional icewalk in the Maligne Canyon. As we head to the bottom of this deep gorge, we'll see frozen waterfalls, ice caves and incredible ice formations. You'll also learn about the spectacular landscape of the Maligne Valley and hear tales about the mysterious 'disappearing' Medicine Lake. This evening we'll gather around an open fire to make S'mores, a sweet treat made from marshmallows, chocolate and biscuits, served with mulled wine. (B)

LOBSTICK LODGE, JASPER

DAY 6 JASPER – LAKE LOUISE

Today we travel to picture-perfect Lake Louise. This glacial, jade-green lake is situated high in the mountains and is surrounded by towering peaks on all sides. We'll stay in the Fairmont Chateau, a stunning hotel situated right next to its shores. (B)

FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

DAY 7 LAKE LOUISE – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend today is entirely up to you. One option is to stay exactly where you are and enjoy your hotel's excellent facilities and wonderful surroundings. Alternatively, you could join an optional snowshoeing tour of Lake Louise. Wearing a pair of specially designed snowshoes, you will be able to walk on the snow with ease, without sinking into it. Tonight we'll settle down by an outdoor fire-pit to enjoy a drink together. (B)

FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE, LAKE LOUISE

DAY 8 LAKE LOUISE – CALGARY

We'll travel back to Calgary today, making a stop at the Canada Olympic Park, where the bobsleigh and ski-jump events of the 1988 Winter Olympics were held. Famous for its annual Stampede, Calgary is a

SPECTACULAR ROCKIES & VANCOUVER

12 DAYS FROM £2499

Canada's awe-inspiring Rocky Mountains and the stunning city of Vancouver combine to fill this tour with scenic wonders.



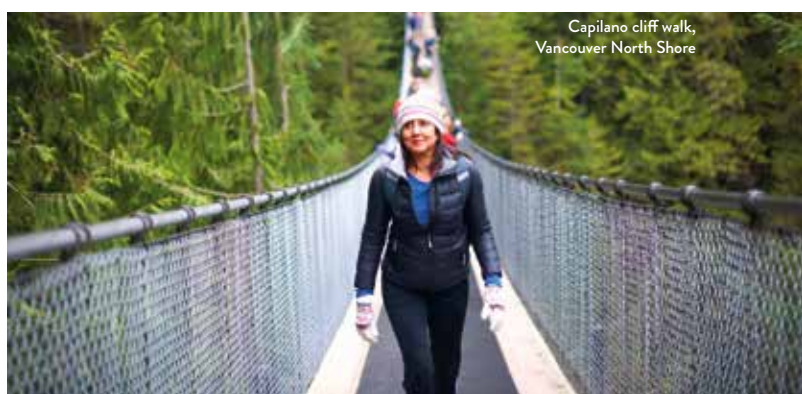
Athabasca River



Brewster Glacier Ice Explorer



Vancouver



Capilano cliff walk,
Vancouver North Shore



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Air Canada



10 NIGHTS

in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



3 MEALS

2 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L)
and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy an authentic lunch accompanied
by live music at the Wilderness Kitchen



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Banff
- Explore Banff and Jasper National Parks
- Discover the beauty of Lake Louise
- Jasper, Maligne Lake and Maligne Canyon
- Rockies river safari on the Blue River
- Tour of Victoria, Vancouver Island
- Visit Butchart Gardens
- Vancouver city tour and Stanley Park

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Helicopter ride over the Rockies
- Banff Gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain
- Ice Explorer ride across the Athabasca Glacier
- River rafting on the Athabasca River
- Twilight nature walk in Jasper
- Whale-watching trip
- Vancouver's stunning North Shore
- Seaplane flight over Victoria



DAY 1 UK – BANFF

You'll depart on your flight to Calgary today. On arrival we'll transfer you to Banff.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 2 BANFF

You're going to get out in the great outdoors this morning on a tour of Banff. There are so many scenic highlights here, from the imposing spires of rock at Hoodoos of Bow Valley to the sensational views at Surprise Corner. A great way to round off the morning is an optional ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola.

You might choose to make your own discoveries this afternoon. However, you've also got the chance to see more spectacular views of the Rockies, but this time from the sky on an optional helicopter flight.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 3 LAKE LOUISE

A full day out today takes you to a destination often



Whale-watching

described as the most beautiful place in Canada, Lake Louise. See if you think this glacial jade-green lake surrounded by mountains lives up to its reputation.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 4 BANFF – JASPER

At times, the Banff-Jasper Highway reaches nearly 7,000ft above sea level, and the mountain ranges flanking it soar to more than 11,000ft. We're going to travel along this route on our way to Jasper. Before we arrive, we'll stop at the Great Columbia Icefield. If you're up for adventure, an optional Ice Explorer ride across the Athabasca Glacier is highly recommended.

LOBSTICK HOTEL, JASPER

DAY 5 JASPER

A former railroad town, Jasper is now known for its breathtakingly beautiful national park. You're going to discover its incredible highlights today, in particular the spectacular Maligne Lake, renowned for its azure waters, and the Maligne Canyon. During our time at Maligne Canyon we'll stop at the Wilderness Kitchen where a lunch of distinctly Canadian produce will be served such as grilled elk sausages, smoked bison ribs or oven-seared salmon. You've a couple of thrilling optional excursions to choose from today too - an exhilarating Athabasca River rafting experience, and an evening nature walk. (B,L)

LOBSTICK HOTEL, JASPER

DAY 6 JASPER – KAMLOOPS

Our journey to Kamloops in British Columbia takes us over Yellow Head Pass, past Mount Robson - the highest peak in the Rockies - and along the Trans-Canada Highway. The scenery may be spectacular, but the highlight of your day is sure to be our stop at Blue River for an exciting Rockies river safari. This once-in-a-lifetime cruise will take you through Grizzly Bear Valley on the lookout for moose, eagles, ospreys and, of course, grizzly bears. (B)

SANDMAN SIGNATURE KAMLOOPS

DAY 7 KAMLOOPS – VICTORIA

The ferry terminal is where we're headed this morning, on a journey which takes us once again through the rugged scenery of the Rocky Mountains. Our ferry will take us to Vancouver Island and then we'll travel by road to Victoria, the provincial capital of British Columbia. This is our base for the next two nights, and we'll get our bearings right away with a sightseeing tour on arrival.

BEST WESTERN CARLTON PLAZA, VICTORIA

DAY 8 VICTORIA – DAY AT LEISURE

Soak up Victoria's old-world charm as you explore at leisure today. The waters here are home to an array of marine mammals, so an optional whale-watching excursion is sure to leave a lasting impression. Another thrilling possibility is an optional seaplane flight over the city.

BEST WESTERN CARLTON PLAZA, VICTORIA

DAY 9 VICTORIA – VANCOUVER

Your morning tour takes you to the famous Butchart Gardens to see a dazzling display of flowers and plants. Later, we return to the mainland by ferry and travel by road to Vancouver. This city boasts an idyllic setting, where the ocean meets the mountains, and you'll see its highlights this afternoon. Your tour will take you to the city's historic core, known as 'Gastown', then on to

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Experience breathtaking views of Maligne Lake with its azure blue waters and mountain backdrop, and the dramatic Maligne Canyon that carves through the landscape.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

> STAY LONGER

VANCOUVER 2 NIGHTS FROM £269

Extend your stay in Vancouver and explore more of the city at your own pace.
Available on all dates. See page 171 for details.

Chinatown and Stanley Park with its famous totem poles.

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES, VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 10 VANCOUVER – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend the day just as you please, or join an optional excursion to Vancouver's North Shore. Here you'll see the spectacular Capilano Suspension Bridge and take a cable-car ride up Grouse Mountain for views of the city and the snow-capped mountains.

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES, VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 11 VANCOUVER – UK

Enjoy a little more free time in Vancouver before we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 12 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Air Canada Holiday ref: URV

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
11 May	22 May	£2499	✓
01 Jun	12 Jun	£2699	✓
22 Jun	03 Jul	£2699	✓
03 Aug	14 Aug	£2899	✓
31 Aug	11 Sep	£2699	✓
14 Sep	25 Sep	£2699	✓
05 Oct	16 Oct	£2499	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Air Canada Holiday ref: URV

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
24 May	04 Jun	£2499	✓
14 Jun	25 Jun	£2699	✓
21 Jun	02 Jul	£2699	✓
02 Aug	13 Aug	£2899	✓
06 Sep	17 Sep	£2699	✓
13 Sep	24 Sep	£2699	✓
20 Sep	01 Oct	£2599	✓
04 Oct	15 Oct	£2499	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £950.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

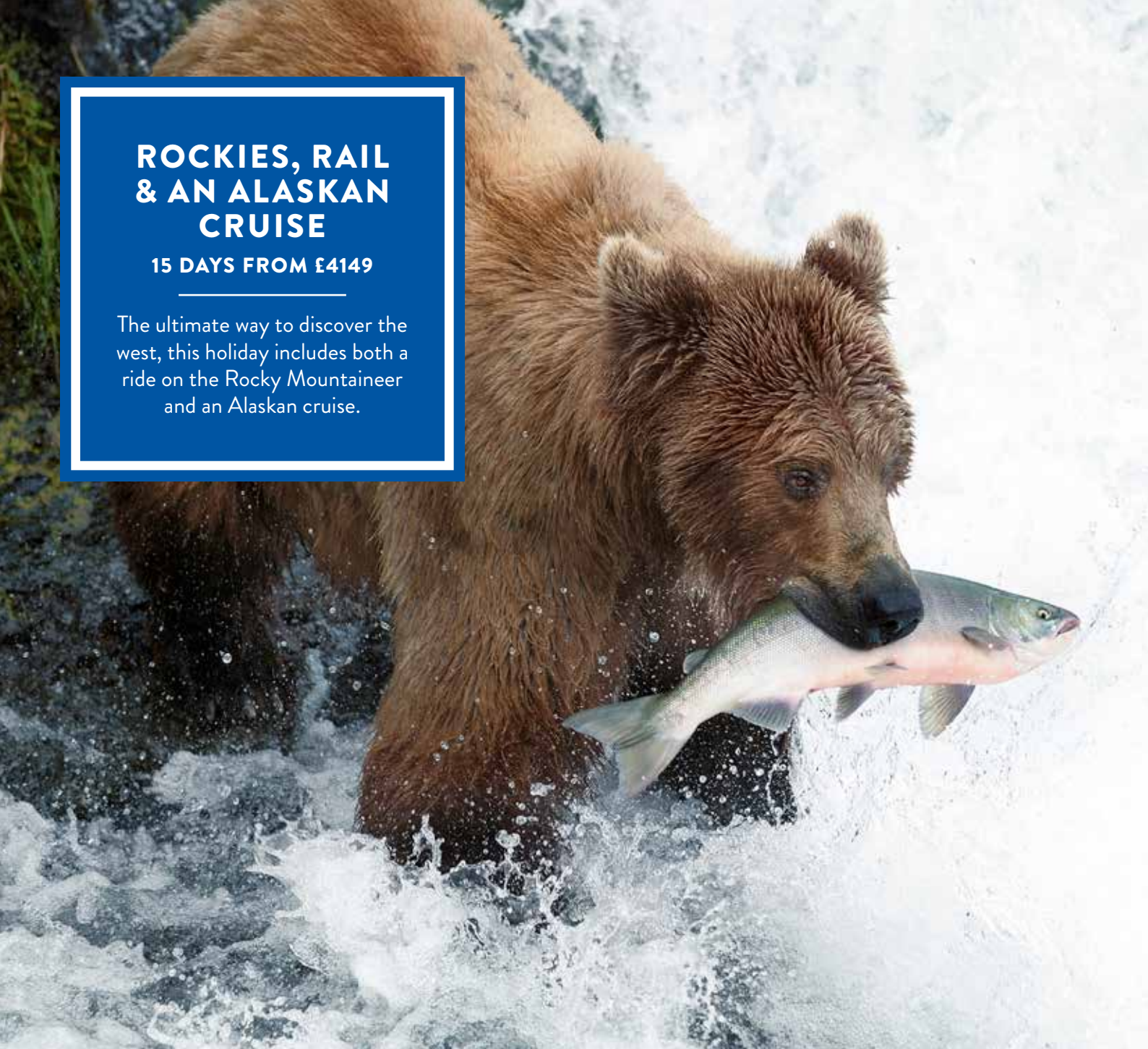
✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255.
A price reduction of £715 applies.

ROCKIES, RAIL & AN ALASKAN CRUISE

15 DAYS FROM £4149

The ultimate way to discover the west, this holiday includes both a ride on the Rocky Mountaineer and an Alaskan cruise.



Ketchikan

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Cruise Glacier Bay and experience the phenomenal sound of glacial shards as they crash into the brilliant-blue waters.



Vancouver



Glacier Bay



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Air Canada



6 NIGHTS

in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



7-NIGHT FULL-BOARD CRUISE

sailing on Holland America Line's MS Volendam



25 MEALS

9 breakfasts (B), 9 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy a Canadian tippie on the roof top bar of the Mount Royal Hotel



SCENIC TRAIN

2-DAY HALF-BOARD RAIL JOURNEY in SilverLeaf Service on board the Rocky Mountaineer



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

(pre-cruise)



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing tour of Banff National Park
- Discover the beauty of Lake Louise
- Two-day journey on board the Rocky Mountaineer in SilverLeaf Service
- Vancouver city tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Banff Gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain
- Helicopter ride over the Rockies
- Victoria and the Butchart Gardens

Pre-bookable excursions: A full programme of shore excursions will be available on your cruise.



DAY 1 UK – BANFF

Depart on your flight to Calgary today. On arrival, we'll transfer to your hotel in Banff.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 2 BANFF

This morning we'll head out together to explore Banff National Park. Staggering views appear at every turn here, so be sure to remember your camera.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 3 LAKE LOUISE

Nothing can prepare you for the beauty of Lake Louise – a glacial, jade-green lake surrounded on all sides by towering peaks. You'll see it in all its glory on today's included excursion and there will be plenty of time to

take in the views from hiking trails along the shore.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 4 ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

The journey of a lifetime begins this morning as you step aboard the iconic Rocky Mountaineer train.

Sit back, relax and take in the stunning views as you travel through the Canadian Rockies to Kamloops, where you'll disembark for an overnight stay. (B,L)

HOTEL IN KAMLOOPS ARRANGED BY ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

DAY 5 ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

You'll board the Rocky Mountaineer and continue your journey, following the course of the Thompson River and then the dramatic Canyons of the Fraser River.

On arrival in Vancouver, we'll transfer to the hotel. (B,L)

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 6 VANCOUVER – DAY AT LEISURE

Surrounded by mountains, forests and islands, Vancouver is one of the most beautifully located cities in the world, and you are free to do as you please here today. Our optional tour to Victoria, on Vancouver Island, comes highly recommended.

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 7 VANCOUVER

Your tour takes a new twist today, as we transfer you to Vancouver harbour to join your cruise ship, Volendam, which sets sail at 5pm. (L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

DAY 8 THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Ahead lie days of luxurious relaxation and exploration as your ship traces the outline of North America's most scenic coastal landscape. If you're lucky you could see whales and seals in the water, eagles soaring overhead and grizzly bears on the shoreline. (B,L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

DAY 9 JUNEAU

Early this afternoon we'll dock in the Alaskan capital, Juneau, which stands on one of the largest wilderness areas of the United States. No roads lead into or out of the city, and it is surrounded by nature. Step ashore for an adventure in the great outdoors, with a visit to the 12-mile-long river of ice known as the Mendenhall Glacier just one recommendation. (B,L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

DAY 10 SKAGWAY

This morning we arrive in Skagway, a lively relic of the Klondike Gold Rush, with its wooden sidewalks and turn-of-the-century buildings. (B,L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

DAY 11 GLACIER BAY

Get ready for one of the scenic highlights of your cruise as we head to Glacier Bay. You'll see enormous icebergs floating in the blue-green water. (B,L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

DAY 12 KETCHIKAN

Today our journey takes us to Ketchikan, a quaint town clinging to a mountainside. It's known as the 'salmon capital of the world', and is also home to the largest collection of Totem Poles on the planet. (B,L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

YOUR SHIP

MS VOLENDAM

You'll sail on board Holland America Line's MS Volendam, where facilities include a selection of restaurants and bars, a show lounge, pools, spa and salon. Your Travelsphere Tour Manager will not travel on the cruise with you but cruise staff are on hand to provide assistance.

CABIN UPGRADE

Your holiday price is based on an inside stateroom. If you would like to upgrade your stateroom please speak to a Holiday Advisor.



TAILOR YOUR TRIP

CANADIAN ROCKIES & AN ALASKAN CRUISE
15 DAYS FROM £3249

If you'd like to experience this holiday but would rather travel by coach than train, try 'Canadian Rockies & An Alaskan Cruise'. The two tours take different routes on days 4 and 5, reuniting in Vancouver. You'll drive through the magnificent Rockies, staying overnight in the Kelowna area. Please call or visit our website for details. **Holiday ref: URAC1**

STAY LONGER

VANCOUVER 2 NIGHTS FROM £269

Extend your stay in Vancouver and explore more of the city at your own pace. Available on all dates. See page 171 for details.

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

For more information on your journey and for upgrade options on the iconic Rocky Mountaineer train see pages 166-167.



DAY 13 THE INSIDE PASSAGE

It's your final day on board, so as we cruise the Inside Passage back towards Vancouver, take every opportunity to appreciate the amazing scenery. (B,L,D)

MS VOLENDAM

DAY 14 VANCOUVER – UK

We'll set off on a tour of Vancouver this morning. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 15 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: Travellers on 'Canadian Rockies & An Alaskan Cruise' will be with you throughout this tour, although they will not join you for the journey on Rocky Mountaineer.

The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Air Canada **Holiday ref: UCRMA**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
07 May	21 May	£4149	✓
21 May	04 Jun	FULL	✓
04 Jun	18 Jun	£4449	✓
25 Jun	09 Jul	£4449	✓
27 Aug	10 Sep	£4449	✓
03 Sep	17 Sep	£4349	✓
10 Sep	24 Sep	£4349	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Air Canada **Holiday ref: UCRMA**

Direct flights

06 May	20 May	£4149	✓
03 Jun	17 Jun	£4449	✓
05 Aug	19 Aug	£4499	✓
02 Sep	16 Sep	£4349	✓
16 Sep	30 Sep	£4349	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1700.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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GRAND TOUR OF CANADA & THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

17 DAYS FROM £4399

The ultimate journey across Canada from east to west, plus a ride on the iconic Rocky Mountaineer train.

Banff National Park



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Air Canada

15 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight

4 MEALS
2 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Light lunch at Granville Island's Public Market

SCENIC TRAIN
2-DAY HALF BOARD RAIL JOURNEY
in SilverLeaf Service on board
Rocky Mountaineer

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flight,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Montreal with the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral
- City tour of Ottawa, the nation's capital
- Tour of Toronto, Canada's premier city
- Cruise the 1000 Islands from Rockport
- Enjoy views of the famous Niagara Falls
- Visit Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Tour of Banff National Park
- Step aboard the iconic Rocky Mountaineer for a two-day journey
- Lake Louise, one of Canada's most beautiful sights
- Victoria, the capital of British Columbia
- Vancouver Island's beautiful Butchart Gardens
- Vancouver and Stanley Park
- Visit Granville Island Market

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Quebec City, the only walled city in Canada
- Banff Gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain
- Enjoy a thrilling helicopter ride over the Rockies
- Flight-seeing seaplane in Victoria
- Vancouver's North Shore
- Look out for killer whales on a whale-watching excursion



DAY 1 UK – MONTREAL

Depart on your flight to Montreal today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel for a two-night stay.

LE NOUVEL HOTEL & SPA, MONTREAL

DAY 2 MONTREAL – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today exploring Montreal at your leisure. Alternatively, enjoy an optional full-day tour of Quebec City, the only walled city in Canada, which stands proudly on the St Lawrence River. Highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site include the picturesque and imposing Château Frontenac, built as a hotel in the late 19th century for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame and the star-shaped Citadelle. Outside the city walls, we'll head to the Plains of Abraham battle site.

LE NOUVEL HOTEL & SPA, MONTREAL

DAY 3 MONTREAL – OTTAWA

Discover the highlights of Montreal on a sightseeing tour. Located in the French-speaking province of Quebec, Canada's second city was named after Mount Royal, the triple-peaked hill at its heart. It boasts a wealth of 17th century buildings, beautiful gardens, bustling street markets and open-air cafés, with its most iconic sight probably the magnificent Notre-Dame Cathedral. Later, we are going to head to the country's capital, Ottawa, and get our bearings on a tour on arrival. Highlights include the National War Memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Confederation Square, the grounds of Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal and ByWard Market.

CAPITAL HILL HOTEL & SUITES, OTTAWA

DAY 4 OTTAWA – TORONTO

Today we travel to Toronto and en route we'll stop at Rockport, our gateway to the beautiful 1000 Islands. Here you'll discover their beauty on an included sightseeing cruise. On arrival in Toronto, make yourself at home in your hotel.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 5 TORONTO

You're going to discover the bustling metropolis of Toronto on a short tour this morning. Once you have your bearings you will be keen to explore further at your own pace, and you can do so at leisure this afternoon. You'll have seen the 1,815ft CN Tower that dominates the city's skyline, so why not make your way here and head up to the LookOut level. With its floor-to-ceiling windows and a glass floor, the most incredible views are assured.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 6 NIAGARA FALLS

Your day begins with a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Often described as Ontario's loveliest town, it is located in the heart of the wine-making region on the shores of Lake Ontario. Next we're going to head to one of the greatest sights in the New World, the incredible Niagara Falls. You'll have plenty of time to explore. Perhaps take a thrilling boat ride, or enjoy a unique view from below and behind, at the 'Journey Behind the Falls' attraction.

CHELSEA HOTEL, TORONTO

DAY 7 TORONTO – BANFF

Today you're bound for Banff in the Rocky Mountains. We'll fly to Calgary and then continue our journey by road, which takes us through some spectacular scenery. Get your bearings on a short orientation tour when we arrive. You'll explore more tomorrow.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 8 BANFF

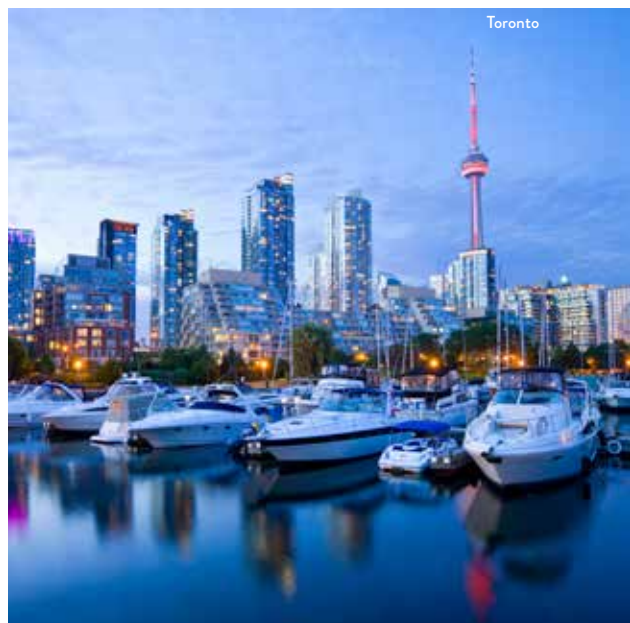
Staggering views appear at every turn in Banff National Park and you'll be keen to get out and explore today. Snow-capped mountains, crystal-clear lakes, sparkling streams and swathes of forest are just some of the attractions in this stunning destination. The wildlife is equally impressive, so look out for black and grizzly bears, wolves, elk and deer on land, then keep your eyes peeled for eagles, hawks and ospreys in the



Vancouver



Niagara Falls



Toronto

sky. There's plenty to see and do in Banff and lots of optional excursions to enjoy, from a cable car ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain to an unforgettable helicopter flight over the Rockies.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 9 LAKE LOUISE

Today we are going to Lake Louise, a glacial, jade-green lake set high in the mountains. It is surrounded on all sides by towering peaks and is described as one of Canada's most beautiful locations.

MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL, BANFF

DAY 10 ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

The journey of a lifetime begins this morning as you step aboard the iconic Rocky Mountaineer train. Sit back, relax and take in the stunning views as you travel through the Canadian Rockies to Kamloops. SilverLeaf service includes seating in a single-level domed coach with oversized windows, giving you great viewing opportunities. Meals, snacks and drinks are all served at your seat, so all you have to do is enjoy. If you've upgraded to GoldLeaf, you also have access to an exclusive outdoor viewing platform and a private dining room. You'll disembark the train in Kamloops and stay in a hotel overnight. **(B,L)**

HOTEL IN KAMLOOPS ARRANGED BY ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

DAY 11 ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Another exciting day begins as you board the Rocky Mountaineer this morning for Vancouver. Take your seat and enjoy more sublime views as you travel alongside the Thompson River and through the dramatic canyons of the Fraser River. Keep a lookout for grizzly bears too, as you enjoy a fascinating commentary from your onboard hosts. **(B,L)**

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 12 VANCOUVER

Named 'the best place to live in the world' in numerous polls, Vancouver's jaw-dropping coastal setting includes sparkling lakes, a harbour surrounded by snow-capped mountains and lush green forests. A sightseeing tour will introduce you to highlights including the historic Gastown district, bustling Chinatown and Stanley Park, one of the world's biggest and best urban parks. At lunchtime we'll have arrived at Granville Island's Public Market, where we will take a tour of the deli stalls and sample a selection of sweet and savoury food for lunch.

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 13 VANCOUVER — DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today exploring Vancouver at leisure. There are plenty of sightseeing opportunities, and we recommend an optional excursion to Vancouver's North Shore. Here, you'll see the spectacular Capilano Suspension Bridge and have the chance to take the cable car up Grouse Mountain for breathtaking views

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

GRAND TOUR OF CANADA 17 DAYS FROM £3299

If you'd like to experience this holiday but would rather travel by coach than train, try The 'Grand Tour of Canada'. The two tours take different routes on days 10 and 11, reuniting in Vancouver. You'll drive through the magnificent Rockies, staying overnight in Kelowna and enjoy a stop at Okanagan Lake. Please call or visit our website for details. **Holiday ref: UGCAN1**

> STAY LONGER

VANCOUVER 2 NIGHTS FROM £269

Extend your holiday with an extra two nights in Vancouver and explore more of the city at your own pace. Available on all dates. See page 171 for details.

of the city, Vancouver Island and the snow-capped mountains of Washington State.

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES VANCOUVER DOWNTOWN

DAY 14 VANCOUVER — VICTORIA

We're heading away from the mainland today, to spend two nights in Victoria on Vancouver Island. On arrival, we'll head off to the famous Butchart Gardens, considered to be one of the most spectacular floral show gardens in the world. The capital of British Columbia is often said to resemble an old English town, with its narrow streets and grand buildings. See its highlights on an included sightseeing tour.

BEST WESTERN CARLTON PLAZA, VICTORIA

DAY 15 VICTORIA — DAY AT LEISURE

You can soak up Victoria's old world charm at your own pace today as you explore at leisure. The waters around Vancouver Island offer the ideal opportunity to get closer to the delights of the natural world, so why not join an optional whale-watching excursion. There's every chance you'll see orca, or killer whales as they are often known, in their natural environment.

BEST WESTERN CARLTON PLAZA, VICTORIA

DAY 16 VICTORIA — UK

We head back to Vancouver by ferry this morning. We'll then transfer you to the airport for your flight back home.

DAY 17 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

Please note: Travellers on 'Grand Tour of Canada' will be with you throughout this tour, although they will not join you for the journey on Rocky Mountaineer.

The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

For more information on your journey and for upgrade options on the iconic Rocky Mountaineer train see pages 166-167.



FAVOURITE MOMENT

Your taste buds will be tingling when you tour the deli stalls at Granville Island Public Market and sample an array of sweet and savoury food.



✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS – see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Air Canada **Holiday ref: UGTRM**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
11 May	27 May	£4399	✓
01 Jun	17 Jun	£4599	✓
22 Jun	08 Jul	FULL	✓
31 Aug	16 Sep	£4599	✓
15 Sep	01 Oct	£4599	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Air Canada **Holiday ref: UGTRM**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
10 May	26 May	£4399	✓
07 Jun	23 Jun	£4599	✓
02 Aug	18 Aug	£4599	✓
06 Sep	22 Sep	£4599	✓
20 Sep	06 Oct	£4499	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1200.

For more details visit travelsphere.co.uk

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade



An unforgettable journey

A two-day journey aboard the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer train, from Banff to Vancouver, is a spectacular way to experience the splendour of the Canadian Rockies.

Follow an incredible route which takes in snow-capped peaks, mountain passes, rocky lakeshores and the spectacular scenery of the Continental Divide. Twist your way through the remarkable Spiral Tunnels and pass by Craigellachie, the site of the 'Last Spike' of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Look out for incredible wildlife too, from elk to grizzly bears.

After an overnight stay at a hotel in Kamloops, your rail adventure continues as you set off towards the Pacific Ocean and the beautiful coastal city of Vancouver. Marvel at views of winding river canyons, pristine forest and dramatic mountains as you follow the Fraser River.

Experience the iconic Rocky Mountaineer for yourself on one of these amazing tours:

Rockies, Rail & An Alaskan Cruise

15 days from £4149. See page 162 for details.

Grand Tour of Canada & the Rocky Mountaineer

17 days from £4399. See page 164 for details.


SILVERLEAF

You'll travel in SilverLeaf Service

- A single-level dome coach with panoramic views through oversized windows
- Delicious meals served at your seat
- Complimentary beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and gourmet snacks


GOLDLEAF

Upgrade to GoldLeaf Service from £449

- Two-level, glass-domed coach with full-length windows
- Outdoor viewing platform offering fantastic photo opportunities
- Delicious meals served in your exclusive dining carriage
- Complimentary beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and gourmet snacks

Please note: Your Tour Manager will not travel with you on board Rocky Mountaineer, but the train's staff will be the perfect hosts during your journey.

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“From the moment we boarded we were blown away by the spectacular views, fantastic food and knowledgeable hosts - a trip we'll never forget!”



ADMIRE THE SENSATIONAL SCENERY

Marvel at beautiful landscapes from glass-domed carriages as you carve through the inaccessible terrain of the Canadian Rockies.



SAVOUR THE DELICIOUS CUISINE

Indulge in fine dining courtesy of award-winning chefs using the finest, locally sourced ingredients from the Pacific Northwest.



TRAIN HOSTS ATTEND TO YOUR EVERY NEED

Sit back and relax whilst enjoying first-class service and fascinating commentary from experienced and attentive hosts.

CANADIAN ARCTIC SUMMER SAFARI

8 DAYS FROM £5299

See polar bears in their summer environment and get up close to beluga whales on this thrilling wildlife adventure.

Beluga whales



Lazy Bear Lodge



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Air Canada via Toronto

6 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight

10 MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
3 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy an Arctic feast and Arctic spritzer

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Assiniboine Park Conservancy
- Tour Churchill, the 'Polar Bear Capital'
- Beluga whale-watching cruise
- Wildlife-spotting tour on a tundra vehicle
- Beluga whale and polar bear cruise
- Farewell dinner at Fort Gibraltar

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Kayak with beluga whales
- Tundra helicopter flight looking for polar bears



DAY 1 UK – WINNIPEG

Depart on your flights to Winnipeg today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel.

INN AT THE FORKS, WINNIPEG

DAY 2 WINNIPEG – CHURCHILL

The thrills begin early today, at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy, home of the Polar Bear Conservation Centre. Here you're going to have the unique opportunity to watch rescued polar bears through underwater viewing tunnels.

After this we're going to fly to Churchill, known as the 'Polar Bear Capital of the World', where our accommodation is the family-run Lazy Bear Lodge. Summer is a great time to see wildlife in this part of the world. More than 3,500 beluga whales gather annually near the estuary of the Churchill River, and polar bears come to hunt along the shores of Hudson Bay.

Your adventure starts on a culture and heritage tour of Churchill, a town inaccessible by road. If polar bears stray too close here, they are humanely captured and 'jailed' until they can be safely released back into the wild. Our tour passes the Polar Bear Jail and we'll visit the Cape Merry National Historic Site. After settling in, we'll get together for a welcome 'Arctic Feast'. (B,D)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 3 CHURCHILL

A full day of Arctic exploration starts with a cruise. Hundreds of beluga whales come to this area to feed, mate and give birth in the warm, shallow waters, so keep your eyes peeled. We'll step ashore to see the partially-restored Prince of Wales Fort, and in the afternoon we'll board an all-terrain tundra vehicle, offering excellent chances of getting close to wildlife. (B)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 4 HUDSON BAY

Our Arctic adventure continues today as we board coastal explorer vessel the Sam Hearne, to discover some of the more remote habitats of Western Hudson Bay. You can disembark to walk on the tundra in search of bears in their lesser-known summer guise. Back on board, keep a lookout for beluga whales and other Arctic wildlife. (B,L)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 5 CHURCHILL – DAY AT LEISURE

You've a day to explore Churchill at leisure. If you're feeling adventurous, there's the once-in-a-lifetime chance to kayak amongst beluga whales on our optional excursion. We'll get together for dinner this evening to share stories of our wildlife experiences. (B,D)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 6 CHURCHILL – WINNIPEG

After the excitement of the last few days, a relaxed morning might be just what you need. This afternoon we'll fly back to Winnipeg. Tonight you are invited to a farewell dinner at Fort Gibraltar. (B,D)

INN AT THE FORKS, WINNIPEG

DAY 7 WINNIPEG – UK

Maybe you'll choose to head to Winnipeg's historic Forks area this morning, where there are many attractions. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights comes highly recommended, and in the French Quarter you'll be spoilt for choice if you fancy a spot of lunch.

This afternoon we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 8 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

**TORONTO
3 NIGHTS
FROM £219**

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DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Air Canada Holiday ref: UCASS

Flights via Toronto

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Aug	11 Aug	£5299	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £900.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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A price reduction of £900 applies.



Northern Lights



Sleigh ride



WINTER POLAR BEAR ENCOUNTER

7 DAYS FROM £5239

Observe polar bears in their natural habitat and go off in search of the Northern Lights on this unique adventure.



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FLIGHT CHOICES



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5 NIGHTS

in great quality hotels plus 1 night in flight



10 MEALS

5 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy an Arctic feast and Arctic spritzer



SPECIALIST LOCAL GUIDE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing tour of Winnipeg
- Go in search of the Northern Lights
- Two expeditions to spot polar bears
- Experience a thrilling dog sled ride
- Churchill tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Tundra helicopter flight to look for polar bears



DAY 1 UK – WINNIPEG

You'll fly to Winnipeg today. On arrival we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel.

HILTON WINNIPEG AIRPORT SUITES, WINNIPEG

DAY 2 WINNIPEG – CHURCHILL

Winnipeg has a fascinating history, and your morning tour takes you to the Forks area, where its colourful past is very much in evidence. An interesting place to start is the Manitoba Legislative Building, which is made from fossil-rich Manitoba limestone and is full of mysterious Masonic symbols. Next is the French Quarter, where you'll see St Boniface Cathedral and visit Saint-Boniface Museum, which is dedicated to Franco-Manitoban culture. Maybe take a stroll around the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden in Assiniboine Park before we transfer you to the airport for your flight to Churchill. On arrival, we'll check into our hotel, the family-run Lazy Bear Lodge. We'll get to grips with local traditions tonight as we meet up for a welcome 'Arctic feast'. This will start with an 'Arctic spritzer' drink and include traditional local delicacies such as char, caribou and musk ox. (B,L,D)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 3 CHURCHILL

Polar bears are what you are here to see, and we're off in search of these amazing creatures today. We'll travel on unique all-terrain tundra vehicles, designed to have minimal impact on the environment while promising to get us close to wildlife. You're in great company with a team of tour leaders and adventurers as your hosts. Thanks to their years of experience they know all the best places to look for the wonderful wildlife that thrives here. We don't even have to stop our sightseeing when it comes to food. Lunch will be served on the vehicle as we continue to take in the incredible sights outside. (B,L)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 4 CHURCHILL

Churchill is a fascinating place. Inaccessible by road, polar bears sometimes stray too close to town and have to be humanely captured and 'jailed' until they can be released back into the wild. We'll pass the Polar Bear Jail today and then head to the Cape Merry National Historic Site. Here, we'll view the remains of a defensive battery constructed to guard the river mouth.

You can spend this afternoon as you wish, then the thrills continue this evening as you experience dog sledding! Take your seat and hurtle off on a memorable ride along the picturesque trails of Joe Bach's Ridge. A hot cup of tea and fresh bannock, a tasty local bread, round off this exhilarating evening adventure. (B)

LAZY BEAR LODGE, CHURCHILL

DAY 5 CHURCHILL – WINNIPEG

You've a second chance to head out on the tundra today on a further included expedition to seek out wildlife. Hopefully you'll be able to tick off even more polar bear sightings.

This evening we're going to get together for a farewell dinner before we fly back to Winnipeg. (B,L,D)

INN AT THE FORKS, WINNIPEG

DAY 6 WINNIPEG – UK

You've some free time in Winnipeg today, so why not head back to the Forks area for a spot of shopping and maybe some lunch. We'll transfer you to the airport later for your overnight flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 7 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

TORONTO 3 NIGHTS FROM £219

Visit the beautiful city of Toronto at the end of your holiday. See page 171 for details.

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DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Air Canada

Holiday ref: UPB

Flights via Toronto

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
05 Nov	11 Nov	£5239	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £760.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade



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> STAY LONGER

**LONG BEACH****2 NIGHTS FROM £329**

Extend your holiday with an extra two nights in Long Beach at the Hotel Maya. Located close to Los Angeles, you'll have plenty of time to discover this waterfront city at your own pace.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

With a stunning waterfront location situated across the harbour from Downtown Long Beach, close to the Queen Mary and set amidst a lush tropical landscape. This hotel has a restaurant, bar, fitness room, swimming pool and small beach area.

Single room supplement from £300.

Available after America's Glorious West (page 132)

> STAY LONGER

**SAN FRANCISCO****3 NIGHTS FROM £349**

(Best of the West)

2 NIGHTS FROM £229

(San Francisco & the Oregon Coast)

Extend your stay in the beautiful city of San Francisco and discover more of its famous sights at your own pace.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers and portage
- 2 or 3 nights' accommodation on a room-only basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the Hotel Zephyr in San Francisco, situated just a few steps away from the popular Fisherman's Wharf. Facilities include a fitness centre and wi-fi.

Single room supplement from £200.

Available after Best of the West (page 130), and before San Francisco & the Oregon Coast (page 136)

+ ADD-ON

**OAHU, HAWAII****6 NIGHTS FROM £1499**

You can choose to extend your holiday with an extra six nights on the magical Hawaiian island of Oahu. Transfer to San Francisco airport on day 13 for your flight to Honolulu. We include a tour of Honolulu, with the Pearl Harbor memorial one of the highlights.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 6 nights' accommodation on a room-only basis
- Tour of Honolulu including the Pearl Harbor

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the Shoreline Hotel, Waikiki. Facilities include an outdoor pool.

Single room supplement from £1000.

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

Available after Best of the West (page 130)

+ ADD-ON

**NEW YORK****3 NIGHTS FROM £699**

Extend your holiday with a three-night add-on in New York, which includes a half-day city tour, walking tours of Central Park and Fifth Avenue and a sightseeing cruise with lunch.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 3 nights' accommodation on a room-only basis
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in hotels such as the Fairfield Inn Times Square.

Single room supplement from £400.

Please note: This add-on will be different for America's Historic East 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

Available after America's Historic East (page 146) and before New England & Canada in the Fall (page 150)

+ ADD-ON

**ALASKA CRUISE****7 NIGHTS FROM £1199****YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES**

- Scheduled flights
- 7 nights' accommodation on a full-board basis on your cruise ship in an L Grade Interior Stateroom

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR SHIP

You'll cruise on Holland America Line's 5-star Eurodam. On board you'll find a great choice of restaurants, bars, a show lounge, swimming pools, spa and salon. Holland America staff are on hand to provide assistance and information where required. If you would like to upgrade your cabin, please speak to one of our Holiday Advisors.

Single cabin supplement from £900.

Available after San Francisco & the Oregon Coast (page 136)

+ ADD-ON

**LOS ANGELES****2 NIGHTS FROM £279**

Start your holiday with an extra two nights in Los Angeles, the heart of the film industry. Explore the city at your own pace and discover its array of art galleries, museums, restaurants and upmarket boutiques. For panoramic views of the city, be sure to head to Griffith Park and walk up to the Griffith Observatory.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights and portage
- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the Hilton Garden Inn Burbank Downtown.

Single room supplement from £250.

Available before Best of the West (page 130)

> STAY LONGER

VANCOUVER
2 NIGHTS FROM £269

Extend your holiday with an extra two nights in Vancouver. You might choose to board a hop-on-hop-off bus – they stop at all the main attractions. Or hire a bike and explore Stanley Park, visit Granville Market or enjoy one of the newer attractions – FlyOver Canada – a virtual ride in Canada Place.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
 - 2 nights' accommodation on a room-only basis
- Please note:** You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in centrally located hotels such as the Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and fitness centre.

Single room supplement from £200.

Available after **Spectacular Rockies & Vancouver** (page 160), **Rockies, Rail & an Alaskan Cruise** (page 162), **Canadian Rockies & an Alaskan Cruise** (page 163), **Grand Tour of Canada & the Rocky Mountaineer** (page 164) and **Grand Tour of Canada** (page 165)

+ ADD-ON

CHICAGO
2 NIGHTS FROM £209

Travel out to Chicago for an additional two nights. Located on Lake Michigan and famed for its amazing architecture, you will have time to explore this exciting city at your own pace. Enjoy shopping on Magnificent Mile, stroll along Navy Pier and enjoy Millennium Park.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the Hampton Inn Chicago Magnificent Mile. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Single room supplement from £150.

Available before **Chicago, Mississippi & All That Jazz** (page 144)

> STAY LONGER

LAS VEGAS
2 NIGHTS FROM £209

You can choose to extend your holiday with an extra two nights in the dazzling neon-lit city of Las Vegas. A great way to start your exploration is with a walk down its famous Strip, where you can dip into the extravagant hotels which line it.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as Harrah's Las Vegas. Facilities include a spa, casino and a choice of restaurants and bars.

Single room supplement from £100.

Available after **Epic Wonders of the National Parks** (page 138)

+ ADD-ON

BOSTON
2 NIGHTS FROM £549

After your tour to East Coast Highlights, travel by train to Boston for an extra two-night stay. This walkable city is steeped in the history of the American revolution, and many important sights can be explored on foot. Historic Beacon Hill and Boston Common are within walking distance of your hotel.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights
- 2 nights' accommodation on a room-only basis
- Train from New York to Boston

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as Boston Marriott Copley Place.

Single room supplement from £400.

Available after **East Coast Highlights** (page 152)

+ ADD-ON
> STAY LONGER

TORONTO
2 NIGHTS FROM £159

(New England & Canada in the Fall)

3 NIGHTS FROM £219

(Canadian Arctic Summer Safari and Winter Polar Bear Encounter).

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage
- 2 or 3 nights' accommodation on a room-only basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the Chelsea Hotel.

Single room supplement from £150.

Available after **New England & Canada in the Fall** (page 150), **Canadian Arctic Summer Safari** (page 168) and **Winter Polar Bear Encounter** (page 169)

★ SPECIAL DEPARTURE

MARDI GRAS
14 DAYS FROM £3199
14 FEBRUARY 2020
5 FEBRUARY 2021

This fabulous special departure follows a similar itinerary to our The Deep South tour and includes a ticket to the thrilling Mardi Gras parade in the company of a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- Return flights from Heathrow with Virgin (2020)/British Airways (2021)
- 12 nights in hotels of a good standard plus 1 night in flight
- 6 breakfasts
- Ticket to Mardi Gras Parade

Please note: You will be accompanied by a Travelsphere Tour Manager.

Holiday ref: UTDSM

Single room supplement from £1000.

Available on **The Deep South** (page 140)

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A few of our favourites

AN UNDERWATER EDEN

Snorkel at Kicker Rock, a volcanic tuff cone rising 143 metres out of the ocean.

Galapagos Island Hopping
– see page 174

ANCIENT TRADITIONS

Visit the Witches' Market in La Paz for a fascinating insight into Bolivia's traditions.

Latin Wonders of the World
– see page 178

JUNGLE-SWATHED TEMPLES

Explore one of the most picturesque Mayan ceremonial complexes at Palenque.

The Best of Mexico – see page 182

GALAPAGOS ISLAND HOPPING

14 DAYS FROM £5549

The holiday of a lifetime for nature lovers. Explore Ecuador's cloud forest and visit three of the Galapagos Islands.

Giant tortoise



Quito Cathedral, Ecuador



Snorkelling



Blue-footed boobies



Sea lions



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Avianca via Bogotá

11 NIGHTS
in great quality hotels and lodges
plus 2 nights in flight

26 MEALS
11 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L),
5 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Try a typical Ecuadorian coastal dish
(Encocado de pescado) on Isabela island

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Otavalo Market visit
- Visit a working chocolate farm
- Search for hummingbirds in Alambi Cloud Forest
- Hike through the Mindo Cloud Forest
- Mitad del Mundo, the Equator line
- See giant tortoises at a private ranch
- Tintorerías snorkelling and hike to see marine iguanas
- Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre
- Charles Darwin Research Station
- San Cristóbal Interpretation Centre and Frigatebird Hill
- Snorkelling at Kicker Rock

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Los Tuneles snorkelling



DAY 1 UK – QUITO

Today you'll fly to Quito, the capital of Ecuador.

DAY 2 QUITO – DAY AT LEISURE

On arrival in Quito we'll transfer you to your hotel. Located high in the Andes, 9,000 feet above sea level, you may need a little time to acclimatise, so today you're free to relax and explore at your leisure.

DANN CARLTON, QUITO (4 STAR)

DAY 3 OTAVALO

Today we travel to the market in Otavalo, considered to be one of the biggest and best in South America. It's a few hours drive from Quito, so en-route we'll stop at Mira Lago to admire stunning views of San Pablo Lake and the nearby volcanoes. Next, we'll head to Cotacachi, a laid-back town famous for its leather. The main street is packed with shops selling jackets, shoes, wallets and more! **(B,L,D)**

DANN CARLTON, QUITO (4 STAR)

DAY 4 QUITO – MINDO

Today you're heading to the Mindo Cloud Forest, an area of spectacular scenery and wildlife. Our first stop will be at a butterfly garden and orchid park where you'll have a chance to see striking owl eye and blue morpho butterflies, and more than 200 different species of orchid. After an included lunch, we'll head to El Quetzal de Mindo where we'll visit a working farm to learn how Ecuadorian chocolate is made and here's the best bit - you'll get to taste a few samples!

Then it's back on the road in search of hummingbirds. The Alambi Cloud Forest is home to a number of different species. Later, dinner is served at the hotel. **(B,L,D)**

SEPTIMO PARAISO, MINDO

DAY 5 MINDO – QUITO

This morning, we're going to go on a hike through the cloud forest to enjoy more of the spectacular scenery and wildlife on foot. Then we'll travel to Mitad del Mundo, where you can pose for a photo on the Equator line! We'll arrive back in Quito later this afternoon and gather for a briefing about tomorrow's journey to the Galapagos Islands. You will be provided with a duffle bag for your belongings - all luggage is inspected on arrival at Galapagos and duffle bags make this process easier. **(B,L)**
EB HOTEL, QUITO (4 STAR)

DAY 6 QUITO – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

Today we fly to the Galapagos Islands. A Local Guide will meet us when we arrive on Santa Cruz and the sightseeing starts straight away. We'll make our way to a private ranch in the Highlands, where giant tortoises are free to roam. **(B,L)**

PALO SANTO HOTEL, SANTA CRUZ

DAY 7 SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – ISABELA ISLAND

After some free time this morning, we'll transfer by boat to Isabela Island and make our way to the little town of Puerto Villamil. Once we've arrived and settled in, we'll have a practice snorkelling session to help us prepare and test our gear for the afternoon activity. After lunch, we'll board a panga for the Tintorerías tour. We'll take a short cruise along the coast and snorkel in a sheltered area, where you may spot colourful tropical fish, sea lions, starfish, urchins, rays, turtles and perhaps even sharks. On Tintorerías Islet, we'll hop off for a short walk on this lava-laden land, which is home to nesting marine iguanas and scurrying lava lizards. This evening, you will head to a local restaurant for dinner, where you can try the national dish of Ecuador typical on the coast - encocado de pescado - fish in coconut sauce. **(B,L,D)**

ALBEMARLE, ISABELA

DAY 8 ISABELA ISLAND

This morning we'll take a short ride to a nearby wetland that is home to pink flamingos and pintail ducks, before walking to the nearby Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre where we'll see giant tortoises in all stages of development - there are nearly 1,000 here!

We then head to our next activity, The Wall of Tears - a poignant reminder of the penal colony which once existed on Isabela Island. **(B,L)**

ALBEMARLE, ISABELA

DAY 9 ISABELA ISLAND – SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

This morning you're free to do just as you please. However, if you enjoy snorkelling, our optional excursion to Los Tuneles is a must. You'll head to one of the best snorkelling spots in the Galapagos for a chance to explore underwater lava tunnels teeming with marine life. Later, we'll travel back to Santa Cruz by boat and, after dinner, you might want to stroll down to the waterfront. **(B,L)**

PALO SANTO HOTEL, SANTA CRUZ

DAY 10 SANTA CRUZ ISLAND – SAN CRISTÓBAL

Today you will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about efforts to conserve several species of the giant tortoise. Lonesome George was perhaps the most famous Galapagos tortoise - his species became extinct when he died in 2012.

We'll travel to another island, San Cristóbal, by boat

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Your first sight of giant tortoises in their natural habitat is a memory which will stay with you forever.

this afternoon and, after checking into our hotel, we'll walk to the Interpretation Centre. Here, you'll learn about the history of the archipelago, Charles Darwin's visit in the 19th century and today's work to protect the amazing landscapes. Afterwards, you can make your own discoveries. Hiking trails take you to Frigatebird Hill, and if you climb it you may be rewarded with close-up views of the birds. They have a distinctive W-shaped silhouette and are able to glide for hours without flapping their wings. **(B,L)**

GALAPAGOS PLANET, SAN CRISTÓBAL

DAY 11 SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND

You're going to take a cruise along the coast and hopefully catch a glimpse of San Cristóbal's fabulous marine life today. Then it's on to Kicker Rock, where the remains of a volcanic tuff cone rise 143 metres from the ocean. Snorkelling a channel between the rocks, you might see spotted eagle rays, chocolate chip starfish, sea turtles and Galapagos sharks.

