

Solo holiday collection

2025 & 2026





An interesting holiday with lots to see. The perfect balance between organised activities and free time. Excellent guide, Nikki, her skill, knowledge and enthusiasm were outstanding – leaving nothing to be desired. The hotel was excellent. Pleasant welcoming staff, good food, spotlessly clean and great location.

Margaret

Lake Maggiore, Orta & Como for solo travellers
October 2024

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Let's explore together...

Whether it's the chance to explore somewhere new with fascinating expert guides, sampling the local cuisine, hand-picked hotels or discovering new destinations, there's so much to enjoy.

Our bespoke collection of solo tours and cruises are designed exclusively with you in mind, with special touches to enhance your experience as a single traveller.

We're delighted to announce that our 2026 solo European tours are now on sale, which means our full collection of solo holidays are now on sale for 2026! So you can plan further ahead for your next adventure.

Plus, we've introduced five new European solo tours for you to enjoy. Stroll through the art-filled streets of Florence, the 'Pearl of the Renaissance'. Discover Umbria, Italy's unspoilt green heart or perhaps explore Cyprus, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite, where sun-soaked beaches, ancient ruins, and rich heritage await.

At Riviera Travel, we believe our holidays should be a balance of adventure and luxury, sparking inspiration and joy along the way. You'll always be well looked after on our solo holidays – we'll meet you at the airport and the Riviera Tour Manager will look after you throughout.

I very much hope you enjoy browsing through the brochure and reading all about the enchanting destinations waiting to be discovered.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Phil Hullah

Phil Hullah
Chief Executive Officer

Our holiday collection for solo travellers

Rest assured, solo traveller – just because you're going it alone doesn't mean you'll be on your own. With our collection of well-crafted solo holidays across the world, you're sure to find your perfect getaway. Ready to choose your next adventure?



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A wonderful week spent cruising on the Douro river. Ship was excellent, food was very good and the crew were attentive and extremely friendly. It was my first river cruise and it exceeded my expectations. I saw so much in a week but also had plenty of time to sit back and relax on board. Would definitely recommend.

Linda

Douro, Porto & Salamanca river cruise for solo travellers
November 2024

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Lisbon, Portugal

The Riviera difference

Your time away is precious and should never be compromised. Nobody knows that better than us. It's a privilege that our guests trust us time and time again to look after their holiday plans, and that's why we never take anything for granted.

Unrivalled holidays, created by our Masters of Travel

At Riviera, we are totally obsessed about travel. Holidays can be where some of the best memories of our lives are made. It's no small feat to create our tours and cruises, and we are proud to call ourselves 'Masters of Travel', curators of the finest holidays. A bold claim, but one we really believe in. Our specialists go the extra mile when creating our itineraries, and they are genuinely passionate about the destinations we visit, so when you book one of our holidays, you know you are getting decades of experience in every detail.

This also shows in how we've thoughtfully balanced out seeing the iconic sites each destination is known for, with time to tread the paths less travelled and get a new perspective away from the tourist trail.

And we're so confident in the quality of our itineraries that we offer a 'Happiness Guarantee': If you're not completely happy by the second day of your holiday, we'll bring you straight home and give you a full refund.

We'll look after you like family

When you book with Riviera Travel, you are not just booking a holiday, you are joining our family. That may seem extreme for a travel company, but we really mean it – we'll take care of you as one of our own. But the proof is in the pudding. That's why we've been awarded the esteemed 'Recommended Provider' accreditation by Which? for 13 years, and why 96% of our guests would book with us again. Our knowledgeable and friendly team are committed to making every step easy and enjoyable – from the moment you first contact us, to the very end of your journey when you arrive home happy and with a camera full of memories.

While you travel, our experienced Tour Managers or Cruise Directors will go above and beyond to ensure every aspect of your holiday runs smoothly. So, with every detail taken care of, all you need to worry about is your packing!

Luxury travel, without the price tag

One thing we will never compromise on is quality. It's at the heart of every Riviera Travel holiday. It's not just the hand-picked hotels that are a given when booking a tour – although they are included, of course – but it's also the small-but-important details, such as all of the included experiences with passionate local guides and an expert Riviera Tour Manager or Cruise Director looking after you throughout.

We believe that luxury travel shouldn't cost the earth and we offer the best value for money – we're so confident you won't find the same quality of experience for less elsewhere that if you do, we'll refund you the difference.