After lunch on board, we'll stop at a beautiful beach accessible only by boat. **(B,L,D)**

GALAPAGOS PLANET, SAN CRISTÓBAL

DAY 12 SAN CRISTÓBAL – QUITO

Spend your final day at leisure. We'll round off our holiday with a farewell dinner this evening. **(B,L,D)**

EB HOTEL, QUITO (4 STAR)

DAY 13 QUITO – UK

Today we will transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. **(B)**

DAY 14 UK

You will arrive in the UK today.

Please note: During this tour you will travel to altitudes of over 9,000ft where altitude sickness can occur. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions, or have any other concerns, please consult your doctor. Sturdy shoes are essential for this tour.

Island Taxes of approximately \$130 including the Galapagos National Park entrance fee are not included in the price of your holiday and will be payable locally upon arrival in Galapagos.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Avianca Holiday ref: **LGAL**

Flights via Bogotá

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Feb*	26 Feb	£5749	✓
22 Oct	04 Nov	£5699	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Avianca Holiday ref: **LGAL**

Flights via Bogotá

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
11 Mar	24 Mar	£5749	✓
06 May	19 May	£5699	
23 Sep	06 Oct	£5699	
18 Nov	01 Dec	£5549	

* Make Your Own Way is not available on this date.

Maximum single supplement charge of £1400.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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Machu Picchu



Lima, Peru

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Machu Picchu, with its steep terraces, is utterly breathtaking. It's fascinating to imagine it as a living city of the ancient Incas.



Arequipa



Lake Titicaca



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- RETURN FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with Avianca via Bogotá
- 12 NIGHTS**
in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight
- 19 MEALS**
13 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D) and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Cookery class in Cuzco, sampling different Peruvian dishes
- SCENIC TRAIN**
Narrow-gauge railway to Machu Picchu
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Lima
- The Pachacamac Temple in the valley of Lurin
- Cruise the Ballestas Islands
- See the famous Nazca Lines
- Visit the 'White City' of Arequipa
- See the spectacular Colca Canyon
- Guided tour of the Sillustani ruins
- Lake Titicaca and the floating islands
- Machu Picchu guided tour
- Tour of Cuzco

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Tour of Sacred Valley and Ollantaytambo



DAY 1 UK – LIMA

Depart on your flights to Lima. If you're travelling from Heathrow you'll arrive on the morning of day 2, when we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel. If you are travelling from your local airport you'll arrive late in the evening of day 1 and we'll transfer you to your hotel for a two-night stay.

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO LIMA, LIMA (4 STAR)

DAY 2 LIMA

You'll get to see the highlights of Lima today on a tour of the city. While its colonial past is clearly evident in its beautiful squares, fine churches, palaces and mansions, you'll also see the architectural legacy of the Incans and Native Indians. (B)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO LIMA, LIMA (4 STAR)

DAY 3 LIMA – PARACAS

Start your day with a journey by road to Paracas along the Pan American Highway, which cuts through a barren desert landscape. We'll stop at the site of the ancient Pachacamac Temple where we'll be transported back to pre-Incan times as we explore. Tonight we will stay in Paracas. (B)

DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON, PARACAS (4 STAR)

DAY 4 PARACAS – NAZCA

We're taking to the water today for a fascinating cruise around the Ballestas Islands. This protected wildlife reserve provides shelter for many different species. On your cruise, keep a lookout for Humboldt penguins, sea lions and more. Later, we'll travel to Nazca for an overnight stay. (B)

DM HOTELES NAZCA, NAZCA (3 STAR)

DAY 5 NAZCA – AREQUIPA

Sit back, relax and take in lovely coastal views as you journey to Arequipa, our base for the next two nights. (B)

HOTEL SAN AGUSTIN POSADA DEL MONASTERIO, AREQUIPA (3 STAR)

DAY 6 AREQUIPA

You'll understand why Arequipa is known as the 'White City' after today's tour. It is loomed over by ice-capped volcanoes and as you explore, you'll see many buildings made from white volcanic rock. We'll also head inside the Museum of Andean Sanctuaries to see archaeological finds from the Andes, and the Santa Catalina Convent, a masterpiece of colonial architecture. You can choose to spend the afternoon just as you wish. (B)

HOTEL SAN AGUSTIN POSADA DEL MONASTERIO, AREQUIPA (3 STAR)

DAY 7 AREQUIPA – COLCA

After setting off early this morning, a scenic drive takes us to the Colca Canyon, whose steep walls are deeper than the Grand Canyon. This is one of the best places in South America to spot the Andean condor. (B,L,D)

ARANWA PUEBLITO ENCANTADO DEL COLCA, COLCA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 COLCA – PUNO

Our next base is Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. We'll drive here today and on the way stop off at the remote burial site at Sillustani, where the religious rituals of the pre-Inca Colla people will be explained. (B,L)

XIMA PUNO HOTEL, PUNO (4 STAR)

DAY 9 PUNO

You're going to enjoy superb close-up views of sacred Lake Titicaca and the Uros floating islands this morning. The lake sits 12,500ft up in the Andes and covers a huge area of 3,500 miles. Spend the afternoon in Puno exploring at your own pace. (B)

XIMA PUNO HOTEL, PUNO (4 STAR)

DAY 10 PUNO – CUZCO

Four nights in Cuzco will give you plenty of time to explore. Your journey here is going to be a wonderful experience too as you cross the high plateau of the Andes, taking in views of traditional rural life. (B,L)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 11 CUZCO – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to make your own discoveries in Cuzco. However, if you'd like to join an optional excursion, why not come with us to the Sacred Valley. (B)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 12 MACHU PICCHU

Today you're going to get the chance to explore the ruined 'lost city' of Machu Picchu, perched high above a steep valley and swathed in jungle. Your journey is by narrow gauge railway, with the last part by bus. A walk with a Local Guide and time to go your own way will help you to uncover its splendour. (B,L)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 13 CUZCO

There's plenty to see in Cuzco, so let's head off to explore. We're going to visit a community centre in Ccaccacollo to learn how the weaving co-operative supported by Travelsphere Cares has impacted the village. Learn all about weaving and dyeing techniques used to create traditional garments, and afterwards have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs.

Next, you will visit a local market where you will get a little taste of local life, before heading to a restaurant for a cookery class and sample different Peruvian dishes for lunch.

We will then head to the Koricancha Temple. This ancient Inca palace was the centre of worship of the



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Sun God. In Cuzco's main square you'll step inside the cathedral, and your tour ends with a visit to the Sacsayhuamán fortress, an impressive example of Inca military architecture. (B,L)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 14 CUZCO – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights to the UK. (B)

DAY 15 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: During this tour you will travel to altitudes of over 12,000ft where altitude sickness can occur. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions, or have any other concerns, please consult your doctor. The itinerary may be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 HEATHROW - Avianca **Holiday ref: LPRU**

Flights via Bogotá			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
29 Apr	13 May	£3449	✓
01 Jul	15 Jul	£3449	✓
12 Aug	26 Aug	£3369	✓
09 Sep	23 Sep	£3349	✓
07 Oct	21 Oct	£3349	✓
04 Nov	18 Nov	£3199	

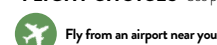
2021 HEATHROW - Avianca **Holiday ref: LPRU**

Flights via Bogotá			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
05 May	20 May	£3449	✓
30 Jun	15 Jul	£3449	
11 Aug	26 Aug	£3369	
08 Sep	23 Sep	£3349	✓
13 Oct	28 Oct	£3349	✓
03 Nov	18 Nov	£3199	

Maximum single supplement charge of £550.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



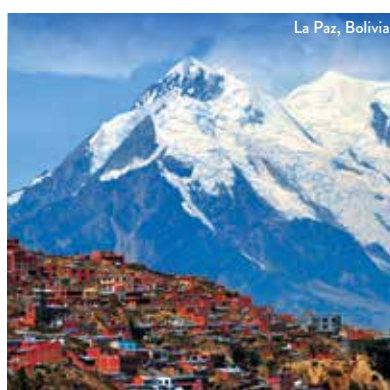
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- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the 'City of Kings', Lima
- Tour of Cuzco
- Discover the 'lost city' of Machu Picchu
- Visit the market at Pisac
- Catamaran cruise on Lake Titicaca
- Visit the Inti Wata Cultural Complex
- Tour of La Paz including Moon Valley
- Tour of Buenos Aires
- Iguazu Falls from the Brazilian side
- Visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Dinner and tango show in Buenos Aires
- Estancia ranch tour
- Iguazu Falls from the Argentinian side
- Enjoy views of Rio de Janeiro from Sugarloaf Mountain



DAY 1 UK – LIMA

Today you'll fly to Peru's capital, Lima.

DAY 2 LIMA

On arrival in Lima today, we'll transfer you to your hotel in the heart of the Miraflores district.

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO LIMA, LIMA (4 STAR)

DAY 3 LIMA – CUZCO

You'll get to know Lima, known as the 'City of Kings', on an included tour. One highlight of your tour is the main square, where you'll find the Presidential Palace, the cathedral and the Metropolitan City Hall. This afternoon, transfer to the airport for our flight to Cuzco. (B)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 4 CUZCO

Cuzco, the 'Imperial City', was once the capital of the

Inca Empire and is now a fascinating combination of ancient and colonial architecture. On your tour this morning, highlights include the elegant Plaza de Armas at the heart of the city, and the impressive cathedral. (B)
HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 5 CUZCO – MACHU PICCHU

Today is the day you get to explore the incredible 'lost city' of Machu Picchu. Your journey to the ruined city is by narrow-gauge railway, with an onward journey by bus. On the mist-shrouded mountain top, you'll set off on a walk with a Local Guide who'll introduce its splendour.

We'll then head to the small town of Aguas Calientes, where we'll have lunch before making our way to the Sacred Valley by train. (B,L)

AGUSTOS URUBAMBA HOTEL, URUBAMBA (3 STAR)

DAY 6 CUZCO – SACRED VALLEY

You are going to visit the vibrant Indian market in Pisac today – a great place to pick up a unique souvenir of your holiday and mingle with the locals. Later, we'll return to Cuzco. (B)

HOTEL JOSE ANTONIO CUZCO, CUZCO (4 STAR)

DAY 7 CUZCO – PUNO

Early this morning, we take to the road and head to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. (B,L)

JOSE ANTONIO, PUNO (4 STAR)

DAY 8 LAKE TITICACA – LA PAZ

Your day begins with a cruise across Lake Titicaca to Sun Island, the legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire. Step ashore to visit the Inca Garden, steps and fountain, before heading to the Inti Wata Cultural Complex. As we cruise back, we'll enjoy a buffet lunch. Our journey then continues by road to the Bolivian city of La Paz. (B,L)

STANNUM BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, LA PAZ (4 STAR)

DAY 9 LA PAZ

Enjoy a full-day tour of La Paz, an intriguing city which sits high above sea level and is beautifully framed by the three-peaked Illimani Mountain. Discover gems including the Indian Market and fascinating Witches' Market. You'll also visit Moon Valley, a lunar landscape of canyons and spires, and take a cable car ride from one end of La Paz to the other for fantastic views. (B,D)

STANNUM BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, LA PAZ (4 STAR)

DAY 10 LA PAZ – BUENOS AIRES

Today we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires, arriving this afternoon. Argentina's thrilling capital is known as the 'Paris of the Americas' and boasts beautiful boulevards lined by 19th century architecture, so why not head out to explore. (B)

LIBERTADOR HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES (4 STAR)

DAY 11 BUENOS AIRES

We'll explore the sights of Buenos Aires on a tour that takes in Plaza de Mayo, where the Casa Rosada, or Government House, sits. You will also visit the La Boca District, renowned for its brightly painted houses and now an artists' colony. Your final stop is the Recoleta cemetery, famous for its beautiful family tombs and as the burial place of Eva Perón.

This evening you have the option to enjoy a traditional dinner and tango show. (B)

LIBERTADOR HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES (4 STAR)

DAY 12 BUENOS AIRES – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to explore Buenos Aires at your own pace. Alternatively, you could join an optional estancia ranch tour. This evening, we will take you to a typical Argentine restaurant for a traditional asado dinner. In true Argentine style, this is served late evening. (B,D)

LIBERTADOR HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES (4 STAR)

DAY 13 BUENOS AIRES – IGUAZU

We'll transfer to the airport this morning for our flight to Iguazu, home of the famous waterfalls, which span Argentina and Brazil. (B)

HOTEL RECANTO PARK, FOZ DO IGUAZU (4 STAR)

DAY 14 IGUAZU – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to spend just as you please, or you could choose to join a full-day excursion into the

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Visiting the Witches' Market in La Paz is a surreal experience - the items on sale give a fascinating insight into Bolivia's traditions.

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Iguazu National Park on the Argentinian side. The falls are a truly awesome sight and considered one of the world's largest natural wonders. (B)

HOTEL RECANTO PARK, FOZ DO IGUAZU (4 STAR)

DAY 15 IGUAZU – RIO DE JANEIRO

See the Iguazu Falls from the Brazilian side today. This afternoon, transfer to the airport for our flight to Rio. (B)

RIO OTHON PALACE, RIO DE JANEIRO (4 STAR)

DAY 16 RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio de Janeiro is unique – simply bursting with energy, excitement and entertainment. Head to Corcovado, home to the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer, then, this afternoon, you have the option to view Rio from another wonderful vantage point, Sugarloaf Mountain, which you'll reach by cable car. (B)

RIO OTHON PALACE, RIO DE JANEIRO (4 STAR)

DAY 17 RIO DE JANEIRO – UK

You've a free day in Rio to explore at your own pace. This evening we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)

DAY 18 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

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✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

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2020 HEATHROW – LATAM Airlines Holiday ref: LWOL

Flights via São Paulo

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
03 Mar	20 Mar	£4449	✓
05 May	22 May	£4249	✓
06 Oct	23 Oct	£4749	✓
03 Nov	20 Nov	£4849	✓

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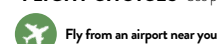
Flights via São Paulo

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
02 Mar	19 Mar	£4449	✓
04 May	21 May	£4249	✓
14 Sep	01 Oct	£4549	
12 Oct	29 Oct	£4749	✓
09 Nov	26 Nov	£4849	

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FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



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Vinales Valley



Zapata Peninsula National Park



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it's a delight to discover. Come with us to La Habana Vieja, or Old Havana, for a tour of its highlights. (B) SEVILLA, HAVANA

DAY 14 HAVANA

This morning we're going to visit a tobacco factory and watch as the cigars are rolled by hand. Gather with your travelling companions for a farewell dinner, after which an optional visit to a cabaret show at the world-famous Tropicana nightclub is available. (B,D) SEVILLA, HAVANA

DAY 15 HAVANA – UK

Enjoy a free morning before we transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 16 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: LCBA

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Feb*	28 Feb	£3649	✓
05 Mar*	20 Mar	£3499	✓
07 Nov	22 Nov	£3739	✓
21 Nov	06 Dec	£3739	

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: LCBA

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 Jan	24 Jan	£3499	
13 Feb	28 Feb	£3599	✓
06 Mar	21 Mar	£3499	

* You will fly from Gatwick on these dates.

Maximum single supplement charge of £850.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

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8 dinners (D) and welcome drink



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Overseas transfers, other transportation
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INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Zapata Peninsula
- Cienfuegos and its Botanical Gardens
- Discover Ciego de Avila
- Sightseeing in Camaguey
- Visit the ancient city of Bayamo
- Tour of Santiago de Cuba
- Enjoy the music at Casa La Trova
- Trinidad tour
- Tour of Sancti Spiritus
- Enjoy the beauty of the Vinales Valley
- Tour of Havana, Cuba's vibrant capital
- Visit a cigar factory

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Santa Clara, including Che Guevara's memorial
- Cruise the bay of Cienfuegos
- Visit a traditional village
- Cabaret show at Havana's Tropicana nightclub

DAY 1 UK – HAVANA

Depart on your flight to Havana. On arrival we'll transfer you to your overnight hotel.

SEVILLA, HAVANA

DAY 2 HAVANA – CIENFUEGOS

Leaving Havana behind, our journey by road takes us to the Zapata peninsula.

Later we head to the beautiful port of Cienfuegos, which retains a strong French influence thanks to the 19th century migrants from Louisiana. Before arrival at our hotel, we'll visit the Botanical Gardens to see a staggering array of plants. (B,D)

JAGUA, CIENFUEGOS

DAY 3 CIENFUEGOS – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today just as you please. If you head off to explore Cienfuegos at your own pace, the former Gothic mansion Palacio de Valle is highly recommended. If you would like to join an optional excursion, a bay cruise and a visit to Che Guevara's memorial at Santa Clara are two possibilities. (B)

JAGUA, CIENFUEGOS

DAY 4 CIENFUEGOS – CAMAGUEY

We're heading for Camaguey on a journey which takes us through rural Cuba's traditional villages and farming communities. We'll stop at the city of Ciego de Avila, where if you wish you can stop for lunch. On arrival in Camaguey, we'll head off on a tour of its UNESCO-listed centre. (B,D)

COLON, CAMAGUEY

DAY 5 CAMAGUEY – SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Our journey continues as we call at Bayamo, an ancient city known as the 'city of horsecars' - half the population here still travels by horse.

Later, we'll set our sights on Santiago de Cuba, where we'll enjoy lunch together before an afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

MELIA, SANTIAGO DE CUBA

DAY 6 SANTIAGO DE CUBA

Named the 'Heroic City', Santiago de Cuba was instrumental in the success of the Cuban Revolution of the 1950s. We'll begin our day with a visit to Baconao National Park, where one highlight is the farmhouse from which Fidel Castro launched his attack on the city.

Enjoy an included lunch before joining an included tour of Santiago de Cuba. Later, come with us to Casa de la Trova, one of the country's best-known music venues, where you can join in the salsa dancing. (B,L)

MELIA, SANTIAGO DE CUBA

DAY 7 SANTIAGO DE CUBA – GUARDALAVACA

Rest and relaxation is on the cards as we head to the idyllic beach resort of Guardalavaca. (B,L,D)

PLAYA COSTA VERDE, GUARDALAVACA

DAY 8 GUARDALAVACA – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is free for you to spend as you wish. The white-sand beaches are perfect for soaking up the sun. You might also be tempted to don a snorkel and have a swim. If you'd like to take an optional excursion, there's the chance to explore a nearby village. (B,L,D)

PLAYA COSTA VERDE, GUARDALAVACA

DAY 9 GUARDALAVACA – TRINIDAD

Today's journey takes us to Trinidad, with a stop en route to stretch our legs in Camaguey. (B,D)

MEMORIES, TRINIDAD

DAY 10 TRINIDAD

The picturesque colonial architecture of Trinidad is the star of your morning tour, with cobblestone streets and pastel-coloured houses all part of the town's charm. How you spend the afternoon is up to you. (B,L,D)

MEMORIES, TRINIDAD

DAY 11 TRINIDAD – HAVANA

Today we are going to make our way back to Havana, stopping en route at the splendid colonial city of Sancti Spiritus for a tour.

On arrival at our hotel, take time to settle in before gathering with your travelling companions for dinner this evening. (B,D)

SEVILLA, HAVANA

DAY 12 VINALES VALLEY

There's a feast for the eyes on offer as we head out for a day of discovery in the beautiful Vinales Valley. Lunch is included today, and back at the hotel you can enjoy a relaxed evening. (B)

SEVILLA, HAVANA

DAY 13 HAVANA

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TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Mexico City
- Teotihuacan's pre-Aztec architecture
- Colonial towns of Oaxaca and Puebla
- See the ancient ruins at Monte Alban
- Archaeological site of Mitla and the Tule Tree
- Cruise through the Sumidero Canyon
- Visit the market town of San Cristobal
- Agua Azul Waterfalls
- The ancient site of Palenque
- Discover Mayan ruins at Uxmal
- Visit UNESCO-listed Chichén Itzá



DAY 1 UK – MEXICO CITY

Depart on your flight to Mexico City. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for a three-night stay.
GALERIA PLAZA REFORMA, MEXICO CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 2 MEXICO CITY

Mexico City is one of the most beautiful cities in the Americas. You will embark on an included sightseeing tour today, visiting the vast Zocalo, the city's main square and the spectacular National Palace. From there you will enjoy a drive down the Paseo de la Reforma to Chapultepec Park, site of the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian's castle. In the afternoon, you will visit the famous National Anthropological Museum. (B)
GALERIA PLAZA REFORMA, MEXICO CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 3 MEXICO CITY

Depart for your drive north to Teotihuacan to see the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, the Street of the Dead and the Temple of Quetzalcoatl – all magnificent examples of pre-Aztec architecture. You will enjoy an included guided walk around the site and free time to make your own discoveries. (B)

GALERIA PLAZA REFORMA, MEXICO CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 4 MEXICO CITY – OAXACA

After breakfast, you will depart for the colonial city of Oaxaca for a two-night stay. En route you will enjoy a tour of the colonial city of Puebla, whose wonderfully preserved centre is home to 70 churches. We'll include a stop to discover how 'mole' – a traditional chocolate chilli sauce is produced, and have the opportunity to try some. (B)

HOTEL VICTORIA OAXACA, OAXACA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 OAXACA

Oaxaca is a diverse city, home to ancient ruins, churches, colonial architecture and a vibrant mix of cultures. This morning you will visit the amazing archaeological ruins at Monte Alban, the ancient capital of the Zapotec people. This incredible site stands on a flattened hilltop 400 metres above the surrounding valley, and offers a fascinating insight into the culture of the Mesoamerican people. This afternoon there is a walking tour of Oaxaca's main sights, including the Baroque Santo Domingo Church. Then you will visit the famous Benito Juarez Market, packed with delights such as clothes, flowers, meat and cheese. Then you will travel on to the historic centre of the city, with its selection of colonial buildings, cathedral and central squares. (B)

HOTEL VICTORIA OAXACA, OAXACA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 OAXACA – SALINA CRUZ

You leave Oaxaca this morning to experience a fascinating journey to Salina Cruz, where you'll stay overnight. You will visit the Tule Tree, one of the world's most extraordinary natural sites. Your next stop is the archaeological site at Mitla, a former Zapotec ceremonial centre whose name translates as 'Place of the Dead'. Here, the buildings are decorated with incredible stone mosaics. You will also see the ruins of four magnificent palaces from the Mixtec and Zapotec civilisations. You'll have an introduction to Mezcal, a distilled spirit made from varieties of agave plant, and have an opportunity to have a taste. (B)

ONE SALINA CRUZ, SALINA CRUZ (3 STAR)

DAY 7 SALINA CRUZ – SAN CRISTOBAL

You will leave Salina Cruz after breakfast for the journey to San Cristobal, where you will stay for the next two nights, enjoying a spectacular boat journey through the Sumidero Canyon en route. (B)

HOTEL CASA MEXICANA, SAN CRISTOBAL (4 STAR)

DAY 8 SAN CRISTOBAL

The former capital of the state of Chiapas, San Cristobal, is a delightful market town. As you wander around the colonial streets and whitewashed alleyways you will see local Mayan people dressed in their traditional colourful outfits. On our included tour this morning you will visit Indian communities at San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. (B)

HOTEL CASA MEXICANA, SAN CRISTOBAL (4 STAR)

DAY 9 SAN CRISTOBAL – PALENQUE

Today you visit the stunning Agua Azul waterfalls, where turquoise waters thunder into pools 100ft below.

You will continue to Palenque for an overnight stay. (B)
HOTEL MISION PALENQUE, PALENQUE (4 STAR)

DAY 10 PALENQUE

One of the most beautiful Mayan ceremonial complexes is your destination today. Set in a rainforest clearing, the ancient site of Palenque guards many secrets still being unearthed by archaeologists. You will see the 20ft high Temple of the Inscriptions, home to one of the only crypts inside a pyramid in Mexico.

After leaving Palenque, you will continue to Campeche for an overnight stay. (B)

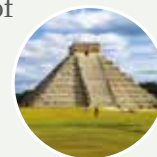
HOTEL PLAZA CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE (4 STAR)

DAY 11 CAMPECHE – MÉRIDA

This morning you travel to the ancient city of Mérida, home to the cultural centre of the Mayan people, for an overnight stay. En route, you will pay a visit to the historical Mayan ruins at Uxmal, considered to be one of the most beautiful pre-Hispanic sites on the American continent. Later today, admire the colonial

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Gaze in awe at incredible Chichén Itzá - where the Mayan vision of the universe is revealed in vast stone monuments.



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and historic highlights of Mérida on a guided tour, before an included dinner this evening at a hacienda, a private estate along the Montejo Boulevard. Taste special Yucatecan dishes and have the opportunity to get involved and prepare some dishes yourself. (B,D)
HYATT REGENCY MÉRIDA, MÉRIDA (4 STAR)

DAY 12 CHICHÉN ITZÁ – CANCUN

Today, you will join an included sightseeing tour of the archaeological wonders of Chichén Itzá, one of the most visited sites in Mexico. In 2007, Chichén Itzá was crowned as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in a global online vote. Across the site, many fine, stone buildings remain including the Pyramid of Kukulcan with its 365 steps – one for every day of the year, the Temple of the Warriors and the Ball Court. Your final night will be spent at the Caribbean coastal resort of Cancun on the Riviera Maya. (B,D)
EMPORIO, CANCUN (4 STAR)

DAY 13 CANCUN – UK

Transfer to the airport for your flights to the UK. (B)

DAY 14 UK

Today you'll arrive in the UK.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: LMEX1

Direct flight (via Mexico City on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
27 Nov	10 Dec	£3499	✓

2021 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: LMEX1

Direct flight (via Mexico City on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
12 Feb	25 Feb	£3499	✓
05 Mar	18 Mar	£3499	✓
26 Nov	09 Dec	£3499	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £650.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



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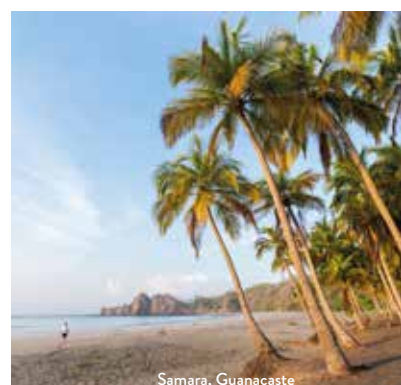
Nature-lovers will be enchanted by these Central American countries boasting never-ending wonders, from wonderful wildlife to volcanoes.



Hanging Bridges of Arenal



Tortuguero National Park



Samara, Guanacaste



Cathedral of Granada, Nicaragua



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- RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS**
from Gatwick with British Airways
- 14 NIGHTS**
in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 1 night in flight
- 21 MEALS**
14 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L),
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Try a Casado in San José -
a Costa Rican staple
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
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- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of San José, Costa Rica's vibrant capital
- Tortuguero National Park, including jungle cruises
- Enjoy views of the Arenal Volcano
- Explore Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
- Walking tour of Granada
- Explore the El Viejo Wetlands, home to extraordinary flora and fauna
- Spot wildlife in the Werner Sauter Biological Reserve

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy stunning views from the Hanging Bridges of Arenal
- Visit the Ecotermas Hot Springs with dinner
- Boat trip along the picturesque Peñas Blancas River
- Zip-line through the Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Visit Managua and Masaya Volcano National Park (subject to weather conditions)



DAY 1 UK – SAN JOSÉ

Depart on your flight to San José. We will transfer you to your hotel on arrival.

STUDIO HOTEL, SAN JOSÉ (3 STAR)

DAY 2 SAN JOSÉ

Your adventure begins with a guided tour of San José, the capital of Costa Rica. We'll introduce you to sights such as the National Theatre and the Gold Museum. Then, when you have your bearings, the rest of the day is yours to do as you please.

This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and sample typical Costa Rican cuisine. (B,D)

STUDIO HOTEL, SAN JOSÉ (3 STAR)

DAY 3 SAN JOSÉ – TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Today you're heading to Tortuguero National Park, which is home to an array of wildlife including monkeys, sloths, crocodiles and caymans. Our journey takes us

through the Braulio Carrillo National Park and across the Continental Divide, where you'll take in breathtaking views of primary forests. This afternoon, you'll learn all about sea turtles when we visit the Tortuguero Village and the Caribbean Conservation Museum. (B,L,D)

PACHIRA LODGE, TORTUGUERO (3 STAR)

DAY 4 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Today you will discover Tortuguero National Park, which sits in the heart of the jungle. It's one of the best places in Central America to observe turtles nesting up close, and you will experience this remote rainforest on two boat trips through jungle-sheltered canals. (B,L,D)

PACHIRA LODGE, TORTUGUERO (3 STAR)

DAY 5 TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK – ARENAL VOLCANO

We are going to leave Tortuguero National Park by boat and then drive to Muelle de San Carlos, our base for the next three nights as we explore the area. (B,L)

TILAJARI HOTEL RESORT, MUELLE DE SAN CARLOS (3 STAR)

DAY 6 ARENAL VOLCANO – DAY AT LEISURE

Today is yours to spend at leisure. If you would prefer to join an optional excursion, we recommend a visit to the Hanging Bridges of Arenal and La Fortuna. There's also the option to enjoy a late afternoon trip to the Ecotermas Hot Springs with dinner. (B)

TILAJARI HOTEL RESORT, MUELLE DE SAN CARLOS (3 STAR)

DAY 7 ARENAL VOLCANO

Enjoy a relaxing morning or join an optional boat trip along the Peñas Blancas River. This afternoon, there's a guided walk through the rainforest. (B)

TILAJARI HOTEL RESORT, MUELLE DE SAN CARLOS (3 STAR)

DAY 8 ARENAL VOLCANO – MONTEVERDE

We're moving on to Monteverde today, a journey that takes us along scenic and sometimes bumpy roads! Lunch is included at a coffee farm along the way, and this afternoon we'll listen to a fascinating talk by a descendent of the original Quaker settlers. (B,L)

HOTEL FONDA VELA, MONTEVERDE (3 STAR)

DAY 9 MONTEVERDE

You will learn all about the cloud forest when we visit a nature reserve today. In the afternoon, you can join an optional excursion which gives you the chance to ride a zip-line through the Monteverde Cloud Forest. (B)

HOTEL FONDA VELA, MONTEVERDE (3 STAR)

DAY 10 MONTEVERDE – GRANADA

You're bound for Nicaragua today, the largest country in Central America. Here, we will discover an extraordinary landscape of volcanoes, lakes, mountains and colonial towns. We are going to explore a traditional village this afternoon and then head to the elegant city of Granada. (B)

LA GRAN FRANCIA, GRANADA (3 STAR)

DAY 11 GRANADA

Granada sits on the shores of Lake Nicaragua, one of the largest and most beautiful lakes in the world. Today's walking tour will help you get your bearings and we'll also visit the fascinating Convento San Francisco Museum.

You're free to do as you wish this afternoon. (B)

LA GRAN FRANCIA, GRANADA (3 STAR)

DAY 12 GRANADA – DAY AT LEISURE

You've got another day to enjoy Granada at leisure. Alternatively, your Tour Manager will be hosting a full-day optional trip to Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. (B)

LA GRAN FRANCIA, GRANADA (3 STAR)

DAY 13 GRANADA – GUANACASTE

Today you'll cross the border back into Costa Rica and head to the El Viejo wetlands. Here, you'll visit the La Casona hacienda, where you can learn about the region's sabaneros, or cowboys. Then, keep your camera at the ready as we explore on a river cruise. (B)

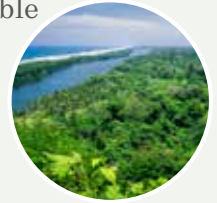
NAMMBÚ BEACHFRONT BUNGALOWS, GUANACASTE (4 STAR)

DAY 14 GUANACASTE

You'll see more exotic flora and fauna today on an included excursion to the Werner Sauter Biological Reserve, which was once a farm. Over two-and-a-half hours you'll hike through a mango plantation to

FAVOURITE MOMENT

The lodge at Tortuguero National Park, which is teeming with wildlife, is only accessible by boat, making your stay even more special.



TAILOR YOUR TRIP



> STAY LONGER

GUANACASTE 4 NIGHTS FROM £369

Extend your holiday and stay on in Guanacaste. Available on all dates. See page 190 for details.

this private reserve. Nature runs wild here and, as you explore, you'll not only see but feel and breathe this unique tropical dry forest as you learn about the plants and animals that thrive here.

Afterwards, you can spend some time on beautiful Samara Beach with its white sands and aquamarine waters. We'll then return to your hotel, where you can spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

NAMMBÚ BEACHFRONT BUNGALOWS, GUANACASTE (4 STAR)

DAY 15 GUANACASTE – SAN JOSÉ

After breakfast we'll transfer you to the airport in San José for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DAY 16 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: LCSN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
15 Feb	01 Mar	£3399	✓
07 Mar	22 Mar	£3399	✓
03 Oct	18 Oct	£3049	✓
14 Nov	29 Nov	£2999	✓

2021 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: LCSN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Feb	07 Mar	£3399	✓
06 Mar	21 Mar	£3399	✓
16 Oct	31 Oct	£3049	✓
13 Nov	28 Nov	£2999	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £950.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £740 applies.**

CHILE, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

14 DAYS FROM £3449

This incredible tour gives you the chance to explore breathtaking sights in three fascinating South American countries.



Iguaçu Falls, Argentina

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Nothing can prepare you for the incredible sight of Iguazu Falls, set amongst lush rainforest teeming with exotic fauna and flora.



Gauchos, Argentina



Santiago, Chile



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with LATAM via São Paulo

11 NIGHTS
in 4 and 5-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight

12 MEALS
11 breakfasts (B), 1 dinner (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Dine at a typical Brazilian Churrascaria

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Chile's capital, Santiago, which lies beneath the stunning Andes
- Tour of Mendoza, Argentina's wine capital
- Visit the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires
- View the Iguazu Falls from the Argentine side
- View the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer at Corcovado

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour of Valparaíso and Viña del Mar, including a wine-tasting
- Bicycle tour of Maipú's vineyards
- Argentine Dinner Experience
- Experience a typical 'estancia' ranch
- River tour on the magnificent Tigre and Paraná Delta
- Enjoy a delicious dinner and a thrilling tango show in Buenos Aires
- View the Iguazu Falls from the Brazilian side
- Enjoy superb views of Rio de Janeiro from Sugarloaf Mountain



DAY 1 UK – SANTIAGO

Today you'll depart on your flights to Chile's capital Santiago.

DAY 2 SANTIAGO

You'll arrive in Santiago today, where we'll transfer you to your hotel for a two-night stay. The city occupies a lovely setting beneath the Andes, so fantastic views are assured. You'll also see wonderful sights on an afternoon tour, with highlights including the Presidential Palace and the residential districts of Las Condes and Providencia. The views of the foothills of the Andes from San Cristóbal Hill aren't bad either! **HOTEL DIRECTOR VITACURA, SANTIAGO (4 STAR)**

DAY 3 SANTIAGO – DAY AT LEISURE

The choice is yours today – spend time exploring Santiago, or join your Tour Manager on an optional day of discovery which starts with a scenic drive. Your first

stop will be the Casas del Bosque vineyard to taste award-winning wines. Our explorations then take us to Viña del Mar, a beach resort also known as the 'Garden City', and the coastal city of Valparaíso. **(B)**
HOTEL DIRECTOR VITACURA, SANTIAGO (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SANTIAGO – MENDOZA

Today we take a great journey by road over the Andes and across the border into Argentina to your new base, Mendoza. Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Americas, is just one highlight along the way. **(B)**
DIPLOMATIC HOTEL, MENDOZA (5 STAR)

DAY 5 MENDOZA – DAY AT LEISURE

This morning has been left free for you to enjoy at your leisure. However, if you'd like to join an optional excursion you can join a vineyard tour by bicycle. Later this afternoon, join us on an included sightseeing tour of Mendoza. **(B)**
DIPLOMATIC HOTEL, MENDOZA (5 STAR)

DAY 6 MENDOZA – BUENOS AIRES

Argentina's capital Buenos Aires beckons today, and we'll fly there this morning. This afternoon, we'll take a walk around the Plaza de Mayo to see the Casa Rosada, or Government House. Next, we head to the colourful La Boca District and visit Recoleta Cemetery, the burial place of political icon Eva Perón. This evening, we offer an optional fun dinner party experience, giving you the chance to eat like the Argentines do. **(B)**
LIBERTADOR HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES (4 STAR)

DAY 7 BUENOS AIRES – DAY AT LEISURE

Buenos Aires is yours to explore today. Alternatively, if you'd like to experience life on a typical ranch, or 'estancia', an optional day out will take you into the heart of the Argentinian Pampas. Here, you'll see the gauchos displaying their horsemanship skills, and you'll also get to tuck into an Argentine barbecue. **(B)**
LIBERTADOR HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES (4 STAR)

DAY 8 BUENOS AIRES – DAY AT LEISURE

You've a free day to spend as you wish. However, you can also join a couple of exciting optional excursions. Perhaps join a relaxing morning river cruise on the Tigre and Paraná Delta. This evening, turn up the heat with an optional, fiery tango show and dinner. **(B)**
LIBERTADOR HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES (4 STAR)

DAY 9 BUENOS AIRES – IGUAZU FALLS

We'll fly to Iguazu Falls today, where our base for two nights is on the Argentinian side of this natural wonder. You could spend a relaxed afternoon enjoying your hotel's facilities. **(B)**

PANORAMIC GRAND, PUERTO IGUAZU (4 STAR)

DAY 10 IGUAZU FALLS

Today is the day you are going to explore Iguazu Falls on a full-day excursion to the Argentinian side of the National Park. Your journey starts by taking the Ecological train through the jungle where you will see a variety of ferns, orchids, begonias, birds and butterflies along the way. The falls are one of the world's largest natural wonders and consist of an astounding 275 separate waterfalls, falling from an average height of 70 metres. **(B)**
PANORAMIC GRAND, PUERTO IGUAZU (4 STAR)

DAY 11 IGUAZU FALLS – RIO DE JANEIRO

You might take the chance to relax this morning before we fly to the thrilling city of Rio de Janeiro. Alternatively, if you want to carry on exploring, you can take an optional trip to the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. From here, you get wonderful panoramic views and you can walk across a platform virtually into Devil's Throat, the most famous of the falls. We'll fly to Rio this afternoon. **(B)**

RIO OTHON PALACE, RIO DE JANEIRO (4 STAR)

DAY 12 RIO DE JANEIRO

Welcome to Rio! To get you started, we're going to visit Corcovado, which is home to the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer. This afternoon, there's the option to take a cable-car ride to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. This evening we'll gather as a group for a farewell dinner at a typical Brazilian Churrascaria, a place where meat is cooked in churrasco style, which

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

> **STAY LONGER**

RIO DE JANEIRO
3 NIGHTS FROM £369

Extend your holiday with an extra three nights in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro. Includes three nights with breakfast in a 4-star hotel. Available on all dates. See page 190 for details.

★ **SPECIAL DEPARTURE**RIO CARNIVAL WINNERS' PARADE
15 DAYS FROM £4149
08 FEBRUARY 2021*

Join 'the greatest party on earth' and witness the Rio Carnival Winners' Parade. Take your seat in the Sambodromo and prepare to be amazed as the best samba schools parade in front of you. The music, costumes and floats are simply spectacular and the atmosphere is one of fun, frivolity and celebration. See page 191 for details.

FEATURE HOTEL



PANORAMIC GRAND ★★★★★

This hotel in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina, boasts a wonderful hilltop setting.

translates roughly from the Portuguese word for "barbecue". Experience the famous Brazilian barbecue and taste traditional Brazilian food such as seafood, various salads and 25 types of meat. **(B,D)**
RIO OTHON PALACE, RIO DE JANEIRO (4 STAR)

DAY 13 RIO DE JANEIRO – UK

You've time to see a little more of Rio today before we transfer you to the airport for your flights to the UK. **(B)**

DAY 14 UK

Today you'll arrive back in the UK.

✓ **DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES**

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – LATAM Airlines Holiday ref: LCAB

Flights via São Paulo

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 Mar	22 Mar	£3449	✓
07 Sep	20 Sep	£3499	✓
12 Oct	25 Oct	£3499	✓
26 Oct	08 Nov	£3499	✓
09 Nov	22 Nov	£3499	✓

2021 HEATHROW – LATAM Airlines Holiday ref: LCAB

Flights via São Paulo

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
08 Feb*	22 Feb	£4149	✓
15 Mar	28 Mar	£3449	✓
13 Sep	26 Sep	£3499	✓
11 Oct	24 Oct	£3499	✓
08 Nov	21 Nov	£3499	✓

* Rio Carnival Winners' Parade special departure available on these dates.

Maximum single supplement charge of £900 (Rio Carnival £1500). For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



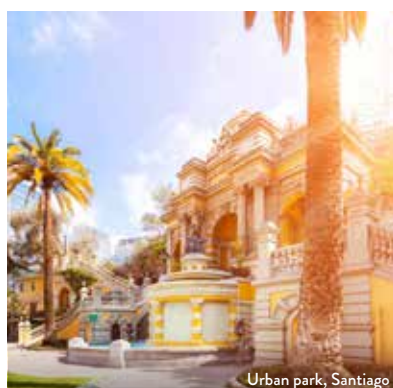
THE ATACAMA & PATAGONIA

11 DAYS FROM £3799

Chile's scenic wonders are like nothing else on earth. They are yours to explore, and you can even discover Easter Island on this South American adventure.



Atacama Desert



Urban park, Santiago



The Tatío Geysers, Atacama desert





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with LATAM via São Paulo

8 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight

11 MEALS
8 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Traditional lamb barbecue at an estancia
in Patagonia

ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Santiago city tour
- Visit Mars Valley in the Salt Mountains and see the sun set over Moon Valley
- Look out for pink flamingos at Chaxa Lagoon
- Discover the high-plain lagoons of Meñiques and Miscanti
- Sunrise visit to the Tatio Geysers, with a chance to bathe in the waters
- Cruise along the Última Esperanza Fjord
- Walk through forest to the Serrano Glacier
- Discover Milodon Cave
- Explore Torres del Paine National Park
- Tour of the Undurraga winery with tasting



DAY 1 UK – SANTIAGO

Today you'll fly to Chile's capital, Santiago.

DAY 2 SANTIAGO

On arrival in Santiago, we will transfer you to your hotel and after time to freshen up, your sightseeing will begin. We'll start with a walking tour downtown, taking in the main square, Plaza de Armas, the cathedral and the ornate façade of the Presidential Palace. Continuing by coach, we'll enjoy panoramic views of the city from San Cristóbal Hill, before driving through Santiago's modern quarter, with its chic neighbourhoods and glitzy shopping malls.
HOTEL DIRECTOR VITACURA, SANTIAGO (4 STAR)

DAY 3 SANTIAGO – SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

We're heading to the Atacama Desert today. We'll

fly north to Calama and then transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, a village set amid scenery you won't see anywhere else on earth.

You'll be keen to start exploring straightaway, so this afternoon our sightseeing begins at the Salt Mountains. We'll also visit Mars Valley, where the dunes and sculpted rock formations are nothing short of breathtaking. Then we'll make our way to Moon Valley in time to watch the sun set over the red lunar-like landscape. As the light fades the rocks appear to change colour – a truly incredible sight. (B)

HOTEL IORANA TOLACHE, SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA (3 STAR)

DAY 4 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Our first stop today will be in the town of Toconao. Most of the buildings here are made from local white stone and the bell tower dates from 1750. Next, we'll visit the little village of Socaire, before heading to the vast Atacama salt flat. The surface of this salt plain is covered by a hard white crust, and turquoise lagoons create the perfect habitat for birds. We'll head first to the tranquil Chaxa Lagoon, where pink flamingos can often be seen feeding in the shallow waters. Next, we're going to visit the Miscanti and Meñiques lagoons, which are located more than 4,000 metres above sea level. Set against a backdrop of volcanoes, the landscape here is simply spectacular and it's another great spot for birdwatching – don't forget your binoculars! (B,L)

HOTEL IORANA TOLACHE, SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA (3 STAR)

DAY 5 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – SANTIAGO

You've a real treat in store today, a visit to the remarkable Tatio Geysers. Sunrise is the best time to view them, so we'll be setting off early and will enjoy a picnic breakfast before our guided walk around the geothermal field. Surrounded by volcanoes, there are more than 80 geysers and around 100 steaming fumaroles here. If you wish, you'll also have a chance to take a dip in one of the natural pools and bathe in the warm thermal waters. We'll return to San Pedro de Atacama later, a journey which gives us spectacular views of the Torcopuri and Saicabur volcanoes. Spend some time at leisure in San Pedro before we fly back to Santiago this afternoon. We'll stay at an airport hotel overnight. (B)

HOLIDAY INN SANTIAGO AIRPORT, SANTIAGO (4 STAR)

DAY 6 SANTIAGO – PUERTO NATALES

After breakfast, your adventure continues as we fly south to Chilean Patagonia. We'll arrive in Punta Arenas and then transfer to Puerto Natales, gateway to the Torres del Paine National Park. (B)

HOTEL COSTA AUSTRALIS, PUERTO NATALES (4 STAR)

DAY 7 PUERTO NATALES

Your day begins with a cruise along the beautiful Última Esperanza Fjord. We'll sail to the 1,000-year-old Balmaceda Glacier, where you might be lucky enough to spot cormorants and sea lions. Then, when we reach the end of the fjord, we'll step ashore and walk through a forest to the foot of the Serrano Glacier. This immense natural wonder is an incredible sight, so be sure to have your camera at the ready. On our way back we'll stop at an estancia – a ranch – for a traditional lamb barbecue. (B,L)

HOTEL COSTA AUSTRALIS, PUERTO NATALES (4 STAR)

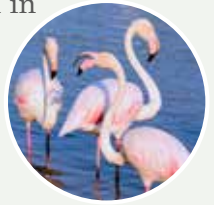
DAY 8 TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Today's the day we explore the impressive Torres del Paine National Park, a wilderness of lakes, forests, rivers and glaciers. An array of wildlife lives in the park, including large herds of guanacos, llama-like creatures which can often be seen grazing on the open steppes. Our first stop will be at the 30-metre-high Milodon Cave, where the partial remains of an enormous extinct animal, the ground sloth, were discovered in the late 19th century. Continuing our journey we'll drive into the national park and visit the Salto Grande, a thundering waterfall on the Pehoe River. Next, we'll take in the scenic beauty of Lake Pehoe and Lake Grey, and you'll see the magnificent Grey Glacier in the distance. (B,L)

HOTEL COSTA AUSTRALIS, PUERTO NATALES (4 STAR)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Watching wild flamingos as they feed in a tranquil lagoon at 14,000ft is truly amazing.



TAILOR YOUR TRIP



+ ADD-ON

EASTER ISLAND
4 NIGHTS FROM £1599

Extend your holiday with a stay on remote and intriguing Easter Island. Available on all dates. See page 191 for details.

DAY 9 PUERTO NATALES – SANTIAGO

After breakfast we'll return to the airport and fly back to Santiago. (B)

HOTEL DIRECTOR VITACURA, SANTIAGO (4 STAR)

DAY 10 SANTIAGO – UK

This morning we're going to take a tour of the Undurraga winery. Located in the Maipo Valley, it was founded in 1885 and is one of the oldest in Chile. During our tour we'll learn about the winery's history, take a walk through the vineyards and visit the underground cellars for a tasting.

Later we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights home. (B)

DAY 11 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: During this tour you will travel to altitudes of over 14,000ft where altitude sickness can occur. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions, or have any other concerns, please consult your doctor.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – LATAM Holiday ref: LCHL

Flights via São Paulo

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
24 Feb	05 Mar	£3799	✓
16 Nov	26 Nov	£3899	✓

2021 HEATHROW – LATAM Holiday ref: LCHL

Flights via São Paulo

22 Feb	04 Mar	£3799	✓
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Maximum single supplement charge of £1100.
For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



> STAY LONGER



RIO DE JANEIRO

3 NIGHTS FROM £369

Extend your holiday with three nights in Rio de Janeiro, a vibrant destination which boasts exciting attractions at every turn. Rio has one of the most beautiful settings anywhere in the world, with the white-sand beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana just two of its many dazzling highlights.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 3 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in the 4-star Rio Othon Palace, which is in a prime location just a short stroll from Copacabana Beach. Facilities include a restaurant, bar and rooftop swimming pool. Upgrade to a deluxe lateral sea-view room from £150 per person. You can also upgrade to a deluxe ocean-front room from £300 per person.

Single room supplement from £250.

Available after Latin Wonders of the World (page 178) and Chile Argentina & Brazil (page 186)

+ ADD-ON



VARADERO

3 NIGHTS FROM £379

Extend your holiday with a three-night stay in the beach resort of Varadero, which begins on day 15 of your holiday. The white-sand beach here is the longest in Cuba, and the resort is known as 'Blue Beach' due to its stunning turquoise waters. Your hotel is right on the beach, so if you want to relax and soak up the sun, there's no need to stray very far.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 3 nights' accommodation on an all-inclusive basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

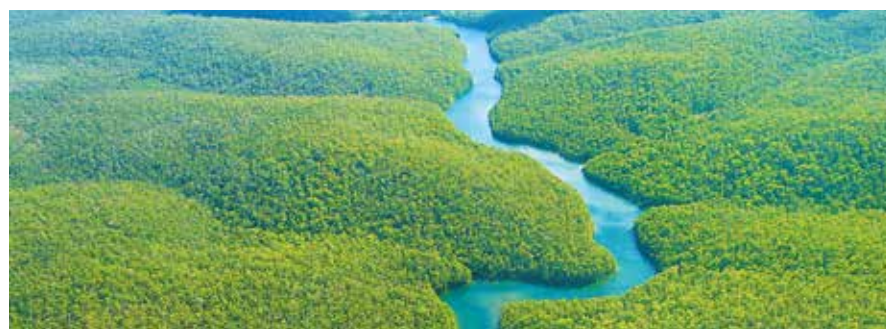
YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Hotel Sol Palmeras, which is located right on the white-sand beach. Facilities include seven restaurants, seven bars, two swimming pools, a beauty salon and tennis courts.

Single room supplement from £150.

Available after Colourful Cuba (page 180)

+ ADD-ON



AMAZON

3 NIGHTS FROM £649

You can choose to extend your holiday with a three night Amazon adventure, which begins on day 14 of your holiday. You'll fly to Puerto Maldonado, where you'll check into your hotel, which is surrounded by Amazonian rainforest. During your stay we include light jungle treks which will introduce you to a huge variety of tropical plants and fascinating wildlife. Evening walks will give you the chance to learn about the nocturnal creatures of the rainforest, and river cruises will help you to view your surroundings from a different perspective. You'll visit Tambopata National Reserve, Lake Sandoval – home to the endangered giant river otter – and the Inkatererra Canopy Walkway, to enjoy magnificent views. Further included highlights are visits to a farm and a botanical garden.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage
- 3 nights' accommodation on a full-board basis
- Amazon boat trips, Tambopata National Reserve, Lake Sandoval, visit a farm and taste local products, botanical garden visit to discover a huge variety of medicinal plants
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the Inkatererra Hacienda Concepcion in Puerto Maldonado, which is surrounded by tropical rainforest. Facilities include a restaurant and bar.

Single room supplement from £250.

Available after Epic Peru (page 176)

> STAY LONGER



GUANACASTE

4 NIGHTS FROM £369

Extend your holiday with an extra four nights in Guanacaste, which gives you more time to enjoy Costa Rica's highlights or simply relax on a white-sand beach backed by swaying palms.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 4 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in the 4-star Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, surrounded by lush greenery. Free wi-fi is available and there is a restaurant.

Larger, upgraded rooms are available at a supplement. Please call for details. Single room supplement from £170.

Available after Costa Rica & Nicaragua (page 184)

> STAY LONGER

**CANCUN****3 NIGHTS FROM £379**

Extend your holiday with an extra three nights in Cancun. Soak up the sun as you relax on the white-sand beach and dip into the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean Sea, or join one of our exciting optional excursions. They include a lobster dinner cruise, a visit to the pre-Columbian ruins of Tulum and the Mayan site of Xel-ha or a visit to Isla Mujeres.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage
- 3 nights' accommodation on an all-inclusive basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Emporio Cancun, which is just steps away from the beautiful white-sand beach. Facilities include multiple restaurants and pools, as well as a fitness centre. Upgrade your room from standard to deluxe twin from £599 per person or £899 for a solo traveller.

Single room supplement from £250.

Available after The Best of Mexico (page 182)

+ ADD-ON

**EASTER ISLAND****4 NIGHTS FROM £1599**

Spend three nights on Easter Island, an intriguing destination in the South Pacific Ocean. During your stay we include two full days of exploration including visits to the iconic giant stone figures, or moai, that the island is famous for. You will also stay in Santiago for one night.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 4 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis
- Picnic lunch
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in hotels such as the 3-star Iorana Hotel on Easter Island and 4-star Hotel 45 by Director in Santiago. Facilities include a restaurant and swimming pool.

Single room supplement from £400.

Available after The Atacama & Patagonia (page 188)

DAY 10 CHILE — EASTER ISLAND

This morning you'll take a tour of the Undurraga winery. Located in the Maipo Valley, it was founded in 1885 and is one of the oldest in Chile. You'll learn about the winery's history, take a walk through the vineyards and visit the underground cellars for a tasting. Later we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight to Easter Island.

DAY 11 EASTER ISLAND

Isolated and remote, Easter Island floats in the Pacific, 2,300 miles off the western coast of Chile. It is known for the hundreds of mysterious moai, stone statues which are scattered across the landscape, believed to have been created by the native Rapa Nui people between 1400 and 1650 AD.

Your sightseeing begins with a visit to the temple ruins of the Akahanga. The moai here lay where they fell when the platform they stood on was destroyed. We'll then continue to Rano Raraku, a volcanic crater where most of the moai are said to have been carved. We'll stop at Ahu Tongariki, an incredible site where 15 imposing restored statues stand on a 220-metre-long ceremonial platform, and then continue to Anakena beach for a picnic lunch.

DAY 12 EASTER ISLAND

This morning we visit Rano Kau, an extinct volcanic crater almost a mile wide with a freshwater lagoon at its base. Next, we'll see rock carvings in the ancient ceremonial city of Orongo and visit the archaeological site of Vinapu. In the afternoon, we head inland to visit four further sites, including Puna Pau. It's thought that the red volcanic rock used for the pukaos, or moai headdresses, was quarried here.

DAY 13 EASTER ISLAND — SANTIAGO

We'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to Santiago, where you will stay overnight.

DAYS 14 & 15 SANTIAGO — UK

You'll fly home on day 14, arriving on day 15.

★ SPECIAL DEPARTURE

RIO CARNIVAL WINNERS' PARADE**15 DAYS FROM £4149****08 FEBRUARY 2021**

The spectacular Winners' Parade is the last event of the annual Rio Carnival. It features the winners from the samba schools with their fabulous floats and glittering costumes. Our special departure gives you everything in the main itinerary, plus an extra night in Rio and a reserved seat in the Sambodromo for the Carnival Winners' Parade.

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 12 nights' accommodation with bed-and-breakfast and 1 dinner plus 2 nights in flight
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in hotels such as the 4-star Hotel Director Vitacura in Santiago, 5-star Diplomatic Hotel in Mendoza, 4-star Libertador Hotel in Buenos Aires, 4-star Panoramic Grand in Iguazu Falls and 4-star Rio Othon Palace in Rio de Janeiro.

Holiday ref: LCABR

Single room supplement from £1500



Available on Chile, Argentina & Brazil (page 186)



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Head east with us to mysterious and exotic lands totally different to anywhere you've been before, where thousands of years of history are played out.

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amazing holidays
to make you
smile





A few of our favourites

TAJ MAHAL AT DAWN

See the incredible Taj Mahal bathed in the early morning sunlight.

Beyond the Golden Triangle
– see page 196

STHREE CAFÉ

Tuck into fresh, locally sourced, vegetarian cuisine at the Sthree Café.

Highlights of Sri Lanka
– see page 202

DELIGHTS OF THE SILK ROAD

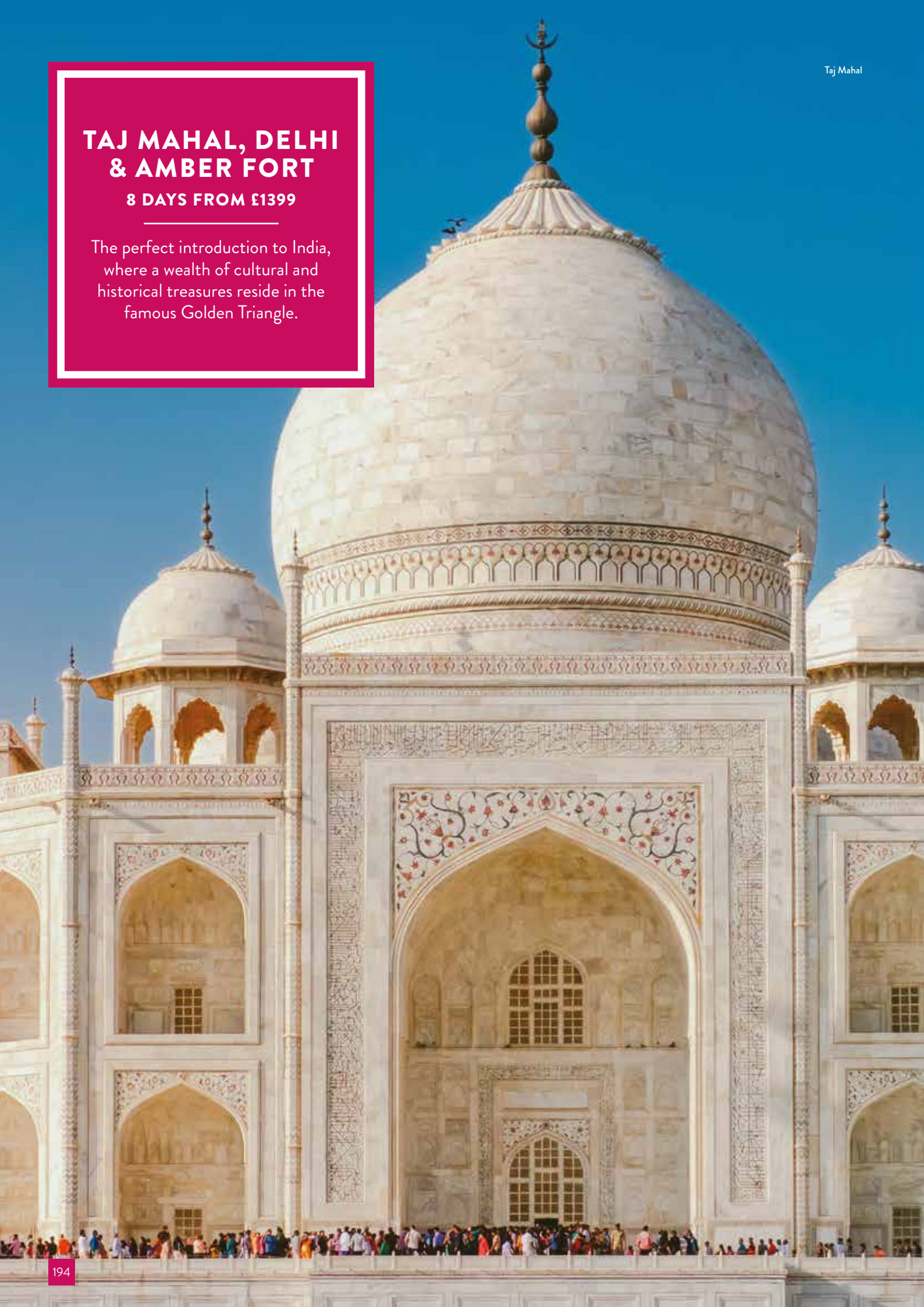
Enjoy dinner with the locals in Samarkand and learn how to make traditional bread.

Uzbekistan - The Heart of the Silk Route
– see page 218

TAJ MAHAL, DELHI & AMBER FORT

8 DAYS FROM £1399

The perfect introduction to India,
where a wealth of cultural and
historical treasures reside in the
famous Golden Triangle.





Rickshaw



City Palace, Jaipur

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Rising early to see the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

JOURNEY TO SHIMLA
4 NIGHTS
FROM £629



Enjoy a fascinating and unforgettable journey by train to the hill stations of Shimla, the 'Queen of Hill Stations', in the foothills of the Himalayas. Includes half board in great quality hotels, plus two lunches. Available on all dates. See page 206 for details.

DISCOVER MORE

NEPAL & INDIA'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE
16 DAYS FROM £2699

We have combined this tour with 'Nepal - The Rooftop of the World' (see pages 204-205) to make one epic adventure. You will travel to Nepal then on to India. See our website for details. Available in 2021 on dates marked with *.

Holiday ref: LINP

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic **Holiday ref: LITR**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Feb	25 Feb	£1649	✓
03 Mar	10 Mar	£1549	✓
17 Mar	24 Mar	£1549	✓
19 May	26 May	£1399	✓
15 Sep	22 Sep	£1449	✓
13 Oct	20 Oct	£1449	✓
27 Oct	03 Nov	£1549	✓
10 Nov	17 Nov	£1549	✓
17 Nov	24 Nov	£1549	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Virgin Atlantic **Holiday ref: LITR**

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Feb*	25 Feb	£1649	✓
18 Mar*	25 Mar	£1549	✓
20 May	27 May	£1399	
16 Sep	23 Sep	£1449	
07 Oct	14 Oct	£1449	✓
14 Oct*	21 Oct	£1499	
11 Nov	18 Nov	£1549	✓
18 Nov*	25 Nov	£1599	

* 'Nepal & India's Golden Triangle' is available on these dates

Maximum single supplement charge of £400.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £515 applies.**

CT CLASSIC TOURING FLIGHT CHOICES MAX 35 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic

6 NIGHTS
in heritage and 5-star hotels plus 1 night in flight

12 MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 5 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Sample a petha in Agra

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of New Delhi
- Cycle rickshaw tour of Old Delhi
- Venture up to the hilltop Amber Fort
- Discover the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Admire Abhaneri's stepwells
- Visit to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary
- See the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri
- View the Agra Fort palaces
- Dawn visit to the Taj Mahal

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience the delights of India's cuisine on a street-food tour
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration and dinner in a local home



DAY 1 UK - DELHI

Today you'll depart on your flight to Delhi.

DAY 2 DELHI

On arrival in Delhi, we'll transfer you to your comfortable hotel. You'll then start your sightseeing with a tour of New Delhi, with highlights including the iconic India Gate and imposing Parliament House and the Qutub Minar. We'll conclude our tour at Humayun's Tomb, said to have inspired the Taj Mahal. (D)
VASANT CONTINENTAL, DELHI (5 STAR)

DAY 3 DELHI - JAIPUR

This morning, enjoy a tour of Old Delhi. Firstly, you'll travel by cycle rickshaw, then you'll explore the fabled street bazaar of Chandni Chowk on foot, admiring the spectacular Red Fort as you go. The marble domes of the Jama Masjid Mosque are sure to impress, and Raj Ghat, the simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, is your final stop.

If all that sightseeing has given you an appetite, our optional street-food excursion will be just perfect. We'll hop on rickshaws and work our way around Old Delhi's historic and atmospheric streets, stopping to try the vegetarian specialities unique to this region. Next, we'll immerse ourselves in the largest spice market in Asia, Khari Baol. (B,D)

FORTUNE SELECT METROPOLITAN, JAIPUR (5 STAR)

DAY 4 JAIPUR

You've a day of discovery ahead of you, with your first highlight the marvellous Amber Fort.

In the afternoon, you'll get to know the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, where all the buildings were painted pink by maharaja's decree. Together, we'll explore the commanding City Palace and discover Mughal treasures in its museum. We'll also see the elaborate façade of the Palace of the Winds.

Tonight, a really special optional trip gives you the chance to visit a family home for a cookery demonstration and dinner. (B)

FORTUNE SELECT METROPOLITAN, JAIPUR (5 STAR)

DAY 5 JAIPUR - BHARATPUR

Bharatpur is our next base, and on the way here we're going to take in the exceptional sight of Abhaneri's stepwell, an ancient water storage system.

Lunch is served at the hotel, then our afternoon is spent at the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, which we'll reach by rickshaw. (B,L,D)

LAXMI NIWAS PALACE, BHARATPUR

DAY 6 BHARATPUR - AGRA

This morning we're going to journey by road to Agra, visiting the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri en route.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the Agra Fort, where the Emperor Shah Jahan, who commissioned the Taj Mahal, was imprisoned by his son.

We'll also visit a petha shop and sample one of the most iconic street foods in Agra. (B,D)

RAMADA PLAZA AGRA, AGRA (5 STAR)

DAY 7 AGRA - DELHI

Today is the day that you'll see the Taj Mahal, on a dawn visit. The early start is well worth it as you view this magnificent mausoleum that was built by Shah Jahan as a memorial to his beloved wife, Mumtaz.

We're also going to see the Taj Mahal from another perspective later, as we head to Mehtab Bagh. This centuries-old garden complex sits on the other side of the Yamuna River and offers equally spectacular views.

A journey by road then takes us back to Delhi, where you can enjoy a relaxed evening before your flight home tomorrow. (B,D)

VIVANTA BY TAJ DWARKA NEW DELHI, DELHI (5 STAR)

DAY 8 DELHI - UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Please note: Travellers on 'Nepal & India's Golden Triangle' will travel with you on this tour.

BEYOND THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

10 DAYS FROM £1699

Delve deeper into India's fascinating culture and history, and tick off safaris in Ranthambore National Park.



Agra Fort

FAVOURITE MOMENT

The peace and tranquillity of Talabgaon Castle comes as a real surprise. Listen hard and you may even hear the faint sound of animals in the distance.



Taj Mahal, Agra



Ranthambore



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic

8 NIGHTS
in heritage, 5-star hotels and lodges
plus 1 night in flight

19 MEALS
8 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L),
8 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Barbecue dinner in the grounds of
Talabgaon Castle and dance show

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of New Delhi
- Discover Old Delhi on a cycle rickshaw
- Dawn visit to the Taj Mahal
- Agra Fort and Itmad ud Daulah tomb
- The deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri
- Train ride through scenic countryside
- Search for tigers on a morning Ranthambore safari
- Afternoon safari in Ranthambore
- Visit the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Try a lassi in Jaipur
- Venture up to the hilltop Amber Fort

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Performance of 'Mohabbat The Taj'



DAY 1 UK – DELHI

You'll depart on your flight to Delhi today.

DAY 2 DELHI

On arrival in Delhi we will transfer you to your hotel. After time to settle in, we're off on a half-day sightseeing tour. You'll see UNESCO-listed highlights including the exquisite Humayun's Tomb and the ancient Qutub Minar, a soaring sandstone tower. We're then going to drive along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, and past the imposing India Gate and Parliament House – two grand reminders of the city's colonial past. (L,D)

VASANT CONTINENTAL, DELHI (5 STAR)

DAY 3 DELHI – AGRA

A great way to start your day is with a morning cycle rickshaw ride through the 17th century walled city of Old Delhi. As we go we'll delve into its maze of crowded streets and thronging markets, and see the spectacular exterior of the Red Fort. Next, we'll explore by foot as we take a stroll through the fabled street bazaar, Chandni Chowk, and admire the

impressive marble domes of Jama Masjid Mosque. We'll also visit Gandhi Smriti Museum, the location where Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life and the place of his assassination. (B,D)
RADISSON BLU, AGRA (5 STAR)

DAY 4 AGRA

Get ready to experience one of the highlights of your holiday today – a dawn visit to the incredible Taj Mahal. This magnificent mausoleum, built by the Emperor Shah Jahan for his wife Mumtaz, is one of the world's most glorious sights. We'll watch in awe as the sun rises over its white marble walls which are inlaid with semi-precious stones. We'll also head to nearby Mehtab Bagh, a centuries-old garden complex, for a fabulous view of this iconic masterpiece from the other side of the Yamuna River. Our next stop is at the red-sandstone Agra Fort, where Shah Jahan was imprisoned by his son, and then we'll see the Itmad ud Daulah tomb.

If you would like to enjoy an evening out, there's the option to watch a performance of 'Mohabbat the Taj', about Emperor Shah Jahan and his wife. (B,D)
RADISSON BLU, AGRA (5 STAR)

DAY 5 AGRA – RANTHAMBORE

Today we're going to travel by train, quite an experience in India, but before we reach the station we'll visit the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. At the railway station, stop to take in the vibrant atmosphere as you join the throng of travellers. Once on board, sit back as you are taken to Ranthambore. (B,D)

JUNGLE VILAS, RANTHAMBORE

DAY 6 RANTHAMBORE

A thrilling day lies ahead, with not just one but two safaris in Ranthambore National Park, said to be the best game reserve in India. On morning and afternoon game drives, we'll make our way through thick forest and past pretty waterfalls. Our knowledgeable Local Guide will help you to spot other residents of the park including crocodile, hyena, jackal and more. Keep your fingers crossed for a sighting of the elusive tiger or the even rarer leopard. (B,L,D)

JUNGLE VILAS, RANTHAMBORE

DAY 7 RANTHAMBORE – DAUSA

Today we journey by road to our next hotel, which is the 200-year-old Talabgaon Castle, a beautifully restored fort offering us a truly unique experience. We'll have lunch on arrival and then you're free to relax and do just as you wish. Later, we're going to enjoy a barbecue dinner at the castle poolside, complete with bonfire, musicians and traditional folk dancers. (B,L,D)

TALABGAON CASTLE, DAUSA

DAY 8 DAUSA – JAIPUR

Today we've the famous 'Pink City' of Jaipur in our sights, which we'll reach by road. We'll get our bearings with an afternoon guided tour, which includes the commanding City Palace and the Mughal treasures in its museum. We'll also see the elaborate façade of the Palace of the Winds and there will be time to browse the colourful ceramics and textiles in the Old Town's bustling markets.

Whilst in Jaipur, you will also be served a glass of lassi, a blend of water, yoghurt, spices and sometimes fruit. (B,D)
RAMADA JAIPUR, JAIPUR (5 STAR)

DAY 9 JAIPUR – DELHI

Your day begins with a short drive to the marvellous Amber Fort, a 17th century stronghold which sits on a hilltop overlooking the desert. We'll step inside to see the eerie Temple of Kali, the jewel-like Palace of Mirrors and the enchanting Hall of Pleasures. (B,D)
VIVANTA BY TAJ DWARKA, DELHI (5 STAR)

DAY 10 DELHI – UK

This morning we'll transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. As you are travelling westwards, you will arrive later the same day. (B)

TAILOR YOUR TRIP



+ ADD-ON

JOURNEY TO SHIMLA 4 NIGHTS FROM £629

Enjoy a fascinating and unforgettable journey by train to the hill stations of Shimla, the 'Queen of Hill Stations', in the foothills of the Himalayas. Includes half board in great quality hotels, plus two lunches. Available on all dates. See page 206 for details.

FEATURE HOTEL



TALABGAON CASTLE, DAUSA

This heritage hotel is a beautifully restored 200-year-old fort nestled in the Rajasthan countryside. Facilities include a restaurant, pool, bar and spa.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: LIBTR

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
06 Feb	15 Feb	£2149	✓
20 Feb	29 Feb	£2149	✓
12 Mar	21 Mar	£2019	✓
07 May	16 May	£1699	✓
01 Oct	10 Oct	£1999	✓
15 Oct	24 Oct	£2019	✓
29 Oct	07 Nov	£2219	✓
05 Nov	14 Nov	£2219	✓
19 Nov	28 Nov	£2219	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Virgin Atlantic Holiday ref: LIBTR

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Feb	13 Feb	£2149	✓
18 Feb	27 Feb	£2149	✓
11 Mar	20 Mar	£2019	✓
06 May	15 May	£1699	✓
07 Oct	16 Oct	£1999	✓
14 Oct	23 Oct	£2019	✓
21 Oct	30 Oct	£2219	✓
11 Nov	20 Nov	£2219	✓
18 Nov	27 Nov	£2219	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

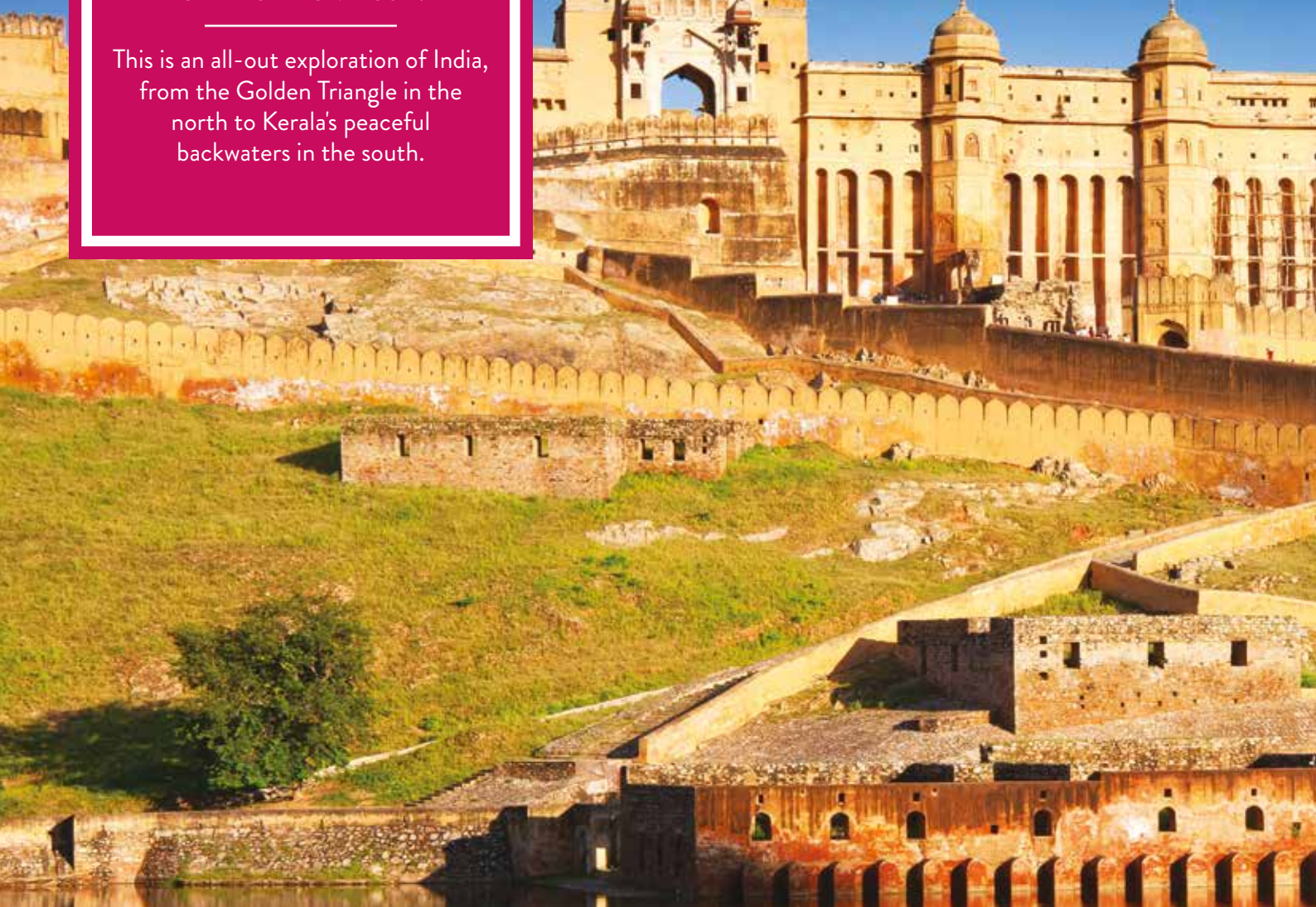
✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255.
A price reduction of £525 applies.

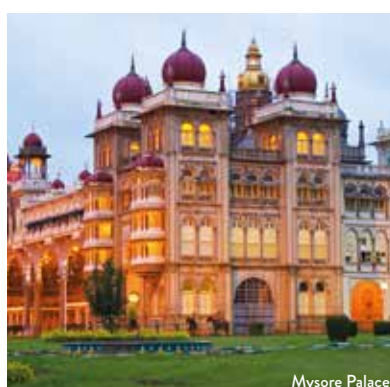
GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM £3049

This is an all-out exploration of India, from the Golden Triangle in the north to Kerala's peaceful backwaters in the south.



Ranthambore safari



Mysore Palace



Kerala backwaters



Taj Mahal



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Emirates via Dubai

16 NIGHTS
in 4 and 5-star hotels and a lodge plus 1 night in flight

36 MEALS
16 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 16 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a cookery demonstration with lunch included

ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Old Delhi
- Walk with former street children in New Delhi
- New Delhi tour
- The world-famous Taj Mahal
- Agra Fort visit
- The deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri
- Search for tigers on two safaris in Ranthambore
- Abhaneri stepwells
- The 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Discover the Amber Fort
- Temple towns of Belur and Halebid
- Bylakuppe, home to the spectacular Golden Temple
- Tour a coffee plantation
- Srirangapatnam, the island fortress of the warrior King Tipu Sultan
- Kerala's beautiful port city of Cochin
- Kathakali dance performance
- Cruise amongst Kerala's tranquil backwaters

**DAY 1 UK – DELHI**

Depart on your flight to Delhi today.

DAY 2 DELHI

On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel. Your sightseeing starts in Old Delhi where you'll stroll through the street bazaar of Chandni Chowk, see the marble domes of Jama Masjid Mosque and visit the

Gandhi Smriti Museum and Humayun's Tomb. (D)
THE GRAND, DELHI (5 STAR)

DAY 3 DELHI – AGRA

Your day starts with a tour of Paharganj in the company of former street children, who now work with the Salaam Baalak Trust, supported by Travelsphere Cares. Next, tour New Delhi where highlights include the India Gate, Parliament House and the Qutub Minar, a soaring sandstone tower. We then drive to Agra. (B,D)
RADISSON BLU, AGRA (5 STAR)

DAY 4 AGRA

Today is the day that you'll see one of India's most famous landmarks, the incredible Taj Mahal. You'll also visit Mehtab Bagh, a centuries-old garden complex, which sits on the other side of the river. Later, you're going to visit the red-sandstone Agra Fort. (B,D)
RADISSON BLU, AGRA (5 STAR)

DAY 5 AGRA – RANTHAMBORE

Today we'll drive to the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri, then travel by train to Modhopur and transfer from here by road to Ranthambore. (B,D)
JUNGLE VILAS, RANTHAMBORE

DAY 6 RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy exciting morning and afternoon safaris in Ranthambore National Park. Look for wildlife including the elusive tiger. (B,L,D)
JUNGLE VILAS, RANTHAMBORE

DAY 7 RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR

En route to Jaipur, stop in the village of Abhaneri to admire the unique carved stepwells. (B,L,D)
SAROVAR PREMIER, JAIPUR (5 STAR)

DAY 8 JAIPUR

Today, we'll visit the Amber Fort, a 17th century hilltop stronghold, and the City Palace, with the façade of the Palace of the Winds just one highlight. (B,D)
SAROVAR PREMIER, JAIPUR (5 STAR)

DAY 9 JAIPUR – BANGALORE

In the morning we'll fly to Bangalore, the capital of the state of Karnataka. If you head out to explore, look out for the grand Tudor-style Bangalore Palace and its beautiful gardens (B,D)
LEMON TREE, BANGALORE (4 STAR)

DAY 10 BANGALORE – HASSAN

We're heading west by road to Hassan today, the oldest town in Karnataka and one of India's main coffee-growing regions. This afternoon, you'll visit the temple towns of Belur and Halebid on an included excursion. (B,D)
HOYSALA VILLAGE, HASSAN (4 STAR)

DAY 11 HASSAN – COORG

En route to Coorg, we'll visit the Tibetan settlement of Bylakuppe, home to the Golden Temple. (B,D)
WINDFLOWER RESORT & SPA, COORG (5 STAR)

DAY 12 COORG

A day of discovery starts with a visit to Madikeri Fort, Omkareshwara Temple and Abbey Falls. Later, you'll tour a coffee plantation. (B,D)
WINDFLOWER RESORT & SPA, COORG (5 STAR)

DAY 13 COORG – MYSORE

Mysore is our next destination, with the fabled city's opulent palace just one highlight of your tour. (B,D)
GRAND MERCURE, MYSORE (5 STAR)

DAY 14 MYSORE – COCHIN

We're going to head back to Bangalore by road today, visiting the island fortress of Srirangapatnam en route. From Bangalore we'll fly to Cochin in Kerala. (B,D)
TRIDENT COCHIN, COCHIN (5 STAR)

DAY 15 COCHIN

After a tour of Cochin, we'll see a cookery demonstration and enjoy lunch. We'll also see a display of Kathakali classical dancing today. (B,L,D)
TRIDENT COCHIN, COCHIN (5 STAR)

DAY 16 COCHIN – KOVALAM BEACH AREA

Kovalam is our final base, and we've a lovely treat en route, a cruise on Kerala's palm-fringed backwaters. (B,D)
TRAVANCORE HERITAGE HOTEL, KOVALAM (4 STAR)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Your guided walk around New Delhi with a former street child is such an authentic way to see the city – totally life-changing and eye-opening.



**TRAVELSPHERE
CARES**

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Foundation

We're proud to support the Salaam Baalak Trust, which does incredible work with former street children in Delhi.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

> **STAY LONGER**

**KOVALAM
5 NIGHTS
FROM £399**

At the end of your holiday you can choose to relax on the crescent-shaped beaches of Kovalam. Available on all dates. See page 206 for details.

**DAY 17 KOVALAM BEACH AREA – DAY AT LEISURE**

Enjoy some 'me' time today on the beach, which is just steps away from your spa hotel. (B,L,D)
TRAVANCORE HERITAGE HOTEL, KOVALAM (4 STAR)

DAY 18 KOVALAM BEACH AREA – UK

Today we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Emirates Holiday ref: LINGT

Flights via Dubai

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
29 Jan	15 Feb	£3499	✓
12 Feb	29 Feb	£3499	✓
04 Mar	21 Mar	£3399	✓
08 Apr	25 Apr	£3049	✓
07 Oct	24 Oct	£3199	✓
04 Nov	21 Nov	£3249	✓
11 Nov	28 Nov	£3249	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Emirates Holiday ref: LINGT

Flights via Dubai

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
27 Jan	13 Feb	£3499	✓
10 Feb	27 Feb	£3499	✓
07 Apr	24 Apr	£3049	✓
06 Oct	23 Oct	£3199	✓
10 Nov	27 Nov	£3249	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £950.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

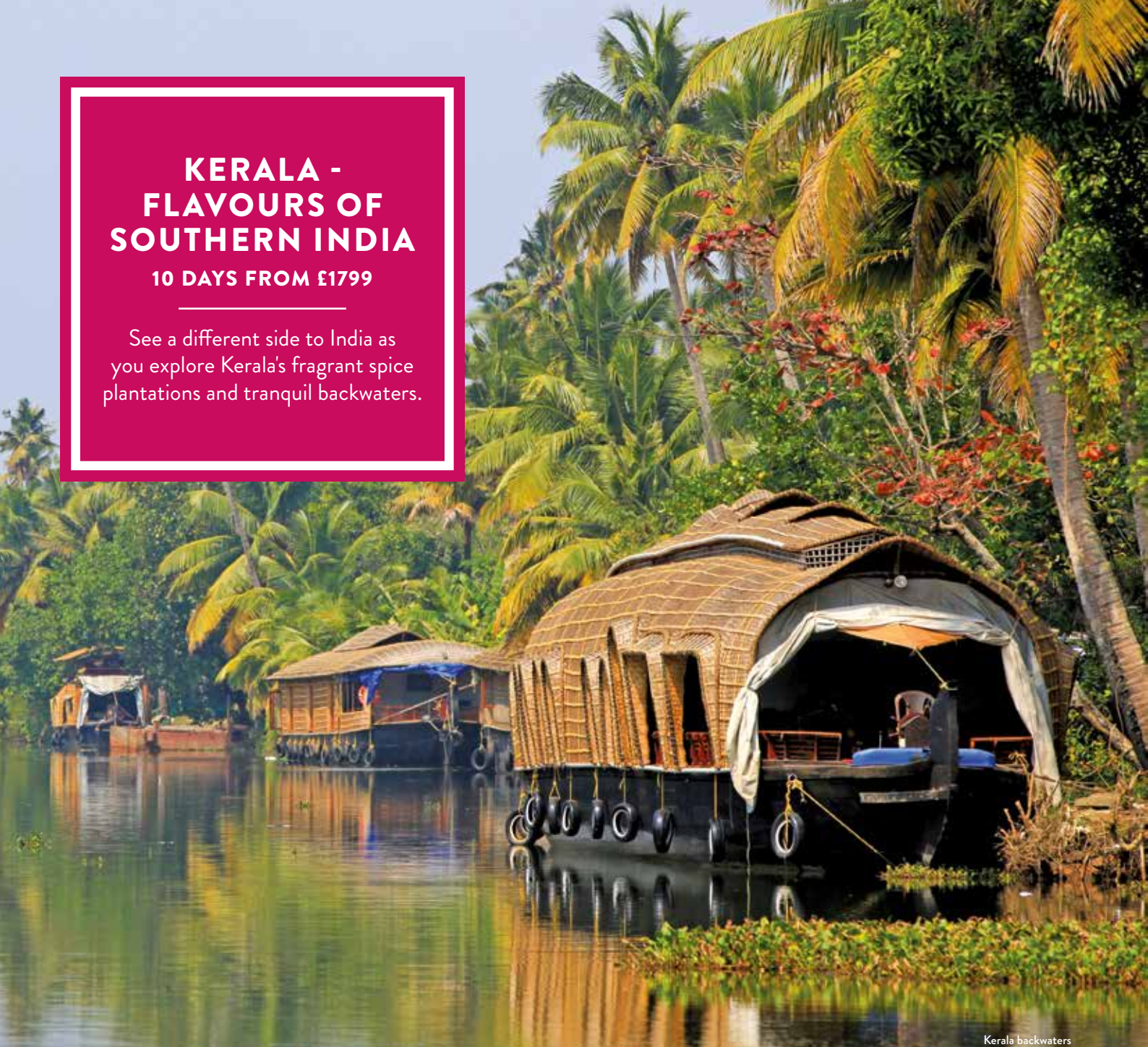
MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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A price reduction of £500 applies.

KERALA - FLAVOURS OF SOUTHERN INDIA

10 DAYS FROM £1799

See a different side to India as
you explore Kerala's fragrant spice
plantations and tranquil backwaters.



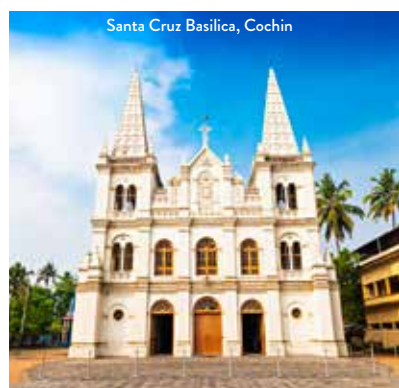
Kerala backwaters



Kovalam



Kerala houseboat



Santa Cruz Basilica, Cochin



Traditional Kathakali dance performance



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Emirates via Dubai

7 NIGHTS
in 4 and 5-star hotels plus 1 night in flight

1-NIGHT FULL-BOARD CRUISE
sailing on a traditional wooden houseboat

19 MEALS
8 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L),
8 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a Sadya feast consisting of
12 dishes served on a banana leaf

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the port city of Cochin
- Cookery demonstration by local chef Nimmy plus lunch
- Traditional Kathakali dance performance
- Spice plantation visit
- Cruise through the Periyar Game Reserve

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Sunset cruise by Cochin Harbour
- Nature trek in Thekkady
- Kalaripayattu martial arts performance
- Village tour and lunch in Vayalar



DAY 1 UK – COCHIN

Today you'll depart on your overnight flight to India.

DAY 2 COCHIN

On arrival in Cochin we will transfer you to your hotel for a two-night stay. Cochin is Kerala's cosmopolitan capital, where you'll discover a beautiful harbour and tranquil backwaters.

A wonderful time to appreciate its beauty is at sunset, and an optional excursion this evening gives you the chance to do just that. You'll board a motor boat and cruise through the heart of Cochin, known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea. (D)

TRIDENT HOTEL, COCHIN (5 STAR)

DAY 3 COCHIN

You'll get to know Cochin on a tour this morning. Highlights include the Jewish Synagogue, Mattancherry Palace, built by the Portuguese in 1557, and St Francis Church, which is the oldest European built church in India.

At lunchtime we're invited to a local restaurant, God's Own Curry, for a cookery demonstration which will take place in the beautiful garden overlooking a river. Kerala was once the spice trade centre for India and the chef will show you how to use these aromatic ingredients in your cooking. After the demonstration,

we'll enjoy the dishes that have been cooked for lunch. Tonight, you've a display of Kathakali classical dance to look forward to. It's a traditional art form dating back to the 17th century, and we'll learn about this before enjoying a 'Sadya' vegetarian feast with the group. This shared meal will take you on a gastronomic journey through Kerala as you try a tempting selection of dishes from many different regions. (B,L,D)

TRIDENT HOTEL, COCHIN (5 STAR)

DAY 4 COCHIN – THEKKADY

After breakfast we are going to drive to Thekkady. Our journey takes us past mountains, vast carpets of tea plantations and gardens of coffee, cardamom and pepper. On arrival we'll head straight to our hotel, which is located close to the Periyar Game Reserve. This evening we'll visit a spice plantation, where exotic aromas fill the air. (B,D)

THE ELEPHANT COURT, THEKKADY (4 STAR)

DAY 5 THEKKADY

Our optional early morning nature trek is a must for wildlife enthusiasts. The forest is a haven for a huge variety of flora and fauna, and a Local Guide will point out interesting sights. Look out for guar bison, sambar deer, otters, macaque monkeys, the Malabar giant squirrel and many species of bird.

This afternoon, we'll step aboard a traditional vessel and cruise through the Periyar Game Reserve.

This evening, you have the chance to watch the spectacle that is Kalaripayattu - believed to be the oldest form of martial art. Originally practised by the most powerful warriors, it features intense and physically demanding moves with the performer using every muscle in their body. (B,D)

THE ELEPHANT COURT, THEKKADY (4 STAR)

DAY 6 THEKKADY – VAYALAR

After breakfast this morning we'll drive to the small, traditional village of Vayalar. We'll stay here for the next two nights in a hotel with an idyllic pool area and luxurious spa. It's a lovely place to relax and there are lots of opportunities to get out onto the backwaters and explore this intriguing environment. (B,D)

VASUNDHARA SAROVAR PREMIERE, VAYALAR (5 STAR)

DAY 7 VAYALAR – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend some time at leisure relaxing in this idyllic location. Ayurveda treatments are offered at your hotel and a specialist is on hand to give you an insight into this style of treatment. Alternatively, you might prefer to lounge by the pool or explore the lake. It's home to a wide variety of fish, so why not see how many you can spot.

If you want to carry on exploring, we recommend an optional excursion to a village located along the backwaters. Here, you'll enjoy a tour and witness the unhurried pace of life in rural Kerala. You'll also watch as the villagers carry out traditional work such as boat building, prawn cultivation, sand mining and basket making. You'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities, served in the traditional way on banana leaves, before returning to your hotel. (B,D)

VASUNDHARA SAROVAR PREMIERE, VAYALAR (5 STAR)

DAY 8 VAYALAR – ALLEPPEY

Your adventure continues with a drive to Alleppey this morning. On arrival we will transfer you to one of Kerala's famous houseboats for an overnight stay. These 80ft long kettuvallams have been converted from rice boats and turned into modern, comfortable vessels. (B,L,D)

HOUSE BOAT, ALLEPPEY

DAY 9 ALLEPPEY – KOVALAM

Breakfast will be served on board your houseboat, and then we will disembark and drive to Kovalam. Located on the coast, there are some lovely beaches here and you're free to soak up the sun this afternoon. (B,L,D)

TRAVANCORE HERITAGE HOTEL, KOVALAM (4 STAR)

DAY 10 KOVALAM – UK

After an early breakfast you'll transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Staying on a houseboat is so different to being in a hotel. Bobbing along the Keralan backwaters, it feels like the most peaceful place on Earth.



YOUR HOUSEBOAT



TRADITIONAL HOUSEBOAT

Your traditional wooden houseboat features a living/dining area, sun deck and two or three bedrooms accommodating a maximum of six people. You will receive excellent service from the two or three crew members on board, including your personal cook, who will prepare traditional Indian cuisine.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

> STAY LONGER

KOVALAM 4 NIGHTS FROM £329

After your holiday why not choose to stay on in the beach resort of Kovalam. Available on all dates. See page 206 for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Emirates Holiday ref: LIKR

Flights via Dubai

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
07 Feb	16 Feb	£2049	✓
20 Mar	29 Mar	£2099	✓
02 Oct	11 Oct	£1799	
06 Nov	15 Nov	£1849	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Emirates Holiday ref: LIKR

Flights via Dubai

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
05 Feb	14 Feb	£2049	✓
19 Mar	28 Mar	£2099	✓
03 Sep	12 Sep	£1799	
08 Oct	17 Oct	£1809	
05 Nov	14 Nov	£1849	

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

13 DAYS FROM £2299

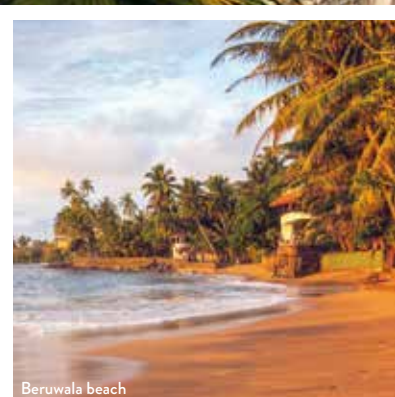
If you're searching for a paradise island teeming with wildlife, incredible landscapes and a colourful culture, head to Sri Lanka.



Sigiya Rock Fortress

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Walk to Hiriwadunna village via remote jungle paths, cross a stream by catamaran and enjoy tea in a traditional farmer's house. Fabulous!



Beruwala beach



Tea plantation



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Sri Lankan Airlines

11 NIGHTS
in 4 and 5-star hotels plus 1 night in flight

23 MEALS
11 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L),
10 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Eat in a wonderful restaurant serving Sri Lankan food, with a menu specially chosen for Travelsphere and accompanied by unlimited beer and wine

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Minneriya National park
- Village walk including catamaran ride
- The UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Spice garden visit with cookery demonstration
- Visit the Dambulla cave temples
- Royal Botanical Gardens and Temple of the Tooth Relic
- Tea plantation visit
- Sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya
- Visit a school supported by Travelsphere Cares
- Yala National Park safari
- See reminders of Dutch colonial rule in Galle
- Visit a turtle hatchery

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Take in views from the famous 'World's End' in Horton Plains National Park
- Enjoy a morning yoga session
- Sample Arrack at a special dinner



DAY 1 UK – COLOMBO

You'll depart on your flight to Colombo today.

DAY 2 COLOMBO

On arrival in Colombo we'll transfer you to your hotel, where you'll stay overnight. After your flight, a relaxed afternoon is the perfect way to start your holiday. Why not pick a spot by the hotel's swimming pool and soak up some sun.

Tonight, you will join your fellow travellers for a traditional Sri Lankan meal in a restaurant. You will enjoy a variety of local dishes, specially chosen for Travelsphere and served with unlimited beer and wine. (D)

CINNAMON LAKESIDE COLOMBO, COLOMBO (5 STAR)

DAY 3 COLOMBO – MINNERIYA

Today, a short sightseeing tour will introduce you to Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, a bustling metropolis boasting an attractive blend of old and new. Grand

colonial-era buildings and Buddhist temples rub shoulders with modern skyscrapers, fine restaurants and high-end boutiques.

You will then drive to Sigiriya, in the heart of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle. A two-night stay here means there's time to visit Minneriya National Park, where elephants, deer and wild boar roam. (B,D)

HABARANA VILLAGE BY CINNAMON, SIGIRIYA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 MINNERIYA – SIGIRIYA

You've the chance to experience local life today in the nearby village of Hiriwaduna, where a walk and a catamaran ride are all included. Depart early from the hotel with a packed 'local' breakfast for a great walk over village paths, a tank (ancient reservoir), a bund and through forested areas. You'll cross a jungle rivulet by catamaran to reach a farmers simple wattle and daub house, where you can enjoy your breakfast.

Back on the road, we'll visit the UNESCO-listed site of Sigiriya, a spectacular rock fortress featuring water gardens, moats and the impressive Lion Gate. (B,D)

HABARANA VILLAGE BY CINNAMON, SIGIRIYA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 SIGIRIYA – KANDY

Kandy is a beautiful town, and it's your next base. On the way here we're going to stop at the Dambulla cave temples, home to more than 150 Buddha images. We'll also visit a spice garden in Matale, where you'll learn how these aromatic ingredients are used. (B,D)

CINNAMON CITADEL, KANDY (4 STAR)

DAY 6 KANDY

Today's included tour takes you to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, which were laid out by British colonial rulers in 1821 and are home to more than 5,000 species of plants and trees.

For lunch, you'll visit the Sthree Café, which works with women in the local community, providing them with a fair wage, together with the skills and training needed to work in the service sector. At the café, we will enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan dining experience.

You'll then have a tour of Kandy, where highlights include the Market Square and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of Buddhism's most sacred places of worship. (B,L,D)

CINNAMON CITADEL, KANDY (4 STAR)

DAY 7 KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast, we're setting our sights on Nuwara Eliya, in the heart of Sri Lanka's hill country. Home of the famous Ceylon tea, it is surrounded by a lush green carpet of plantations, and en route to our hotel we'll visit one. Here we'll see how the leaves are delicately picked by hand and turned into our favourite brew.

On arrival in Nuwara Eliya, settle into your hotel, then get your bearings on a sightseeing tour. (B,D)

THE BLACKPOOL HOTEL, NUWARA ELIYA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 NUWARA ELIYA – DAY AT LEISURE

It might be tempting to spend today lazing by the pool and soaking up the sunshine. Alternatively, if you want to discover more of Sri Lanka, come with us on an optional trip to Horton Plains National Park. At World's End you can peer over a 3,700ft sheer drop to take in fabulous views of the surrounding tea estates. (B,D)

THE BLACKPOOL HOTEL, NUWARA ELIYA (4 STAR)

DAY 9 NUWARA ELIYA – YALA

Your day begins with a visit to a school in Nuwara Eliya, which is supported by the Travelsphere Cares scheme. You'll then continue by road to Yala, where you'll find the landscape ranges from open parkland to dense jungle. En route you'll visit The Elephant Transit Home in Udawalawe, sponsored by the Born Free Trust, where injured or orphaned elephants from around the island are brought and given treatment and care, before being relocated at Udawalawe National Park. (B,D)

JETWING YALA, YALA (4 STAR)

DAY 10 YALA

This morning enjoy a safari in Yala National Park, where elephants and leopards may be spotted as well as sloth bears, monkeys and crocodiles. (B,D)

JETWING YALA, YALA (4 STAR)

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

ROOM UPGRADE

CINNAMON BEY BERUWALA

★★★★★

Upgrade to a Deluxe room from £130 per person in a twin room and £250 per person in a single room for the duration of your stay.

STAY LONGER

BERUWALA

2 NIGHTS FROM £229

Extend your holiday and relax for a little longer at the beautiful beach resort of Beruwala. Available on all dates. See page 206 for details.



TRAVELSPHERE CARES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Planeterra
Foundation

When you book this holiday you are helping us to donate vital supplies to a school in Nuwara Eliya, which you'll visit during your tour. We will also visit the Sthree Café which promotes economic empowerment, inclusion and social reintegration. The Sthree Café employs local women, providing them with a fair wage and the skills and training needed to work in the service sector. See pages 24-25.