We know it's normally rude to discuss age, but we're incredibly proud to have over 40 years of experience as the UK's leading tour operator. It's this history, the scale of our business and the strong relationships we've built with our suppliers (which enables us to negotiate exceptional rates) that means we can offer such remarkable value – and we pass those savings straight back to you. Our prices are fair and straightforward, with no hidden extras.

You make the choices, we do the hard work

Variety is the spice of life, and there's no 'one size fits all' when it comes to the perfect travel experience. To make sure you can tailor your holiday to suit you, we've built choice into every aspect of our holidays, putting you in control. Choose from our extensive collection of holidays, then customise your experience to your exact requirements. Whether you want to upgrade your travel, or add additional excursions or visits to suit your interests, we give you the flexibility to choose. But freedom and flexibility doesn't mean a lack of support. You'll be looked after by our award-winning team every step of the way, and if anything goes awry, we'll take care of it so you can enjoy every single moment.



96% would buy again from Riviera Travel



Holiday happiness. Guaranteed.

Holidays should be all about you enjoying yourself, without having to worry about the little details. That's where we shine. Here are just a few of the ways we look after you so that you can feel completely confident that we're the right choice for your next adventure.

Unbeatable pricing

We never inflate prices to offer impressive sounding discounts. Our prices are fair and straightforward – just like us.



PRICE PROMISE

You'll usually get our lowest prices by booking early. But should we ever drop the price after you've booked, we'll automatically send you a Future Travel Voucher for the difference in value, plus an extra 25%.



QUALITY PROMISE

You cannot find the same quality experience for less with anyone else – and if you do, we'll match the price.

Book with confidence



HAPPINESS GUARANTEED

You're always protected by our Happiness Guarantee; if you're not happy by day two of your holiday, we'll bring you home with a full refund.



YOUR MONEY IS SAFE AND SECURE

No matter what, your money is safe and secure and fully protected by ABTA and ATOL.



24/7 ACCESS TO UK BASED TEAM

We're on hand before and during your holiday. If anything were to go awry during your travels, you can call our emergency number at any point.



Absolutely brilliant holiday. The third one with Riviera in a year! Everything sorted for us and the Tour Manager Lilyanna was amazing. She put her heart and soul into it. The hotels and food were lovely. Thank you so much. I have been home a week now and I am still buzzing.

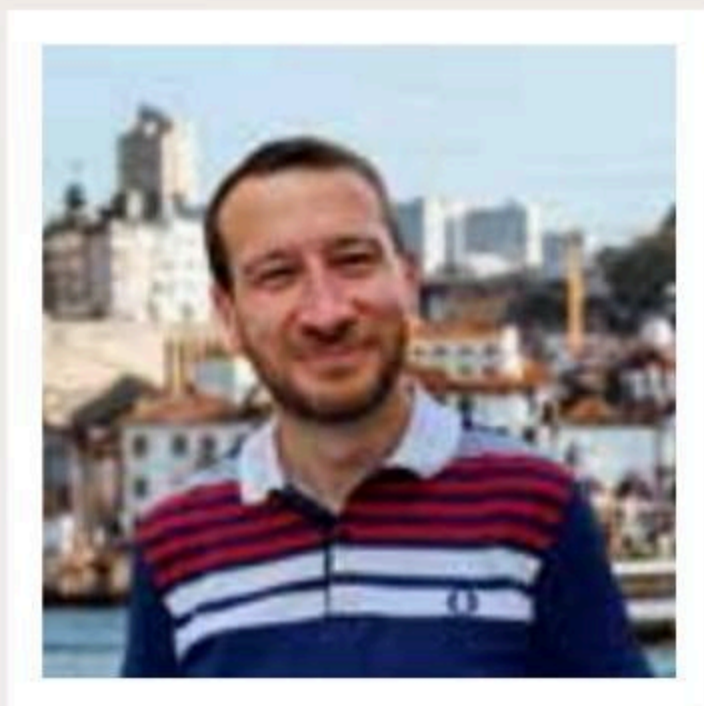
Nicky

Classical Sicily for solo travellers
November 2024

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Extraordinary adventures are our speciality