DAY 11 YALA – BERUWALA

Your final destination is Beruwala, home to one of Sri Lanka's longest beaches. On the way you'll visit Galle, the port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka, and a turtle hatchery. (B,D)

CINNAMON BEY, BERUWALA (5 STAR)

DAY 12 BERUWALA – DAY AT LEISURE

Join an optional morning yoga session before enjoying some time at leisure. This evening you could choose to join an optional dinner which introduces you to 'arrack' - a Sri Lankan spirit distilled from the sap of the coconut flower. (B,L)

CINNAMON BEY, BERUWALA (5 STAR)

DAY 13 BERUWALA – UK

Today we will transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Sri Lankan Airlines Holiday ref: LSRL

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
17 Feb	29 Feb	£2669	✓
05 Oct	17 Oct	£2499	✓
16 Nov	28 Nov	£2499	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Sri Lankan Airlines Holiday ref: LSRL

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Jan	30 Jan	£2399	
15 Feb	27 Feb	£2399	✓
15 Mar	27 Mar	£2299	
04 Oct	16 Oct	£2499	
15 Nov	27 Nov	£2499	

Maximum single supplement charge of £650.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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NEPAL - THE ROOFTOP OF THE WORLD

11 DAYS FROM £2159

Journey into the unknown on a remarkable adventure as you uncover the fascinating culture and traditions of this mysterious land.





Rhino in Chitwan National Park



White Sadhu holy man

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Standing face to face with Boudhanath Stupa is something you will never forget. The eyes seem to follow your every move!

DISCOVER MORE

NEPAL & INDIA'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE 16 DAYS FROM £2699

We have combined this tour with 'Taj Mahal, Delhi & Amber Fort' (see pages 194-195) to make one epic adventure. You will travel to Nepal then on to India. Available on all 2021 dates. See our website for details.

Holiday ref: LINP

DAY 9 POKHARA – KATHMANDU

Before flying back to bustling Kathmandu, we'll enjoy the peace of Bhadgaon (also known as Bhaktapur), where, instead of noisy traffic, we may hear the hypnotic chanting of mantras. On a tour, its many pagoda-style temples and red-brick buildings will show us how the entire Kathmandu Valley would have looked in the medieval period. The 55 Windows Palace, built by King Bupatindra Malla and the Nyatapola Temple, which is the highest in Nepal standing on five terraces, are just two highlights. This afternoon, you'll also have the chance to enjoy an optional pottery-making experience. (B,D) HIMALAYA HOTEL, KATHMANDU (4 STAR)

DAY 10 KATHMANDU – UK

You have time to see a little more of Kathmandu at your own pace during a morning at leisure. Later we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)

DAY 11 UK

You will arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: During this tour you will travel to altitudes of over 5,500ft where altitude sickness can occur. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions, or have any other concerns, please consult your doctor. Travellers on 'Nepal & India's Golden Triangle' will travel with you on this tour.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Qatar Airways Holiday ref: LNEPAL

Flights via Doha

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Mar	14 Mar	£2179	✓
14 Oct	24 Oct	£2399	✓
18 Nov	28 Nov	£2379	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Qatar Airways Holiday ref: LNEPAL

Flights via Doha

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
10 Feb	20 Feb	£2159	✓
10 Mar	20 Mar	£2199	✓
06 Oct	16 Oct	£2399	✓
10 Nov	20 Nov	£2379	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. A price reduction of £750 applies.

CT CLASSIC TOURING

FLIGHT CHOICES

MAX 20 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Qatar Airways via Doha

8 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels and a resort plus 2 nights in flight

20 MEALS
8 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 8 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a typical Newari feast

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flight, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Boudhanath, Kathmandu City and the district of Thamel
- Patan's temples and the 'living museum' of Khokana
- Canoe ride through the jungles of Chitwan
- Explore Chitwan National Park
- View the Himalayas from Naudanda village
- Bhaktapur and 55 Windows Palace
- Nepalese dinner and cultural show

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a monastery, including a meeting with a monk, before having tea with a Tibetan family
- Meet a Tibetan family that has settled in a refugee camp
- Pottery-making workshop



DAY 1 UK – KATHMANDU

Today you'll fly to Kathmandu.

DAY 2 KATHMANDU

On arrival in Kathmandu we'll transfer you to your hotel. (D)

HIMALAYA HOTEL, KATHMANDU (4 STAR)

DAY 3 KATHMANDU

Today you'll see the incredible UNESCO-listed Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest Buddhist stupas

in the world. Next, we're going to head to the bustling tourist district of Thamel, where you can experience a fun rickshaw ride through its narrow streets.

This evening, you are invited to take part in a Nepalese cookery class, with dumplings, noodle soup and curry likely to be on the menu. (B,D)

HIMALAYA HOTEL, KATHMANDU (4 STAR)

DAY 4 KATHMANDU

We'll take a tour of Patan today, an incredible city boasting dozens of Buddhist and Hindu temples and more than 1,200 monuments. After lunch, we'll visit Khokhana, a living museum that offers a glimpse of medieval life in a traditional Newari village.

Later, we'll explore the alleyways of Patan on a walking tour and then enjoy a traditional Newari feast. We'll be served an array of delicious dishes and indulge in a glass or two of raksi, local homemade brandy. (B,L,D)

HIMALAYA HOTEL, KATHMANDU (4 STAR)

DAY 5 KATHMANDU – CHITWAN

We move on to Chitwan today, where you've an incredible highlight to look forward to - a leisurely guided river canoe ride. As we pass by lush jungle, we're likely to spot wildlife so keep your eyes peeled. Look out for crocodiles basking in the sun and exotic birds drinking at the water's edge or swooping to catch fish. (B,L,D)

TIGERLAND SAFARI RESORT, CHITWAN

DAY 6 CHITWAN

Another great day is in store for nature-lovers, as we head into Chitwan National Park. Located in the foothills of the Churia mountain range, it is famed for its variety of wildlife, with 68 species of mammal and more than 500 types of bird. It's also renowned for its protection of one-horned rhinoceros, royal Bengal tiger and gharial crocodile, so keep your fingers crossed for sightings as we explore with an expert guide. We're going to revisit the park this evening, when the creatures we see could include elephants, leopards, monkeys, sloth bears and deer. (B,L,D)

TIGERLAND SAFARI RESORT, CHITWAN

DAY 7 CHITWAN – POKHARA

We arrive in the Pokhara Valley today, a picturesque area which boasts snow-covered peaks, lakes and rivers. Located in the centre of Nepal, it's also perfectly placed for fantastic close-up views of the Himalayas. A free afternoon gives you a great opportunity to soak up your incredible surroundings. (B,D)

HOTEL BARAHI, POKHARA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 POKHARA

Together we'll head to Naudanda, which means 'nine hills'. From here we'll take in spectacular views over the Annapurna Mountains, a section of the Himalayas. We'll also have lunch at a boutique hotel. This afternoon, you might choose to join our fascinating optional excursion to meet a family that has settled in a Tibetan refugee camp. We'll then head to the Tashi Palkhiel handicraft centre to learn about local crafts and the importance of symbols and images in daily life. We'll also attend the Pema Tsal Sakya Buddhist School and Monastery, where we'll take part in a pooja - a religious ritual performed by the monks. Our evening comes to an end as we eat a simple meal of Tibetan specialities with a local family. (B,L,D)

HOTEL BARAHI, POKHARA (4 STAR)

> STAY LONGER

**KOVALAM****4 NIGHTS FROM £329**

(Kerala - Flavours of Southern India)

5 NIGHTS FROM £399

(Grand Tour of India)

Why not extend your holiday with a further four or five nights in Kovalam. Located on the Arabian Sea, the crescent-shaped beaches here are the perfect spot in which to relax at your own pace after your tour.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- 4 or 5 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis plus 1 dinner
- Porterage

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the Travancore Heritage Hotel, Kovalam.

Single room supplement from £250.

Available after **Grand Tour of India** (page 198)
and **Kerala - Flavours of Southern India** (page 200)

+ ADD-ON

**JOURNEY TO SHIMLA****4 NIGHTS FROM £629**

Extend your holiday with a stay in Shimla, in the foothills of the Himalayas. Your journey will be made by train, giving you the chance to enjoy spectacular views. A city tour of Shimla is included, as well as a visit to Chandigarh to see the famous rock garden.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- 4 nights' accommodation (3 nights in Shimla, 1 night in Delhi) on a half-board basis plus 2 lunches
- Shimla sightseeing tour • Chandigarh rock garden
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager
- Porterage

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in hotels such as the 4-star Clarkes Hotel in Shimla and either the 5-star Vivanta By Taj Dwarka New Delhi, Delhi or the 5-star Hilton Garden Inn Gurgaon, Delhi.

Single room supplement from £350

Available after **Taj Mahal, Delhi & Amber Fort**
(page 194) and **Beyond the Golden Triangle** (page 196)

> STAY LONGER

**BERUWALA****2 NIGHTS FROM £229**

Extend your holiday with two extra nights at the beautiful beach resort of Beruwala, where you can relax on the beach or enjoy your hotel's facilities, which include a swimming pool and spa. Accommodation is on a bed-and-breakfast basis, leaving you free to choose from the six dining options this resort offers.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis
- Porterage

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTELS

You will stay in a hotel such as the 5-star Cinnamon Bay Hotel in Beruwala. Located right on the beach, facilities here include six restaurants, a bar, three outdoor swimming pools, fitness centre and spa. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Upgrade to a Deluxe room from £130 per person (twin) for the duration of your stay. Upgrade to full board for the duration of your stay (2 nights) for £60 per person, or upgrade to all inclusive for £120 per person.

Single room supplement from £125.



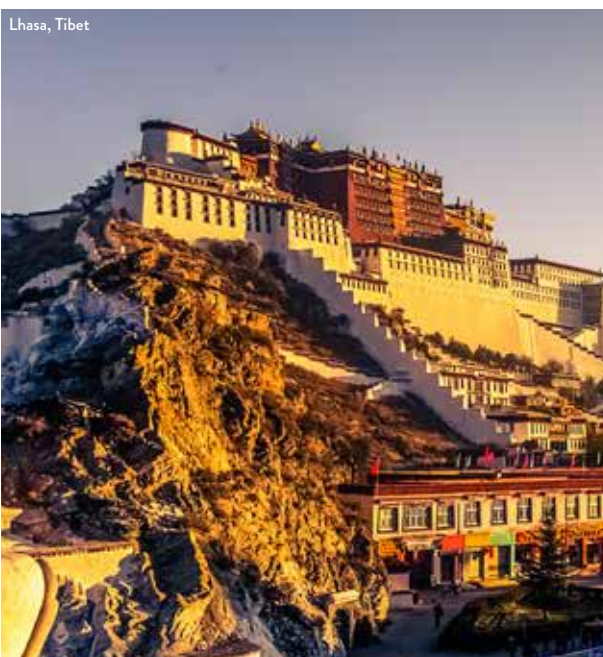
Available after **Highlights of Sri Lanka** (page 202)



Black Dragon Pool, Lijiang



Lhasa, Tibet



TIBET & THE SEARCH FOR SHANGRI-LA

15 DAYS FROM £3349

Adventurous travellers won't want to miss this incredible tour of the Yunnan Province and Tibet.



CLASSIC TOURING



ACTIVE PLUS



FLIGHT CHOICES



MAX 25 GROUP SIZE

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with China Eastern Airlines



13 NIGHTS

in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 1 night in flight



34 MEALS

13 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L), 11 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Traditional dinner with a Tibetan family



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Bund, Shanghai's riverside boulevard
- Zhujiajiao Water Town
- Sightseeing in Lijiang
- Visit a local family in a Naxi village
- Visit Zhongdian, renamed Shangri-La
- Yangtze Valley and visit to a Tibetan village
- Tour Barkhor Street and Potala Square, Lhasa
- The Jokhang Temple and Sera Monastery
- Opportunity to see a monk debating class
- Lhasa tour including Potala Palace
- Yamdrok Lake, Palkhor Chöde Monastery and Gyanste's Old Town
- Explore Lhasa's Old Town
- Sightseeing in Shanghai
- Turn the world's largest prayer wheel

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Authentic ancient Naxi concert in Lijiang
- Huangpu river cruise in Shanghai

DAY 1 UK – SHANGHAI

You will depart on your flight to Shanghai today.

DAY 2 SHANGHAI

On arrival we will transfer you to your hotel. (D)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)



DAY 3 SHANGHAI

Discover the Bund, Shanghai's famous riverside boulevard, and visit the water town of Zhujiajiao. (B,L,D)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SHANGHAI – LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang and explore the Old Town on arrival. (B,D)
LIJIANG PALACE HOTEL, LIJIANG (4 STAR)

DAY 5 LIJIANG

Today we'll visit the fascinating Yufeng Temple and Monastery. Next, we're going to visit a family in a local Naxi village and learn about their intriguing culture. After lunch, we'll visit the Black Dragon Pool and tonight you can watch an optional Naxi concert. (B,L)
LIJIANG PALACE HOTEL, LIJIANG (4 STAR)

DAY 6 LIJIANG – ZHONGDIAN

A journey by bus takes us to Zhongdian, now known as Shangri-La. Along the way we'll stop to enjoy a picnic lunch and admire spectacular views of Haba Snow Mountain. We'll also visit Yi, a traditional village, and see the scenic First Bend of the Yangtze River. On arrival in Zhongdian, a tour will introduce its interesting Old Town and the world's largest prayer wheel. (B,L,D)
PARADISE HOTEL, ZHONGDIAN (4 STAR)

DAY 7 ZHONGDIAN

Today you'll see the fascinating Songzanling Monastery. Later, we'll drive to Dabaosi, meet a local family and visit the Dabao Temple. (B,L,D)
PARADISE HOTEL, ZHONGDIAN (4 STAR)

DAY 8 ZHONGDIAN – LHASA

We'll fly to Lhasa in Tibet and visit Barkhor Street. We'll also see Potala Square and the monument to the peaceful liberation of Tibet. (B,L,D)
KYICHU HOTEL, LHASA (4 STAR)

DAY 9 LHASA

Today's highlight is a visit to the Jokhang temple, the spiritual heart of Tibet. Climb to the top and you will be rewarded with fabulous views of Lhasa. We'll also visit the magnificent Sera Monastery and watch as the red-robed monks debate Buddhist doctrines. Tonight you'll enjoy a traditional dinner with a Tibetan family. (B,L,D)
KYICHU HOTEL, LHASA (4 STAR)

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

HONG KONG 4 NIGHTS FROM £899

Visit vibrant Hong Kong at the end of your holiday. Available on all dates. See page 220 for details.

DAY 10 LHASA

We're going to see two UNESCO-listed sites today, the Potala Palace and Norbulingka, a former residence of the Dalai Lama. (B,L,D)
KYICHU HOTEL, LHASA (4 STAR)

DAY 11 LHASA – GYANTSE

Our day begins with a drive to the spectacular Yamdrok Lake. Next, we'll head to Gyantse to see the Palkhor Chöde Monastery, and the famous Kumbum Stupa. (B,L,D)
GYANTSE HOTEL, GYANTSE (3 STAR)

DAY 12 GYANTSE – LHASA

We will drive back to Lhasa this afternoon. (B,L,D)
KYICHU HOTEL, LHASA (4 STAR)

DAY 13 LHASA – SHANGHAI

This afternoon we fly to Shanghai. (B,L)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 14 SHANGHAI

Enjoy a tour of Shanghai. There's also the option to take a Huangpu River cruise. This evening we'll get together for a farewell dinner. (B,D)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 15 SHANGHAI – UK

We will transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving later the same day. (B)

Please note: During this tour you will travel to altitudes of over 12,000ft where altitude sickness can occur. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions, or have any other concerns, please consult your doctor.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – China Eastern Airlines Holiday ref: LCTS

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
16 May	30 May	£3349	✓
05 Sep	19 Sep	£3499	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £800.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Flight upgrade

ANCIENT TO MODERN - ESSENTIAL CHINA

8 DAYS FROM £1999

If you want to see China's most iconic sights, this exciting eight-day tour is perfect.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Walk along the imposing Great Wall of China, the world's greatest man-made wonder.



Temple of Heaven, Beijing



Terracotta Army

DISCOVER MORE

ANCIENT TO MODERN - CHINA & JAPAN
19 DAYS
FROM £5399

We have combined this tour with 'Japan - Land of the Rising Sun' (see pages 212-213) to make one epic adventure. You will travel to China then on to Japan. Available on all 2021 dates. See our website for details. **Holiday ref: LCJ**



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Air China (outbound via Beijing)

6 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels plus 1 night in flight

14 MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L), 3 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Afternoon tea on the Bund in Shanghai

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN
Journey on the high-speed China Railway (CRH)

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flight, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the exciting city of Shanghai
- Visit the ancient Xian City Wall
- The world-famous Terracotta Army
- Beijing, including the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square
- The iconic Great Wall of China
- The stunning Summer Palace, Beijing

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Shanghai Huangpu River cruise
- Shanghai Acrobats show with dinner
- Tang Dynasty show in Xian with dinner
- Rickshaw ride through the ancient hutongs of Beijing with dinner



DAY 1 & 2 UK - SHANGHAI

You'll fly overnight to Shanghai. On arrival on day 2, we will transfer you to your hotel. Why not join our optional cruise along the Huangpu River to admire the city's dramatic skyline. (D)

GREENLAND JIULONG HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 3 SHANGHAI

Your sightseeing begins in earnest today with a tour of vibrant Shanghai, one of the fastest developing cities in China, if not the world. We'll introduce you to the busy Nanjing Road, said to be the world's longest shopping precinct, and you'll also see the Old Town, the Yu Yuan Gardens and visit the ornate Jade Buddha Temple. Explore the famous waterfront of the Bund with its varied architecture. Here you will enjoy an afternoon tea, an English tradition popular in Shanghai.

This evening, you have a chance to watch the incredible Shanghai Acrobats. (B,L)
GREENLAND JIULONG HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SHANGHAI - XIAN

After breakfast, we'll set off for the airport and take a flight to Xian, the 'City of Eternal Peace'. On arrival in Xian we'll visit its ancient and beautifully preserved City Wall before we transfer you to your hotel.

This evening you have the opportunity to join an optional excursion to watch the famous Tang Dynasty show, with dinner included. (B,L)

HOLIDAY INN BIG GOOSE PAGODA, XIAN (4 STAR)

DAY 5 XIAN - BEIJING

Today's the day that you are going to see one of the world's most remarkable sights, the Terracotta Army at Li Shan Mountain. Discovered in the 1970s by farmers digging a well, this collection of at least 6,000 life-size terracotta figures was interred in 200 BC with the first Qin emperor. The warriors, representing individuals of the Imperial Guard, are grouped in battle order, rank by rank. Some are mounted on horse-drawn chariots and others are armed with spears, swords and crossbows.

We then board a high-speed train and head to our next destination, Beijing. (B,L,D)

BEIJING ROYAL GRAND HOTEL, BEIJING (4 STAR)

DAY 6 BEIJING

You're going to explore Beijing today on a sightseeing tour that will take you to Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world. From here we will pass through the Gate of Heavenly Peace into the incredible Forbidden City.

After lunch, we'll take a guided tour of the Temple of Heaven, which was built during the Ming Dynasty in 1420. It sits within a vast park and, during your tour, you'll see amazing collections of Chinese bronzes, porcelain, paintings and other treasures.

This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. Alternatively, we offer an optional rickshaw ride along the city's narrow streets and alleys known as hutongs and we'll also head to a restaurant, where dinner is included. (B,L)

BEIJING ROYAL GRAND HOTEL, BEIJING (4 STAR)

DAY 7 BEIJING

It's the final day of your holiday and there's another fabulous highlight still to come, a visit to the Great Wall of China. Winding its way through the hills of northern China, this iconic structure passes within about 40 miles of Beijing, and that's where we visit it, at Badaling. When we return to Beijing this afternoon, we'll head to the Summer Palace, which is surrounded by hills and set beside the Kunming Lake.

This evening, we'll enjoy Beijing's most famous dish, Peking Duck. (B,L,D)

BEIJING ROYAL GRAND HOTEL, BEIJING (4 STAR)

DAY 8 BEIJING - UK

Today we will transfer you to the airport for your return flight to the UK. You'll arrive later the same day. (B)

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

HONG KONG 4 NIGHTS FROM £899

Visit vibrant Hong Kong at the end of your holiday. Available on all dates. See page 220 for details. **Please note:** Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.



+ ADD-ON

HIDDEN SHANGHAI 3 NIGHTS FROM £349

Fly to Shanghai before your tour starts and discover more of this fabulous city. This three night add-on is available on all 2020 dates and our two night 'Shanghai' add-on is available on all 2021 dates (from £219). See page 221 for details.



DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Air China **Holiday ref: MPXSB**

Flights via Beijing outbound (direct return flight)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
03 Mar	10 Mar	£1999	✓
05 May	12 May	£2199	✓
01 Sep	08 Sep	£2199	✓
13 Oct	20 Oct	£2199	✓
24 Nov	01 Dec	£1999	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Air China **Holiday ref: MPXSB**

Flights via Beijing outbound (direct return flight)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
15 Mar	22 Mar	£1999	
12 Apr	19 Apr	£2199	✓
24 May	31 May	£2199	✓
02 Aug	09 Aug	£2099	
13 Sep	20 Sep	£2199	
18 Oct	25 Oct	£2099	
15 Nov	22 Nov	£1999	

Fly direct with British Airways with a supplement from £149 per person

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £600 applies.**

UNMISSABLE CHINA & YANGTZE CRUISE

16 DAYS FROM £2849

If you've more time to explore China, this comprehensive 16-day tour is ideal. It even includes a Yangtze cruise.



Yangtze River

Shanghai



FAVOURITE MOMENT

The facial expressions of the Terracotta Warriors are incredible - no two are the same!



Panda at Chengdu



Forbidden City, Beijing



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Air China
(via Beijing outbound)

10 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels plus 1 night in flight

4-NIGHT FULL-BOARD CRUISE
sailing on one of the American Victoria Fleet

36 MEALS
14 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L),
11 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Afternoon tea on the Bund in Shanghai

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN
Journey on the high-speed China Railway (CRH)

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Shanghai
- Discover the ancient city of Suzhou
- Visit Chongqing's Old Town
- Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Centre
- Discover Jinli Street in Chengdu
- The Tomb of Emperor Jingdi
- Xian tour with a visit to the City Wall
- The world-famous Terracotta Army
- Visit the Summer Palace in Beijing
- Boat ride on Kunming Lake (weather permitting)
- The Great Wall of China
- Beijing landmarks including Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
- Traditional meals including Peking duck and Chinese dumplings

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Shanghai by night cruise
- Shanghai Acrobatic show with dinner
- Magical Face Changing Show with dinner
- Xian by night
- Tang Dynasty Show, Xian
- Kung Fu martial arts show, Beijing
- Rickshaw ride around the Beijing's Hutong area



DAY 1 UK – SHANGHAI

Depart on your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 2 SHANGHAI

On arrival in Shanghai, we will transfer you to your hotel. Why not join our optional cruise along the Huangpu River to admire the city's dramatic skyline. (D)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 3 SHANGHAI

Discover the highlights of Shanghai on a sightseeing tour. Explore the famous waterfront of the Bund with its varied architecture. Here, you will enjoy an afternoon tea, an English tradition immensely popular in Shanghai. Tonight you can opt to watch the Shanghai Acrobats, and even meet them. (B,L)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SUZHOU

You'll spend the day exploring Suzhou, located on China's historic Grand Canal. You'll take a boat trip on the canal and then visit the Humble Administrator's Garden after a rickshaw ride. (B,L,D)
JIN JIANG TOWER HOTEL, SHANGHAI (4 STAR)

DAYS 5 - 8 YANGTZE CRUISE

Take a high-speed train to Yichang, where you'll board your ship and start your Yangtze River cruise. Full details of your fabulous cruise itinerary can be found on page 220. (B,L,D)
VICTORIA FLEET CRUISE SHIP

DAY 9 CHONGQING – CHENGDU

Disembark the ship in Chongqing and visit Ciqikou Old Town. We take a high-speed train to Chengdu. (B,L,D)
TIANFU SUNSHINE HOTEL, CHENGDU (4 STAR)

DAY 10 CHENGDU

Your day begins with a tour of the Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Centre. The afternoon will be spent exploring Jinli Street, and this evening, you can opt to attend a Face Changing Show with dinner. (B,L)
TIANFU SUNSHINE HOTEL, CHENGDU (4 STAR)

DAY 11 CHENGDU – XIAN

Travel by high-speed train to Xian today. Your sightseeing begins with a visit to the Tomb of Emperor Jingdi. Next, you'll visit the beautifully preserved City Wall. Later, there will be the chance to discover Xian by night on an optional excursion. (B,L,D)
GRAND NOBLE HOTEL, XIAN (4 STAR)

DAY 12 XIAN

Today's the day that you are going to see the incredible Terracotta Army. You'll also visit the Green Tea House, where there may be an opportunity to meet one of the farmers who discovered the warriors. After a special dumpling dinner, there's the option to see a Tang Dynasty show. (B,L,D)
GRAND NOBLE HOTEL, XIAN (4 STAR)

DAY 13 XIAN – BEIJING

An exciting way to start the day is by taking the high-speed China Railway to Beijing. Here you will visit the Summer Palace and take a cruise on Kunming Lake (weather permitting). This evening you can attend an optional Kung Fu show. (B,L,D)
CROWNE PLAZA BEIJING CHAOYANG U-TOWN (4 STAR)

DAY 14 BEIJING

The chance to walk along the ramparts of the Great Wall of China at Badaling is an incredible start to your day. (B)
CROWNE PLAZA BEIJING CHAOYANG U-TOWN (4 STAR)

DAY 15 BEIJING

Today, you'll explore another of China's iconic

DISCOVER MORE

UNMISSABLE CHINA, YANGTZE & JAPAN 27 DAYS FROM £6299

We have combined this tour with 'Japan - Land of the Rising Sun' (see pages 212-213) to make one epic adventure. You will travel to China then on to Japan. Available in 2021 on dates marked with *. See website for details.

Holiday ref: LCGRJ

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

HONG KONG 4 NIGHTS FROM £899

Visit vibrant Hong Kong at the end of your holiday. Available on all dates. See page 220 for details.

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

+ ADD-ON

SHANGHAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £219

Fly out earlier and enjoy two additional nights in Shanghai at the start of the tour. Available on all dates. See page 221 for details.

highlights, Tiananmen Square. The afternoon is free for you to explore, or perhaps join our optional excursion to discover the city's hutongs by rickshaw. Later this evening we include a Peking duck dinner. (B,D)
CROWNE PLAZA BEIJING CHAOYANG U-TOWN (4 STAR)

DAY 16 BEIJING – UK

You'll fly back to the UK today. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Air China Holiday ref: LCGR

Flights via Beijing outbound (direct return flight)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
15 Mar*	30 Mar	£3149	✓
13 Apr*	28 Apr	£2949	✓
03 May*	18 May	FULL	✓
18 May*	02 Jun	£3149	✓
24 May*	08 Jun	£3249	✓
03 Aug*	18 Aug	£3349	✓
07 Sep*	22 Sep	£3499	✓
12 Oct*	27 Oct	£3199	✓
18 Oct*	02 Nov	£3149	✓
19 Oct*	03 Nov	£3149	✓
09 Nov*	24 Nov	£2849	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Air China Holiday ref: LCGR

Flights via Beijing outbound (direct return flight)

15 Mar*	30 Mar	£2849	✓
12 Apr*	27 Apr	£2949	✓
16 May*	31 May	£3049	✓
24 May*	08 Jun	£3099	
20 Jun*	05 Jul	£3149	✓
02 Aug*	17 Aug	£3349	✓
05 Sep**	20 Sep	£3499	✓
10 Oct**	25 Oct	£3199	✓
18 Oct*	02 Nov	£3149	✓
07 Nov**	22 Nov	£2849	✓

* 'Unmissable China, Yangtze & Japan' is available on these dates

*Fly direct with British Airways for a supplement from £149 per person

† You will fly direct with British Airways on these dates

Maximum single supplement charge of £700.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255.
A price reduction of £675 applies.

YOUR CRUISE SHIP



YANGTZE GORGES CRUISE

See page 220 for the full river cruise itinerary.

JAPAN - LAND OF THE RISING SUN

13 DAYS FROM £4199

Discover the unforgettable
highlights of Japan including an
incredible high-speed ride on
the Bullet Train.



Osaka Castle



Bullet Train

FAVOURITE MOMENT

The sound of leaves
rustling in the wind
is a lasting memory
of the rickshaw
ride through
Arashiyama's
bamboo forest.

Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima



Tokyo



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Cathay Pacific (via Hong Kong)



10 NIGHTS

in 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight



14 MEALS

10 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 3 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Sushi-making demonstration



HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

Journey on the iconic Bullet Train



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers and other transportation

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Japan's capital, Tokyo
- Hakone, gateway to Mount Fuji
- Cruise on Lake Ashi
- Cable-car ride over Owakundi Valley
- Matsumoto Castle, Japan's oldest existing castle
- Visit a wasabi farm
- Takayama, a traditional city in the mountains
- Shirakawago visit
- Sightseeing in Kyoto including Nijo Castle
- Kinkakuji Temple
- Arashiyama and rickshaw ride through a bamboo forest
- Visit the historic city of Nara
- Hiroshima sightseeing tour and Miyajima Island
- Tour of Osaka including Umeda Floating Garden and Osaka Castle

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Kimono-wearing experience



DAY 1 UK – TOKYO

Depart on your flight to Tokyo.

DAY 2 TOKYO

This evening you'll arrive in Tokyo, where we'll transfer you to your hotel. After time to settle in, why not head out for a stroll to get your bearings.

NEW OTANI GARDEN TOWER, TOKYO (4 STAR)

DAY 3 TOKYO

Your explorations of Japan begin here in dazzling Tokyo and take you first to the Meiji Jingu Shrine. Next, we'll transfer to the district of Asakusa, where you'll visit the fascinating Sensoji Buddhist temple and head to the vibrant Nakamise shopping street.

In the afternoon, we're going to visit the Tokyo Tower and make a stop close to the Imperial Palace. Tonight, we'll head to a restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B,D)

NEW OTANI GARDEN TOWER, TOKYO (4 STAR)

DAY 4 HAKONE & MOUNT FUJI

A spectacular sight awaits us today as we journey to Hakone. This is the gateway to Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, and the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. The scenery here is breathtakingly beautiful and we'll take a cable-car ride over the Owakudani Valley to admire views of mountains, sulphur hot springs and we'll take a tranquil cruise on crystal-clear Lake Ashi. (B)

NEW OTANI GARDEN TOWER, TOKYO (4 STAR)

DAY 5 TOKYO – TAKAYAMA

Your next base is Takayama, and a day of discoveries starts with a visit to the ancient and perfectly preserved Matsumoto Castle.

In the afternoon, we're going to tour Daio Wasabi Farm to see how Japanese horseradish is grown. To round off your visit, why not try wasabi-flavoured ice cream! (B,D)

HOTEL ASSOCIA TAKAYAMA RESORT, TAKAYAMA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 TAKAYAMA

Our day out today starts early at Miyagawa morning market, where you'll see and even sample the region's exotic fruit and vegetables.

Later, we'll head to Shirakawago to take in wonderful sights of pine-covered mountains and centuries-old thatch-roofed farmhouses. (B)

HOTEL ASSOCIA TAKAYAMA RESORT, TAKAYAMA (4 STAR)

DAY 7 TAKAYAMA – KYOTO

A journey by train takes us to Nagoya, where we board one of Japan's famous Bullet Trains bound for Kyoto.

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of historic Kyoto, filled with fascinating temples, ancient buildings and splendid gardens, with highlights including Nijo Castle. (B)

KYOTO TOKYU HOTEL, KYOTO (4 STAR)

DAY 8 KYOTO

We'll start the day by viewing the Kinkakuji Temple with its Golden Pavilion. Next, we're heading to the beautiful district of Arashiyama, where a rickshaw ride through a bamboo forest promises to be an exhilarating experience. A sushi-making demonstration and lunch are also included, before an afternoon of exploration in Nara. We'll also visit Kasuga Taisha, the most celebrated shrine in Nara. (B,L)

KYOTO TOKYU HOTEL, KYOTO (4 STAR)

DAY 9 KYOTO – DAY AT LEISURE

How you spend today in Kyoto is entirely up to you. You could take part in a Kendo lesson, a modern martial art which uses bamboo swords, or maybe enjoy a more genteel experience, a tea ceremony. Alternatively, you could opt to learn more about Japanese culture and join our Kimono-wearing experience. (B)

KYOTO TOKYU HOTEL, KYOTO (4 STAR)

DAY 10 KYOTO – HIROSHIMA

We're taking another Bullet Train today, and this time it will transport us to Hiroshima. This city is infamous as the target of the first-ever atomic bomb, dropped by the US at the end of the Second World War. You'll tour this rebuilt city and nearby Miyajima Island, taking in views of the beautiful Itsukushima Shrine. You'll also see the Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome.

Tonight we'll get together for a farewell dinner. (B,D)

HOTEL GRANVIA HIROSHIMA (4 STAR)

DAY 11 HIROSHIMA – OSAKA

Osaka is the final destination of your tour, and you'll journey here by road. You'll spend the rest of the day discovering Osaka Castle and the Floating Garden Observatory at the top of the Umeda Sky Building. (B)

HOTEL NIKKO OSAKA (4 STAR)

DAY 12 OSAKA – UK

Your hotel is located close to the city's main shopping and entertainment district, so there's plenty to keep you busy today. Make your way to the upmarket stores along Midosuji Street. Later, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)

DAY 13 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: Some travellers on this tour may be joining after having travelled on one of our China tours.

DISCOVER MORE

Make the most of your Far East adventures by combining your stay in Japan with a tour of China and choosing one of these longer tours. You will travel to China then on to Japan.

ANCIENT TO MODERN -

CHINA & JAPAN 19 DAYS FROM £5599

Available on all 2021 dates. Holiday ref: LCJ

UNMISSABLE CHINA, YANGTZE & JAPAN

27 DAYS FROM £6299

Available on 2021 dates marked with *. Holiday ref: LCGRJ. See our website or call for details.

SPECIAL DEPARTURES

CHERRY BLOSSOM

29 MARCH & 19 APRIL 2020
18 APRIL 2021

AUTUMN COLOURS

8 NOVEMBER 2020
21 NOVEMBER 2021

Departures in late March/early April are scheduled to coincide with the expected spring flowering of Japan's cherry blossom. If you choose to travel in November, the anticipated autumn colours should be on display. Available on dates marked with #. See page 221 for details.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

HONG KONG 4 NIGHTS FROM £699

Visit vibrant Hong Kong at the end of your holiday. Available on all dates. See page 220 for details.

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Cathay Pacific Holiday ref: LJAPN

Flights via Hong Kong

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
22 Mar	03 Apr	FULL	✓
29 Mar [#]	10 Apr	£4599	✓
05 Apr	17 Apr	FULL	✓
19 Apr [#]	01 May	£4399	✓
10 May	22 May	£4399	✓
27 Sep	09 Oct	£4199	✓
04 Oct	16 Oct	£4399	✓
18 Oct	30 Oct	£4299	✓
08 Nov [#]	20 Nov	£4199	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Cathay Pacific Holiday ref: LJAPN

Flights via Hong Kong

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
21 Mar	02 Apr	£4499	✓
18 Apr [#]	30 Apr	£4399	✓
30 May*	11 Jun	£4399	✓
08 Aug	20 Aug	£4399	
19 Sep*	01 Oct	£4199	
24 Oct*	05 Nov	£4299	
21 Nov [#]	03 Dec	£4199	

Cherry Blossom or Autumn Colours special departures available on these dates

* 'Unmissable China, Yangtze & Japan' available on these dates

Maximum single supplement charge of £1000.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. A price reduction of £825 applies.

A JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA

22 DAYS FROM £3799

Vietnam's stunning Halong Bay, Cambodia's magnificent Angkor temples, Mount Phousi in Laos and a cruise of the Mekong to Thailand – this epic journey includes so much.



Ta Prohm

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Witness a Buddhist alms-giving ceremony - a procession of about 300 young monks in saffron-coloured robes, silently collecting food in bronze bowls.



Hanoi



Luang Prabang



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Vietnam Airlines
(via Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi on return)

18 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight

1-NIGHT HALF-BOARD CRUISE
sailing on the Emeraude on Halong Bay

43 MEALS
19 breakfasts (B), 14 lunches (L),
10 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Vietnamese tasting menu followed
by a three-course meal at KOTO

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tours of Hanoi, Hue, Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam
- Bicycle rickshaw ride around Hanoi's Ancient Quarter
- Vietnamese coffee overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake
- Traditional water puppet show with backstage visit
- Cruise the Perfume River
- Travel the scenic Hai Van Pass
- Oodles of Noodles visit
- Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
- Dinner cruise on the Saigon River
- Explore Cambodia's Angkor temple complex
- Chansar village and an ox cart ride
- Visit a Khmer family
- Receive a blessing from a monk
- Visit a village built on stilts in Tonle Sap Lake
- Luang Prabang tour
- Experience an alms-giving ceremony
- Kuang Si Waterfalls visit
- Cruise the Mekong River to Pak Ou Caves
- Chiang Rai sightseeing tour followed by a visit to the hill-tribe villages

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Seaplane flight over Halong Bay

DAY 1 UK – HANOI

Depart on your overnight flight to Hanoi today.

DAY 2 HANOI

On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel. Enjoy a tasting menu and meal at KOTO restaurant, a social enterprise. (D)

LA BELLE VIE, HANOI (4 STAR)

DAY 3 HANOI

Tour Hanoi and enjoy a rickshaw ride. Later, take in views of Hoan Kiem Lake and the Kim Ngan Temple. The day ends with a water puppet show. (B,L,D)

LA BELLE VIE, HANOI (4 STAR)

DAY 4 HANOI – HALONG BAY

We'll journey to Halong Bay and stay on a boat in the bay overnight. There's also a chance to take an optional seaplane flight. (B,L,D)

EMERAUDE, HALONG BAY

DAY 5 HALONG BAY – HUE

Spend the morning enjoying activities such as kayaking, Tai Chi and swimming. Later, we'll fly to Hue. (B,L)

EMM HOTEL, HUE (4 STAR)

DAY 6 HUE

Cruise the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda, then explore the Forbidden City. After lunch, visit Cat Tuong Quan Zen House and the tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. (B,L)

EMM HOTEL, HUE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 HUE – HOI AN

Travel to Hoi An over the Hai Van Pass. A guided tour includes the Jinshang Temple, the Japanese Covered Bridge and a cruise on the Thu Bon River. (B,L)

HOI AN SILK VILLAGE RESORT, HOI AN (4 STAR)

DAY 8 HOI AN

Visit STREETS International's Oodles of Noodles project, which supports disadvantaged young people by training them for a career in hospitality. Meet some of the students and have a go at making noodles yourself. (B)

HOI AN SILK VILLAGE RESORT, HOI AN (4 STAR)

DAY 9 HOI AN – HO CHI MINH CITY

Today we fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Highlights of your tour include the Central Post Office, the elegant Saigon Opera House and the Reunification Palace. (B)

MUONG THANH SAIGON CENTRE, HO CHI MINH CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 10 HO CHI MINH CITY

Visit the remarkable Cu Chi Tunnels today and enjoy a dinner cruise on the Saigon River this evening. (B,D)

MUONG THANH SAIGON CENTRE, HO CHI MINH CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 11 HO CHI MINH CITY – SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap in Cambodia. On your tour, discover the iconic temples of Angkor including the magnificent Angkor Wat. (B,L,D)

ANGKOR PARADISE, SIEM REAP (4 STAR)

DAY 12 SIEM REAP

Visit the village of Chansar and travel to the home of a Khmer family. After lunch, we'll receive a blessing from a monk at a Buddhist Temple. (B,L)

ANGKOR PARADISE, SIEM REAP (4 STAR)

DAY 13 SIEM REAP

Our day begins at the South Gate of Angkor Thom. Uncover the Bayon, climb to the top of the Phimeanakas and head to Ta Prohm, a temple enveloped in jungle. (B,L)

ANGKOR PARADISE, SIEM REAP (4 STAR)

DAY 14 SIEM REAP – LUANG PRABANG

Journey to Kompong Khleang village, built on stilts. Later, fly to Luang Prabang in Laos. (B,L,D)

SANTI RESORT, LUANG PRABANG (3 STAR)

DAY 15 LUANG PRABANG

Today we'll discover the highlights of the former royal capital of Luang Prabang on a tour. (B,L)

SANTI RESORT, LUANG PRABANG (3 STAR)

DAY 16 LUANG PRABANG

Experience an early morning Buddhist alms-giving ceremony. Later, bathe in the turquoise waters of Kuang Si Waterfalls. (B,L)

SANTI RESORT, LUANG PRABANG (3 STAR)

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

**RIVER KWAI
2 NIGHTS
FROM £229**

At the end of your holiday, visit one of Thailand's most infamous sights, the 'Bridge over the River Kwai'. Available on all dates. See page 220 for details.



TRAVELSPHERE
CARES

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Planeterra
Foundation

When you book this holiday, you are contributing to a number of initiatives in Chansar Village. You'll also learn about the great work done by STREETS International's Oodles of Noodles project.

DAY 17 MEKONG RIVER – PAKBENG

Cruise the Mekong River to Pakbeng, for an overnight stay at a riverside hotel. En route we'll call at the Pak Ou Caves. (B,L,D)

LE GRAND PAKBENG, PAKBENG (3 STAR)

DAY 18 MEKONG RIVER – CHIANG RAI

Cruise to Huay Xai, looking out for wildlife along the way. We visit a traditional village then make our way to Chiang Rai. (B,L,D)

LALUNA RESORT, CHIANG RAI (4 STAR)

DAY 19 CHIANG RAI

Tour Chiang Rai today with highlights including meeting the hill tribes and exploring their villages. Later, visit Mae Sai before your ride back to Chiang Rai. (B,L,D)

LALUNA RESORT, CHIANG RAI (4 STAR)

DAY 20 CHIANG RAI – BANGKOK

Fly from Chiang Rai to Bangkok. This evening, we gather for a farewell dinner. (B,D)

EASTIN HOTEL MAKKASAN, BANGKOK (4 STAR)

DAY 21 BANGKOK – UK

You can enjoy some time at leisure before we transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)

DAY 22 UK

You will arrive back in the UK today.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Vietnam Airlines Holiday ref: LVSEA

Direct flight (via Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Feb*#	25 Feb	£3799	✓
18 Feb*#	10 Mar	FULL	✓
10 Mar*	31 Mar	£3899	✓
05 May*	26 May	£3799	✓
15 Sep*	06 Oct	£3899	✓
13 Oct*	03 Nov	£3899	✓
10 Nov*	01 Dec	£3899	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Vietnam Airlines Holiday ref: LVSEA

Direct flight (via Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
21 Jan	11 Feb	£3899	✓
25 Feb	18 Mar	£3899	✓
04 Mar	25 Mar	£3899	✓
15 Apr	06 May	£3799	
30 Sep	21 Oct	£3799	
14 Oct	04 Nov	£3899	✓
04 Nov	25 Nov	£3899	✓

Travellers on 'Invitation of Vietnam & Temples of Angkor' will travel with you until Day 13.

* Fly direct with Vietnam & Thai Airways for a supplement from £249 per person

Maximum single supplement charge of £1100.
For information on transfers to/from your accommodation,
please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade



INVITATION TO VIETNAM & THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

14 DAYS FROM £2599

This fascinating introduction to the diverse landscapes of Vietnam also includes a visit to Cambodia's Angkor temples.



Paddy fields



FAVOURITE MOMENT

As you cruise between the massive limestone karsts of Halong Bay, it's so easy to forget that you are actually sailing on the ocean.



Halong Bay



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Vietnam Airlines
(via Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi on return)

10 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels, overnight cruise plus
2 nights in flight

1-NIGHT FULL-BOARD CRUISE
sailing on the Emeraude on Halong Bay

24 MEALS
11 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L),
5 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Vietnamese tasting menu followed
by a three-course meal at KOTO

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi tour and trishaw ride
- Enjoy a Vietnamese coffee overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake
- See a traditional water puppet show
- Sightseeing tour of Hue
- Cruise the Perfume River
- Travel the scenic Hai Van Pass
- Hoi An tour
- Oodles of Noodles visit
- Ho Chi Minh City tour
- Visit the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels
- Saigon River cruise including dinner
- Explore the Angkor temple complex
- Visit the village of Chansar
- Receive a blessing at a Buddhist temple

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Seaplane flight over Halong Bay



DAY 1 UK – HANOI

You'll depart on your overnight flight to Hanoi today.

DAY 2 HANOI

On arrival in Vietnam's capital, we'll transfer you to your hotel. A two-night stay will give you plenty of time to get to know the city. Tonight, you will experience a welcome dinner like no other at the KOTO Restaurant, a social enterprise that provides training to disadvantaged children. KOTO has trained

over 700 students in Hanoi and Saigon, with 200 of them currently enrolled. Enjoy the aroma and flavours of Vietnamese and South-East Asian specialities, and try a selection of traditional dishes before sitting down for a three-course meal. (D)

THANG LONG OPERA, HANOI (4 STAR)

DAY 3 HANOI

Your sightseeing in Hanoi begins at the mausoleum where Ho Chi Minh, the president who was known as 'Uncle Ho', lies in state guarded by silent sentries. We'll then head to the Temple of Literature, a collection of courtyards, gardens and pavilions built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius.

After a busy morning, we'll stop for lunch at a restaurant specialising in traditional Hanoi delicacies. Then this afternoon, we will head to the Ancient Quarter and board a trishaw – a bicycle rickshaw. After pausing for a Vietnamese coffee overlooking Hoan Keim Lake, we'll continue on foot to Kim Ngan Temple, considered to be one of the oldest in the area. Finally, we'll enjoy a traditional water puppet show and backstage tour. (B,L,D)

THANG LONG OPERA, HANOI (4 STAR)

DAY 4 HANOI – HALONG BAY

The beauty of Halong Bay cannot be overestimated, and after a lovely drive through green paddy fields we'll reach this UNESCO-listed site. You've the option to view the bay on a seaplane flight, before heading to your unique overnight accommodation. We'll cruise through the dramatic limestone peaks that rise from the water and you'll be able to watch the sun set over the bay, before enjoying dinner on board. (B,L,D)

BAI THO, HALONG BAY

DAY 5 HALONG BAY – HUE

You'll wake up to the beautiful surroundings of Halong Bay for a morning at leisure. Later, we will disembark the ship, make our way to the airport and fly to Hue. (B,L)

PARK VIEW, HUE (4 STAR)

DAY 6 HUE

A cruise on the Perfume River takes us to the Thien Mu Pagoda. We continue to the citadel and explore the former Imperial Palace before lunch, which is served by nuns. We'll also visit Cat Tuong Quan Zen House and the tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. (B,L)

PARK VIEW, HUE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 HUE – HOI AN

Driving over the Hai Van Pass, possibly the most scenic coastal road in Vietnam, our journey today takes us south to Hoi An. You'll be enchanted by this ancient riverside town, and after lunch we'll take a tour. Highlights include the Japanese Covered Bridge and a cruise on the Thu Bon River. (B,L)

LE PAVILLON, HOI AN (4 STAR)

DAY 8 HOI AN

Visit STREETS International's Oodles of Noodles project, which supports disadvantaged young people by training them for a career in hospitality. Meet some of the students and have a go at making noodles yourself. (B)

LE PAVILLON, HOI AN (4 STAR)

DAY 9 HOI AN – HO CHI MINH CITY

Today we fly to Ho Chi Minh City and see its highlights on a tour. (B)

MUONG THANH SAIGON CENTRE, HO CHI MINH CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 10 – HO CHI MINH CITY

You're going to spend this morning discovering the Cu Chi Tunnels. This incredible network of underground passages was first constructed in the late 1940s by the Viet Minh army fighting the French. They were later extended by the Viet Cong rebels, and you'll get the chance to head inside to explore.

This evening, we'll enjoy a cruise along the Saigon River and dinner will be served on board. (B,D)

MUONG THANH SAIGON CENTRE, HO CHI MINH CITY (4 STAR)

DAY 11 HO CHI MINH CITY – SIEM REAP

We'll fly to Siem Reap today and explore the famous Angkor complex. (B,L,D)

ANGKOR PARADISE, SIEM REAP (4 STAR)

DISCOVER MORE

A JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTH EAST ASIA 22 DAYS FROM £3799

We offer a longer version of this tour which also takes in the wonders of Laos and a cruise on the Mekong River to Thailand. See pages 214-215 for details.



TRAVELSPHERE CARES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Planeterra
Foundation

When you book this holiday, you are contributing towards a project in Chansar Village helping with a number of initiatives, including the building of a kindergarten, which you will visit, and you'll also learn about the great work done by STREETS International's Oodles of Noodles project.

DAY 12 SIEM REAP

We've all sorts of exciting experiences lined up for today, beginning with a visit to the village of Chansar, which is supported by Travelsphere Cares. We'll then ride on an ox cart to the home of a Khmer family. We'll watch how they make brooms from natural materials and you'll be able to have a go if you wish. We'll enjoy a walking tour of the village and a simple Khmer lunch, before we head to a Buddhist temple to receive a blessing. (B,L)

ANGKOR PARADISE, SIEM REAP (4 STAR)

DAY 13 SIEM REAP – UK

Our final day of discovery begins with a visit to the South Gate of Angkor Thom. Our explorations uncover the Bayon, where hundreds of smiling faces decorate the towers and Phimeanakas, which we'll climb to take in panoramic views of the Angkor complex. We'll also take in the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of Leper Kings, before driving to Ta Prohm, a temple which has been left to the clutches of the jungle.

Return to the hotel before we transfer to the airport for your flights to the UK. (B,L)

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Vietnam Airlines Holiday ref: LVVV

Direct flight (via Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Feb#	17 Feb	FULL	✓
18 Feb#	02 Mar	FULL	✓
03 Mar	16 Mar	£2699	✓
10 Mar	23 Mar	£2699	✓
05 May	18 May	£2699	✓
15 Sep	28 Sep	£2699	✓
13 Oct	26 Oct	£2699	✓
10 Nov	23 Nov	£2699	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Vietnam Airlines Holiday ref: LVVV

Direct flight (via Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
26 Jan	08 Feb	£2699	✓
23 Feb	08 Mar	£2699	✓
09 Mar	22 Mar	£2699	✓
27 Apr	10 May	£2599	
21 Sep	04 Oct	£2599	
19 Oct	01 Nov	£2699	✓
02 Nov	15 Nov	£2699	✓
09 Nov	22 Nov	£2699	✓

Travellers on 'A Journey Through South East Asia' will travel with you on this tour

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.
For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

— NEW —
**UZBEKISTAN -
THE HEART OF
THE SILK ROUTE**

11 DAYS FROM £1899

Delve into the very heart of the historic Silk Route as you discover the spellbinding land of Uzbekistan.

Registan Square, Samarkand

Chor Minor



Khiva markets

Ak-Saray Palace



Puppets





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Uzbekistan Airways

9 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels, plus 1 night in flight

18 MEALS
9 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L),
7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Sample exotic teas at an historical
teahouse

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flight,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride through beautiful Tashkent metro stations
- Discovery tour of Samarkand
- Walking tour of Registan Square
- Traditional breadmaking and lunch with a local family
- Drive the Takhta Karacha Pass
- Explore the hometown of national hero, Tamerlane
- Discover the holy city of Bukhara
- Bukhara Puppetry and Miniature School experience
- Drive through the Kyzylkum Desert
- Walking tour of Khiva's Itchan Kala
- Dinner with Uzbek Khorezm dances
- Tashkent city tour including Khast Imam Square
- Visit to a famous ceramics studio

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Samarkand's old traditions: astronomy and papermaking
- Countryside excursion to Bahauddin Naqshbandi and Sitorai Mokhi Khosa Palace



DAY 1 UK – TASKENT

Your exotic adventure begins with an overnight flight to Uzbekistan's vibrant capital city, Tashkent.

DAY 2 TASHKENT

On your arrival this morning, relax and refresh at your hotel, with plenty of free time to settle in. We'll explore city highlights in the afternoon, including a ride on the Tashkent metro. Central Asia's oldest tube dazzles with mosaics, portraits and magnificent columns at every stop. Tonight, we'll sit down to a tasty welcome meal at a local restaurant. (D)

HOTEL PRAGA, TASHKENT (3 STAR)

DAY 3 TASHKENT – SAMARKAND

The high-speed Afrosiab train whisks us to one of the most prominent cities on the Great Silk Road. From the eras of Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan to the artistic legacies of the Turkic ruler Tamerlane, it's fair to say that this ancient city has seen some history!

The latest research indicates that Samarkand was founded an incredible 2,750 years ago.

We'll visit Gur-Emir Mausoleum, home to the graves of Tamerlane and his descendants, along with the impressive remnants of Mosque Bibi-Khanum. The elaborate Shah-i-Zinda Necropolis is an important site for pilgrims, as it's the alleged gravesite of Qusan ibn-Abbas, a cousin of the Prophet Muhammad. (B,D)

HOTEL DIYORA, SAMARKAND (4 STAR)

DAY 4 SAMARKAND

Decorated by mosaics and ornate minarets, the madrasas of Registan Square are some of the greatest works of the Islamic world. After we've had our fill of awe-inspiring architecture, get ready for the enticing smell of baking bread as we join a local family for a homecooked meal. Explore at your leisure for the rest of the day, or join us for an optional excursion to three incredible destinations.

The first, the Meros Silk Paper Factory, has revived the ancient tradition of papermaking in Samarkand, once renowned for its use in Persian and Arabic manuscripts. Second is the famous Ulugh Beg Observatory, which produced advanced astronomical discoveries before it was destroyed by religious extremists in 1449 - we'll visit the museum here. Thirdly, we'll discover the Tomb of Prophet Daniel. (B,L)

HOTEL DIYORA, SAMARKAND (4 STAR)

DAY 5 SAMARKAND – BUKHARA

Settle in for a scenic drive over the spectacular Takhta Karacha Pass, as we follow the Silk Route to the hometown of Tamerlane. Shakhrisabz is a traditional centre for folk art, dotted with ruins and medieval buildings. We'll explore the Ak Saray Palace, Kok Gumbaz Friday Mosque and the mausoleum of Dorut Tilavat, then enjoy some free time, before following our noses to a charming teahouse for lunch. After a relaxing afternoon drive, look forward to a traditional dinner in Central Asia's holiest city, Bukhara. (B,D)

ORIENT HOTEL VARAXSHA, BUKHARA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 BUKHARA

Highlighting more than 2,000 years of history, medieval Bukhara offers a visual feast of architectural wonders and photogenic streets. Our full-day tour shows you the very best of the UNESCO-listed historic centre, including the atmospheric Old Jewish Quarter, Poi-Kayalan Ensemble and Kalyan minaret. We'll delve into tradition at puppet and miniature painting workshops, and sip spicy teas flavoured with fragrant cardamom, anise, cinnamon and oregano. Get set to give your wallet a workout at the trading domes, featuring market stalls piled high with handwoven carpets, silk scarves and unique jewellery. (B,D)

ORIENT HOTEL VARAXSHA, BUKHARA (4 STAR)

DAY 7 BUKHARA

There's so much to discover here, it will be a challenge to squeeze it all into one day. But it's a challenge we're willing to accept! Our tour continues at the Zindan, an old jail complete with a grisly torture chamber. Close by is the spectacular Fortress Ark, the city's oldest structure. We'll walk along the city walls and stop at Samanids Mausoleum, a 9th century architectural treasure.

Take your time and explore at your own pace this afternoon, or join us for an optional, countryside excursion. Discover Bahauddin Naqshbandi, the burial tomb of the Sufism leader, and the exquisite summer residence of the last Emir of Bukhara, Sitorai Mokhi Khosa Palace. On our return, we'll stop for a look at Chor Minor and its four quirky, turquoise-topped turrets. (B,L)

ORIENT HOTEL VARAXSHA, BUKHARA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 BUKHARA – KHIVA

You'll get a well-deserved rest today on our drive to Khiva through spectacular desert landscapes. The Kyzylkum Desert stretches for hundreds of miles and once presented sun-scorched dangers for traders traversing the legendary red sands. Luckily for us, we'll get to experience it within air-conditioned comfort! (B,D)

ORIENT STAR KHIVA (3 STAR)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Savour the enticing aromas of freshly baking bread and enjoy a home-cooked meal with a local family, discovering traditional Uzbek dishes such as plov - typically made with rice and meat.



DAY 9 KHIVA

A living museum, Khiva's twisting alleyways, glistening mosaics and ornate minarets are a stark contrast to its brutal history of barbaric slave trading. A walking tour of UNESCO-listed Itchan Kala, an old Khiva oasis, showcases 51 ancient structures, 250 dwellings, majestic mosques and caravanserais.

Tonight offers a treat for the senses with dinner and a folklore performance. A captivating form of dance combining Arabic, Persian, Turkic, Indian and Chinese elements, Khorezm features dazzling spins, sensual undulations and lavish Oriental costumes. (B,D)

ORIENT STAR KHIVA (3 STAR)

DAY 10 KHIVA – TASHKENT

Saying goodbye to Khiva, we'll fly back from Urgench to Tashkent today. But don't worry, your incredible journey isn't over just yet! We'll take a city tour on arrival, starting with Khast Imam Square which is the holy heart of ancient Tashkent. See the works of world-famous ceramic masters (now fifth and sixth generation), along with the performing arts hubs of Theatre Square and Broadway, the Earthquake Memorial and Amir Temur Square. Tonight, we'll sit down together for a delicious farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

HOTEL PRAGA, TASHKENT (3 STAR)

DAY 11 TASHKENT – UK

A free morning of leisure eases you into an early afternoon transfer to the airport and your flight home to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Uzbekistan Airways Holiday ref: FUBZ

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
05 May	15 May	£1999	✓
15 Sep	25 Sep	£2049	✓
13 Oct	23 Oct	£2099	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Uzbekistan Airways Holiday ref: FUBZ

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
20 Apr	30 Apr	£1899	✓
11 May	21 May	£1999	✓
08 Jun	18 Jun	£1999	
14 Sep	24 Sep	£2049	
12 Oct	22 Oct	£2099	

Maximum single supplement charge of £350.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255.
A price reduction of £500 applies.

+ ADD-ON



HONG KONG

4 NIGHTS FROM £699

On the final day of your tour you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong, where you will stay for four nights. Hong Kong is known for its diverse culture, spectacular skyline and glittering natural harbour. It also boasts a unique blend of fascinating museums, stunning country parks and vibrant festivals.

You will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island and journey to the top of Victoria Peak for fantastic views over the city. We also offer an array of optional excursions, including an evening cruise around Victoria Harbour followed by dinner, a tour of Macau and a visit to Lantau Island.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage
- 4 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis
- Services of a Local Guide
- Half-day Hong Kong island tour

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager. Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Dorsett Wanchai Hong Kong.

Single room supplement from £300.

Available after Tibet & the Search for Shangri-La (page 207), Ancient to Modern - Essential China (page 208), Unmissable China & Yangtze Cruise (page 210) and Japan - Land of the Rising Sun (page 212)

+ ADD-ON



RIVER KWAI

2 NIGHTS FROM £229

At the end of your holiday, visit one of Thailand's most infamous sights, the 'Bridge over the River Kwai'. Includes two nights' accommodation in Bangkok on a bed-and-breakfast basis, plus one lunch. Enjoy a half-day tour of Bangkok, including the Golden Buddha, the Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha, and a full-day excursion to Damnoen Saduak and Kanchanaburi, home of the world-famous 'Bridge over the River Kwai'.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers and other transportation
- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis plus 1 lunch
- Services of a Local Guide
- Half-day tour of Bangkok
- Full-day tour of Damnoen, Saduak and Kanchanaburi

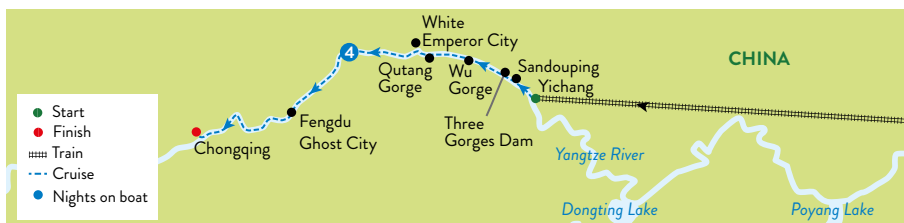
Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star FuramaXclusive Sathorn in Bangkok.

Single room supplement from £100.

Available after A Journey through Southeast Asia (page 214)



YANGTZE GORGES CRUISE

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Three Gorges Dam • Wu Gorge • Qutang Gorge

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Tribe of the Three Gorges' • White Emperor City
- Fengdu Ghost City

DAYS 5-8 OF UNMISSABLE CHINA & YANGTZE CRUISE

DAY 5 YICHANG

Today we board a high-speed train to Yichang, which gives you the opportunity to sit back, relax and take in the views. On arrival we will transfer to the pier where we'll board our ship and embark on a scenic Yangtze River cruise. One of the Victoria fleet, your comfortable vessel has been specially designed to navigate the Yangtze and is your base for the next four nights. Relax on board this evening and discover great facilities which include a restaurant, reading room and beauty salon. Your outside cabin has a private balcony offering wonderful views.

DAY 6 THREE GORGES DAM

Today you will visit the site of the mighty Three Gorges Dam at Sandouping.

If river conditions are favourable you could join an optional 'Tribe of the Three Gorges' shore excursion.

DAY 7 WU & QUTANG GORGES

This morning you'll transfer to another vessel to enjoy a relaxing cruise through the picturesque Goddess Stream, which flows into the Yangtze. You'll then rejoin your ship and sail into Wu Gorge. Next, you'll cruise through the Qutang Gorge.

River conditions permitting, you may choose to join an optional shore excursion to White Emperor City, an ancient temple located on the top of a mountain.

DAY 8 JADE EMPEROR SCENIC AREA

Today you'll visit the Jade Emperor Scenic Area, a sacred site that features a 100-foot-tall statue depicting the Jade Emperor, and more than 200 additional Taoist and Buddhist sculptures. Later, join an optional excursion to Fengdu Ghost City.

DAY 9 CHONGQING

You'll arrive in Chongqing today, where you'll disembark.

Please note: Itineraries are subject to change according to river conditions.



YOUR CRUISE SHIP

Your cruise ship, part of the Victoria fleet, boasts well-furnished, comfortable cabins, all of which are outside and feature private balconies and bathrooms with shower.

Your cruise includes all meals, with Western and Chinese-style buffets at breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a captain's farewell banquet.

There is a mandatory one-off service charge of US\$25 per person, which is payable locally.

CABIN UPGRADES

Enhance your cruise with an upgrade from a Standard Cabin to Promenade Deck with amenity package from £109 per person or Executive Suite (subject to availability) from £939 per person.

Amenity package and suite facilities include choice of two dining rooms (dependent on the vessel), free tea and coffee, complimentary 'Happy Hour' before dinner and use of the Executive Lounge.

Available as part of Unmissable China & Yangtze Cruise (page 210)



★ SPECIAL DEPARTURES

CHERRY BLOSSOM

29 MARCH & 19 APRIL 2020

18 APRIL 2021

13 DAYS FROM £4399

Cherry blossom-laden trees are an iconic sight in Japan in the spring. Nara, once Japan's capital city that's set amidst beautiful parkland, is a fantastic location to see this natural wonder. The varied hues of Japan's cherry blossom appear frequently in traditional paintings, and you'll view this natural wonder on this special departure date.



AUTUMN COLOURS

8 NOVEMBER 2020

21 NOVEMBER 2021

13 DAYS FROM £4199

Equally impressive are the spectacular autumn colours as leaves turn to vibrant shades of orange, red and gold, a magnificent sight that inspires artists and poets alike. Kyoto is arguably one of the best places to witness this natural phenomenon, known in Japan as 'momiji', meaning 'red leaf'. These special departures give you the chance to view these spectacular seasonal colours.

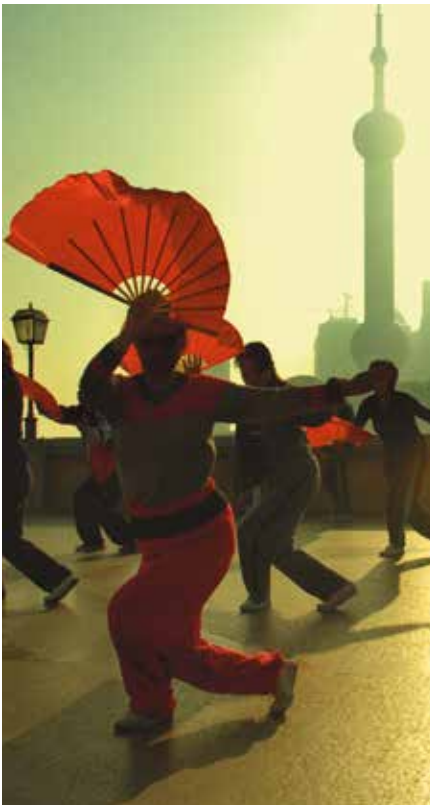
YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- Return flights from Heathrow with Cathay Pacific
- 10 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis plus 1 lunch, 3 dinners and welcome drink
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager and Local Guide

Holiday refs: LJAPN/LJAPNH

Single room supplement from £1000.

Available on Japan - Land of the Rising Sun (page 212)



+ ADD-ON

HIDDEN SHANGHAI

3 NIGHTS FROM £349

Fly to Shanghai a couple of days before your tour starts and discover more of this fabulous city. This add-on also includes an excursion to Shanghai's famous Xitang Water Town.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- 3 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis
- Services of a Local Guide
- Full-day tour of the famous Xitang Water Town including a cruise
- Porterage

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Greenland Jiulong Hotel, in Shanghai. Ideally located in the North Bund area, it boasts excellent facilities including three dining options, a bar, beauty salon, well-equipped fitness centre and spa with sauna. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Single room supplement from £150.

+ ADD-ON

SHANGHAI

2 NIGHTS FROM £219

Fly out earlier and enjoy an additional two nights in Shanghai. Included in this add-on is a 'Hidden Shanghai' tour, which includes Tai Chi and noodle-making demonstrations, and you'll learn about the ancient tradition of foot binding.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- 2 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis
- Services of a Local Guide
- Half-day tour - 'Hidden Shanghai'
- Porterage

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Jin Jiang Tower Hotel, or the 4-star Greenland Jiulong Hotel in Shanghai. Centrally located, close to many amenities and attractions, they boast excellent facilities including several dining options, bar, beauty salon, well-equipped fitness centre and spa with sauna. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Single room supplement from £130.

Available before Ancient to Modern - Essential China 2020 tours (page 208)

Available before Ancient to Modern - Essential China 2021 tours (page 208) and Unmissable China & Yangtze Cruise (page 210)

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be better, to go further,
to exceed expectations
and to make a
lasting difference. ”*

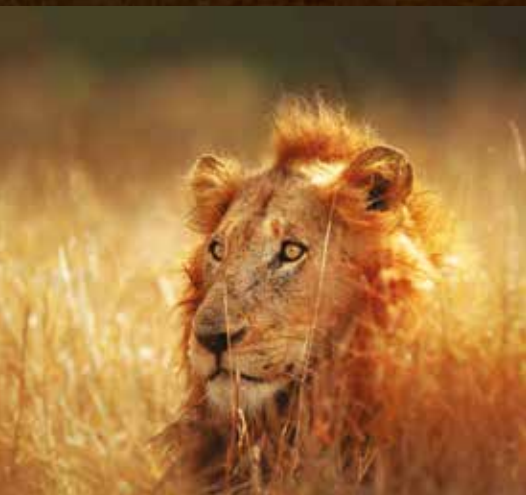
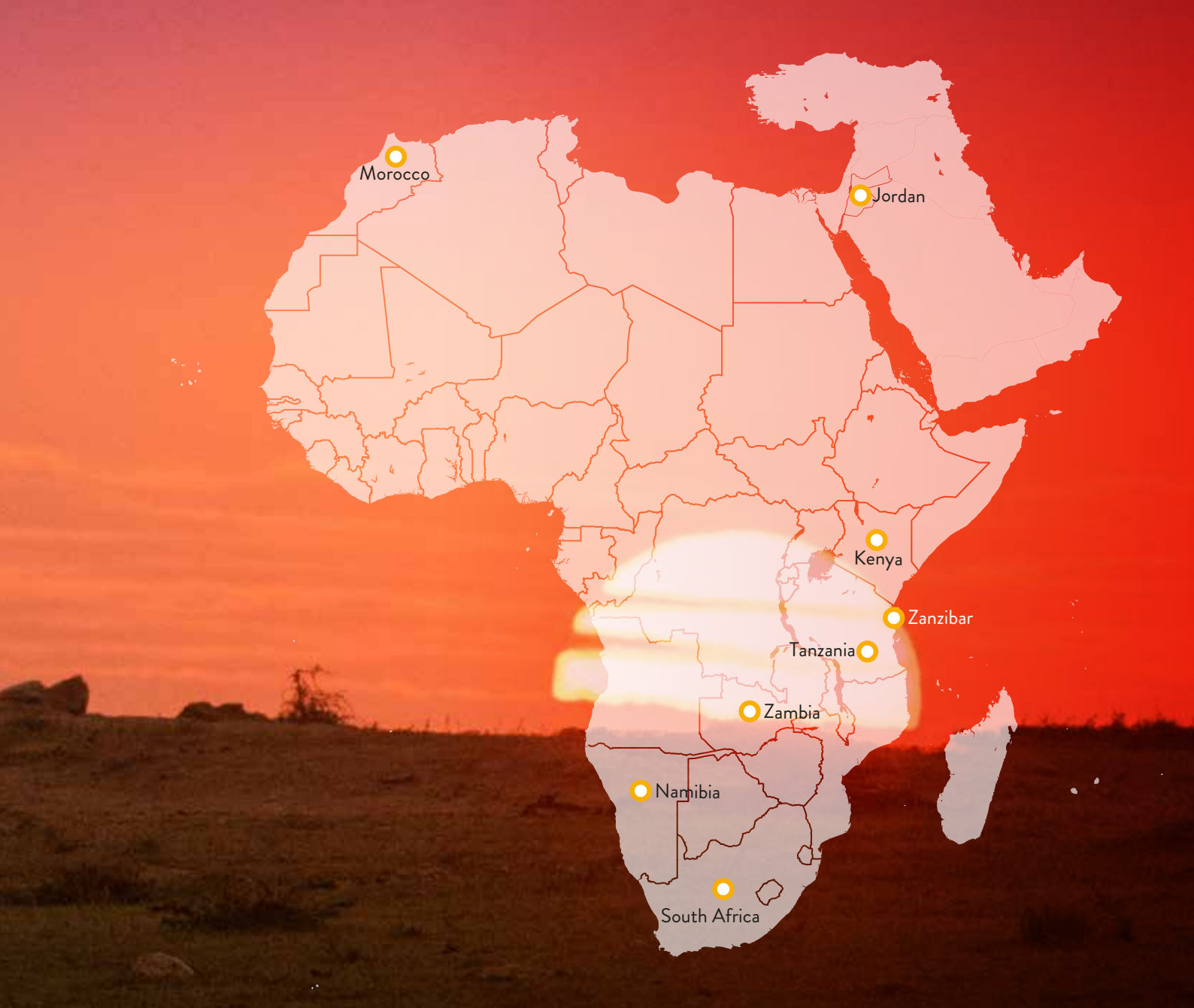


AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

This mesmerising continent plays host to some of the most incredible landscapes, cultures and wildlife on the planet, not to mention its best white-sand beaches.

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amazing holidays
to make you
smile





A few of our favourites

NATURE AT ITS BEST

Venture to Kruger National Park for amazing views of wildlife in its natural habitat.

Ultimate South Africa – see page 224

LIE BACK AND RELAX

Float in the Dead Sea and enjoy its therapeutic magic.

Jordan's Ancient Wonders – see page 236

A TASTE OF MOROCCO

Indulge in authentic Moroccan cuisine in a traditional 14th century riad.

A Moroccan Journey – see page 238

ULTIMATE SOUTH AFRICA

17 DAYS FROM £3799

Teeming with wildlife and home to stunning landscapes and a rich cultural history, South Africa has it all - explore the 'Rainbow Nation' on this grand tour.



Table Mountain

FAVOURITE MOMENT

As the sun rises over Kruger National Park, which of the 'Big Five' will you spot first on a thrilling game drive?



Boulders Beach, Cape Town



Stellenbosch vineyard



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways or South African Airways



14 NIGHTS

in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight



23 MEALS

14 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

A braai dinner in a boma under the African stars



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, internal flight, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Town tour and Table Mountain
- Cape Peninsula, Cape Point, Boulders Beach and Botanical Gardens
- Winelands cellar tour and wine-tasting
- The Drosty Museum in Swellendam
- The Cango Caves and a Safari Ostrich Farm
- Drive along the Garden Route
- Knysna Lagoon and Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Storms River Mouth in Tsitsikamma National Park
- Discover charming Port Elizabeth
- The Zulu battlefields
- Game drive in Kruger National Park
- Drive along the scenic Panorama Route
- Graskop Gorge Lift and forest walk

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Cape Town township tour
- Kruger National Park - morning game drive
- Kruger National Park - full-day game drive
- Chimp Eden, the Jane Goodall Institute



DAY 1 UK – CAPE TOWN

Depart on your flight to Cape Town.

DAY 2 CAPE TOWN

On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel. You'll see many of Cape Town's highlights en route, before enjoying a welcome drink with your fellow travellers. **ONOMO HOTEL CAPE TOWN - INN ON THE SQUARE (3 STAR)**

DAY 3 CAPE PENINSULA

Let's set off and explore Cape Peninsula. We'll drive along the spectacular Chapman's Peak, reaching Cape Nature Reserve and Cape Point. Our return journey is

made via Boulders Beach, where we'll see its famous penguin colony. Our final stop is at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. **(B)**

ONOMO HOTEL CAPE TOWN - INN ON THE SQUARE (3 STAR)

DAY 4 CAPE TOWN – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure or why not join an optional excursion to Khayelitsha, Cape Town's largest township. **(B)**

ONOMO HOTEL CAPE TOWN - INN ON THE SQUARE (3 STAR)

DAY 5 CAPE TOWN – STELLENBOSCH

Today we're going to discover the winelands of the Western Cape. We'll visit the town of Franschhoek for a wine-tasting and then stop at the Spice Route Destination in Paarl. Finally, we'll take a tour of the charming, historic town of Stellenbosch. **(B)**

STELLENBOSCH LODGE, STELLENBOSCH (3 STAR)

DAY 6 STELLENBOSCH – OUDTSHOORN

Your next base is Oudtshoorn, and during our drive here we'll stop at Swellendam, one of the oldest towns in South Africa. A tour will introduce its stunning architecture and you'll also have time to visit its fascinating museum. **(B)**

PROTEA HOTEL, RIEMPE ESTATE, OUDTSHOORN (4 STAR)

DAY 7 OUDTSHOORN – KNYSNA

Before we make our way to Knysna, we'll visit the Safari Ostrich Farm. You'll also see the Cango Caves, underground caverns more than 20 million years old. **(B)**

PREMIER RESORT THE MOORINGS, KNYSNA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 KNYSNA

The quaint town of Knysna lies at the heart of the Garden Route and is surrounded by ancient forests. We'll also visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve. **(B,L)**

PREMIER RESORT THE MOORINGS, KNYSNA (4 STAR)

DAY 9 KNYSNA – PORT ELIZABETH

Your journey to Port Elizabeth via Plettenberg Bay includes a stop at Tsitsikamma National Park. **(B,D)**

GARDEN COURT KINGS BEACH, PORT ELIZABETH (4 STAR)

DAY 10 PORT ELIZABETH – BATTLEFIELDS

Port Elizabeth is one of the largest cities in South Africa, and we'll discover its highlights before we fly to Durban. **(B,D)**

BATTLEFIELDS COUNTRY LODGE, DUNDEE (3 STAR)

DAY 11 BATTLEFIELDS

On today's guided tour you'll stand at the very spot where the 1879 Battle of Isandlwana and subsequent conflict at Rorke's Drift took place. **(B,L,D)**

BATTLEFIELDS COUNTRY LODGE, DUNDEE (3 STAR)

DAY 12 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today's journey to Kruger is long but packed full of rewards as you travel through a variety of landscapes and take in spectacular views. **(B,D)**

NDHULA LUXURY TENTED LODGE, GREATER KRUGER

DAY 13 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Kruger National Park is home to the Big Five - lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino. Today we'll take in the sights on a full-day game drive, which also includes a breakfast picnic. **(B,D)**

NDHULA LUXURY TENTED LODGE, GREATER KRUGER

DAY 14 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – DAY AT LEISURE

Relax and enjoy the facilities at the lodge, or head out on an optional game drive. We also offer an optional visit to chimpanzee sanctuary, Chimp Eden. **(B,D)**

NDHULA LUXURY TENTED LODGE, GREATER KRUGER

DAY 15 KRUGER & PANORAMA ROUTE

Start your day with a drive along the Panorama Route. The rainforest at God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Graskop Gorge lift and the Three Rondavels, are some highlights. Later, we'll experience one of South Africa's oldest traditions - a boma evening, when we enjoy a braai barbecue served around a huge central fire. **(B,D)**

NDHULA LUXURY TENTED LODGE, GREATER KRUGER

DAY 16 KRUGER – UK

We head to Johannesburg for your flight to the UK. **(B)**

DAY 17 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

FEATURE LODGE

NDHULA LUXURY TENTED LODGE

This wonderful lodge is surrounded by incredible landscapes, where a fabulous array of animals graze, including giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and warthog. You'll stay in a luxury safari tent situated on raised wooden decks - the perfect place to sit back, relax and admire the view!



TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

VICTORIA FALLS

4 NIGHTS FROM £1299

Visit the awesome Victoria Falls, where you'll enjoy a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River and a guided tour of the Victoria Falls. Available on all dates. See page 240 for details.

SPECIAL DEPARTURES

WHALE WATCHING

18 DAYS FROM £3899

1 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2020*
5 & 12 SEPTEMBER 2021*

Your tour will be extended by one night, allowing time for a visit to Hermanus - recognised as one of the best whale-watching destinations in the world. See page 241 for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways or South African Airways Holiday ref: LUSA

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
24 Jan	09 Feb	£3899	✓
28 Feb	15 Mar	£3849	✓
13 Mar	29 Mar	£3849	✓
01 Sep*	18 Sep	£3899	✓
15 Sep*	02 Oct	£3899	✓
09 Oct	25 Oct	£3849	✓
23 Oct	08 Nov	£3849	✓
13 Nov	29 Nov	£3849	✓

2021 HEATHROW - British Airways or South African Airways Holiday ref: LUSA

Direct flights			
START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
29 Jan	14 Feb	£3849	✓
12 Feb	28 Feb	£3849	✓
02 Mar	18 Mar	£3849	✓
02 Apr	18 Apr	£3799	
07 May	23 May	£3799	
05 Sep*	22 Sep	£3899	✓
12 Sep*	29 Sep	£3899	✓
04 Oct	20 Oct	£3849	✓
05 Nov	21 Nov	£3849	

* Whale watching special departures are available on these dates

Maximum single supplement charge of £600.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

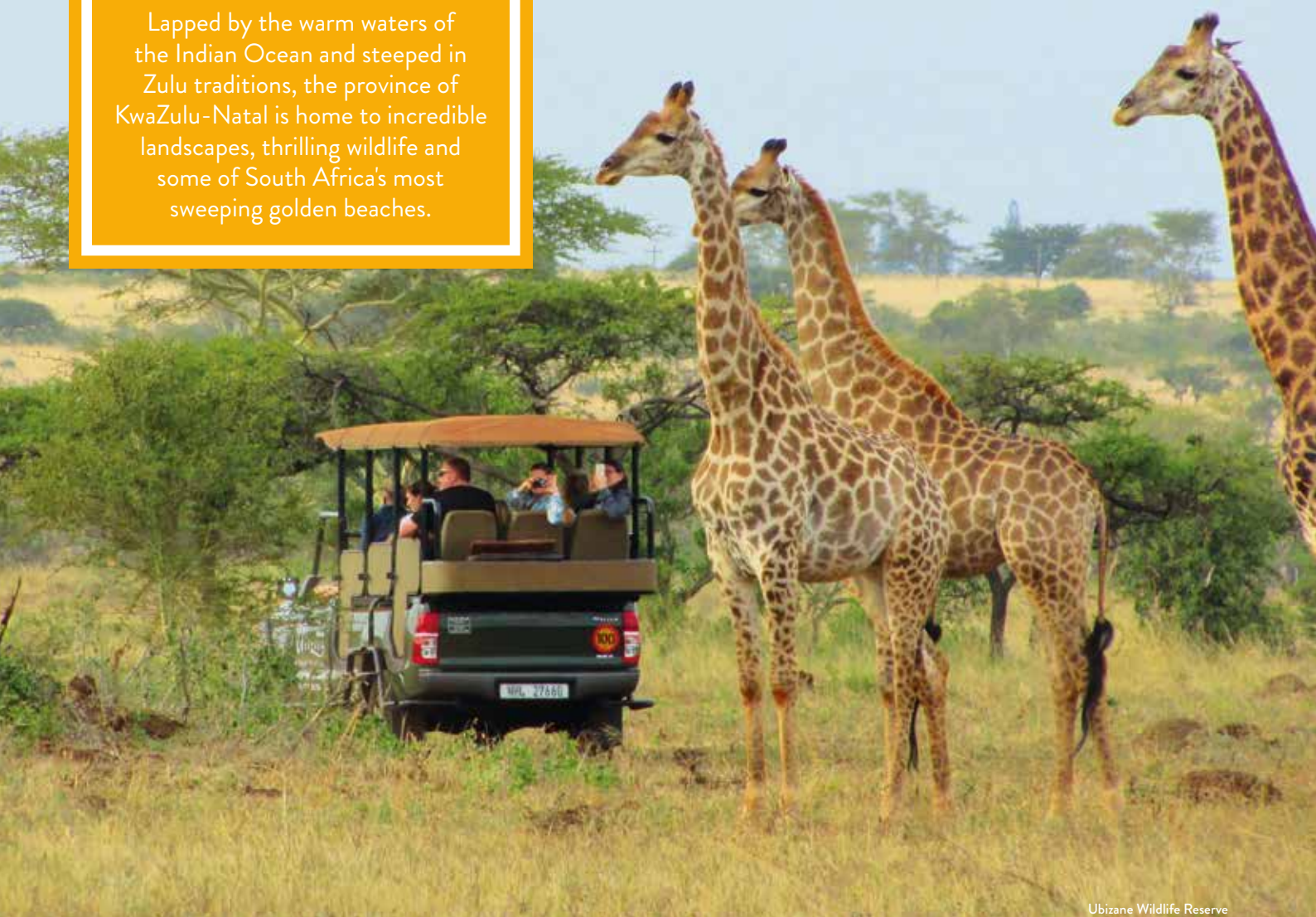
MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £830 applies.**

A SOUTH AFRICAN ADVENTURE

12 DAYS FROM £2999

Lapped by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean and steeped in Zulu traditions, the province of KwaZulu-Natal is home to incredible landscapes, thrilling wildlife and some of South Africa's most sweeping golden beaches.



Ubizane Wildlife Reserve



Oribi Gorge



Rhino, Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve



iSimangaliso Wetland Park



Beach at Blue Marlin, Scottburgh



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with British Airways (via Johannesburg on return)



9 NIGHTS

in great quality lodges and hotels plus 2 nights in flight



ALL INCLUSIVE

9 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L), 9 dinners (D), a free bar open 12 hours a day and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Traditional South African braai dinner



SPECIALIST LOCAL GUIDE



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Game drive in the Ubizane Wildlife Reserve
- Three game drives in Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve
- See hippos and crocodiles on a cruise in iSimangaliso Wetland Park
- Village community project visit
- Explore the Valley of a Thousand Hills and enjoy a meal at the Pot & Kettle restaurant, overlooking Botha's Hill
- Witness the breathtaking Oribi Gorge

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour of Durban
- Crocodile conservation centre visit



DAY 1 UK – DURBAN

Today you'll depart on your flight to Durban, the largest city in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

DAY 2 UBIZANE WILDLIFE RESERVE

On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel, located in the heart of South Africa's Zululand. This area in the north east of KwaZulu-Natal is known locally as the Elephant Coast. For the next three nights, you will stay in a thatched tree lodge in the Ubizane Wildlife Reserve, home to an abundance of wildlife. Perched on stilts and surrounded by the natural beauty of Fever Tree Forest, your stunning accommodation also comes with its own private viewing deck.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. High tea will be served this afternoon and this evening we'll get together for dinner. (L,D)

UBIZANE ZULULAND TREE LODGE

DAY 3 HLUHLUWE IMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE

This morning you'll head off on your first thrilling safari. Ubizane is overflowing with magnificent wildlife and your local guide will know where to look for the park's residents, including rhino, giraffe, zebra and wildebeest.

This afternoon, the excitement builds again as we head to the Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve. This is Africa's oldest game park and was the hunting ground of the Zulu kings. Amongst its rolling hills, look out for a whole

host of animals, not least the 'Big Five' – lion, elephant, leopard, Cape buffalo and rhino. In fact, the park is renowned for its conservation efforts to save the white rhino from extinction, so hopefully you'll get to see this magnificent creature this afternoon.

As the sun begins to set we'll make our way back to the lodge, where you might choose to enjoy a sundowner before dinner. (B,L,D)

UBIZANE ZULULAND TREE LODGE

DAY 4 HLUHLUWE IMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE

You've a full day of game drives today, heading back into Hluhluwe Imfolozi early, when the animals are at their most active. After breakfast at the lodge, spend the rest of the morning at leisure and enjoy high tea before setting off on an afternoon game drive.

Tonight, you're invited to a special dinner in the form of a braai – a traditional South African barbecue. (B,L,D)

UBIZANE ZULULAND TREE LODGE

DAY 5 UBIZANE WILDLIFE RESERVE – SCOTTBURGH

We head further south to our new base of Scottburgh today. On the way there's another chance to view amazing wildlife with a stop at St Lucia and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. South Africa's first UNESCO-listed site consists of three major lake systems, eight ecosystems, most of South Africa's remaining swamp forests and 25,000-year-old sand dunes. You'll explore this unique area aboard a luxurious double-decked cruise boat and may even see hippos and crocodiles.

After disembarking, lunch is included in the town of St Lucia before we continue to Scottburgh. (B,L,D)

BLUE MARLIN HOTEL, SCOTTBURGH (3 STAR)

DAY 6 SCOTTBURGH – DAY AT LEISURE

After all the excitement of the last few days, relax and enjoy the facilities at your hotel. (B,L,D)

BLUE MARLIN HOTEL, SCOTTBURGH (3 STAR)

DAY 7 MALANGENI & PENNINGTON

Get an insight into life in South Africa on a morning visit to local communities. You'll meet the members of a women's sewing group, tour a cookery school and see a computer teaching scheme in action. (B,L,D)

BLUE MARLIN HOTEL, SCOTTBURGH (3 STAR)

DAY 8 VALLEY OF A THOUSAND HILLS

This morning, visit the Valley of a Thousand Hills, an area of spectacular natural beauty. Take in views down to the Umgeni River en route to PheZulu Safari Park. Here, you'll learn about Zulu culture and take a tour of the crocodile and snake park to learn all about these creatures. Your tour comes to an end as we head to The Pot & Kettle restaurant overlooking the valley. (B,L,D)

BLUE MARLIN HOTEL, SCOTTBURGH (3 STAR)

DAY 9 ORIBI GORGE

There are more scenic views to enjoy on today's included excursion, which takes you inland to the Oribi Gorge. Cut by the flow of the Umzinkulwana River, this million-year-old steep-sided valley is 400 metres deep. We'll head down into its heart and then drive out of the gorge for views over and beyond it.

Lake Eland Reserve is our next stop, to observe animals such as giraffe, zebra and many types of bird. You'll have the chance to take a thrilling walk across the gorge on a suspension bridge, or you could take the 300 steps down the cliffs to the caves. (B,L,D)

BLUE MARLIN HOTEL, SCOTTBURGH (3 STAR)

DAY 10 SCOTTBURGH – DAY AT LEISURE

After the excitement of yesterday, why not spend the day at leisure. If you're still up for adventure, there will be optional excursions available at your hotel, including a day out in Durban or a visit to a crocodile conservation centre. (B,L,D)

BLUE MARLIN HOTEL, SCOTTBURGH (3 STAR)

DAY 11 DURBAN – UK

We transfer you to the airport for your overnight flights to the UK. (B,L)

DAY 12 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Soak up the beautiful surroundings as you watch the wildlife from the comfort of your private deck with a drink in hand.

YOUR HOTELS/LODGES

UBIZANE ZULULAND TREE LODGE



This lodge is located in the heart of Zululand in the Ubizane Wildlife Reserve, and the lodges are hidden on stilts in the cool, magnificent beauty of the Fever Tree Forest. The reserve is home to an abundance of wildlife and you can watch it from your own private viewing deck.

BLUE MARLIN ★★★

This hotel is set in sub-tropical gardens and located close to Scottburgh Beach.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

> STAY LONGER

SCOTTBURGH BEACH 5 NIGHTS FROM £529



Why not extend your holiday with a further five nights on an all-inclusive basis at the Blue Marlin Hotel. Available on all dates. See page 241 for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: LKZNSS

Direct flight (via Johannesburg on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
15 Feb	26 Feb	£3199	✓
05 Sep	16 Sep	£3199	✓
10 Oct	21 Oct	£3199	✓
14 Nov	25 Nov	£2999	✓

2021 HEATHROW - British Airways Holiday ref: LKZNSS

Direct flight (via Johannesburg on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
16 Jan	27 Jan	£2999	✓
20 Feb	03 Mar	£3199	✓
20 Mar	31 Mar	£3099	✓
08 May	19 May	£3199	
04 Sep	15 Sep	£3199	
16 Oct	27 Oct	£3299	
20 Nov	01 Dec	£2999	

Maximum single supplement charge of £500.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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A NAMIBIAN ADVENTURE

14 DAYS FROM £3199

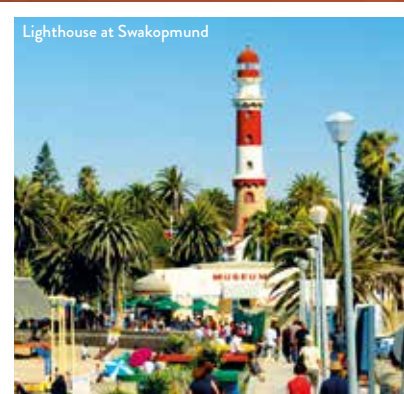
Discover Namibia's unique landscape with towering dunes, plains and mountains. Find out more about its people and meet some of the wildlife on this unmissable tour.



Dinner under the Namibian sky



Deadvlei



Lighthouse at Swakopmund





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- RETURN FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with Qatar Airways via Doha
- 11 NIGHTS**
in great quality lodges plus 2 nights in flight
- 18 MEALS**
11 breakfasts (B), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Breakfast at sunrise in the Sossusvlei dunes
- TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER**
and Specialist Local Guide
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Windhoek
- Rehoboth – home of Namibia's Baster community
- Dinner under the Namibian sky
- The red dunes of Sossusvlei and Sesriem Canyon
- Namib Naukluft Park and its stunning 'lunar landscape'
- Coastal town of Swakopmund at the start of the Skeleton Coast
- Burnt Mountain, the Organ Pipes and Twyfelfontein rock carvings
- Petrified Forest
- Game viewing in the Etosha National Park

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Sossusvlei nature drive
- Dolphin and seal cruise from Walvis Bay
- Living Desert tour
- Damara Living Museum
- Game drive at the Midgard Estate



DAY 1 UK – WINDHOEK

Today you'll depart on your flights to Windhoek, Namibia.

DAY 2 WINDHOEK

Windhoek, Namibia's capital city, is an oasis in the desert. Look out for the Christuskirche, Windhoek's best recognised landmark – a German Lutheran church constructed from local sandstone in 1907. **SAFARI COURT HOTEL, WINDHOEK**

DAY 3 WINDHOEK – SOSSUSVLEI

We head south through the mountains today, via the town of Rehoboth, which has been home to a fascinating community – the Basters – for more than 140 years.

Later, we'll head for the Namib Desert and the stunning red dunes of Sossusvlei. **(B,D)**

SOSSUSVLEI LODGE, SOSSUSVLEI

DAY 4 SOSSUSVLEI DUNES & SESRIEM CANYON

We set off early to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Sossusvlei, taking a picnic breakfast with us. Surpassing even the heights of the dunes in the Sahara, these unique star-shaped sandbanks shimmer in multiple tones of red. Board a 4x4 shuttle for a closer look, where you'll have the chance to climb these awesome dunes before stopping to watch the sunrise and enjoying breakfast in beautiful surroundings.

Continue towards the stunning, other-worldly landscape of Sesriem Canyon, which was shaped by the Tsauchab River over millions of years. **(B,D)**

SOSSUSVLEI LODGE, SOSSUSVLEI

DAY 5 SOSSUSVLEI – SWAKOPMUND

Head towards Namibia's cool, refreshing coast this morning, on a journey that will take you through the northern edges of the stunning Namib Naukluft Park. Here, you'll be able to view the incredible Welwitschia Mirabilis, a plant said to grow for 2,000 years and yet only produces two leaves in its entire lifespan. It's somewhat alien in appearance – so it's a good warm-up for the 'lunar landscape' you'll visit next on your tour – a series of eroded hills and valleys that are now a firm favourite with the film industry.

Later, we visit Swakopmund, a coastal town nestled between desert and sea, where lush green lawns, palm trees and carefully-maintained gardens are the order of the day. Spend time soaking up the atmosphere in preparation for further exploring tomorrow. **(B)**

SWAKOPMUND HOTEL, SWAKOPMUND

DAY 6 SWAKOPMUND – DAY AT LEISURE

Don't be surprised to wake up this morning to find quaint, colonial Swakopmund covered in desert fog – but this should soon melt away, revealing the town's pretty, palm tree-fringed promenade and well-preserved buildings. Enjoy a day at leisure, exploring this delightful town. Alternatively, you might like to join a morning cruise from nearby Walvis Bay, where you could see anything from flamingos and pelicans to dolphins and seals. There's also the chance to join a Living Desert tour, a unique 4x4 adventure that highlights the variety of perfectly adapted wildlife that makes its home here. **(B)**

SWAKOPMUND HOTEL, SWAKOPMUND

DAY 7 SWAKOPMUND – DAMARALAND

Today, we'll move inland towards Damaraland – home to the desert adapted rhino and elephant. This is one of Namibia's most scenic areas, with open plains, granite hills and deep gorges. Our next stop is the UNESCO-listed site of Twyfelfontein, which has one of the largest collections of rock paintings and engravings in all of Africa. **(B,D)**

TWYFELFONTEIN LODGE, DAMARALAND

DAY 8 TWYFELFONTEIN

Today is a leisurely day at Twyfelfontein, where you can marvel at the rock carvings, thought to have been created by the ancient San people to indicate good hunting grounds nearby. You'll also get the chance to visit the nearby geological phenomenon that is Burnt Mountain, a ridge of volcanic rock that really does appear burned. Nearby, the Organ Pipes are not to be missed – an impressive series of basalt rock columns gouged out by a river. There's also the chance to join an optional excursion to the Damara Living Museum. **(B,D)**

TWYFELFONTEIN LODGE, DAMARALAND

DAY 9 DAMARALAND – ETOSHA REGION

Your first stop this morning is the eerie, but unmissable, Petrified Forest, a national monument which was first discovered by two farmers in the 1940s. Featuring fossilised tree trunks estimated to be at least 200 million years old, the trees – now exposed – were once covered in sand and mud, which prevented them from decomposing.

We then head to your next base – Etosha National Park, a vast game reserve, which is home to an array of exotic animals, reptiles and birds. **(B,D)**

TOSHARI LODGE, ETOSHA

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

"In the middle of nowhere between Windhoek and Sossusvlei, there's a place called Solitaire. Here, you'll taste the best apple pie in Africa!"

Justine Marchant
Holiday Creator



DAY 10 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full day of game viewing at Etosha National Park today, and enjoy spectacular views as you visit different waterholes to observe the animals in their natural habitat. The park is home to 114 species of mammal and four of the so-called Big Five – elephants, lions, rhinoceros and the elusive leopard. **(B,D)**

TOSHARI LODGE, ETOSHA

DAY 11 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Explore Etosha further today – perhaps you'll see giraffe rising high above the dry vegetation, flamingos gathering at water-holes and the world's largest bird, the ostrich. Later in the day, we'll leave the park and arrive at our overnight lodge. **(B)**

MOKUTI LODGE, ETOSHA

DAY 12 ETOSHA – WINDHOEK

As we head back in the direction of Windhoek, there's a chance to visit the museum at Tsumeb en route, to learn about the history of the Tsumeb mine, renowned for its rare and unusual minerals. We'll then arrive at our overnight stop on the outskirts of Windhoek, where there's plenty of time to relax. **(B,D)**

MIDGARD COUNTRY ESTATE, OKANJANGA OR RIVER CROSSING LODGE, WINDHOEK

DAY 13 WINDHOEK

Spend the morning relaxing before transferring to the airport for your return flights to the UK. **(B)**

DAY 14 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS – see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW – Qatar Airways Holiday ref: LNAMIB

Flights via Doha

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
19 Jun	02 Jul	£3199	✓
18 Sep	01 Oct	£3599	✓
02 Oct	15 Oct	£3499	✓

2021 HEATHROW – Qatar Airways Holiday ref: LNAMIB

Flights via Doha

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
09 Apr	22 Apr	£3299	
07 May	20 May	£3399	✓
11 Jun	24 Jun	£3399	
09 Jul	22 Jul	£3399	
13 Aug	26 Aug	£3399	
17 Sep	30 Sep	£3499	
08 Oct	21 Oct	£3499	

Maximum single supplement charge of £1000.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £800 applies.**

KENYA: SAFARI & SAVANNAH SUNSETS

9 DAYS FROM £2649

Spot Africa's most thrilling animals, including the 'Big Five', on safari in Samburu National Reserve and the Masai Mara.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

End your thrilling safari in style as you soak up the atmosphere of the African bush with drinks and nibbles in hand.



Samburu warrior



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Kenya Airways

7 NIGHTS
in great quality lodges and luxury tented camps plus 1 night in flight

FULL BOARD
7 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Breakfast served in the Masai Mara

ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

SPECIALIST LOCAL GUIDE

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey through the Great Rift Valley
- Post-safari sundowner out in the bush
- Overnight stay in the Aberdare Highlands with a local nature trek
- Stay in tented accommodation in the Masai Mara
- Six game drives in 6-seater 4x4 safari vehicles in Samburu National Reserve and Masai Mara Game Reserve



DAY 1 UK – NAIROBI

Depart on your overnight flight to Nairobi today.

DAY 2 NAIROBI – ABERDARE HIGHLANDS

On arrival in Nairobi this morning, you'll embark on a wonderful journey through the city, out into the Great Rift Valley and on to the Aberdare Highlands. You'll check in just before lunch, and an afternoon at leisure gives you time to settle in. (L,D)

ABERDARE COUNTRY CLUB

DAY 3 ABERDARE HIGHLANDS – SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

This morning we're going to head to the Samburu district, where your lodge is situated close to Samburu National Reserve. There's time for lunch before you head off through open savanna on your first game drive.

Wildlife is drawn to the park by the Uaso Nyiro River and residents include lion, elephant, cheetah, giraffe and hippo, as well as more than 350 types of bird. There's a huge population of Nile crocodile too, and look out for rare species including the long-necked gerenuk and Grevy's zebra. Your safari ends in great style, as you enjoy drinks and nibbles out in the bush watching the sun set over this sublime landscape. (B,L,D)

ASHNIL SAMBURU CAMP

DAY 4 SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

You're up early today to head back into the reserve on a morning safari. After lunch back at the lodge, you can take it easy this afternoon. Why not watch for animals in the river from the viewing deck. Late-afternoon we head out for another game drive. (B,L,D)

ASHNIL SAMBURU CAMP

DAY 5 SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE – LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha is our next destination, where your overnight lodge is located on the banks of the lake. Its grounds are visited by many species of wildlife, including colobus monkeys, whose distinctive black and white coats make them easy to spot in the treetops.

During a free afternoon, take in the views from your lodge. (B,L,D)

LAKE NAIVASHA SOPA LODGE

DAY 6 LAKE NAIVASHA – MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

Your day starts very early, but it's going to be worth it as you journey into the Masai Mara National Reserve. This famous park is home to an enthralling array of animals including the 'Big Five' – lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo. It's also the setting each year for the great migration, when thousands of wildebeest and zebra cross the Mara River to the greener pastures of the Serengeti. You'll arrive at your accommodation in time for lunch. Settle in before your Local Guide takes you out on a thrilling game drive. (B,L,D)

ASHNIL MARA TENTED CAMP

DAY 7 MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

Sunrise is a great time to catch sight of wild animals, so we're going to head out into the reserve early today. Afterwards, a magical experience comes in the shape of breakfast served al fresco in the bush. When you get back to the lodge, the rest of the day is free, until we get together for a game drive this afternoon. (B,L,D)

ASHNIL MARA TENTED CAMP

DAY 8 MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE – NAIROBI

Today you're heading back to Nairobi, notching up more wildlife spots as you travel through the reserve. The long drive through Masai villages and shanty towns will reward you with fascinating snapshots of Kenyan daily life. Once in Nairobi, we'll have lunch before checking into our overnight hotel. (B,L,D)

EKA HOTEL NAIROBI

DAY 9 NAIROBI – UK

This morning we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

Please note: To make the most of this thrilling destination there are early starts and long distances are covered, sometimes on uneven roads. All transportation is in 4x4 safari vehicles.

Travellers on 'Kenya & Tanzania Grand Safari' will travel with you on this tour.

The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

FEATURE CAMPS



Ashnil Mara

ASHNIL SAMBURU CAMP

ASHNIL MARA TENTED CAMP

These two stunning camps offer luxury tented accommodation in exceptional surroundings. Each tent at the Ashnil Samburu Camp offers views of the Ewaso Nyiro River, while the Ashnil Mara Tented Camp is located in the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Both camps offer a great opportunity to see wildlife whilst staying in natural surroundings.

DISCOVER MORE

KENYA & TANZANIA GRAND SAFARI
16 DAYS FROM £5899

Explore the iconic Serengeti National Park and thrilling highlights of Tanzania on our 'Kenya & Tanzania Grand Safari' holiday. See pages 232-233 for details.

Make Your Own Way: If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can! **A price reduction of £600 applies.**

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

MOMBASA BEACH
5 NIGHTS FROM £329

Combine your Kenyan safari with a stay on Mombasa's beautiful coastline. Available on all dates. See page 241 for details.

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Kenya Airways Holiday ref: LKES

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
11 Feb	19 Feb	£2849	✓
02 Jun	10 Jun	£2649	✓
15 Sep	23 Sep	£3249	✓
13 Oct	21 Oct	£2949	✓
10 Nov	18 Nov	£2849	

2021 HEATHROW - Kenya Airways Holiday ref: LKES

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Jan	27 Jan	£2849	✓
22 Feb	03 Mar	£2849	✓
22 Mar	31 Mar	£2999	
31 May	09 Jun	£2649	
13 Sep	22 Sep	£3249	
11 Oct	20 Oct	£2949	
08 Nov	17 Nov	£2849	

Maximum single supplement charge of £700.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.

Flight upgrade

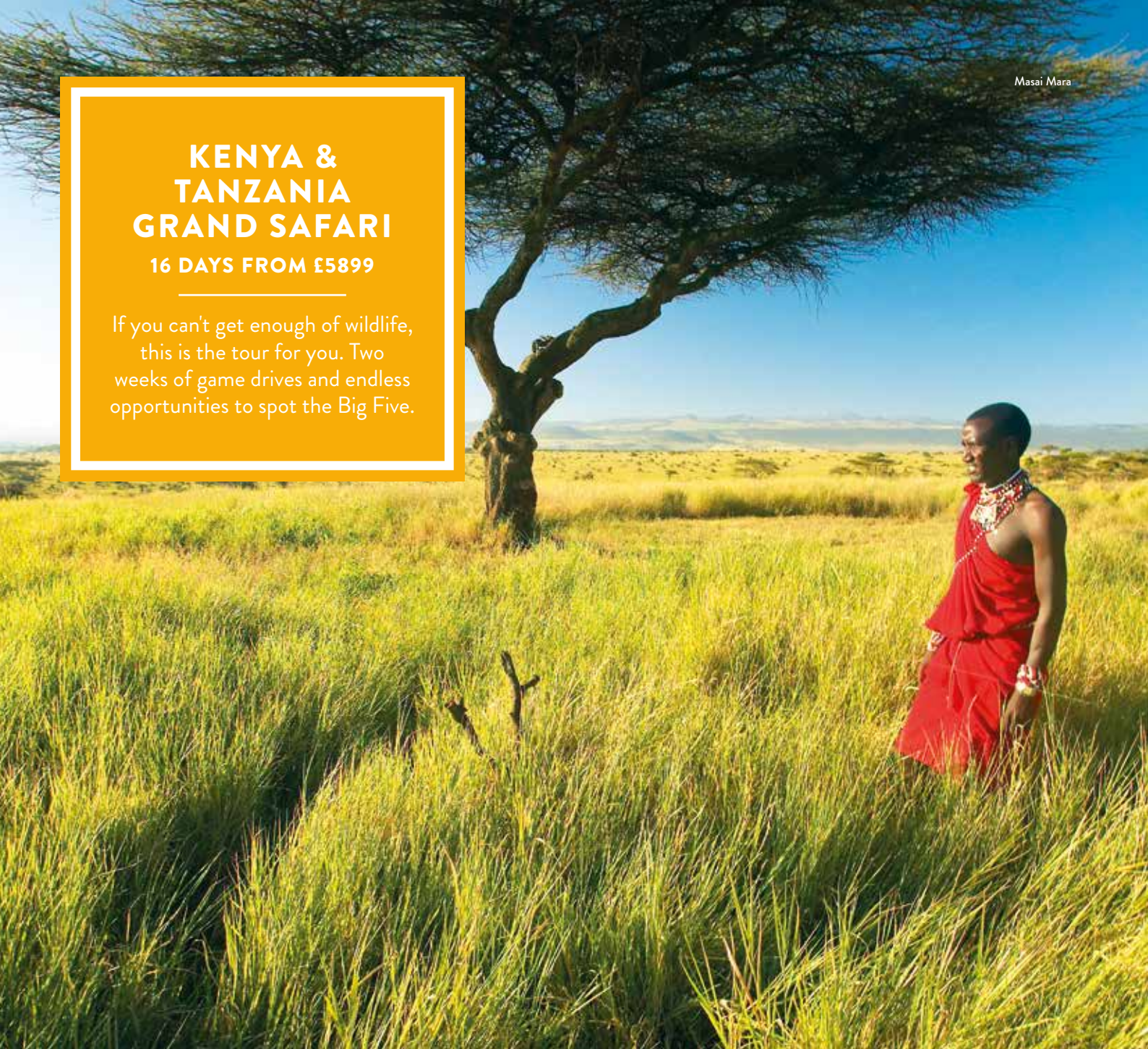
MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

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KENYA & TANZANIA GRAND SAFARI

16 DAYS FROM £5899

If you can't get enough of wildlife, this is the tour for you. Two weeks of game drives and endless opportunities to spot the Big Five.



Lake Naivasha



Ngorongoro Crater



Masai Mara Game Reserve



Sunrise, Kenya





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- RETURN FLIGHTS**
from Heathrow with Kenyan Airways (via Nairobi on return)
- 14 NIGHTS**
in great quality hotels, lodges and luxury tented camps plus 1 night in flight
- FULL BOARD**
14 breakfasts (B), 14 lunches (L), 14 dinners (D) and welcome drink
- LOCAL FLAVOURS**
Picnic lunch in the Serengeti National Park
- ALL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED**
- SPECIALIST LOCAL GUIDE**
- TRANSPORTATION**
Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey through the Great Rift Valley
- Six game drives in the Samburu and Masai Mara reserves in 4x4 vehicles
- Sundowner in Samburu National Reserve
- Eat breakfast out in the Masai Mara
- Visit a Masai village
- Game drive in Tarangire National Park
- Game drive in the world-famous Serengeti National Park
- The Great Rift Valley and Olduvai Gorge
- Game drive in the Ngorongoro Crater
- Guided walk around a coffee plantation and farm house



DAY 1 UK – NAIROBI

Depart on your overnight flight to Nairobi today.

DAY 2 NAIROBI – ABERDARE HIGHLANDS

On arrival in Nairobi, you'll embark on a wonderful journey through the city, out into the Great Rift Valley and on to your hotel in the Aberdare Highlands. (L,D) **ABERDARE COUNTRY CLUB**

DAY 3 ABERDARE HIGHLANDS – SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

This morning, head to the Samburu district, where your lodge is situated close to Samburu National Reserve. After lunch, head off on your first game drive. Wildlife is drawn to the park by the Uaso Nyiro River,

with residents including lion, elephant, cheetah, giraffe and hippo, as well as more than 350 types of bird. Your safari ends in great style, as you enjoy drinks and nibbles out in the bush watching the sun set. (B,L,D) **ASHNIL SAMBURU CAMP**

DAY 4 SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

You're up early today to head back into the reserve on a morning safari. Late-afternoon we head out for another game drive. (B,L,D) **ASHNIL SAMBURU CAMP**

DAY 5 SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE – LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha is our next destination, where your overnight lodge is located on the banks of the lake. During a free afternoon, take in the views from your lodge or join your Local Guide for a stroll. (B,L,D) **LAKE NAIVASHA SOPA LODGE**

DAY 6 LAKE NAIVASHA – MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

Your day starts very early, as you journey into the Masai Mara National Reserve. You'll arrive at the wonderful Ashnil Mara Tented Camp in time for lunch. Settle into your luxury tent before your Local Guide takes you out on a game drive. (B,L,D) **ASHNIL MARA TENTED CAMP**

DAY 7 MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

We're going to head out into the reserve early today, with an al fresco breakfast served out in the bush. The rest of the day is free, until we get together for another game drive this afternoon. (B,L,D) **ASHNIL MARA TENTED CAMP**

DAY 8 MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE – NAIROBI

Today, you're heading back to Nairobi through the reserve. The long drive through Masai villages and shanty towns will reward you with fascinating snapshots of Kenyan daily life. Once in Nairobi, we'll have lunch. (B,L,D) **EKA HOTEL NAIROBI**

DAY 9 NAIROBI – ARUSHA & LAKE DULUTI

This morning, you'll fly to Arusha in Tanzania. On arrival in Arusha, transfer to your accommodation located on the shores of Lake Duluti. (B,L,D) **LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL**

DAY 10 LAKE DULUTI – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

You're going to spend the morning travelling by road to Tarangire National Park. En route to your next lodge, the thrills begin straight away with a game drive. Look for the 'Big Five' – elephant, lion, rhino, leopard and Cape buffalo. You'll arrive at the lodge in time for lunch, and after time to relax, we're off on a late-afternoon game drive. (B,L,D) **TARANGIRE SOPA LODGE**

DAY 11 TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Serengeti National Park is famous for the annual Great Migration, when more than a million wildebeest and zebra make the hazardous journey here from the Masai Mara. A long but very rewarding drive brings you to this iconic game reserve. (B,L,D) **SERENGETI SOPA LODGE**

DAY 12 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

A fantastic day lies ahead as you head off on safari in the Serengeti, which includes a picnic lunch. (B,L,D) **SERENGETI SOPA LODGE**

DAY 13 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – NGORONGORO CRATER

Today's drive to your next lodge takes you into the Great Rift Valley. During your journey you'll also witness the steep-sided Olduvai Gorge. (B,L,D) **NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE**

DAY 14 NGORONGORO CRATER

Spend the day on safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, which is full of exceptional wildlife. (B,L,D) **NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE**

DAY 15 NGORONGORO CRATER – ARUSHA

Head back to Arusha, stopping en route at a 500-acre

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Seeing the array of wildlife at Ngorongoro Crater, 'Africa's Garden of Eden', is a truly amazing experience.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

TANZANIA SERENGETI SAFARI
9 DAYS FROM £4249

We offer a shorter tour, which takes in the iconic Serengeti National Park and Tanzania's thrilling highlights. Please call or visit our website for details. **Holiday ref: LTSS**

KENYA: SAFARI & SAVANNAH SUNSETS
9 DAYS FROM £2649

We offer a shorter tour which takes in all the highlights of Kenya from this holiday. See pages 230–231 for details.



TRAVELSPHERE
CARES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Planeterra
Foundation

When you book this holiday you are supporting the Masai Clean Cookstoves scheme.

coffee plantation. This afternoon we're going to learn a little about a Travelsphere Cares initiative – Masai Clean Cookstoves. (B,L,D)

THE ARUSHA HOTEL, ARUSHA

DAY 16 ARUSHA – UK

In the early hours of this morning we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK. (B)

Please note: To make the most of this thrilling destination there are early starts and long distances are covered, sometimes on uneven roads. All transportation is in 4x4 safari vehicles.

Travellers on our 'Tanzania Serengeti Safari' tour may join your group in Lake Duluti. Travellers on our 'Kenya: Safari & Savannah Sunsets' tour will leave your group on day 9.

The itinerary will be different for 2021. Please call or visit our website for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Kenya Airways **Holiday ref: LKTG**

Direct flights (via Nairobi on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Feb	04 Mar	FULL	✓
13 Oct	28 Oct	£5899	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Kenya Airways **Holiday ref: LKTG**

Direct flights (via Nairobi on return)

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
18 Jan	03 Feb	£5899	✓
22 Feb	10 Mar	£5899	✓
22 Mar	07 Apr	£5899	
13 Sep	29 Sep	£5899	
11 Oct	27 Oct	£5899	

Maximum single supplement charge of £1200.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.



Flight upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £600 applies.**

SOUTHERN TANZANIA SAFARI & ZANZIBAR

11 DAYS FROM £3499

Enjoy the best of both worlds as you spot exciting bird and mammal life in Tanzania, then relax on Zanzibar's idyllic white-sand beaches.



Selous Game Reserve



Nungwi



Zanzibar beach



Stone Town





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Kenya Airways via Nairobi

9 NIGHTS
in great quality lodges and hotels plus 1 night in flight

21 MEALS
8 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 9 dinners (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Enjoy a Swahili buffet under the stars

SPECIALIST LOCAL GUIDE

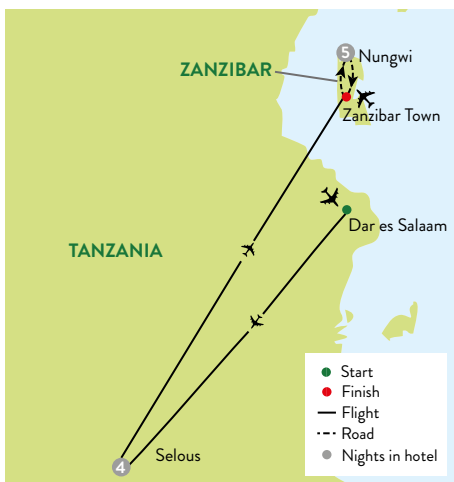
TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Early morning walking safari in Selous
- Afternoon game drive in Selous
- Indulge in a safari sundowner drink
- Full-day Selous game drive and boat safari
- Tour of a spice plantation
- Walking tour of Stone Town, Zanzibar

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Additional game drive in Selous



DAY 1 UK – DAR ES SALAAM

Depart on your overnight flights to Dar es Salaam.

DAY 2 DAR ES SALAAM – SELOUS

On arrival in Dar es Salaam there's another short flight to Selous, one of the largest and most important game reserves in Africa. You'll be met at the airstrip by your Local Guide and transferred to your lodge, where you will stay for four nights. You'll be welcomed with a drink and then introduced to your exciting surroundings.

After you've settled into your room, make your way to the restaurant for an included lunch. Then the rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish, with an afternoon lazing around the lodge's facilities. (L,D)

SABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, SELOUS

DAY 3 SELOUS

There's an early but exciting start to your day as you take a walking safari in the area around your lodge. With your Local Guide you will head through open woodland and lush forest, using hides along the way to spot wildlife.

We'll be back at the lodge for breakfast and there's time to relax before heading out mid-afternoon on your



first safari in Selous Game Reserve. At 56,000 square kilometres, it's roughly the size of Ireland and home to a rich variety of wildlife including one of Africa's largest populations of elephants. There are also some 150,000 buffalo, 40,000 hippos, 1,500 African hunting dogs, 4,000 lions and a vast population of antelope. Birds are also in abundance here, with more than 440 species recorded at the last count. As the reserve is so huge, you're unlikely to see many people during your game drive. However, you should tick many animals off your list, including the 'Big Five' – lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhino.

Back at your lodge, a wonderful evening awaits as you are invited to enjoy a traditional Swahili buffet under the stars. As you tuck into the delicious dishes, which blend African, Indian and Arabic flavours, your chef will tell you about the ingredients used. (B,L,D)

SABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, SELOUS

DAY 4 SELOUS

We're going to leave the lodge early again today, enjoying a game drive as we journey through the reserve to Lake Tagalala for a boat safari. The lake is famed for its huge numbers of resident crocodiles, and your packed breakfast should keep you going as you notch up plenty of wildlife spots. Plenty of rare birds can be seen here too, including the African skimmer and the only recorded Humblots heron on the African mainland.

We'll enjoy a game drive as we head through the reserve back to the lodge, where a late lunch will be waiting for us. (B,L,D)

SABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, SELOUS

DAY 5 SELOUS – DAY AT LEISURE

After a couple of early starts, you may choose to spend today lazing at the lodge. However, if you want to see more wildlife, you can head off on an optional full-day or half-day game drive. (B,L,D)

SABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, SELOUS

DAY 6 SELOUS – NUNGWI

We're flying to Zanzibar today, to enjoy five nights on this idyllic island lying off Tanzania's coast. Thanks to its tropical climate, all sorts of spices are grown here, earning it the name of 'Spice Island'. En route to our base in Nungwi, we'll stop at a spice plantation for a fascinating tour. (B,D)

THE ZANZIBARI HOTEL, NUNGWI (4 STAR)

DAYS 7 NUNGWI – DAY AT LEISURE

If you want to enjoy some 'me' time, you have come to the right place! Perhaps you'll soak up the sun on the white-sand beach or as you lounge around the swimming pool. Either way, gorgeous views of the azure waters of the Indian Ocean are all yours. (B,D)

THE ZANZIBARI HOTEL, NUNGWI (4 STAR)

DAY 8 NUNGWI

Today we're heading off to Stone Town, where a guided walking tour will introduce you to a place that has changed little over the last 200 years. In Zanzibar's main city, you'll discover winding alleyways, bustling bazaars, mosques, palaces and extravagant dwellings adorned with brass-studded wooden doors. Your guide will also tell you about Zanzibar's history and how it was once at the centre of the African slave trade. (B,D)

THE ZANZIBARI HOTEL, NUNGWI (4 STAR)

DAY 9 NUNGWI – DAY AT LEISURE

There's more time today to enjoy your surroundings and soak up the sun. The beautiful beach and the warm

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Selous Game Reserve is one of the best places to see endangered African hunting dogs. It's a privilege to see them in the wild.



FEATURE LODGE



SABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE

You'll stay at Sable Mountain Lodge, in the Selous Game Reserve. The lodge is made up of four stone cottages, five open-fronted tented rooms and a two-storey hilltop villa. Facilities include the 'Landrover's Return' pub, a restaurant, pool and tree house offering watering hole views.

waters of the Indian Ocean are close by, so perhaps grab a snorkel and explore underwater. (B,D)

THE ZANZIBARI HOTEL, NUNGWI (4 STAR)

DAY 10 NUNGWI – DAY AT LEISURE

Today has been left free, so where you spend the last day of your holiday is entirely up to you. Maybe head out on a cruise or a spice tour, or simply sit back and relax in the sunshine. (B,D)

THE ZANZIBARI HOTEL, NUNGWI (4 STAR)

DAY 11 ZANZIBAR – UK

Early this morning we'll transfer you to the airport for your flights back to the UK.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Kenya Airways Holiday ref: LUTZ

Flights via Nairobi

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
04 Sep	14 Sep	£3499	✓
02 Oct	12 Oct	£3499	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Kenya Airways Holiday ref: LUTZ

Flights via Nairobi

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
05 Feb	15 Feb	£3499	✓
17 Sep	27 Sep	£3499	✓
01 Oct	11 Oct	£3499	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £700.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



JORDAN'S ANCIENT WONDERS

8 DAYS FROM £1949

Discover historic and biblical sites,
explore the 'Lost City' of Petra and
soak up magical desert landscapes
as you immerse yourself in
Jordan's treasures.



Hadrian's Triumphal Arch



Wadi Rum dining



Dead Sea

Stargazing in Wadi Rum





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Royal Jordanian



7 NIGHTS

6 nights in 4-star hotels plus 1 night in a Desert Camp



13 MEALS

7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 5 dinners (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Enjoy a taste of Middle Eastern cuisines and live entertainment in Wadi Rum



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Specialist Local Guide



TRANSPORTATION

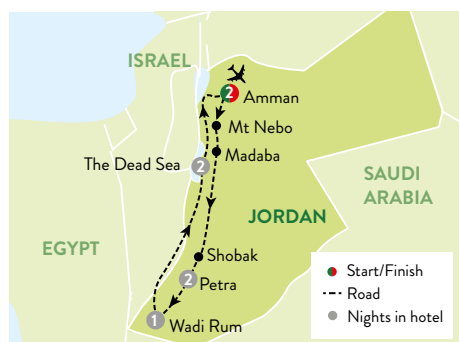
Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tours of Amman and the preserved Roman city of Jerash
- Visit Mount Nebo and Madaba, where St George's Church houses the Mosaic Map
- Discover the ancient Shobak fortress
- Walking tour of Petra
- Explore 'Little Petra'
- Wadi Rum visit
- The Dead Sea

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Petra by night
- Petra cookery class with dinner
- Stargazing in Wadi Rum
- Visit the shores of the sacred River Jordan



DAY 1 UK – AMMAN

Depart on your flight to Amman today, the capital of Jordan. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel.

LANDMARK AMMAN, AMMAN (4 STAR)

DAY 2 AMMAN

A full day of discovery begins with a morning tour of Amman. You'll see many of its treasures, including a Roman amphitheatre, the magnificent citadel which towers above downtown Amman, and the King Abdullah Mosque.

In the afternoon we're going to Jerash, one of the largest and best-preserved Roman cities in existence. Highlights here are the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, Hadrian's Triumphal Arch and a street of columns a mile long.

This evening we will head to a restaurant for dinner. (B,D) LANDMARK AMMAN, AMMAN (4 STAR)

DAY 3 AMMAN – PETRA

We're heading south today, to Petra, and on the way we'll visit many interesting sites. First stop is Mount Nebo, an elevated ridge that rises more than 700 metres above sea level and is cited in the Hebrew Bible

as the point from which Moses saw the promised land. As you stand on this revered spot, you can take in panoramic views of the Holy Land and the valley of the River Jordan.

We'll then head to Madaba to visit St George's Church, the home of the Mosaic Map. This treasure of early Christianity dates back to the 6th century and is the oldest map of Palestine that exists today.

A further highlight of our journey is the ancient fortress of Shobak. This is one of the largest and most impregnable of the chain of forts built by the Crusaders, and is an impressive example of architectural military genius. Every stronghold was built to be a day's journey from its neighbour, and at night, beacons were lit to signal to Jerusalem that each was safe.

The rose-red city of Petra is our final destination, and accommodation here is a hotel built in and around a traditional Jordanian village. If you cannot wait to see Petra, we offer the opportunity to view the Treasury lit by candles this evening. (B,D)

HYATT ZAMAN HOTEL, PETRA (4 STAR)

DAY 4 PETRA

Today's the day you will get to explore Petra on a guided walking tour. This extraordinary city carved into the sandstone is concealed beyond a long, narrow gorge – the Siq – and your Local Guide will lead you through this corridor of rock. Get ready for your first glimpse of the magnificent Treasury Building, it will not disappoint. There will be opportunity for you to explore the area at leisure before returning to the hotel.

This evening, why not join our optional excursion which offers a dinner with a difference. We'll head to a restaurant where we'll actually work alongside the chefs as they create typical Jordanian dishes, eating what we have prepared. (B)

HYATT ZAMAN HOTEL, PETRA (4 STAR)

DAY 5 PETRA – WADI RUM

Start the day with a visit to Siq al-Barid, a northern suburb of Petra known as 'Little Petra'. Here you'll see houses, temples and staircases all carved out of rock and hidden away in the centre of a mountain.

We then head to the desert of Wadi Rum, home to the nomadic Bedouin people and immortalised in the 1962 film Lawrence of Arabia. With sand dunes and sandstone rock formations of all shapes, sizes and colours, this magical landscape is sure to leave a lasting impression.

You'll stay tonight in the heart of Wadi Rum. Your hotel is in the guise of a Bedouin camp and you will stay in your own authentic Bedouin-style tent.

If you have chosen to upgrade, your 'Martian dome' comes complete with spectacular views of the star-strewn sky, which you can take in from your bed. Once you've settled in, enjoy an included dinner of traditional Middle Eastern cuisine and live entertainment that is spontaneously initiated, as it would have been hundreds of years ago, with a sound of Oud or Rabab (mini violin). After, maybe join an optional stargazing excursion in the company of an expert guide who can tell you about the formations you will see in the clear desert skies. (B,L,D)

SUN CITY WADI CAMP, WADI RUM

DAY 6 WADI RUM – DEAD SEA

Your journey continues today as you head towards another famous destination, the Dead Sea. This is the lowest spot on earth, and as you stay here for two nights in a hotel right on its shores, you'll have the chance to experience its unique waters, renowned for their buoyancy and therapeutic qualities. (B,D) HOLIDAY INN RESORT, DEAD SEA (4 STAR)

DAY 7 DEAD SEA – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today at leisure, or you might choose to join an optional excursion to the nearby River Jordan and the biblical site of the baptism of Jesus. (B,D) HOLIDAY INN RESORT, DEAD SEA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 AMMAN – UK

This morning we will transfer you to Amman for your flight back to the UK. (B)

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Staying in a Bedouin-style tent at the edge of the Wadi Rum Desert, where there is hardly any light pollution, is such an authentic experience.

FEATURE HOTELS/CAMPS



SUNCITY CAMP, WADI RUM

Located in The Wadi Rum Desert, you'll stay in a Bedouin-style tent with en suite facilities, a fan and mountain views.

ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to the very popular Martian Dome with desert views and air-conditioning from £150 per person. Available on select dates only.



HOLIDAY INN, DEAD SEA ★★★★★

Facilities include four restaurants, a bar, three swimming pools, gym, spa and private beach.

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Royal Jordanian Holiday ref: FLJODN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
23 Mar	30 Mar	£1999	✓
20 Apr	27 Apr	£1949	✓
14 Sep	21 Sep	£1999	✓
05 Oct	12 Oct	£1999	✓
02 Nov	09 Nov	£1999	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Royal Jordanian Holiday ref: FLJODN

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
22 Feb	01 Mar	£1949	
22 Mar	29 Mar	£1999	✓
19 Apr	26 Apr	£1999	✓
13 Sep	20 Sep	£1949	✓
04 Oct	11 Oct	£1949	✓
15 Nov	22 Nov	£1999	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £750.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

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Merzouga



Morocco spices

Fes tannery



Volubilis



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RETURN DIRECT FLIGHTS
from Gatwick with British Airways

9 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels

15 MEALS
9 breakfasts (B), 6 dinners (D)
and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Dinner in a traditional Moroccan riad

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER
and Specialist Local Guide

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, other transportation
and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Casablanca city tour
- Guided visit to Meknes
- Guided visit to Volubilis
- Sightseeing tour of Fes and the Medina
- Travel through Todgha Gorge and along the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs
- Sunset four-wheel drive desert excursion
- Overnight stay on the edge of the desert
- Visit a traditional Berber Herbalist
- Visit to Kasbah Taourirt
- Marrakech city tour

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Cookery class in Marrakech



DAY 1 UK – MARRAKECH

Today you'll depart on your flight to Marrakech. On arrival we'll transfer you to your hotel for an overnight stay. (D)

ADAM PARK MARRAKECH HOTEL & SPA, MARRAKECH (4 STAR)

DAY 2 MARRAKECH – CASABLANCA

After breakfast today, we depart for one of Morocco's most iconic cities – Casablanca. A sightseeing tour is included, so you'll get the chance to see the imposing Hassan II Mosque – the country's largest mosque, featuring the world's tallest minaret, at 210 metres. Stroll along the promenade in the stylish coastal suburb of Corniche Ain Diab, before taking in the Anfa and Habous districts, with their wonderful mix of French and Moroccan-inspired architecture. You'll also visit the central market, the vast United Nations Square and the art deco-inspired Mohammed V Square, before dining tonight in a restaurant. (B,D)

MOGADOR MARINA, CASABLANCA (4 STAR)

DAY 3 CASABLANCA – FES

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before departing for Fes today. En route, a guided tour of the imperial city of Meknes – once the capital of Morocco – is included. Here you'll find the splendid 18th century Bab Mansour, the towering ornamental gate to the city.

It's an impressive precursor to the sights beyond. Spend some time in the bustling souk before visiting the royal palaces and mausoleum of Sultan Moulay Ismail, whose grand plans for Meknes to be a great royal city make it such a memorable place to visit today.

Next, you'll visit the UNESCO-listed site of Volubilis, with its remarkable Roman ruins. Ancient bathhouses, mosaic flooring and towering marble pillars form a stunning backdrop as you listen to your knowledgeable Local Guide explaining what life would have been like here at this outpost of the Roman empire.

For a truly authentic experience, you'll end the evening with dinner in a local riad – a traditional Moroccan house built around an interior garden or courtyard. (B,D)

HOTEL L'ESCALE, FES (4 STAR)

DAY 4 FES

Embark on a walking tour of the Medina of Fes this morning, where more than 9,000 winding streets promise treasures around every corner. With ancient buildings dating back to the 9th century, you'll follow an expert Local Guide as you explore the winding lanes, alleys, tanneries and artisan shops that make up one of the world's largest medinas.

A highlight is the view of the famous Fès tannery from the balcony of a leather shop, where you can observe the men hard at work treating and dyeing the different hides. Take some time to shop for leather goods before returning to your hotel.

This evening, discover more of Fes at your leisure, choosing to eat in your hotel or at a nearby restaurant. (B)

HOTEL L'ESCALE, FES (4 STAR)

DAY 5 FES – ERG CHEBBI & MERZOUGA

Today, you'll travel through the forested slopes of the Middle Atlas Mountains to begin your desert adventure in the majestic Sahara. Passing through the cooler climate in the mountains means you may see a variety of sights from a ski resort to vast palm groves, before arriving at the stunning sand dunes of Erg Chebbi, in the Sahara. Along the way, keep your eyes peeled for Barbary apes – three-quarters of the species' world population lives in this area.

Continue your journey to Merzouga, which is close to the Erg Chebbi sand dunes. Tonight we will travel by four-wheeled drive to admire the sunset over the sand dunes. For some authentic desert luxury, tonight you'll be spending the night in a comfortable Kasbah-style hotel at the edge of the dunes. There may also be an opportunity to have a camel ride across the dunes! (B,D)

KASBAH TOMBOUCTOU, MERZOUGA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 MERZOUGA – SKOURA

After breakfast, travel to the heart of the Atlas Mountains and pass through the Dades Gorges and Todgha Gorge, with its deep cliff-sided canyons. It's a breathtaking sight, with the walls of the canyon reaching up to 400 metres high.

Follow in the footsteps of the sultans as you travel the famous Route of A Thousand Kasbahs, where the ancient ruined fortresses almost resemble sandcastles in the distance. This evening, you can settle down to enjoy panoramic views from your hotel, set on a hilltop overlooking Skoura palm grove. (B,D)

CHEZ TALOUT, SKOURA (4 STAR)

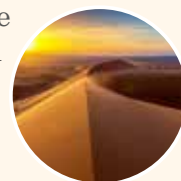
DAY 7 SKOURA – OUARZAZATE & MARRAKECH

Today, we depart for Marrakech, first stopping at the former Foreign Legion outpost of Ouarzazate, often known as 'Ouallywood' because of its starring role as the exotic backdrop in so many well-known movies. Here, you can visit Taourirt Kasbah, an ancient citadel with almost 300 rooms, and perhaps you'll opt to visit a traditional Berber herbalist to find out more about one of Africa's oldest cultures.

There's also the chance to visit the Ait Benhaddou Kasbah, the most spectacular fortress in the south of Morocco. Used as a backdrop in films such as 'Lawrence of Arabia' and classified by UNESCO as one of the cultural treasures of the world, the buildings making up the kasbah are studded with crenulated towers and decorated with ornate geometrical motifs.

FAVOURITE MOMENT

You'll gasp as you view the sand dunes at Erg Chebbi for the first time and watch the sun set over the desert.



As we journey towards Marrakech, we'll follow the winding roads up to the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, the highest mountain pass in Morocco, at 2,260 metres. (B,D)

ADAM PARK MARRAKECH & SPA, MARRAKECH (4 STAR)

DAY 8 MARRAKECH

After breakfast at your Marrakech hotel, join us on a full-day city tour of this spectacular and fascinating city. Dubbed the 'Pearl of the South', Marrakech sits in a lush oasis nestled at the foot of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. Today, you'll visit the famous Bahia Palace, capturing the essence of the Islamic Moroccan architectural style. You'll also visit the beautiful Menara Gardens – botanical gardens first established in the 12th century, with a distinctive green-roofed pavilion and artificial lake surrounded by orchards and olive groves.

There's also a chance to marvel at the Koutoubia Mosque building, the largest mosque in Marrakech, with its 77-metre minaret, before sightseeing in the souks. Take in the bustling Jemaa El Fna Square, with its dazzling array of orange juice stalls, traditional traders and street entertainers. (B)

ADAM PARK MARRAKECH & SPA, MARRAKECH (4 STAR)

DAY 9 MARRAKECH – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure today – perhaps you'll wander Marrakech's famous souks, or simply relax by the pool at your hotel. Alternatively, you might like to join our optional cookery class, learning the aromatic delights of Moroccan cooking. (B)

ADAM PARK MARRAKECH & SPA, MARRAKECH (4 STAR)

DAY 10 MARRAKECH – UK

Today we will transfer you to the airport for your return flight back to the UK. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 GATWICK - British Airways Holiday ref: FMMORJ

Direct flights

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
13 Feb	22 Feb	£1449	✓
05 Mar	14 Mar	£1499	✓
10 Sep	19 Sep	£1599	✓
08 Oct	17 Oct	£1699	✓
05 Nov	14 Nov	£1599	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £450.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262–263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14–15 for details.

Fly from an airport near you

Flight upgrade

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+ ADD-ON



VICTORIA FALLS

4 NIGHTS FROM £1299

DAY 16 JOHANNESBURG

Your tour to South Africa will end today and you will stay overnight in Johannesburg.

DAY 17 LIVINGSTONE

Depart on your morning flight to Livingstone in Zambia, where you'll stay for three nights. This evening you'll board the African Queen for a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. Enjoy sundowners and snacks while you look out for elephants and giraffes drinking from the banks.

DAY 18 LIVINGSTONE

This morning, enjoy a guided tour to witness the might of Victoria Falls – don't forget your waterproof poncho! This afternoon, you are free to take advantage of the many optional excursions available. The Livingstone Museum houses memorabilia of the famous explorer and highlights the culture and history of Zambia and the region. For the more adventurous, perhaps try a helicopter or microlight flight over the falls.

DAY 19 LIVINGSTONE – DAY AT LEISURE

Today you're free to relax or enjoy another optional excursion. Take advantage of the full-day trip available to Chobe National Park in Botswana.

The park is one of the greatest game reserves in southern Africa and is famous for the number of elephants that live there. Enjoy a morning game-viewing cruise on the Chobe River with tea, coffee, drinks and snacks being served on board. After disembarking, lunch is then taken at the Chobe Safari Lodge, which overlooks the Chobe River and the plains beyond. In the afternoon, open safari vehicles are used for a game drive into the park.

DAY 20 LIVINGSTONE – UK

Depart for the UK via Johannesburg today, arriving on day 21.

Single supplement from £500.

You will need a Zambia visa from US\$50 payable on arrival – see page 256.



YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Avani Victoria Falls Resort. Located within Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, this hotel offers easy access to Victoria Falls and wild animals can often be seen grazing on the lawns. Facilities include two restaurants, a bar, swimming pool and spa. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.





SPECIAL DEPARTURE

WHALE-WATCHING

18 DAYS FROM £3899
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On this special departure you will stay an extra night during your tour in Hermanus. This is known as one of the best places in the world for land-based whale-watching at this time of year, as Southern Right Whales stay in the bay close to the shore and can be seen from the network of cliff paths. A boat trip is also included, although this depends on weather conditions.

Please note: Whale sightings, although commonplace, cannot be guaranteed.

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- Return flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

DEPARTURE INCLUDES:

- 15 nights' accommodation with breakfast, 2 lunches and 7 dinners, plus 2 nights in flight
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager

Holiday ref: LUSAW

Single room supplement from £600.



Available on Ultimate South Africa (page 224)

+ ADD-ON



MOMBASA BEACH

5 NIGHTS FROM £329

Extend your Kenyan safari holiday with a five-night stay on a half-board basis at a beach resort on the Indian Ocean coast of Mombasa. Famous for its tranquil sand beaches, warm water and diving conditions, it is the perfect place to relax. On day 8 of Kenya: Safari and Savannah Sunsets, you will fly from Nairobi to Mombasa.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 5 nights' accommodation on a half-board basis

Please note: A Local Representative will be available to provide any assistance you may require on your extension.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 3-star Travellers Beach Hotel. Guest rooms feature a TV and air-conditioning. Upgrade to all-inclusive from £45 per person, or choose a hotel upgrade to the 4-star SAROVA Whitesands on a half board basis from £125 per person.

Single room supplement from £120.

Available after Kenya: Safari & Savannah Sunsets (page 230)

> STAY LONGER



SCOTTBURGH BEACH

5 NIGHTS FROM £529

Why not extend your holiday with a further five nights on an all-inclusive basis at the Blue Marlin Hotel. Spend your time relaxing on the sandy beach or soaking up the sun on a lounge by the pool. If you are feeling more active, there are optional activities to explore the area further, available from the hotel.

YOUR EXTENSION INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, transfers, other transportation and portage
- 5 nights' accommodation on an all-inclusive basis

Please note: A Local Representative will be available to provide any assistance you may require on your extension.

YOUR HOTEL

Your hotel is set in sub-tropical gardens and located close to Scottburgh Beach. Facilities include a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, spa and games room. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Single room supplement from £130.

Available after A South African Adventure (page 226)



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Highlights of Australia – see page 244

DIVERSE LANDSCAPES

Discover the stunning white sands of Kangaroo Island and the rock formations at Flinders Chase National Park.

The Wonders of Australia – see page 246

MAORI TRADITIONS

Immerse yourself in local culture with a Maori concert and Hangi feast.

Discover New Zealand
– see page 248

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUSTRALIA

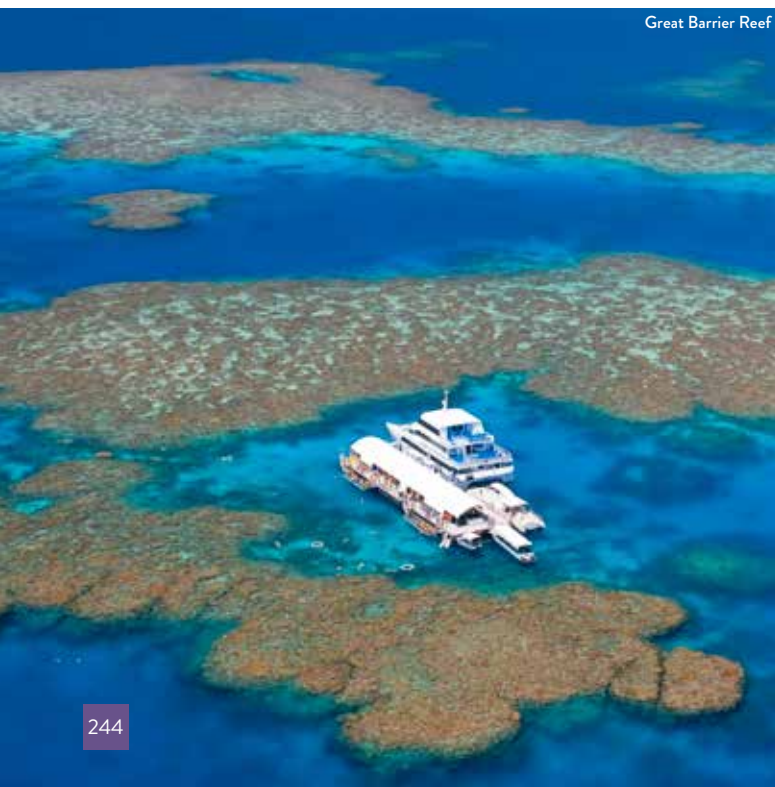
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Australian wildlife

Great Barrier Reef



FAVOURITE MOMENT

Enjoy an authentic
bush barbecue in the
Australian Outback -
gather around
the camp-fire and
experience unrivalled
views of the night sky.



Sydney



Uluru (Ayers Rock)



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Qantas via Singapore

19 NIGHTS
in 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight

9 MEALS
7 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L),
1 dinner (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Experience an Aussie bush barbecue

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Melbourne
- Sydney's iconic sights
- Visit Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset and enjoy a cocktail, then visit again at sunrise
- See the Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- Tour of Alice Springs
- Kakadu National Park
- See Aboriginal paintings at Nourlangie Rock
- Cruise the Katherine Gorge
- Great Barrier Reef catamaran cruise
- Discover Brisbane

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Phillip Island's 'penguin parade'
- Tallship twilight cruise and dinner around Sydney Harbour
- Sydney Harbour cruise
- Tour of Sydney Opera House
- Sydney Harbour Bridge climb
- Helicopter flight over Sydney Harbour
- Blue Mountains and Scenic World
- Field of Light, Uluru
- Western MacDonnell Mountain Ranges
- Kuranda Railway ride
- Daintree Tropical Rainforest
- North Stradbroke Island

**DAY 1 UK – MELBOURNE**

Today you'll depart on your flight to Melbourne.

DAYS 2 & 3 MELBOURNE

On early arrival on day 3, we'll transfer you to your hotel. Head off on a sightseeing tour this afternoon.

RENDEZVOUS HOTEL MELBOURNE (4 STAR)

DAY 4 MELBOURNE – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend the day at leisure, or join an optional excursion to Phillip Island to watch the remarkable penguin parade.

RENDEZVOUS HOTEL MELBOURNE (4 STAR)

DAY 5 MELBOURNE – SYDNEY

This morning we'll fly to Sydney, where you can tick off highlights on an afternoon's tour. For an unforgettable experience, you can join an optional dinner cruise.

TRAVELODGE HOTEL SYDNEY WYNYARD (4 STAR)

DAY 6 SYDNEY – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend a day at leisure, or alternatively, you could choose to discover Sydney Harbour from the water on an hour-long optional harbour cruise.

TRAVELODGE HOTEL SYDNEY WYNYARD (4 STAR)

DAY 7 SYDNEY – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a further day at leisure, or you can join us on a thrilling optional excursion through the Blue Mountains, past the Three Sisters rock formation.

TRAVELODGE HOTEL SYDNEY WYNYARD (4 STAR)

DAY 8 SYDNEY – ULURU

You'll fly to Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, this morning via Alice Springs. Enjoy a sunset visit this evening which includes a cocktail.

DESERT GARDENS HOTEL, AYERS ROCK (4 STAR)

DAY 9 ULURU – ALICE SPRINGS

You've an early start today as you visit Uluru at sunrise. You can also tour the base of the rock and view Aboriginal rock paintings in the caves here. After this, we'll head to the mysterious Kata Tjuta - 36 domed rock formations also known as the Olgas.

We then continue by road to Alice Springs, where you'll enjoy an authentic bush barbecue in the Australian Outback this evening. (B,D)

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALICE SPRINGS (4 STAR)

DAY 10 ALICE SPRINGS – DAY AT LEISURE

Explore at leisure or join an optional excursion to the Western MacDonnell Mountain Ranges. (B)

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALICE SPRINGS (4 STAR)

DAY 11 ALICE SPRINGS – DARWIN

This morning, a tour introduces you to the Flying Doctor Base and the old Telegraph Station, the original site of the first European settlement in central Australia, which is now a museum. You will also visit the School of the Air. Later you'll fly to Darwin. (B)

TRAVELODGE RESORT DARWIN (4 STAR)

DAY 12 DARWIN – KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Visit Kakadu National Park and discover lush rainforest, scenic rivers and a diverse range of wildlife. Walk up Ubirr Rock, where you'll see outstanding examples of rock art. (B)

MERCURE KAKADU CROCODILE HOTEL (4 STAR)

DAY 13 KAKADU NATIONAL PARK – KATHERINE

A journey by road this morning takes us to Katherine via the stunning Nourlangie Rock. Next, head off on a thrilling cruise on the famous Yellow Water Lagoon. (B)

IBIS STYLES KATHERINE (4 STAR)

DAY 14 KATHERINE – DARWIN

Today's highlight is a cruise through the Katherine Gorge to see ancient rocks and caves decorated with Aboriginal paintings. (B)

TRAVELODGE RESORT DARWIN (4 STAR)

DAY 15 DARWIN – PORT DOUGLAS

This morning we're heading to Cairns, then onward to Port Douglas, your gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. (B)

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 16 GREAT BARRIER REEF

Today, explore the outer Great Barrier Reef by catamaran. You can also go snorkelling in this amazing underwater world - all the equipment and guidance you need is provided, as well as lunch. (L)

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 17 PORT DOUGLAS – DAY AT LEISURE

All you have to do now is relax and soak up the sun in Port Douglas. However, if you want to see more, a ride on the Kuranda Railway is an option today.

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 18 PORT DOUGLAS – DAY AT LEISURE

You can spend today doing just as you wish, or come with us on an optional trip to Daintree Rainforest.

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 19 PORT DOUGLAS – BRISBANE

You'll fly from Cairns to the modern, bustling metropolis of Brisbane today. There is no shortage of things to see and do here including a vast array of restaurants, cafés and shops to explore.

ADINA APARTMENT HOTEL BRISBANE (4 STAR)

DAY 20 BRISBANE – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend a day at leisure or join an optional excursion to North Stradbroke Island, the world's second largest sand island at about 38km long and 11km wide.

ADINA APARTMENT HOTEL BRISBANE (4 STAR)

DAY 21 BRISBANE – UK

We will transfer you to the airport today for your return flights to the UK.

DAY 22 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: Travellers from 'The Wonders of Australia' will join you in Melbourne.

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Start your holiday with a visit to Singapore. Available on all dates. See page 251 for details.

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Extend your holiday with a stay in Bangkok. Available on all dates. See page 251 for details.

> STAY LONGER

TAILOR MADE EXTENSION

Extend your holiday and spend more time in Australia or New Zealand after your tour. Please call a Holiday Advisor for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Qantas **Holiday ref: LAHOA**

Flights via Singapore

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
15 Feb*	07 Mar	£5449	✓
14 Mar	04 Apr	£5549	✓
26 Sep*	17 Oct	£5749	✓
24 Oct*	14 Nov	£5649	✓
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2021 HEATHROW - Qantas **Holiday ref: LAHOA**

Flights via Singapore

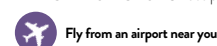
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13 Feb*	06 Mar	£5449	✓
13 Mar	03 Apr	£5549	✓
25 Sep*	16 Oct	£5749	✓
23 Oct*	13 Nov	£5649	✓
20 Nov	11 Dec	£5549	✓

* Discover New Zealand add-on available on these dates.

Maximum single supplement charge of £1300.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



THE WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA

30 DAYS FROM £6549

This epic tour will introduce you to Australia's iconic cities, most famous landmarks and diverse natural wonders.



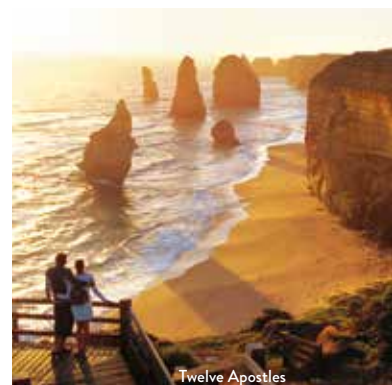
Uluru (Ayers Rock)



Katherine Gorge, Nitmiluk National Park

FAVOURITE MOMENT

Visit world-famous Ayers Rock at sunrise and sunset, and experience awe-inspiring views as the changing light plays with the landscape.



Twelve Apostles



Sydney



YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

RETURN FLIGHTS
from Heathrow with Qantas via Singapore

27 NIGHTS
in 3 and 4-star hotels plus 2 nights in flight

13 MEALS
9 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L),
1 dinner (D) and welcome drink

LOCAL FLAVOURS
Authentic Aussie bush barbecue

TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

TRANSPORTATION
Overseas transfers, internal flights,
other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Perth
- Discover Adelaide
- Visit Kangaroo Island
- Journey along the Great Ocean Road
- Discover Melbourne
- Sydney's iconic sights
- Visit Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset and enjoy a cocktail, then visit again at sunrise
- See the Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- Tour of Alice Springs
- Kakadu National Park
- See Aboriginal paintings at Nourlangie Rock
- Cruise the Katherine Gorge
- Great Barrier Reef catamaran cruise
- Discover Brisbane

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Fremantle and Swan River cruise
- Rottnest Island
- Phillip Island's 'penguin parade'
- Tallship twilight cruise and dinner around Sydney Harbour
- Sydney Harbour cruise
- Tour of Sydney Opera House
- Sydney Harbour Bridge climb
- Helicopter flight over Sydney Harbour
- Blue Mountains and Scenic World
- Field of Light, Uluru
- Western MacDonnell Mountain Ranges
- Kuranda Railway ride
- Daintree Tropical Rainforest
- North Stradbroke Island



DAY 1 UK — PERTH

Today you'll depart on your flight to Perth.

DAYS 2 & 3 PERTH

After arriving in Perth in the early hours of day 3, enjoy

a half-day tour of this exciting, cosmopolitan city. We also offer an optional excursion to Fremantle, which you'll reach via a cruise on the Swan River.

TRAVELODGE PERTH (4 STAR)

DAY 4 PERTH — DAY AT LEISURE

Why not join an optional excursion to Rottnest Island.

TRAVELODGE PERTH (4 STAR)

DAY 5 PERTH — DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring at your own pace.

TRAVELODGE PERTH (4 STAR)

DAY 6 PERTH — ADELAIDE

We'll fly to Adelaide and take a tour of the city.

MAJESTIC ROOF GARDEN HOTEL, ADELAIDE (4 STAR)

DAY 7 ADELAIDE — KANGAROO ISLAND

Today we travel by ferry to Kangaroo Island. (B,L)

AURORA OZONE HOTEL, KANGAROO ISLAND (4 STAR)

DAY 8 KANGAROO ISLAND — ADELAIDE

Spend another day discovering Kangaroo Island. (B,L)

MAJESTIC ROOF GARDEN HOTEL, ADELAIDE (4 STAR)

DAY 9 ADELAIDE — WARRNAMBOOL

Travel along the Great Ocean Road to Warrnambool.

MID CITY MOTEL WARRNAMBOOL (3 STAR)

DAY 10 WARRNAMBOOL — MELBOURNE

En route to Melbourne, you'll see more of the Great Ocean Road.

RENDEZVOUS HOTEL MELBOURNE (4 STAR)

DAY 11 MELBOURNE

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Melbourne.

RENDEZVOUS HOTEL MELBOURNE (4 STAR)

DAY 12 MELBOURNE — DAY AT LEISURE

Explore Melbourne at leisure, or join an optional visit to Phillip Island to see the remarkable penguin parade.

RENDEZVOUS HOTEL MELBOURNE (4 STAR)

DAY 13 MELBOURNE — SYDNEY

Fly to Sydney and enjoy a sightseeing tour.

TRAVELODGE HOTEL SYDNEY WYNARD (4 STAR)

DAY 14 SYDNEY — DAY AT LEISURE

Maybe enjoy an optional cruise around Sydney Harbour or an optional helicopter flight over the city.

TRAVELODGE HOTEL SYDNEY WYNARD (4 STAR)

DAY 15 SYDNEY — DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure, or opt to take a trip through the Blue Mountains to Scenic World.

TRAVELODGE HOTEL SYDNEY WYNARD (4 STAR)

DAY 16 SYDNEY — ULURU

You'll fly to Uluru via Alice Springs this morning. Your visit to Uluru at sunset includes a cocktail.

DESERT GARDENS HOTEL, ULURU (4 STAR)

DAY 17 ULURU — ALICE SPRINGS

Your day begins with a visit to Uluru at sunrise. Afterwards, you'll drive to Alice Springs, where you'll enjoy an authentic bush barbecue this evening. (B,D)

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALICE SPRINGS (4 STAR)

DAY 18 ALICE SPRINGS — DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure or join an optional excursion to the MacDonnell Mountain Range. (B)

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL ALICE SPRINGS (4 STAR)

DAY 19 ALICE SPRINGS — DARWIN

See the Flying Doctor Base and the old Telegraph Station on a tour. Later you'll fly to Darwin. (B)

TRAVELODGE RESORT DARWIN (4 STAR)

DAY 20 DARWIN — KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Visit Kakadu National Park and walk up Ubirr Rock. (B)

MERCURE KAKADU CROCODILE HOTEL (4 STAR)

DAY 21 KAKADU NATIONAL PARK — KATHERINE

We'll drive to Katherine via the Nourlangie Rock and take a cruise on Yellow Water Lagoon. (B)

IBIS STYLES KATHERINE (4 STAR)

DAY 22 KATHERINE — DARWIN

Enjoy a cruise through the Katherine Gorge. (B)

TRAVELODGE RESORT DARWIN (4 STAR)

DAY 23 DARWIN — PORT DOUGLAS

Today you'll head to Port Douglas. (B)

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 24 GREAT BARRIER REEF

Enjoy a catamaran trip on the Great Barrier Reef. (L)

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 25 PORT DOUGLAS — DAY AT LEISURE

An option today is a ride on the Kuranda Railway.

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 26 PORT DOUGLAS — DAY AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure or join an optional trip to Daintree Rainforest.

OAKS RESORT PORT DOUGLAS (4 STAR)

DAY 27 PORT DOUGLAS — BRISBANE

You'll fly from Cairns to Brisbane today.

ADINA APARTMENT HOTEL BRISBANE (4 STAR)

DAY 28 BRISBANE — DAY AT LEISURE

Spend a day at leisure or join an optional excursion to North Stradbroke Island.

ADINA APARTMENT HOTEL BRISBANE (4 STAR)

DAY 29 BRISBANE — UK

We will transfer you to the airport today for your return flights to the UK.

DAY 30 UK

You'll arrive back in the UK today.

Please note: Travellers from 'Highlights of Australia' will join you in Melbourne.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

**DISCOVER
NEW ZEALAND
18 NIGHTS
FROM £3549**



After your holiday, join our Discover New Zealand tour on day 3 of the itinerary. Available on dates marked with *. See page 250 for details.

+ ADD-ON

SINGAPORE 3 NIGHTS FROM £499

Start your holiday with a visit to Singapore. Available on all dates. See page 251 for details.

+ ADD-ON

BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £499

Extend your holiday with a stay in Bangkok. Available on all dates. See page 251 for details.

> STAY LONGER

TAILOR MADE EXTENSION

Extend your holiday and spend more time in Australia or New Zealand after your tour. Please call a Holiday Advisor for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Qantas Holiday ref: LAWA

Flights via Singapore

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
07 Feb*	07 Mar	£6849	✓
06 Mar	04 Apr	£6549	✓
18 Sep*	17 Oct	£6849	✓
16 Oct*	14 Nov	£6849	✓
13 Nov	12 Dec	£6749	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Qantas Holiday ref: LAWA

Flights via Singapore

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
15 Jan*	13 Feb	£6699	✓
05 Feb*	06 Mar	£6849	✓
05 Mar	03 Apr	£6849	✓
17 Sep*	16 Oct	£6849	✓
15 Oct*	13 Nov	£6849	✓
12 Nov	11 Dec	£6749	✓

* Discover New Zealand add-on available on these dates.

Fly direct to Perth for a supplement from £159 per person

Maximum single supplement charge of £1700.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES See pages 14-15 for details.



DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND

22 DAYS FROM £5399

This once-in-a-lifetime holiday to New Zealand features the best of both the North and South Islands.



Te Puia Thermal Reserve



FAVOURITE MOMENT

Silently glide through the starry wonderland of the Glow Worm Cave and marvel at this galaxy of living lights.

TranzAlpine train



Milford Sound





YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES



RETURN FLIGHTS

from Heathrow with Singapore Airlines via Singapore



18 NIGHTS

in 3 to 4-star hotels plus 3 nights in flight



20 MEALS

18 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 1 dinner (D) and welcome drink



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Traditional Tamaki Hangi feast



SCENIC TRAIN

Journey on the TransAlpine train



TRAVELSPHERE TOUR MANAGER

and Driver Guide



TRANSPORTATION

Overseas transfers, other transportation and portage

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Auckland
- Visit the Treaty House of Waitangi
- Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Lake Taupo
- New Zealand's capital Wellington
- Beautiful Milford Sound including lunch
- Glow Worm Caves
- See the Moeraki Beach Boulders

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Cape Reinga
- Look out for dolphins from Cape Brett
- Float-plane/helicopter ride to Mount Tarawera
- Hobbiton movie set or Rainbow Springs Nature Park
- Scenic helicopter flight over a glacier
- Kaurau Jet Boat ride
- Dart River excursion
- Steamboat cruise on Lake Wakatipu
- Visit the Royal Albatross Colony
- Mount Cook scenic flight

Optional experiences: Some of the above can only be booked when you arrive in New Zealand.



DAY 1 UK – AUCKLAND

Today you'll fly to New Zealand.

DAYS 2 & 3 AUCKLAND

On arrival in Auckland on day 3, we'll transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day has been left free for you to relax after the long flight.

CROWNE PLAZA AUCKLAND (4 STAR)

DAY 4 AUCKLAND

Enjoy a tour of Auckland, on the North Island. (B)

CROWNE PLAZA AUCKLAND (4 STAR)

DAY 5 AUCKLAND – PAIHIA

Travelling up the Hibiscus Coast, you'll visit the historic Treaty House of Waitangi as we head to Paihia. (B)

KINGSGATE HOTEL PAIHIA (4 STAR)

DAY 6 PAIHIA – DAY AT LEISURE

Spend the day exploring further independently, or join an optional experience to Cape Reinga. You'll travel along Ninety Mile Beach, negotiate the Te Paki Quick Sand Stream, visit a lighthouse and enjoy views of the Pacific meeting the Tasman Sea. (B)

KINGSGATE HOTEL PAIHIA (4 STAR)

DAY 7 PAIHIA – DAY AT LEISURE

On an optional excursion today, you can cruise to Cape Brett to look for dolphins. (B)

KINGSGATE HOTEL PAIHIA (4 STAR)

DAY 8 PAIHIA – ROTORUA

The North Island was shaped by volcanic activity, and evidence of this remains in the thermal springs surrounding Rotorua. Your journey here takes you through the Waikato farming region, home of the Maori kingdom. (B)

SUDIMA HOTEL LAKE ROTORUA (3 STAR)

DAY 9 ROTORUA

Today's tour takes you to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. You can also opt to join a tour of Hobbiton, the location created for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films. Tonight you'll experience a Maori concert and ceremonial rituals and sample a Hangi, a meal cooked by steam underground. (B,D)

SUDIMA HOTEL LAKE ROTORUA (3 STAR)

DAY 10 ROTORUA – WELLINGTON

Admire the Huka Falls as we travel through the Wairakei Valley to Lake Taupo and Wellington.

On arrival, a tour will help you to get your bearings. (B)

PARK HOTEL LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON (4 STAR)

DAY 11 WELLINGTON

Discover Wellington on foot and take a trip on the famous Wellington Funicular on your tour. (B)

PARK HOTEL LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON (4 STAR)

DAY 12 WELLINGTON – CHRISTCHURCH

Today we're going to cross the Cook Strait to the South Island, where we stay in Christchurch. (B)

QUALITY HOTEL ELMS, CHRISTCHURCH (3.5 STAR)

DAY 13 TRANZALPINE TRAIN

You've a spectacular journey ahead as you board the TransAlpine train and head into the Southern Alps. Continue to the Franz Josef and Fox Glacier regions, where you can take an optional helicopter flight. (B)

SCENIC HOTEL FRANZ JOSEPH GLACIER (4 STAR)

DAY 14 FOX GLACIER – QUEENSTOWN

The road through the Westland National Park has to be one of the most scenic ever built, and you'll journey on this today to Queenstown. (B)

HOLIDAY INN QUEENSTOWN FRANKTON ROAD (4 STAR)

DAY 15 QUEENSTOWN – DAY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

HOLIDAY INN QUEENSTOWN FRANKTON ROAD (4 STAR)

DAY 16 MILFORD SOUND

Today is the day you visit one of the most beautiful locations in New Zealand – Milford Sound. Weather permitting, we'll take a boat trip on the fjord. (B,L)

DISTINCTION LUXMORE HOTEL LAKE TE ANAU (4 STAR)

DAY 17 TE ANAU – DUNEDIN

With their eerie light, the Glow Worm Caves are an

amazing sight, and you'll see them today before we head to Dunedin. (B)

THE VICTORIA HOTEL, DUNEDIN (3 STAR)

DAY 18 DUNEDIN – DAY AT LEISURE

Set your own pace today, or join an optional trip to the Royal Albatross Colony on the Otago Peninsula. (B)

THE VICTORIA HOTEL, DUNEDIN (3 STAR)

DAY 19 DUNEDIN – OMARAMA

On the way to Omarama, we'll make a stop at the Moeraki beach boulders, spherical rocks shrouded in myth and legend. Our route then follows the Waitiki River inland. (B)

HERITAGE GATEWAY HOTEL, OMARAMA (3 STAR)

DAY 20 OMARAMA – CHRISTCHURCH

We're bound for the Mount Cook region this morning. En route we stop at Lake Tekapo, before heading over Burkes Pass and continuing across the Canterbury plains. Mount Cook is the highest peak in New Zealand at 12,000ft, and if weather conditions are favourable you might be tempted to view it on an optional flight. (B)

QUALITY HOTEL ELMS, CHRISTCHURCH (3.5 STAR)

DAY 21 CHRISTCHURCH – UK

We'll transfer you to the airport for your flights home. (B)

DAY 22 UK

You'll arrive in the UK today.

Please note: Some travellers on this tour may be joining after having travelled on one of our Australia tours.

TAILOR YOUR TRIP

+ ADD-ON

COOK ISLANDS 4 NIGHTS FROM £799

Make a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Cook Islands which are located in the South Pacific, halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii. Available on all dates. See page 250 for details.

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

> STAY LONGER

TAILOR MADE EXTENSION

Extend your holiday and spend more time in Australia or New Zealand after your tour. Please call a Holiday Advisor for details.

✓ DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

BOOK EARLY FOR BEST SAVINGS - see page 7 for details

2020 HEATHROW - Singapore Airlines Holiday ref: LNZ

Flights via Singapore

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
12 Feb	04 Mar	£5749	✓
04 Mar	25 Mar	£5399	✓
14 Oct	04 Nov	£5399	✓
11 Nov	02 Dec	£5399	✓

2021 HEATHROW - Singapore Airlines Holiday ref: LNZ

Flights via Singapore

START	RETURN	FROM PRICE	GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
10 Feb	03 Mar	£5749	✓
03 Mar	24 Mar	£5399	✓
13 Oct	03 Nov	£5399	✓
10 Nov	01 Dec	£5399	✓

Maximum single supplement charge of £1400.

For information on transfers to/from your accommodation, please see pages 262-263.

FLIGHT CHOICES

See pages 14-15 for details.



Fly from an airport near you



Flight upgrade

✈ MAKE YOUR OWN WAY

If you prefer to book your own flights and transfers and meet us overseas, then you can. Your itinerary may differ slightly, please ask for details. See page 255. **A price reduction of £980 applies.**

+ ADD-ON



DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND

18 NIGHTS FROM £3549

After your holiday to Australia why not join our Discover New Zealand tour.

Beginning on North Island, you'll explore the city of Auckland before heading to Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands. The geothermal landscapes of Rotorua and the capital city of Wellington also feature before you journey across the Cook Strait to South Island, where a host of natural wonders await. Discover spectacular sights including Fox Glaciers, Milford Sound and the highest peak in New Zealand, Mount Cook.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage
- 18 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis, plus 1 lunch and 1 dinner in 3 to 4-star hotels
- The services of a Travelsphere Tour Manager and Driver Guide

Please note: Our Make Your Own Way option does not apply if you book this add-on.

For full itinerary and details of all included and optional experiences, see pages 248-249.

Single room supplement from £1700.



Available after **Highlights of Australia** (page 244) and **The Wonders of Australia** (page 246)

+ ADD-ON



COOK ISLANDS, SOUTH PACIFIC

4 NIGHTS FROM £799

If you've ever dreamed about escaping to a desert island far from the hustle and bustle of the modern world, you need look no further than the Cook Islands. This tropical paradise, halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii in the South Pacific, is blessed with a year-round idyllic climate and the most spectacular scenery.

You'll stay in Rarotonga, whose beauty is matched by the friendliness of the local people, and where

thousands of years of Polynesian culture are brought to life through traditional arts and crafts. The whole island sways to the rhythm of drumbeats played on hollowed-out tree trunks, and dancing is an integral part of daily life.

Get out and about to explore native forests, which ring to the sound of exotic birdsong, or spend your days lazing on the white-sand beaches or snorkelling amongst the colourful coral reef.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers, other transportation and portage
- 4 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis
- The services of a Local Representative

Optional excursions available: Aitutaki day tour, Rarotonga lagoon cruise, Te Vara Nui evening show.

Please note: Late check-out is included on your day of departure. You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay at the 4-star Manuia Beach Resort, which sits in a beautiful position on the beach. Dine in the open-air restaurant, enjoy cocktails at the poolside bar or relax in the beach-side infinity pool. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Single room supplement from £500.



Available after **Discover New Zealand** (page 248)



+ ADD-ON

SINGAPORE**3 NIGHTS FROM £499**

Before your holiday, why not visit Singapore. This is a great way to break up your journey and it also gives you the chance to see another exciting destination. Singapore is a mix of cultures including Indian, Chinese and Malay, and as it is so compact, you'll have no trouble exploring during your stay.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers and other transportation
- City tour of Singapore
- 3 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

YOUR HOTEL

You will stay in a hotel such as the 4-star Park Regis Singapore. Centrally located, close to the popular districts of Clarke Quay, Boat Quay and Chinatown. Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar, outdoor swimming pool and gym. Tea/coffee-making facilities are available in guest rooms.

Single room supplement from £400.

Available before Highlights of Australia (page 244) and The Wonders of Australia (page 246)



+ ADD-ON

BANGKOK**3 NIGHTS FROM £499**

End your Australia holiday on a high by choosing to make a stop in dazzling Bangkok. You'll have plenty of time to visit two of its most famous temples, the Golden Buddha and the Reclining Buddha, or you may simply choose to relax and take in the diverse and dynamic culture that's all around.

This add-on is bookable only via telephone, please call to speak to a Holiday Advisor for details.

YOUR ADD-ON INCLUDES

- Scheduled flights, overseas transfers and other transportation
- 3 nights' accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis

Please note: You will not be accompanied by a Tour Manager.



Available after Highlights of Australia (page 244) and The Wonders of Australia (page 246)



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For short-haul holidays, please call us for a quote for a private chauffeur service.

AT THE AIRPORT

Car parking at your airport from £3.44 per day

Meet & greet parking from £4.61 per day

Airport hotel & parking from £33 per person

Airport lounges from £15 per person

Escape the hustle and bustle of the airport as you relax in comfort in an airport lounge before you fly. Many lounges offer unlimited complimentary refreshments, snacks and newspapers - it's a great way to treat yourself at the start of your trip.

CALL OUR EXPERT HOLIDAY ADVISORS

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VISA SERVICE FROM **£20** PER PERSON

FLIGHT UPGRADES



BRITISH AIRWAYS UPGRADE FROM £99 ONE WAY

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CLUB EUROPE FROM £99 ONE WAY PER PERSON

Before you fly, check in online before heading to the airport. Once there, dedicated baggage-drop areas and priority security lanes make the start of your journey easy. Relax in a Club Lounge, where you can enjoy complimentary food and fine wines before boarding your flight.

During your flight, enjoy the following benefits:

- ✓ A separate, more spacious cabin
- ✓ A guaranteed aisle or window seat
- ✓ More personal space on board to unwind
- ✓ A menu suited to the time of day and length of flight



WORLD TRAVELLER PLUS FROM £199 ONE WAY PER PERSON

Before you fly, check in online before heading to the airport.

During your flight, enjoy the following benefits:

- ✓ A separate, smaller cabin with a maximum of six rows
- ✓ A wider seat
- ✓ Extra leg room
- ✓ A menu offering a British inspired cuisine experience, served on china crockery with metal cutlery and linen napkins
- ✓ Choose your meal in advance (outbound only)



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- ✓ A spacious cabin
- ✓ Lie-flat seats
- ✓ Touch-button privacy screens
- ✓ 10.4-inch personal flat-screen
- ✓ Complimentary Champagne before take-off
- ✓ Fine wines
- ✓ A choice of in-flight entertainment
- ✓ Noise-cancelling headphones
- ✓ Club Kitchen snacks
- ✓ Choice from a three-course menu inspired by the latest global trends
- ✓ Choose your meal in advance (outbound only)

FLIGHT UPGRADES



Premium from **£199** one way per person

Before you fly, you'll benefit from a dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding. During your flight, enjoy the following benefits:

- A preflight glass of bubbly and complimentary drinks throughout your flight
- Purple leather seat with a 38-inch (96cm) seat pitch, headrest and footrest
- A choice of three meals served on china crockery with stainless steel cutlery
- An after-dinner liqueur
- Complimentary newspaper
- Personal seat back TVs with video on demand
- In-seat laptop power
- Premium overnight kit

Upper Class from **£849** one way per person

Preflight access to the award winning Virgin Atlantic Clubhouse, the brasserie style Upper Class meal service, and stretch out on one of the longest fully flat beds in Business Class.



Premium Economy from **£389** one way per person

Before you fly, you'll benefit from a dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding. During your flight, enjoy the following benefits:

- A larger seat and extra legroom
- 96.5cm (38in) seat pitch
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- Increased baggage allowance
- Complimentary wines and spirits as well as premium cuisine

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Enjoy exclusive access to the Maple Leaf Lounge at Heathrow and across Canada, relax in the privacy of the Business Class pod with a fully flat bed. Fine wines and gourmet cuisine complete your experience.

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GUARANTEED DEPARTURES & CANCELLATION OF A TOUR BY US

Certain Tours we offer are "Guaranteed Departures." A departure date for a Tour offered by us will become a "Guaranteed Departure" when at least one booking secured by a valid deposit has been made on that departure. Please note that not all of our departures will be Guaranteed Departures. Our website and brochures display Guaranteed Departure dates with a ✓. A departure will not be considered a "Guaranteed Departure" unless specifically noted as such in our brochures or on our website. Other dates may be available to book which are non-guaranteed; these dates may become Guaranteed Departures as the season continues.

We guarantee that all scheduled Tour departures booked and secured with a valid deposit will depart as indicated on the applicable confirmation, subject to reasonable itinerary changes as described in these Terms or good faith, health and safety concerns. This guarantee is not applicable in the case of Force Majeure. Up to date Tour and itinerary information is available on our website or by contacting us. Brochures and other printed materials displaying Tour information and departure dates are subject to change and may not be relied upon for purposes of this guarantee.

If a Tour is cancelled by us before the date of departure for reasons other than Force Majeure and the cancellation is not caused by our fault or negligence, you will have the

choice of accepting from us:

- (a) a substitute Tour of equivalent or superior value; or
 - (b) a substitute Tour of lesser value if no Tour of equivalent or superior value is reasonably available and to recover from us the difference in price between the price of the Tour originally purchased and the substitute Tour; or
 - (c) a full refund of all monies paid for the cancelled Tour.
- We are not responsible for any incidental expenses or consequential losses that you incur as a result of the cancelled booking including visas, vaccinations, non-refundable flights or rail, non-refundable car parking or other fees, loss of earnings, or loss of enjoyment. We reserve the right to issue a full refund in lieu of the choices above, in our sole discretion. Where a significant element of a Tour as described cannot be provided after departure, we will make suitable alternative arrangements where possible. If it is not possible to provide a suitable alternative or if you reasonably reject any suitable alternatives, we may provide you with a refund for unused products or services as determined in our discretion.

PRICE PROMISE

Limited places are available on each date at the lowest price. However, if you see your Tour departure date advertised for less than you paid we will refund the difference. Occasionally we promote selected special offer holidays within 12 weeks of departure which are excluded from the price promise guarantee. We guarantee

that absolutely no surcharge will be added to the basic price of your holiday once your booking has been confirmed irrespective of any subsequent fluctuation in currency exchange rates or, increases in international air fares or increases in other costs associated with the holiday. In return for this guarantee and its risk to us we shall not be able to make any refunds in the event of favourable exchange rate variations or other decreases in costs which may result in a reduction in the selling price. This price guarantee does not apply to any optional services including, but not limited to, insurance premiums, visa charges, excursion charges and amendment fees. For bookings made within the balance due date and prior to confirming your holiday we reserve the right to notify you of any increases to your holiday price as a result of any additional costs we may be charged.

Prices shown in our brochures and on the website are believed correct at the time of publication. We reserve the right to change prices from time to time. Accordingly, it is possible that when you book your holiday the actual price may have gone up or down. If the price of your holiday has changed the correct price will be confirmed at the time of booking. We reserve the right to correct errors at any time.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the brochure/website and prices at the time of printing regrettably errors do occur. You must therefore ensure you check the details of your chosen holiday with us at the

time of booking.

Verbal and website price quotations will be regarded as provisional until confirmed in writing on your Confirmation invoice. In the unlikely event of an administrative error resulting in incorrect prices being displayed on the website, we reserve the right to correct the price. In such cases we will offer you the opportunity to either pay the correct price or we will make a full refund of any money you may have paid.

PRICE MATCH

If you find an identical package holiday offered by one of our competitors (excluding any online special offers or arrangements made by yourself rather than through a tour operator) at a lower price within 7 days of booking with us our 'price match' will apply. Price match is also available on Make Your Own Way (MYOW) bookings by comparison to an equivalent tour only competitor product. By identical, we mean another holiday which:

- Departs on the same day from the same port/airport using the same flight with the same carrier (if Flight Inclusive).
- Visits the same destination(s).
- Has the same duration (i.e. number of nights).
- Offers the same number of included excursions.
- Features accommodation of the same category and board basis and where applicable the services of a Tour Manager/Local guide.

If this happens we will refund the difference between the cost of the Flight Inclusive

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

This Essential Information is to help you prepare and take any necessary actions prior to your forthcoming holiday. Information contained in this section of the brochure and any other relevant information on the website, together with the Booking Conditions, form your contract with us.

YOUR TOUR MANAGER

On the majority of our Flight Inclusive package holidays you will be escorted by a knowledgeable Tour Manager. Please be aware of the following:

- On some of our Flight Inclusive package holidays your Tour Manager will meet you at your UK airport, on others they will meet you at your overseas airport or in your resort.
- If you choose to fly to your destination from a local airport your Tour Manager may not be travelling with you.
- Your Tour Manager may not accompany you on your homeward transfer to the airport on a Flight Inclusive holiday but they will advise you of the arrangements made.

COACHES/COACH SEAT ALLOCATION

On our package holidays that include coach travel, we operate a rotational seating policy. All customers are expected to abide by this policy and adhere to the instructions given by the Tour Manager to ensure that all customers are given the opportunity to move seats. We believe seat rotation will enhance your travelling experience and create a positive group atmosphere.

Regular comfort stops will be taken to ensure a relaxing journey is experienced each day. Some coaches may be equipped with washroom facilities however, it cannot be guaranteed that they will be useable at all times.

RUNNING ORDER OF ITINERARIES

Occasionally we may have to make changes to the running order and inclusions of your holiday itinerary. This could be due to a number of reasons such as public holidays, festivals, weather, traffic conditions or operational reasons and may sometimes be at short notice.

Due to changes in river water levels, river cruise itineraries may occasionally be modified. On the rare occasions that this happens we will act in the best interests of our customers to ensure the enjoyment of your holiday is not impaired.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The prices in our brochure/website are based on

twin occupancy of a double or twin bedded room with private facilities unless otherwise stated. Our reference to 'Hotel' covers all accommodation and does not necessarily distinguish between local classifications such as 'Motel' or 'Inn'. It may occasionally be necessary to accommodate you in a different but equal category of hotel to that featured in the brochure/website. If this is known before departure, and is a significant change to the confirmed arrangements we will of course advise you. The confirmed hotel(s) will be advised in your final travel information.

Portage: One bag per person is included on most of our package holidays as stated in the holiday details.

Voltage/Electrical Items: The type of plug sockets you can use in your destination can be checked by visiting: www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plug-voltage-by-country

Air Conditioning: In European hotels, air conditioning is operational according to individual hotel policy and/or in some cases local laws.

Swimming Pools: If your hotel has a swimming pool, you may wish to take your own pool towel, as some hotels do not provide these. Please familiarise yourself with the depth of the pool and use the steps provided to access and exit the pool. Diving is not recommended.

Single Rooms: A limited number of rooms are available for most holidays. Single rooms do not often match the same requirements of twin bedded rooms in terms of size and facilities. For single room supplements please refer to the price panel on the brochure page or web site.

Triple Rooms: If your room has an extra bed (camp-style or roll away bed) the available floor space may be limited. In USA and Canada many rooms have two double beds sleeping up to 4 persons. If the hotels on your tour are able to accommodate a 3rd or 4th person sharing, the first 2 persons will pay the full rate based on sharing a twin room, we will then, if applicable, apply a discount per person for the 3rd and 4th person. Please ask your Holiday Advisor for details at the time of booking.

Please note: In some countries there are additional charges for 3rd and 4th persons sharing.

Additional Charges: Payment for any extras such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls and meals other than those included in your package holiday price are to be made directly to your hotel prior to check out.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES/EXCURSIONS

We want to give you the opportunity to see as much as possible of the countries you are visiting so there will nearly always be a selection of optional experiences/excursions. Where a pre-bookable package is available as indicated in the holiday details, this is offered at a discounted price. Alternatively you can book and pay your Tour Manager or Local Guide in resort, where applicable. Any optional excursions will of course operate subject to demand, traffic and weather conditions. Changes to the advertised excursions programmes are rare but the excursion providers reserve the right to change excursions and we reserve the right to amend the advertised prices at any time.

We advise against the purchase of excursions from hotels or street vendors as these may not have been safety checked and may not meet required local standards or have adequate insurance cover in place. A list of approved excursions will be sent to you, in some cases these may include hotel excursions which have been checked. If you choose to partake in an excursion/activity which is not arranged by us, we advise you check that your travel insurance covers you for that specific activity.

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY HOLIDAYS

When you choose a Make Your Own Way (MYOW) holiday you will be responsible for making your own way to the first hotel on the Tour and your Tour will end at the final hotel in accordance with the timings set out in the Tour itinerary. We will not be responsible for any services you do not book with us and your flights or transfers to/from the first and last hotels included in the Tour. If you do not have flights arranged by us included in your holiday your booking will not be ATOL protected by Travelsphere (G Touring Limited). Please make sure that you have read and understood the applicable parts of the Booking Conditions with regards to Financial Protection for holidays not including flights as only the arrangements booked through Travelsphere will be financially protected by our Financial Protection Insurance. We will not be responsible for expenses you incur or unused services in the event that your flights are cancelled or severely delayed and this impacts your ability to join or participate in the Tour. Your flight organiser or airline should provide information on financial protection and repatriation as it relates to your flight arrangements. If they do not provide you with

this please also see www.caa.co.uk/passengers for information on passenger rights. Your Make Your Own Way itinerary may vary from those published. On some tours there are included experiences/excursions during the transfers from or to the airport on your first or last day. These will not be included as part of your itinerary, these exceptions have been reflected in the Make Your Own Way price reduction.

'DISCOVER MORE' MODULAR TOURS

All our holidays are designed to enable you to maximise your overall experience. On some of our holidays the opportunity exists to tailor your experience through combining different itineraries, or through pre-tour or post-tour additions. A few of our holidays are purposefully designed to operate as inter-linking modules, or 'modular tours', which enables us to ensure the nature and style of our group holidays is delivered as best as possible. On these 'modular tours' the number of customers may vary as customers may join or leave at different times. At the point where individual modular tours connect, the number of travellers may exceed the 'Maximum Group Size' due to joining or departing customers overlapping.

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE

Where we display a "maximum group size" icon, the number given will be the maximum expected group size for the tour. For most of our tours this will be no more than 35 travellers and will be applicable for all departure dates on or after 6th April 2020. We have designed and contracted these holidays with the maximum number of customers in mind and expect and aim to be able to operate to this level. Under exceptional operational conditions, including force majeure, the expected group size may require to be exceeded. This maximum group size is therefore not a condition of booking, though we will use best endeavours to ensure these stated group sizes are adhered to. The exceptions to this are as follows:

- a) 'Discover More' modular Tours, where there is an overlap of customers joining or departing individual modules
- b) Oberammergau Passion Play & The Spectacular Austrian Lakes
- c) Holidays where there is a substantial element of 3rd party supplied &/or specialist services, for example any tour including 'Rocky Mountaineer', Ocean Cruise or River Cruise
- d) Festive Holidays.

package/MYOW holiday that you have booked with us and the price of the identical holiday offered by our competitor. Plus we will give you an extra £100 per person towards a future booking. Refunds will be in the form of a credit towards future travel. Applicable to new bookings only.

LOYALTY SCHEME

If you qualify for a loyalty discount, the amount will depend on spend and tour type. The new booking must be made within 12 months of your return date.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Book a Travelsphere Flight Inclusive Worldwide holiday and we will include a private, air-conditioned car/MPV, with a driver for a return transfer to/from your mainland UK or Belfast departure airport at no extra cost. The offer is based on at least two people travelling on the booking from/to a residential address within a 100 mile route of a) a mainland UK departure airport or b) a Belfast departure airport (travelling from/to a residential address in Northern Ireland). Your driver will contact you 48 hours before you are due to leave, to confirm your pick-up time. You will be responsible for any additional charges incurred as a result of the driver having to wait more than 15 minutes from your confirmed pick up time. If you live on the mainland UK more than a 100 mile route away from your mainland UK departure airport (or you live in Northern Ireland more

than 100 mile route away from your Belfast departure airport) you can still enjoy the same service for a supplement of just £2 per car per mile for each additional mile over 100 miles on each transfer. The calculation of mileage is as determined by our supplier and the minimum mileage requirement is 10 miles. If you are a single traveller please call for a quote or you may wish to take advantage of our Free Car Parking alternative.

FREE CAR PARKING

As an alternative to the Private Chauffeur Airport Transfer, book a Travelsphere Flight Inclusive Worldwide Holiday and subject to availability, we will arrange free long stay car parking at your mainland UK or Belfast departure airport for the duration of your holiday, one parking space per booking. The location of the car park will be as determined by our supplier, may be off airport and you may be required to take a shuttle bus from the car park to the airport terminal. Cars will be left at owner's risk and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the service provider.

CONNECTING FLIGHTS – FROM £99 PER PERSON

Book a Travelsphere Flight Inclusive holiday and if you cannot depart directly from your local UK airport we can arrange a connecting flight to London Heathrow or Gatwick from just £99 per person. The offer is only applicable when booking a Travelsphere Flight Inclusive holiday featured in the Travelsphere Worldwide and Travelsphere

Europe brochure (January 2020 edition). The offer is subject to availability of seats in our contracted classes on the connecting flight on the required dates and suitable timings from/to local UK airport and London Heathrow or Gatwick. Please note that not all local UK airports have routes to or frequent connecting flights to London airports. Due to timings for early departures from/late arrivals back to the UK for the Travelsphere Flight Inclusive package holiday you may not be able to get a connecting flight on the same day and may need to pay for an overnight hotel at London Heathrow/Gatwick, but we can arrange this for you. We cannot guarantee that your luggage will be checked through to your destination as this is dependent on inter-airline agreements and travelling on the same day as your UK departure/arrival.

LOCAL FLIGHTS – FROM £99 PER PERSON

Book a Travelsphere Flight Inclusive holiday and if the route is available (some flights may be indirect) fly from your local airport for a supplement from just £99 per person. The offer is only applicable when booking a Travelsphere Flight Inclusive holiday featured in the Travelsphere Worldwide and Travelsphere Europe brochure (January 2020 edition). The offer is subject to availability of seats in our contracted classes to the destination on the required dates and suitable timings from/to local UK airport. Due to timings you may not be able to get a local flight on the same day as the

London flights and may need to pay for an additional night(s) at the beginning / end of the tour, but we can arrange this for you.

BOOK TWO OR MORE TRIPS

Save an extra £50 per person when you book two or more trips at the same time on the same call, both 8 days or longer for the same traveller. This offer is combinable with other offers. The additional £50 per person will be applied to the second and subsequent holiday(s) and will not be transferable should you cancel, unless you are re-booking on the same day. Normal cancellation penalties apply. This offer is for new bookings only and cannot be applied retrospectively.

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

Save up to 10% only applies to selected 2020 & 2021 Travelsphere Worldwide and European Flight Inclusive holidays booked between 27th December 2019 and 2nd March 2020. This offer applies to new bookings only, is subject to limited availability and selected departure dates. This offer is combinable with loyalty discounts. To qualify for the offer the deposit must be paid in full by 2nd March 2020. Normal cancellation penalties apply. We reserve the right to amend or withdraw this offer at any time.

ABOUT OUR FLIGHTS FOR TRAVELSHERE FLIGHT INCLUSIVE TOURS

The prices for the Flight Inclusive Tours set out in our brochures/website are based on planned group flights from London. The actual selling price may vary from that published due to numerous factors including but not limited to; additional taxes or fuel surcharges being introduced, the airline only allowing us to hold a limited number of seats at a pre agreed group rate or because alternative flights are being used.

Limited availability seats: Holiday prices are based on limited availability special air fares. Whilst these fares are correct at the time of going to press they may have sold out by the time you make a booking. In this case further seats will usually be available at a supplement. Such supplements if any will be confirmed at the time of booking.

By booking early you maximise your chances of getting on our group flights which ensures you are getting the benefit of our group costs and also reduces the chance of you ever having to pay any flight related supplements or additional costs.

Baggage Handling and Allowance: The baggage allowance for all our holidays is one piece of luggage/suitcase – with the dimensions of 76cm x 58cm x 25cm (30” x 23” x 10”) maximum weight of 44lb (20kg) per person, plus one standard piece of hand luggage. Irrespective of individual airline allowances the above limits apply. They are set taking account of our wider operational requirements including ground transportations, portage, etc. To avoid any problems with our transportation providers, possible delays and inconvenience to you and your fellow travellers, please ensure these maximum baggage conditions are adhered to. You are responsible for the carriage and care of your luggage throughout your holiday except for such times as it may be in the hands of the airline, here in such circumstances the airline specific terms and conditions relating to the carriage of luggage apply or when portage at a hotel on arrival and departure is included. We will not be held responsible for any delays and/or additional costs arising from any breach of the above luggage allowances.

Airport Taxes: Any airport taxes and security charges which are payable in advance and therefore form part of the scheduled air ticket have been calculated and included in the price of your holiday. These include the UK Government Airline Passenger Duty and various overseas airport and airline charges where applicable.

At some airports there are also passenger charges which are payable locally, we will advise you as soon as we are aware of such charges.

Fuel Surcharges/Environmental Taxes: Airlines generally pass on any fuel price increases to customers directly or tour operators when they occur. Occasionally we have no choice but to pass on all or part of these directly to our customers. You will be informed of any fuel related surcharges or new and additional taxes, airport or security charges in place or other sums payable in addition to the advertised price at the time of booking.

Flight Routings: On some routes we use a



number of indirect flights which may require you to change planes en-route. This may be because we cannot obtain a direct flight or it may be the only option. If you are interested in booking a direct flight with a supplement (where available) please ask one of our Holiday Advisors.

Flight Schedule Changes: When you book one of our Flight Inclusive Tours, your holiday confirmation will contain provisional flight details. We aim to make this as accurate as possible from the start, however, the timings or the flight numbers can change before departure. We will monitor all changes and inform you as soon as possible if there is a change which affects your departure by a considerable time or moves the tour to a different day or significantly affects the tour itinerary. Final timings will be sent about ten days before you travel. If we notify you of a significant change to your holiday and you do not accept the change you must tell us within 14 days of us advising you of the significant change to your holiday. Details of what constitutes a major or minor change is contained within Booking Conditions.

Airlines and Aircraft: All prices in our brochures and on the website are based on air travel in economy class. Passenger travel on scheduled airlines is provided under the conditions of the airline. For a copy of these terms and conditions please go to the appropriate airline’s website.

Change of Airline: Due to the ever changing nature of the airline business, airlines selected and used for our tours can change after your booking is made, as can flight schedules and timings. This can be for a number of reasons such as the airline withdrawing the flight or operating with smaller aircraft than first planned. Where this is the case we will endeavour to find an alternative with the same carrier or similar flights with another carrier.

Flight Meals and Medical Equipment Requests: Although meals are provided on most long haul flights you should be aware that most airlines do not provide complimentary food on shorter flights within Europe. We therefore cannot guarantee that meals will be provided on all flights. Please note, we also cannot guarantee that the airline will be able to fulfil your request for a special dietary meal and any such requests are not a condition of booking. If you require a special dietary meal due to an allergy such as a nut allergy and the airline provides complimentary meals, we will need you to fill in a medical questionnaire to send to the service provider. The airline will not be able to guarantee that their aircraft meals are 100% nut free and will require you to carry any special medication (such as an EpiPen) in your hand luggage.

If you need to carry a CPAP machine or oxygen cylinders please let us know at the time of booking so we can ensure this request is sent through to the relevant airline. It can take up to 6 weeks for airlines to confirm whether medical requests can be accommodated.

Seat Requests (Airlines & Trains): We strongly recommend (particularly if you are flying economy class) that you check in early if you have particular seat requests. Travelsphere has no control over the allocation of seats by the airline. Even if a request has been made to pre-book seats, no guarantee can be made that they will be available on departure. The provision of particular seats does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Although some airline/train companies offer the ability to book seats on line this may not be the case when booking a holiday through us, if this is particularly important to you then please ask about our upgrade options.

HOLIDAYS BY RAIL

Where your holiday includes rail travel, Standard Class fares are included unless otherwise stated. **Please note: we are unable to provide portage at stations and you will be required to handle your own luggage.**

You can choose to upgrade your seats on Eurostar to Standard Class Premier. This upgrade also includes first-class tickets for the remainder of your journey aboard local trains, where applicable.

TAILOR-MADE, EXTENSIONS & ADD ONS

Once you have booked your package holiday, for an initial non-refundable fee of £25 per person, our Holiday Advisors can assist you should you wish to make a minor change to your holiday such as extending your stay in the hotel where the tour finishes or change your flight to return at a later date than the main tour. Please note: Additional charges will apply for accommodation and changes to your flight may also incur extra charges. Please ensure your travel insurance

covers you for the whole duration of your holiday, including any add-ons.

SMOKING

E-cigarettes: Since their introduction, a number of countries have banned or limited the use of e-cigarettes. We recommend you visit this website, which is an information forum for further information: www.ecigarette-politics.com/electronic-cigarettes-global-legal-status.html

BOOKING ADDITIONAL EXTRAS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

It is usually advisable to leave booking travel arrangements to your UK departure point until you have received your final travel documents as timings may change. We can book non-flight arrangements for you and offer the option of cancellation/amendment insurance through our provider. Local and connecting flights should be booked as soon as they are available so please speak to our Holiday Advisors.

WELFARE, HEALTH & SAFETY

Walking on Tour: We are happy to give you more detailed information to enable you to choose the right holiday for your individual needs. Our tours can have a comprehensive sightseeing element, visiting places with cobbled streets, inclines and including medium to long walking distances. This can make navigating these streets or keeping up with the group difficult for anyone with reduced mobility, especially in warm climates. It is important to be aware of the amount of walking involved and the degree of fitness and mobility required to take part in these sightseeing visits or excursions.

Tours described as ‘Active’ are not suitable for anyone with any limited or mobility issues. If you would like further information to allow you to make a more informed choice please speak to one of our Holiday Advisors.

Altitude: on certain tours you will travel to places at high altitude. If you suffer from heart or respiratory conditions or have any other concerns please consult your doctor.

Prescribed Medication: Carry all prescribed medication in your hand luggage.

Children and Infants: The following are the minimum ages of children we will accept on our holidays:

- Rail and Flight holidays to Europe and all long haul holidays, including the USA and Canada – 16 years old.
- Walking and Activity holidays to all destinations – 18 years old
- Cruising holidays – minimum age as governed by the cruise line and if there is a tour connected with the cruise, 16 years old.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

All costs incurred in obtaining relevant documentation must be paid by you.

Some countries don’t allow you to enter with certain country stamps. For further information please visit www.fco.gov.uk.

If you are not currently in possession of a valid passport please make sure you leave plenty of time before your holiday to apply for this document. Our recommendation is that you should apply for one at least three months before your holiday. The UK Passport Service has to confirm your identity before issuing your first passport and will ask you to attend an interview in order to do this. For further information visit www.fco.gov.uk.

Check the date that your passport expires. When travelling to the EU, the UK Government recommends that you have 6 months left on your passport on the date of your arrival to an EU country. You should also check when your passport was renewed. If you renewed a 10 year adult passport before it expired, extra months may have been added to your passport’s expiry date. These extra months over 10 years will not count towards the 6 months that must be remaining. The UK Government has published a website tool to check the validity of your passport under these new rules www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport

Note: In many countries, it is now a legal requirement to show some form of identification if requested by the police or authorities, therefore, it is advisable to carry a photocopy of the data page of your passport when out and about.

Visa information for customers travelling to and via the USA - The US Visa Waiver programme allows British Citizens to travel to the US without having to obtain a visa. There are restrictions to this programme. Please visit <https://www.esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta> for further information.

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows any EU Citizen to access state medical care when they are travelling in another EU Country. In the event of a no deal Brexit, UK registered EHICs will no longer be valid. Even if they continue to be valid, there are limitations to the EHIC card. You should make sure, and it is a requirement of booking, that you have appropriate travel insurance.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

British Citizen passport holders need a visa to visit the countries we have listed below. In most cases we are able to arrange this for you and we will add the cost of the visa plus a small handling fee to your Confirmation invoice. If you hold any other type of passport it is your responsibility to check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. We may still be able to arrange a visa for you but additional charges may apply. We are unable to accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you are not granted a visa and the relevant cancellation charges will apply.

If you have ever been arrested or convicted for a crime, been refused a visa before or have been affected by a disease of public significance or a mental disorder you will need to declare this on your visa application and further information will be required. You may be required to attend an interview before your visa is granted.

If you have opted for our visa service, we will email your application forms and information 10 weeks prior to your holiday. The application process can take up to 28 days depending on the country. Please note that prices and information regarding visa requirements are correct at the time of publishing but subject to change. Visa fees shown below are subject to change

Australia	£40	Cambodia	£75
Canada	£20	China	£151
Cuba	£50	India	£80
Kenya	£75	Laos	US\$40
Nepal	£65	New Zealand	(NZeTA) £47
Sri Lanka	£65	Tanzania	£85
Tibet	Free (with Chinese visa)		
Turkey	£39	USA	£39
Russia	£101.40		
Uzbekistan	Free of charge (for stays up to 30 days)		
Vietnam	£100 (Free single entry until 30 June 2021. Entering Vietnam twice within 30 days, first visit free, second visit £100)		
Zambia	US\$50 (single entry), US\$80 (double entry)		

Russia
Visa fixed into passport
British Citizens require a visa to travel to Russia. Your application must be arranged in person at an application centre as finger prints need to be taken. We will assist you in every way we can and will send you guidance notes approximately 10 weeks prior to departure. Current processing time is 20 working days. 3 day express visa service is available at a cost of £170.60 per person. We have an appointed visa service agent who will check your application form and outline what you need to do next, for a fee of £25 per person (Fee paid direct to agent). The application centres are based in London, Manchester and Edinburgh. Russian consulate fee for visa is currently £101.40 per person, plus an additional £13.80 per person if you wish to have your passport returned by post. (Visa and postage fees are paid direct to the consulate and are subject to change).

China
Visa fixed into passport
British Citizens require a visa to travel to China. Your application must be arranged in person at an application centre as finger prints need to be taken. We will assist you in every way we can and will send you guidance notes approximately 10 weeks prior to departure. We offer a form fill service for £25 per person, making sure all documents are correct for lodging. The application centres are based in London, Manchester, Edinburgh and Belfast. China fee for visa is currently £151 per person.

Note: Visa requirements may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Experiencing a public holiday in your chosen

destination can really enhance your holiday experience, especially if there are local festivals or celebrations. Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. The festivities may temporarily disrupt your package holiday and some religious holidays such as Ramadan, which is observed in many Muslim countries, may result in a reduction of facilities, services and entertainment. We suggest that you take this into consideration when selecting your departure date. To discover the national holidays in your destination, please visit: www.timeanddate.com/holidays

CURRENCY

To get the latest exchange rates and currency information, please visit www.xe.com
Cash and cheques can be exchanged at most hotels. Banks and exchange offices will also be

able to exchange money for you. Major credit cards are usually accepted in hotels, larger shops and restaurants. We would recommend that you inform your bank/card company of your forthcoming holiday. It is advisable to take more than one means of payment (cash, credit card etc.) and to have some form of payment for emergencies or unexpected delays.

SHOPPING

Our tours will sometimes incorporate local shops, markets and factory shops which sell a range of goods. Please make sure you have a clear understanding of any price you agree with vendors as well as the conversion rate being used, prior to purchasing items. If you are arranging the delivery of an item to your home address, please be mindful of shipping costs and customs taxes.

CLIMATE & CLOTHING

Temperatures can vary greatly depending on altitude, time of year and the region you are visiting. If specific clothing or footwear is required this will be detailed in your final itinerary. We recommend checking the weather forecast prior to travel.

We advise against taking travel electrical equipment such as kettles or irons as many hotels do not allow their usage and they can be a fire hazard.

TIME ZONES

You can find the time zone for the country you are visiting here: www.timeanddate.com/time/map

WEATHER

World weather is becoming more erratic and unpredictable and we cannot be held responsible

for disruption to your package holiday or any other holiday arrangement due to bad or unusual weather conditions.

BROCHURE/WEBSITE DETAILS

We have taken great care to ensure that the details in the brochure/website are correct at the time of their publication. Please refer to the panel on each page which details the items included in the price of each particular holiday.

Please bear in mind however that the availability of certain services may vary particularly outside high season periods. This may be for a variety of reasons, for example, lifts need servicing, swimming pools must be cleaned and outdoor amenities such as chair lifts and cable cars can be affected by weather or lack of demand.

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TRAVELSPHERE BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLICABLE FROM 27TH DECEMBER 2019

These Booking Terms and Conditions, together with our Privacy Policy and, where your holiday is booked via our website, our website terms and conditions of use, together with any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with G Touring Limited trading as Travelsphere, whose registered office is at Unit 1, The Point, Rockingham Road, Market Harborough, England, LE16 7QU. Company No: 04956006. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. In these Booking Conditions references to “you” and “your” include the first named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is added or transferred.

By making a booking you agree that;

- you have read and understood these terms and conditions and have the authority to agree to be bound by them;
- you are over 18 years of age and where placing an order for services with age restrictions you declare that you and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services;
- you consent to our use of information in accordance with our Privacy Policy (www.travelsphere.co.uk/privacy-policy) and you are authorised on behalf of all participants in your party to disclose their personal details to us, including where applicable, special categories of data (such as information on health conditions or disabilities and dietary requirements);
- you accept financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

1. Booking and paying for your arrangements

A booking is made with us when you pay us a deposit (or full payment if you are booking within 84 days of departure) and we issue you with a booking confirmation. We reserve the right to return your payment and decline to issue a confirmation at our absolute discretion. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with a booking confirmation.

If your confirmed arrangements include a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will also issue you with an ATOL Certificate. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the ATOL Certificate or booking confirmation or any other document are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). If your confirmed arrangements booked through Travelsphere do not include a flight, we provide financial security for holiday arrangements booked through us by way of a financial failure insurance policy. You will be given full details of the insurer with your confirmation invoice or, alternatively, please go to www.travelsphere.co.uk/fpi. The balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any applicable surcharge) is due not less than 84 days prior to scheduled departure (or by such other date as is notified to you at the time of booking). If we do not receive this balance in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in

clause 8 below will become payable.

Any money paid to an authorised agent of ours in respect of a booking covered by our ATOL is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times, but subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail financially. If we do fail financially, any money held at that time by the agent or subsequently accepted from the consumer by the agent, is and continues to be held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

Special sales: If there are services that you request from us in addition to one of our packages (such as an extension to your holiday, a connecting flight, a flight upgrade, or additional services) these will be put on request by our Sales Team and are subject to availability and confirmation of the price. Our team will advise you of this, take the appropriate deposit (or full payment for a flight upgrade) and send you a holding letter together with an ATOL Certificate. Once the additional service is confirmed we will advise you and if your international flight details have changed, send a revised ATOL Certificate to you.

Please Note: Flights with ‘Low Cost’ airlines, flight upgrades and flights with restrictive ticketing conditions – where you ask us to book flights for you with a ‘Low Cost’ airline, to upgrade your flight seat from that included in the package or to book flights with some airlines that may have restrictive ticketing deadlines, we may ask you to pay the full airfare or a higher deposit and any associated charges at the point of booking. This is in addition to the normal deposit payable on the holiday. If the flight has restrictive ticketing deadlines it may mean that the ticket has to be issued before you have paid the balance for the holiday and specific cancellation charges may apply which increase the usual cancellation charges. (Please refer to 8) If You Cancel Before Departure.

Booking on behalf of others: By booking on behalf of other participants, you are deemed to be the designated contact person for every participant included on that booking. This means that you are responsible for making all payments due in connection with your booking, notifying us or our authorised agent if any changes or cancellations are required and keeping your party informed. By booking on behalf of another person or persons, you represent and warrant that you have obtained all required consents. You are responsible for verifying that any information you provide on behalf of another participant is complete and accurate and we will under no circumstances be liable for any errors or omissions in the information provided to complete a booking.

2. Accuracy

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in any advertising material that we publish are accurate, however, occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed. On very rare occasions, we may unfortunately make a genuine mistake in the price we quote and subsequently confirm to you for your holiday.

This may come to light at any time prior to your holiday. We are not obliged to honour the original price if a mistake has been made when pricing your holiday. We will ask you to meet any additional costs if you wish to go ahead with the holiday. However, should you not wish to meet these additional charges, you may cancel your holiday with a full refund.

3. Insurance

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential, especially for holidays outside the UK. It is therefore a condition of booking that you are adequately insured when travelling abroad. We recommend excellent comprehensive insurance policies through our partner Holiday Extras please go to www.travelsphere.co.uk/insurance. We will require you to give us details of your travel insurance company including the policy number, although we will not check your policy for suitability. If you purchase an alternative policy, you must ensure that it offers cover which is at least as comprehensive as the policy we recommend and, which as a minimum, covers cancellation for the total value of the holiday, delay or curtailment, medical charges and repatriation costs for not less than £5million. Your travel insurance should cover you for any pre-existing medical conditions. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on holiday. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is adequate for your particular needs including cover for any optional excursions/activities that you may have booked. You shall be responsible for indemnifying us in full in respect of any costs that we incur as a result of your failure to have adequate, appropriate and comprehensive travel insurance. We will decline any booking where adequate insurance has not been arranged.

4. Pricing

We guarantee that absolutely no surcharge will be added to the basic price of your holiday once your booking has been confirmed and you have paid in full irrespective of any subsequent fluctuation in currency exchange rates or increases in international air fares or other costs associated with the holiday. This price guarantee does not apply to any optional services including, but not limited to, insurance premiums, visa charges and amendment fees. Should you see your holiday departure date advertised by us, on a like by like basis, for less than you paid we will refund the difference between the price you paid and the new price. This refund will be in the form of a voucher towards a new booking. This price promise excludes bookings for holidays departing within 12 weeks of booking which are classed as late bookings.

Before you have confirmed your booking and paid in full, we reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

Should the price of your holiday go down solely due to:

- The price of the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or other power sources;
- The level of taxes or fees applicable to the holiday imposed by third parties not directly involved in the performance of the holiday, including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports; or

(iii) The exchange rates relevant to the package then any refund due will be paid to you less an administrative fee of GBP£50 or EUR€50, based on the currency of your booking. However please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

There will be no change made to the price of your confirmed holiday within 20 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

5. Jurisdiction and applicable law

These Booking Terms and Conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by English law. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of England and Wales only.

6. Cutting your holiday short

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any travel arrangements you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with them.

7. Changes by you before departure

If you wish to change any part of your booked arrangements after your confirmation invoice has been issued, you must inform us in writing as soon as possible. Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Where we can meet a request, all changes will be subject to payment of an administration fee of £50 per person per change as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred as well as any costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given. An administration fee will be charged, details available upon request.

Transfer of booking: If you are prevented from travelling, you may transfer your place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) provided:

- you contact us as soon as possible, and provide us with the name of the replacement passengers and who they will be replacing from the original booking. We can only transfer customers up to 14 days before departure, subject to availability;
- you pay an amendment fee of £50 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by

- any of our suppliers; and
- c) the transferee agrees to these Booking Conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

If there are any payments outstanding for the applicable booking when the transfer is requested these must also be paid before the transfer can be made. Any replacement passengers must show us evidence of their holiday insurance prior to the transfer being completed. You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out herein will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

Note: Certain arrangements (such as "Low Cost" flight bookings, flight upgrades and flights with restrictive ticketing deadlines) may not be amended or transferred after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

8. If you cancel before departure

If you decide to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us (or your travel agent) in writing, as soon as possible. To notify us please send an email to CustomerCancellations@travelsphere.co.uk or write to us. Any notification by telephone should be to our Service Centre on 01858 415407 and must be followed up in writing or by email, within 24 hours by the lead name to confirm the cancellation. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect from the date on which we receive it. If the call to notify us of cancellation is from anyone other than the lead name then the lead name must confirm the cancellation in writing or by email within 3 days of the initial call. If you need to cancel your booking within 24 hours of departure please call our 24 hour Holiday Helpline on the number given in your holiday documents. If verbal notification is within 5 days of departure we reserve the right to cancel the booking after 24 hours. Since we incur costs in cancelling your arrangements, you will have to pay the applicable cancellation charges up to the maximum shown below. The cancellation charge detailed is

calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

Number of Days' Notice Before Departure	Cancellation charge (% of holiday price):
More than 75 days before departure	Loss of deposit only
43 - 74 days	50% of tour price
29 - 42 days	75% of tour price
15 - 28 days	90% of tour price
Day of Departure - 14 days	100% of tour price

Please note that insurance premiums and amendments charges are not refundable in any circumstances.

Note: Certain arrangements (such as 'Low Cost' flight bookings, flight upgrades or flights with restrictive ticketing conditions) may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements, in addition to the charge above. In some instances, airline ticketing deadlines and specific supplier booking conditions may result in higher cancellation charges being applied to your booking but you will be made aware of this.

Where any cancellation reduces the number of full paying party members below the number which the price and/or any concessions agreed for your booking were based, we will recalculate these items and re-invoice you accordingly. If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us.

The cancellation charges above have been calculated as a genuine pre-estimate of the losses we would incur in the event you cancelled your holiday within the stipulated time period, taking into account the charges we will incur from our suppliers (some of which will be up to 100%)

and the expected cost savings and income from alternative deployment of the travel services (if possible) calculated as an average charge over a period of time.

Cancellation by you due to unavoidable & extraordinary circumstances: You have the right to cancel your confirmed holiday before departure without paying a cancellation charge in the event of "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" occurring at your holiday destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affecting the performance of the holiday or significantly affecting the transport arrangements to the destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has changed its advice to warn against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity after the date of your booking. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

9. If we change or cancel

As we plan your holiday arrangements many months in advance we may occasionally have to make changes or cancel your booking and we reserve the right to do so at any time.

Changes: If we make an insignificant change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure but we will have no liability to you for failing to inform you or your travel agent. Examples of insignificant changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in our advertising material may be subject to change.

Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Examples of "significant changes" include the following, when made before departure:

- A change of accommodation area for the whole or a significant part of your time away, provided that the new area is more than 15 miles away from the original.
- A change of cabin accommodation to a significantly lesser grade.
- Where you are taking a tour, a significant change to the itinerary. i.e. when the itinerary has to be changed by more than 50% and may have to exclude an iconic highlight.
- A change of accommodation to that of a lower standard or classification for the whole or a significant part of your time away.
- A change of outward departure time or overall length of your arrangements of twelve or more hours.
- A significant change to your itinerary, missing out one or more destination entirely.
- A change of UK airport from the one you were due to fly to or from, except where the change is between London airports (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, London City or Luton) or where the new airport is within 50 miles of the original airport.

Please note: We do not classify a change of air or sea port as a significant change where coach transfers between a UK town and the relevant air/sea port are included in the holiday. A change of flight from direct to indirect is not classified as a significant change.

Cancellation: We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 75 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. We may cancel your holiday before this date, (if your holiday departure date is not specifically guaranteed in the brochure in which it was advertised) for example, if the minimum number of customers required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached. If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before



departure, we will offer you the choice of:

- i. (For significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements;
- ii. having a refund of all monies paid;
- iii. accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable or higher standard if available (at no extra cost); or
- iv. if available, accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of a lower or comparable standard from us (we will refund any price difference between the original arrangements and the alternative arrangements if the alternative arrangements are of a lower value).

You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If we do not hear from you within 7 days, we will contact you again to request notification of your choice. If you fail to respond again within 3 days we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

Once a tour has departed, itinerary changes may be necessary as a result of unforeseen circumstances, operational concerns, or concerns for your health, safety, enjoyment or comfort. Any changes are at our discretion. You acknowledge that you must have reasonable financial resources to cover incidental expenses during all travel with us, whether or not such expenses arise from a change of itinerary, and we are not liable for your failure to prepare adequately for travel and unforeseen circumstances which may arise during travel. We will not be liable for any indirect and or consequential losses associated with any changes to a booking or itinerary.

Compensation

If we cancel your booking or make a significant change less than 75 days before departure, in addition to a full refund of all monies paid by you, we will pay you reasonable compensation as detailed below.

Period before departure a significant change or cancellation is notified to you	Compensation payable per person (excluding infants)
More than 75 days before departure	NIL
29-74 days	£10
15-28 days	£20
8-14 days	£30
7 days or less	£40

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances:

- where we make an insignificant change;
- where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements more than 75 days before departure;
- where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;
- where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time;
- where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you;
- where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure (see clause 10).

If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the arrangement that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will, if possible, make alternative arrangement for you at no extra charge and where those alternative arrangements are of a lower standard, provide you with an appropriate price reduction.

Please note: where accommodation with a higher price than the original accommodation is offered by us and accepted by you, the difference in price will be deducted from any compensation payable. In no case will we pay compensation if accommodation is offered by us and accepted by you with a higher price than that originally booked in the same location where no additional payment is made by you. If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the services that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will make alternative arrangements for you at no extra charge and, if appropriate in all the circumstances, will pay you reasonable compensation.

Please note: should it become impossible to make alternative arrangements in the circumstances mentioned above, our legal obligation is to

return you to the point of departure, where you commenced your booked arrangements with us, only. It will be your responsibility to arrange any onward transport from the point at which you commenced your booked arrangements with us and your home.

10. Force majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Terms, we will not be liable or pay you compensation if its contractual obligations to you are affected by “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” meaning any event beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, labour difficulties, interference by authorities, political disturbance, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, closure of airports, ports or airspace or changes of schedules by airlines and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned’s control.

Brexit implications: please note that certain travel arrangements may be affected as a result of the United Kingdom’s decision to leave the European Union. This could include an unavailability of certain flight routes, access to certain ports and airports and changes to the visa requirements of British citizens travelling to, within or through the EU. Please rest assured that this is something we will continue to monitor and will advise our customers as soon as possible if we become aware of any confirmed bookings that will be affected. However, since this is something which is completely unprecedented and outside our control, we would treat any such changes as Force Majeure, and whilst we will endeavour to provide suitable alternative arrangements or refunds where possible, we will not be liable to pay you any compensation.

11. Special requests

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Any special requests or requirements do not form part of these Terms or the contract between us and we are not liable for any failure to accommodate or fulfil such requests. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met.

12. Disabilities and Medical Problems
The Equality Act 2010

This law applies to services provided in the UK and not those provided overseas. However, we believe in trying to make our holidays as accessible to as many people as possible. You must tell us before you book of any special needs you may have as result of any disability or medical condition, whether physical or mental health and we will do all we can to accommodate you. This includes making any reasonable adjustments to the holiday itself and/or to the booking process. You may be asked to complete a medical information form (the “Medical Form”) or produce a Doctors certificate/letter prior to travel. We will endeavour to respond within 5 working days of receipt of this documentation. If you wish to have this documentation returned please let us know as we only hold this information for your current holiday. This information will be treated confidentially and will only be used to check that you are likely to be sufficiently fit and able to undertake your chosen holiday, and that any special requirements are passed on to our suppliers. If you, or any member of your party’s situation changes after you have booked (including where any medical condition or disability deteriorates or develops) you must let us know straight away. Travel with us may involve visiting remote or developing regions, where medical care may not be easily accessible and medical facilities may not meet the standards of those found in the UK. We and our suppliers make no representations and gives no warranties

in relation to the availability or standard of medical facilities in those regions. Whilst we will endeavour to make any reasonable adjustments to the holiday itself, sometimes this may not be possible. Examples of where we may not be able to make a reasonable adjustment include:

- Providing wheelchair access ramps to overseas hotels in remote locations;
- Our staff pushing a customer in a wheelchair throughout the duration of the holiday;
- Provision of daily personal care whether for a physical or mental health condition.

Please note that personal care cannot be provided by any member of our staff.

It is your responsibility to tell us before you book whether you have any special requirements, limited mobility or medical conditions either physical or mental health that might affect your ability to take part on our holidays. A reasonable level of fitness is required for our holidays as some walking will be involved. If you are in doubt about the suitability of any of our holidays please just ask but, it is vital that you seek confirmation from your own Doctor to establish that you are sufficiently fit both physically and mentally, to travel and to undertake the excursions that may be required to undertake your tour. Where we can we will make any reasonable adjustments but where we cannot make such adjustments we may have to cancel your booking. It is our intention to make our holidays as accessible to as many people as we can, especially those with disabilities. We cannot do this if you don’t tell us of your needs so please mention any relevant information to us before you book. In particular to establish:

- i. Any special requirements for air, coach, ferry or cruise ship travel so these are passed on to our suppliers;
- ii. That we are aware whether your mobility may be limited or that you may need assistance on any part of the tour;
- iii. Whether you are taking medication and might require medical attention during your holiday;
- iv. Whether there might be any pre-existing medical conditions either physical or mental health that should be disclosed to your insurer (or to the insurer recommended by ourselves) and which could result in your insurance being invalidated. We can recommend a special travel insurance policy for those with existing medical conditions and would recommend that this or a similar policy be purchased prior to travel.

It is your responsibility to check your health and fitness to travel with your own Doctor before travel and we would recommend that you seek this confirmation and send us this information. We will endeavour to assist with any special requirements that might be needed and can also advise against certain tours and excursions that might be challenging for a customer with particular medical issues. We have to rely upon your honesty about your medical condition and cannot advise you properly if we are unaware of this. Please contact our Special Services Team at customercare@travelsphere.co.uk and we can arrange to advise you of the pre travel medical clearance that you should clarify with your doctor.

We will assume, unless you inform us otherwise, that you are in a good state of health both physically and mentally, to participate in the holiday. If you do not tell us about any disability or medical condition which may affect your holiday arrangements and any resulting special needs, and we find ourselves in the position where you are at your UK departure point or on holiday and are unable to participate fully, then we reserve the right to:

- 1) Organise extra assistance or make any adjustments so you can continue with the holiday, and pass on the costs of doing this to you.
- 2) Arrange your return to the UK, or to your home address if you haven’t left the UK, and pass on the costs of doing this to you.

We very much hope that all our customers will be completely open, honest and up front with us so the above situation does not occur. However, we do reserve the right to take action in the interests of your health and safety and the health and safety of our staff and other customers should we need to. We can only accept your booking upon the clear understanding that we cannot be liable if you do not inform us of such a condition and an airline or cruise line refuses to accept you as a passenger.

13. Complaints

We make every effort to ensure that your arrangements run smoothly but if you do have a problem during your holiday, please inform our Tour Manager or the relevant supplier immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint is not resolved locally, you must ask the Tour Manager or representative for a Holiday Report Form, which you must then complete in his or her presence. One copy will be given to you and the other copy sent to head office. You can also contact us on our 24 hour Duty Office number, the details of which will be provided in your booking documentation. If the problem cannot be resolved and you wish to complain further, you must send formal written notice of your complaint to us at Travelsphere, Unit 1, The Point, Rockingham Road, Market Harborough, England, LE16 7QU or by e-mail to feedback@travelsphere.co.uk within 28 days of the end of your stay, giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. This will assist us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this clause may affect ours and the applicable supplier’s ability to investigate your complaint, and this may affect your rights under this contract.

Please note that we offer an Alternative Dispute Resolution service through our ABTA membership. Please see clause 14 for further details. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr>. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

14. ABTA

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number Y6412. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA’s scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we can’t resolve your complaint, go to www.abta.com to use ABTA’s simple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA’s assistance in resolving disputes can be found on www.abta.com.

15. Our responsibilities

We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agreed to provide or arrange for you as an “organiser” under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we do not remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, we will pay you reasonable compensation. The level of such compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these conditions and the extent to which we or our employees’ or suppliers’ negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, cost or other claim of any description if it results from:

- (a) the acts and/or omissions of the person affected; or
- (b) the acts and/or omissions of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unavoidable and extraordinary; or
- (c) Force Majeure

We limit the amount of compensation we may have to pay you if we are found liable under this clause as follows:

- (a) **loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions and money:** the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind.
- (b) **Claims not falling under (a) above and which don’t involve injury, illness or death:** the

maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is up to three times the price paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you or your party has not received any benefit at all from your booking.

(c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel:

- i) The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if it's a carrier under the appropriate Conventions, which include The Warsaw/ Montreal Convention (international travel by air); The Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel); The Berne/Cotif Convention (with respect to rail travel) and The Paris Convention (with respect to hotel arrangements). You can ask for copies of these Conventions from us. In addition, you agree that the operating carrier or transport company's own 'Conditions of Carriage' will apply to you on that journey. When arranging transportation for you, we rely on the terms and conditions contained within these international conventions and those 'Conditions of Carriage'. You acknowledge that all of the terms and conditions contained in those 'Conditions of Carriage' form part of your contract with us, as well as with the transport company and that those 'Conditions of Carriage' shall be deemed to be included by reference into this contract.
- ii) In any circumstances in which a carrier is liable to you by virtue of the Denied Boarding Regulation 2004, any liability we may have to you under our contract with you, arising out of the same facts, is limited to the remedies provided under the Regulation as if (for this purpose only) we were a carrier.
- iii) When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question.

It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this clause that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these Terms.

Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it (and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to us or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide us and our insurers with all assistance they may reasonably require.

Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss or expense or other sum(s) of any description:

(a) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to us accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you; or

(b) relate to any business.

We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of this agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure or on our website. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you.

Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding three nights per person. Departure point will be the location where you commenced your first travel arrangement booked through Travelsphere as listed on your booking confirmation. Please note that the 3 night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided that we have been notified of these particular needs in advance. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

16. Your behaviour & acceptance of reasonable risks

You acknowledge that travel and the products and services offered by us may involve risk to your health and safety. By travelling with us

you acknowledge that you have considered any potential risks to health and safety. To the extent permitted by law, you hereby assume responsibility for all such risk and release us from all claims and causes of action arising from any losses, damages or injuries or death resulting from risks inherent in travel, including visiting foreign destinations, and participating in adventurous activities such as those included in Tour itineraries or otherwise offered by us. You acknowledge that the degree and nature of personal risk involved depends on the products or services booked and the location(s) in which a product or service operates. There may be an increased degree of risk participating in physical activities, travel to remote locations, carriage by watercraft, or other high-risk activities, or travel to countries with developing infrastructure.

You agree that we are not responsible for providing information or guidance with respect of local customs, weather conditions, physical challenges or laws in effect in any locations where a Tour, product or service is operated. You acknowledge you have considered the potential risks, dangers and challenges and your own personal capabilities and needs, and you expressly assume the risks associated with travel under such conditions. You must at all times strictly comply with all applicable laws and regulations of all countries and regions. Should you fail to comply with the above or commit any illegal act when on tour or, if in our opinion (acting reasonably), your behaviour is causing or is likely to cause danger, distress or material annoyance to others, we may terminate your travel arrangements or any product or service immediately at your expense and without any liability on our part. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused or missed services or costs incurred as a result of termination of our travel arrangements, including, without limitation, return travel, accommodations, meals, and incidentals.

You are responsible for any costs (including repair, replacement and cleaning fees) incurred by us or our suppliers for property damage, destruction or theft caused by you while on a tour. You agree to immediately report any pre-existing damage to one of our representatives or staff of the accommodation, transportation service, or facility as soon as possible upon discovery. You agree to take all prudent measures in relation to your own safety while on tour including, but not limited to, the proper use of safety devices (including seat belts, harnesses, flotation devices and helmets) and obeying all posted signs and oral or written warnings regarding health and safety. Neither we nor our third party suppliers are liable for loss or damages caused by your failure to comply with safety instructions or warnings.

17. Excursions and local activities

Included Excursions:

For all excursions that form part of the advertised arrangements that you have booked, your contract for the excursion will be with ourselves and we will take responsibility for that excursion in accordance with the remainder of these Booking Terms and Conditions.

Optional experiences/excursions:

Aside from included excursions, optional experiences/excursions and activities may be available for you to purchase either before you depart the UK or during your holiday. Occasionally, these are offered for sale by our holiday advisors in the UK or our Tour Managers or representatives overseas. However, we have no involvement in any such excursions or activities which are not run, supervised or controlled in any way by us. Full responsibility for providing and operating the excursion or activity rests with the local operator/provider. Optional excursions or other activities that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are taking part in your trip are not part of your contracted arrangements with us. Where you make a booking of an optional excursion via us or our Tour Manager, we act solely as a booking agent for the local operator/provider of all such optional excursions and activities with whom you will have a contract. The local operator's terms and conditions will apply. We are not responsible for the provision of any optional excursions or activities or for anything that happens during the course of its provision by the local operator. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to any optional excursions or activities which do not form part of your contracted arrangements with us. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

A minimum number of people are needed for

an optional excursion to operate. If that number is not achieved, the local operator may have to cancel it. If this happens, you will be offered a full refund of the money that you have paid. If the local operator has to cancel and you paid for the excursion overseas your Tour Manager will refund you overseas, on behalf of the local operator. If you pre-booked in the UK before the holiday, the refund will be processed by our head office in the UK, and will be sent to the lead passenger's home address within 10 working days of your return date to the UK, on behalf of the local operator.

If you want to cancel an optional excursion that you have booked, we on behalf of the local operator, are unable to refund the cost of the excursion once it has been paid for.

Our Tour Managers are happy to suggest local places of interest to you. However, these are suggestions only and are not recommendations or endorsements and no liability is accepted for any issues that may arise.

18. Financial security

We provide financial security for flight inclusive Packages and ATOL protected flights. We do this by way of a bond held in favour of the Civil Aviation Authority under ATOL number 11266. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our flight inclusive arrangements includes the amount of £2.50 per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL Scheme. ATOL protection extends primarily to Customers who book and pay in the United Kingdom or the first leg of any flight or flights we arrange for you commences in the UK.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL Scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

We provide financial security for holidays not including flights by way of a financial failure insurance policy. You will be given full details of the insurer with your confirmation invoice or, alternatively, please go to www.travelsphere.co.uk/fpi. If you book arrangements other than an ATOL protected flight or Package from us, your monies will not be financially protected. Please ask us for further details. For more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate or contact Civil Aviation Authority of CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE.

19. Passport visa and immigration requirements and health formalities

We will provide you with standard information about the passport, visa, health and immigration requirements applicable to your itinerary, but it is your responsibility to confirm that this information is relevant to your individual circumstances. You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant

Embassies and/or Consulates and your own doctor as applicable and you are responsible for ensuring that you meet the entry requirements for the destinations listed on your itinerary. We are unable to accept any responsibility if you are unable to travel because you are not granted a visa and relevant cancellation charges will apply. Requirements do change, and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure so that you have the correct documentation and are adequately vaccinated. Information on health is available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.travelhealthpro.org.uk

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. When travelling to the EU, the UK Government recommends that you have 6 months left on your passport on the date of your arrival at an EU country. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. You should also check when your passport was renewed. If you renewed a 10 year adult passport before it expired, extra months may have been added to your passport's expiry date. These extra months over 10 years will not count towards the 6 months that must be remaining. The UK Government has published a web site tool to check the validity of your passport under these rules. Please go to www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport. For further information contact the Passport Office on 0300 222 0000 or visit www.gov.uk/browse/citizenship/passports. The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows any EU Citizen to access state medical care when they are travelling in another EU Country. In the event of a no deal Brexit, UK registered EHIC's will no longer be valid. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure so that you have the correct documentation and are adequately vaccinated. Information on health is available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.travelhealthpro.org.uk

We do not wish to mar the prospective enjoyment of your holiday. However, sadly we have to be mindful of the global risk of indiscriminate terrorist attacks. You should be aware of up to date travel information and up to date travel advice for your chosen destination; please review the Foreign Office web site for detailed information www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. Up to date travel advice can also be obtained from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, visit www.gov.uk/travelaware.

Non British passport holders, including other EU nationals, should obtain up to date advice on passport and visa requirements from the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination or country(ies) through which you are travelling.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

20. Cruises

River and Ocean Cruise vessels enforce the highest standards of cleaning and sanitation in order to prevent the spread of viruses and illness. If you experience any gastrointestinal symptoms whilst on board, you may be confined to your cabin until your symptoms are clear. This action is to protect all passengers on board and contain the spread of any virus.

In most cases, prior to boarding, you will be asked by the cruise operator/carrier to complete a medical form confirming you are not ill or have not been ill prior to boarding the vessel. You must answer these questions truthfully. If you have experienced any gastrointestinal symptoms prior to boarding your vessel, we on behalf of the cruise operator/carrier reserve the right to ask passengers to produce medical evidence of fitness to travel this may include the submission of any required medical certificates. In the interests of passenger safety we reserve the right to refuse boarding at our discretion. In such circumstances passengers will not be entitled to claim compensation or a refund.

In some ports, it may be necessary for the river or cruise vessel to anchor offshore rather than alongside. When this is the case, the cruise line will use a tender to take passengers ashore. A tender is a small vessel and may not be suitable for persons with Disabilities or reduced mobility

or balance problems. It is important that passengers are able to use the tender safely. Passengers may be required to descend to a platform or pontoon and into the tender and passengers may need to navigate a gap between the platform and the tender. Depending on weather, tide and sea conditions, there may be some movement and passengers must be fit and mobile enough to access and disembark the tender. If passengers have impaired mobility, or use a mobility aid such as a stick, then they must carefully consider their ability to embark the tender safely. Wheelchairs and mobility equipment will not be carried by the crew or Tour Manager and all passengers must be independently mobile enough to use the tenders. Ultimately, carriage by tender may be refused by the Captain of the river or cruise vessel or any of his officers if there is any doubt as to the safety of any passengers.

21. Conditions of suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

22. Prompt assistance

If, whilst you are on holiday, you find yourself in difficulty for any reason, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is appropriate in the circumstances. In particular, we will provide you with appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance, and assistance with distance communications and finding alternative travel arrangements. Where you require assistance which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractors, we will not be liable for the costs of any alternative travel arrangements or other such assistance you require. Any supplier, airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of

these Booking Conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. Furthermore, we reserve the right to charge you a fee for its assistance in the event that the difficulty is caused intentionally by you or a member of your party, or otherwise through your or your party's negligence.

23. Delays, missed transport arrangements and other travel information

If you miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately. Under EU Law, you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from the airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights with a European airline or flights operating from a European airport.

Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk/passengers. Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If your holiday arrangements include a flight and, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight inclusive holiday.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10 of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity

of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know. Please note the existence of a "Community list" (available for inspection at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban_en) detailing air carriers that are subject to an operating ban with the EU Community.

Our advertising material is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

24. Advance passenger information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft to the Authorities before the aircraft leaves the UK. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for your flight. Where we collect this data, we will treat it in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

25. Foreign office advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of Foreign Office advice in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. As the advice may change, we recommend that you keep up to date and check the situation closer to your departure date at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. Advice from the Foreign Office to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see clause 10).

26. Baggage

You are responsible for the carriage and care of your luggage throughout your holiday except for such times as it may be in the hands of the airline; herein such circumstances the airline specific terms and conditions relating to the carriage of luggage apply, or when portage at a hotel or on arrival and departure is included. Please ensure that your luggage is loaded on to all transport and

be careful to take the correct luggage with you when you leave any mode of transport.

27. Marketing and images

You acknowledge and agree that, while participating in any tour, images, photos or videos may be taken by other participants, us or our representatives that may contain or feature you (the "Visual Content"). You consent to any such pictures being taken and grant a perpetual, royalty-free worldwide, irrevocable license to us, our contractors, sub-contractors and assigns, to reproduce the Visual Content for any purpose whatsoever (including marketing, promotions and the creation of promotional materials by or with sub-licensees), in any medium whatsoever, whether currently known or hereinafter devised, without any further obligation or compensation payable to you.

28. Severability

If any provision of these Booking Conditions is so broad as to be unenforceable, such provision will be interpreted to be only so broad as is enforceable. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision hereof will in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

29. Amendments

We reserve the right to update or alter these Booking Conditions at any time, and will post up to date Booking Conditions on our website at www.travelsphere.co.uk/booking-conditions. The Booking Conditions that were in place on the date your booking was confirmed will apply to your holiday. We recommend that you refer to the Booking Conditions applicable to your booking prior to travel to familiarise yourself.

30. Privacy policy

We must collect your personal information to deliver your booked arrangements and any products or services booked. We collect, use and disclose only that information reasonably required to enable us and our third party suppliers to provide your booked arrangements, products and/or services that you have requested as described in our Privacy Policy, which can be accessed any time at www.travelsphere.co.uk/privacy-policy and is expressly incorporated into these Booking Terms and Conditions. By submitting any personal information to us, you indicate your acceptance of our Privacy Policy.

BOOKING IS EASY

BEFORE YOU BOOK

We do hope that your Travelsphere holiday will meet your expectations so it is very important that you choose the holiday that is right for you. Our Holiday Advisors are happy to share their knowledge; however, please also conduct your own independent research to ensure that you are happy with the arrangements made and are familiar with the up-to-date travel advice in the destination(s) you will be going to.

Please visit the Foreign & Commonwealth Office website at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice or www.gov.uk/travelaware. Packed with essential travel advice and tips, these websites offer a wealth of country specific information including the latest on security, local laws, passport and visa requirements. Keep informed on current travel health news by visiting www.travelhealthpro.org.uk. The advice can change so please check regularly for updates.

You can request a brochure, check availability and book online 24 hours a day/7 days a week at www.travelsphere.co.uk. Booking one of our holidays is easy on line.

If you prefer to speak to someone to make your booking you can call us on 01858 415 477. Sales lines are open Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Calls may be recorded to ensure a high level of customer service.

When you are ready to book please have the following information to hand:

- ✓ Holiday reference as shown on the holiday page
- ✓ Preferred departure date
- ✓ Full names of all those travelling as stated on their passport
- ✓ How many rooms and type
- ✓ Holiday insurance requirements
- ✓ Credit or debit card details for deposit payment

You will be given a booking reference. Please quote this whenever you contact us.

AFTER MAKING YOUR BOOKING

You will be given a booking reference, please quote this whenever you contact us. If you book by telephone you will be asked for your email address so that we can send you all the relevant documentation for your booking; which will include: your confirmation invoice, holiday information and final travel documents. You can choose how you receive your documents by post or email, simply tell your Holiday Advisor at time of booking.

Prior to departure we will send you further information to help you prepare for your trip.

You can email us at enquiries@travelsphere.co.uk or you can call our Customer Services Department on **01858 415 477**.

Service lines are open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT

Each booking must be accompanied by the appropriate deposit payment. In most cases we will charge the following deposit per person but the actual amount will be made clear at the point of booking:

UK BREAKS - £75

EUROPEAN HOLIDAYS - £200 PER PERSON

WORLDWIDE HOLIDAYS - £250 OR 10% WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER

OCEAN CRUISES - £250 OR 10% WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER

On some holidays we may charge a slightly higher deposit, to cover any costs we have to pay immediately to secure your booking with our suppliers. This will be made clear at the time of booking.

You can use your debit or credit card to confirm your booking instantly.

We will send confirmation of your booking within a couple of days – it's that easy.

All major credit cards are accepted and there is no charge for paying by debit/credit card, by cheque or bank transfer.

CONFIRMATION

A confirmation invoice will be emailed to you shortly after your booking is confirmed. Please read it carefully and let us know immediately if there are any errors. The balance must be paid no later than 12 weeks before departure. The payment deadline will be clearly marked on your confirmation invoice along with details of how to pay online at www.travelsphere.co.uk/payments

FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

You can choose how you receive your final travel documents – by post or by email. Simply tell your Holiday Advisor at time of booking. If you would like to change how to receive your documents at any time, please call our Holiday Advisors on **01858 415 477**.

FEEDBACK

If you have any feedback after your holiday please contact us at: feedback@travelsphere.co.uk

We endeavour to respond to all emails within five working days.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

BOOKING A SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

If you are travelling on our main scheduled flight (usually from London Heathrow or Gatwick) you are guaranteed a free place on the relevant transfer below. You don't need to do anything, we've taken care of everything.

FLYING FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT

If you have chosen to fly from your local airport, we will transfer you to your hotel at the relevant time shown in the table below free of charge. You don't need to do anything, we've taken care of everything.

BOOKING A MAKE YOUR OWN WAY HOLIDAY

If you have chosen to book your own flights (Make Your Own Way) you have a few choices: a) If you would like to join a scheduled transfer to the first hotel, you can do this for £40 per person. Please call us to book your place. b) If you would like a private transfer to your hotel, we can arrange this for you. Please call us on 01858 415 477 for a quote and to book. c) If you prefer the flexibility of making your own travel arrangements, we'll meet you at the first hotel and see you at our welcome meeting which usually takes place early on the first evening.

Transfer information is subject to change. All transfer information will be confirmed in the final documents you receive approximately two weeks prior to departure.

TOUR NAME	ARRIVAL			DEPARTURE		
	Free scheduled group transfer: Airport → First hotel	Arrival airport/station/port	Approximate transfer duration	Free scheduled group transfer: Last hotel → Airport	Departure airport/station/port	Approximate transfer duration
ITALY						
Grand Tour of Italy	13:00, 18:00	Venice Marco Polo	40 mins	16:45, 18:45	Catania	1 hr
Magnificent Maggiore & Lake Como	11:45, 16:00	Malpensa Terminal 1	1 hr	08:00, 12:30	Malpensa Terminal 1	1 hr
Secret Lakes of Italy	11:15, 15:30	Malpensa Terminal 1	3 hrs 30 mins	06:30, 10:30	Malpensa Terminal 1	2 hrs 30 mins
The Italian Riviera, Portofino & the Cinque Terre	12:40, 13:15	Pisa	40 mins	09:45, 11:15	Pisa	40 mins
Italian Lakes & Mountains	17:30, 19:50	Verona	1 hr 30 mins	13:45, 16:15	Verona	1 hr 30 mins
Verona Short Break with a Night at the Opera	11:30	Verona	20 mins	08:15	Verona	20 mins
Treasures of Florence & Tuscany	13:15, 14:30	Pisa	45 mins	06:15, 11:15	Pisa	45 mins
A Taste of Medieval Italy	12:15	Bologna	1 hr	09:00	Bologna	1 hr
Pompeii, Paestum & Herculaneum	10:45, 11:30, 17:45	Naples	1 hr	07:15, 08:30, 14:00	Naples	1 hr
Amalfi Coast	09:30, 10:30, 11:15	Naples	1 hr 30 mins	07:30, 09:45	Naples	1 hr 30 mins
Calabria - Italy's Hidden South	14:30	Lamezia Terme	1 hr 30 mins	10:30	Lamezia Terme	1 hr 30 mins
Puglia & Basilicata	12:15	Bari	1 hr 15 mins	08:30	Bari	1 hr 15 mins
The Island of Elba	12:45	Pisa	4 hrs	06:30	Pisa	4 hrs
Sailing the Magical Aeolian Islands	11:30	Catania	3 hrs	08:15	Catania	3 hrs
Classic Sicily	12:15	Catania	1 hr	08:00	Catania	2 hrs
Secret Sicily	10:30	Palermo	1 hr 30 mins	08:00	Catania	1 hr
Sardinia's Emerald Coast	10:45, 14:45, 17:45	Olbia	1 hr	07:30, 11:15, 14:00	Olbia	1 hr
EUROPE						
Isle of Man Heritage Rail Adventures (ferry)	22:30	Douglas Port	10 mins	13:00	Douglas Port	10 mins
Isle of Man Heritage Rail Adventures (flight)	16:30, 17:00	Isle of Man	20 mins	07:30, 14:30	Isle of Man	20 mins
French Riviera (flight)	12:30, 14:00	Nice Terminal 1	1 hr	09:00, 11:30	Nice Terminal 1	1 hr
Amsterdam in Full Bloom (flight)	16:30	Amsterdam Schiphol	30 mins	13:00	Amsterdam Schiphol	30 mins
Amsterdam in Full Bloom (rail)	16:45	Amsterdam Centraal	45 mins	12:45	Amsterdam Centraal	45 mins
Best of Portugal	15:30	Oporto	45 mins	10:00, 11:30	Lisbon Terminal 1	45 mins
The Beauty of the Azores	14:15, 19:30	São Miguel	20 mins	06:30, 10:00	São Miguel	20 mins
Little Trains of the Pyrenees	15:00	Barcelona El Prat Terminal 1	2 hrs	07:30, 08:30	Barcelona El Prat Terminal 1	2 hrs
A Week in Andalusia	11:15, 14:30	Malaga	1 hr	07:30, 08:30	Malaga	1 hr
An Andalusian Discovery	14:30, 16:00	Malaga	45 mins	08:00, 09:00	Malaga	45 mins
Discover Malta	13:00, 16:00	Malta	40 mins	09:30, 14:00	Malta	40 mins
Deluxe Swiss Railways	12:45, 13:30	Zurich	2 hrs 15 mins	10:00, 12:30	Geneva	1 hr 10 mins
Salzburg & the Spectacular Austrian Lakes	15:00	Munich Terminal 2	2 hrs 45 mins	10:00	Munich Terminal 2	2 hrs 45 mins
Oberammergau Passion Play & The Spectacular Austrian Lakes	15:00	Munich Terminal 2	2 hrs	10:00, 11:30	Munich Terminal 2	2 hrs 45 mins
Croatia Uncovered	10:30, 13:45	Split	15 mins	07:45, 09:30	Split	20 mins
Croatian Island Hopping	10:45, 12:45	Split	20 mins	07:30, 09:30	Split	20 mins
Croatia's Opatija Riviera	13:30, 14:15	Zagreb	2 hrs 15 mins	10:20, 12:00	Zagreb	2 hrs 15 mins
Dubrovnik & the Highlights of Montenegro	11:35, 12:45	Dubrovnik	30 mins	06:00, 06:20	Dubrovnik	2 hrs 15 mins
The Balkan Adventure	14:15, 15:30	Sarajevo	20 mins	12:00	Zagreb	30 mins
Slovenia & Croatia	13:30, 16:30	Zagreb	1 hr 30 mins	12:20, 13:30	Zagreb	30 mins
Discover Romania & Enchanting Transylvania	16:30, 20:15	Bucharest	45 mins	13:30, 17:30	Bucharest	45 mins
Treasures of Turkey	17:30, 18:30	Istanbul	1 hr 30 mins	10:30	Istanbul	1 hr 30 mins
Mythical Greece - Athens, Delphi & Mycenae	12:30	Athens	1 hr	08:00	Thessaloniki	45 mins
Wildflowers of Crete	15:00	Chania	30 mins	11:35	Chania	30 mins
Bulgaria's Hidden Heritage	13:00 Terminal 1, 14:15	Sofia Terminal 2	1 hr 45 mins	10:00 Terminal 1, 11:30	Sofia Terminal 2	30 mins
Iceland's Fire and Ice	16:15	Keflavik	50 mins	04:30, 09:30	Keflavik	45 mins
Norway - Huskies & the Northern Lights	13:45, 20:15	Tromso	15 mins	11:00, 17:45	Tromso	35 mins
Imperial Cities - Budapest, Vienna & Prague	13:15, 14:15 Terminal 2A	Budapest Terminal 2B	35 mins	14:30, 15:30	Prague Terminal 1	35 mins
Grand Baltic Explorer	14:30	Helsinki Terminal 2	35 mins	14:30, 16:00	Warsaw	45 mins
Moscow & St Petersburg*	16:15	Moscow DME	1 hr 20 mins	11:00	St Petersburg Terminal 1	45 mins
	17:15	Moscow SVO Terminal E	1 hr	15:00	St Petersburg Terminal 1	45 mins
RIVER CRUISE						
Venice & the Venetian Lagoon	13:15	Venice Marco Polo	30 mins	11:00	Venice	30 mins
Cruising the Heart of Italy	13:15	Venice Marco Polo	30 mins	13:30	Venice	2 hrs
The Spirit of Andalusia	13:30, 14:15	Seville	30 mins	10:30, 11:30	Seville	30 mins
The Golden River - Valley of the Douro	15:30	Oporto	45 mins	15:00	Oporto	45 mins
Cruising The Winelands of France	12:00, 14:30	Bordeaux Terminal L	45 mins	12:30, 14:30	Bordeaux Terminal L	45 mins

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	Free scheduled group transfer: Airport → First hotel	Arrival airport/station/port	Approximate transfer duration	Free scheduled group transfer: Last hotel → Airport	Departure airport/station/port	Approximate transfer duration
Images of the Seine (rail)	16:00	Paris Gare du Nord	45 mins	09:30	Paris Gare du Nord	45 mins
Images of the Seine (flight)	15:00	Paris Charles de Gaulle	40 mins	10:00	Paris Charles de Gaulle	40 mins
Cruising the Romantic Rhine	12:30, 15:15	Amsterdam Schiphol	30 mins	16:00	Basel	2 hrs
Cruising the Blue Danube to the Black Sea	14:30	Vienna	2 hrs	12:00	Bucharest	4 hrs
USA & CANADA						
Best of the West	15:15, 19:00 Terminal B	Los Angeles Terminal 2	40 mins	14:00, 15:00	San Francisco International	40 mins
America's Glorious West	15:15, 18:00	Los Angeles Terminal 2	40 mins	12:15, 14:45	Los Angeles Terminal 3	40 mins
Highlights of Northern California	16:00, 16:45	San Francisco International	40 mins	14:00	San Francisco International	40 mins
San Francisco & The Oregon Coast	16:00	San Francisco International	40 mins	11:45	Seattle	30 mins
Epic Wonders of the National Parks	19:00, 20:30	Denver	45 mins	12:00 Terminal 1, 18:00	Las Vegas Terminal 3	15 mins
The Deep South	18:00, 21:30	Atlanta International	30 mins	07:30, 14:30, 17:00	New Orleans	25 mins
Texas, Cajun Country & New Orleans	17:00	Dallas Fort Worth Terminal D	30 mins	18:00	New Orleans	25 mins
Chicago, Mississippi & All That Jazz	14:45, 15:30	Chicago O'Hare Terminal 5	40 mins	11:30, 18:00	New Orleans	25 mins
America's Historic East	16:00, 17:45	Atlanta Terminal 1	30 mins	14:00	JFK Terminal 4	2 hr 15 mins
Discover New England	15:30, 21:30 (2020)	Boston Terminal E	20 mins	18:00, 18:30	Boston Terminal E	1 hr 45 mins
	14:00 (2021), 15:30	Boston Terminal E	20 mins	18:00, 18:30	Boston Terminal E	1 hr 45 mins
New England & Canada in The Fall	15:00	Boston Terminal E	20 mins	14:00, 14:30	Toronto Terminal 3	50 mins
East Coast Highlights	16:30, 17:00	Washington Dullas	1 hr	15:30, 15:30 (Newark), 16:00	JFK Terminal 4	1 hr
New York City Break	12:30, 13:00	Newark Terminal B	1 hr	15:00	Newark Terminal C	1 hr
Toronto & Niagara Winter Escape	15:45	Toronto Terminal 3	30 mins	16:00	Toronto Terminal 3	30 mins
Canada's Eastern Splendours	16:15	Toronto Terminal 1	1 hr 30 mins	15:30	Montreal	30 mins
Rockies Winter Wonderland	18:00	Calgary	30 mins	13:30	Calgary	30 mins
Spectacular Rockies & Vancouver	16:30	Calgary	1 hr 30 mins	15:00	Vancouver Main Terminal	30 mins
Rockies, Rail and an Alaskan Cruise	16:30	Calgary	1 hr 30 mins	15:00	Vancouver Main Terminal	30 mins
Grand Tour of Canada & the Rocky Mountaineer	17:30	Montreal	30 mins	12:30	Vancouver Main Terminal	3 hr
Canadian Arctic Summer Safari	15:00, 19:00	Winnipeg	10 mins	10:30, 12:00, 14:00	Winnipeg	10 mins
Winter Polar Bear Encounter	17:00	Winnipeg	10 mins	12:00	Winnipeg	10 mins
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA						
Galapagos Island Hopping	09:30	Quito	1 hr	14:30	Quito	30 mins
Epic Peru	09:45	Lima	50 mins	12:45	Cuzco	15 mins
Latin Wonders of the World	12:00	Lima	50 mins	17:00	Rio International	40 mins
Colourful Cuba	15:30	Havana	40 mins	17:30	Havana	40 mins
The Best of Mexico	19:30, 20:30	Mexico City Terminal 1	40 mins	18:00	Cancún	30 mins
Costa Rica & Nicaragua	15:00	San José	40 mins	09:30	San José	4 hrs 30 mins
Chile, Argentina & Brazil	12:15	Santiago	45 mins	17:00	Rio International	40 mins
The Atacama & Patagonia	13:00	Santiago	45 mins	12:00	Santiago	45 mins
ASIA						
Taj Mahal, Delhi & Amber Fort	10:30, 12:45	Delhi Terminal 3	1 hr	06:30, 09:30	Delhi Terminal 3	1 hr
Beyond the Golden Triangle	10:30, 12:45	Delhi Terminal 3	1 hr	06:30, 09:30	Delhi Terminal 3	1 hr
Grand Tour of India	10:30	Delhi Terminal 3	1 hr	01:00	Kovalam	30 mins
Kerala - Flavours of Southern India	09:30	Cochin Terminal 3	1 hr	01:00	Kovalam	30 mins
Highlights of Sri Lanka	09:30, 10:30, 14:00	Colombo	30 mins	06:30, 07:30, 09:00	Colombo	1 hr 30 mins
Nepal - The Rooftop of the World	11:30	Kathmandu	30 mins	17:00	Kathmandu	30 mins
Tibet & the Search for Shangri-La	17:15	Shanghai Pudong Terminal 1	1 hr	09:30	Shanghai Pudong Terminal 1	1 hr
Ancient to Modern - Essential China	14:00	Shanghai Hongqiao Terminal 2	1 hr	12:30	Beijing Capital Terminal 3	30 mins
	16:00	Shanghai Pudong Terminal 1		06:45	Beijing Capital Terminal 2	30 mins
	10:45	Shanghai Pudong Terminal 1		08:00	Beijing Daxing	1 hr 15 mins
	15:00	Shanghai Hongqiao Terminal 2		10:00	Beijing Capital Terminal 3	40 mins
Unmissable China & Yangtze Cruise*	11:30	Shanghai Pudong Terminal 1	1 hr	06:45	Beijing Capital Terminal 2	40 mins
	10:45	Shanghai Pudong Terminal 1		08:00	Beijing Daxing	1 hr 15 mins
	16:00	Tokyo Narita Terminal 2		14:30	Osaka Kansai Terminal 1	40 mins
A Journey through Southeast Asia	06:45	Hanoi Terminal 2	1 hr	15:15, 17:00	Bangkok Suvarnabhumi	1 hr
Invitation to Vietnam & the Temples of Angkor	06:45, 15:00	Hanoi Terminal 2	1 hr	18:00	Siem Reap	20 mins
Uzbekistan - The Heart of the Silk Route	09:30	Tashkent	30 mins	13:45	Tashkent	30 mins
AFRICA						
Ultimate South Africa	12:30	Cape Town	30 mins	13:00	Johannesburg Terminal A	4 hrs
A South African Adventure	07:00	Durban	2 hrs 30 mins	14:00	Durban	1 hr
A Namibian Adventure	12:00	Windhoek	45 mins	08:30	Windhoek	1 hr 15 mins
Kenya: Safari & Savannah Sunsets	06:30	Nairobi Terminal 1A	4 hrs 30 mins	06:45	Nairobi Terminal 1A	30 mins
Kenya & Tanzania Grand Safari	06:30	Nairobi Terminal 1A	4 hrs 30 mins	01:30	Arusha	30 mins
Southern Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar	N/A	Selous	30 mins	00:15	Zanzibar	1 hr 30 mins
Jordan's Ancient Wonders	01:15	Amman	45 mins	08:00	Amman	1 hr
A Moroccan Journey	20:00	Marrakech Terminal 1	45 mins	17:00	Marrakech Terminal 1	45 mins
AUSTRALASIA						
Highlights of Australia	07:30, 22:00	Melbourne Terminal 2	30 mins	09:00	Brisbane International	30 mins
The Wonders of Australia	02:00, 14:00	Perth Terminal 3	30 mins	09:00	Brisbane International	30 mins
Discover New Zealand	15:00	Auckland International	30 mins	09:00	Christchurch	25 mins



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