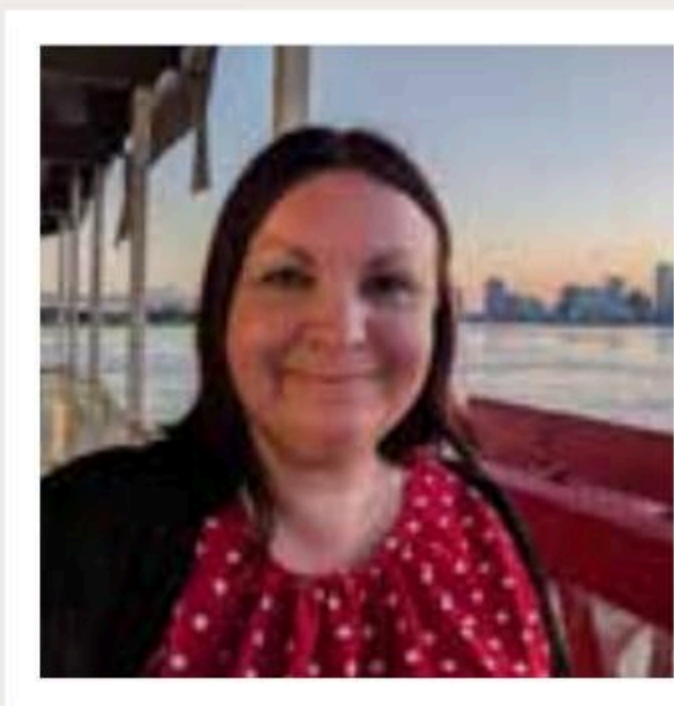
We know that the best part of a holiday is having somebody look after everything for you. But behind the scenes, there's so much that goes into creating the holidays you love. From our product experts who hand craft itineraries, to Tour Managers who look after you throughout, and our team at Riviera HQ who ensure everything runs smoothly, we go the extra mile so that all you need to focus on is enjoying yourself.



Our tours are continually evolving, and my role is to ensure that we're providing the most memorable holiday experiences that keep our guests travelling with us time and time again.

Will

Product Director



As a solo traveller myself, I have had some wonderful experiences and formed special friendships. I love reading comments from our guests about how they have also made friends!

Linda

Senior Product Manager –
Solo Holidays



When you're on a Riviera Travel holiday, each day is a journey of discovery. It's my job to ensure that our guests experience the very best of the fascinating destinations that we visit.

Karen

Tour Manager

Don't just take our word for it...

This was my first solo holiday and it was a complete success. Riviera Travel were very good, from the moment I spoke to them on the phone (because I was a little nervous of booking) down to the Tour Manager, Adele, who made sure no one was ever on their own. She was caring, full of knowledge about the area and fun to be with.

Rosemary

Classical Spain for solo travellers November 2024

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The tour of South Africa was busy but absolutely amazing experience. The stunning sunrises and sunsets were a highlight as were our animal experiences, from seeing most of the Big 5 in Kruger to whale spotting and visiting a penguin colony all in one trip, in one country!

Joanne

South Africa for solo travellers June 2024

feefo ★★★★★

The cruise was a nostalgic trip for me and it fulfilled my expectations of the places we visited, the quality of food and the organisation of the cruise. The cabins were comfortable. The main attribute that made me enjoy the visit so much were the other passengers. It was so interesting meeting the other guests. I have not laughed so much for ages.

Nigel

Burgundy the River Rhône & Provence river cruise for solo travellers August 2024

feefo ★★★★★

Flexibility and choice

They say variety is the spice of life and we couldn't agree more. That's why we provide choice and flexibility – to ensure your holiday is perfect for you.

Pre-holiday

INSURANCE AND AIRPORT EXTRAS

Pre-book your insurance and airport extras through our partner, **Holiday Extras**, at rivieraextras.co.uk

- Insurance
- Airport hotels
- Airport parking
- Airport Fast-Track pass
- Airport lounge

DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSFER

Choose to add a door-to-door transfer from your home to the airport or airport hotel.

AIR AND RAIL UPGRADES

On our European tours upgrade to First Class on rail journeys within the UK or to Standard Premier Class when travelling by Eurostar.

TOUR-ONLY & CRUISE-ONLY OPTIONS

If you prefer to make your own flight or rail arrangements, we offer a tour-only option (at a reduced price and subject to availability) where you'll meet your group at the first hotel of the tour.

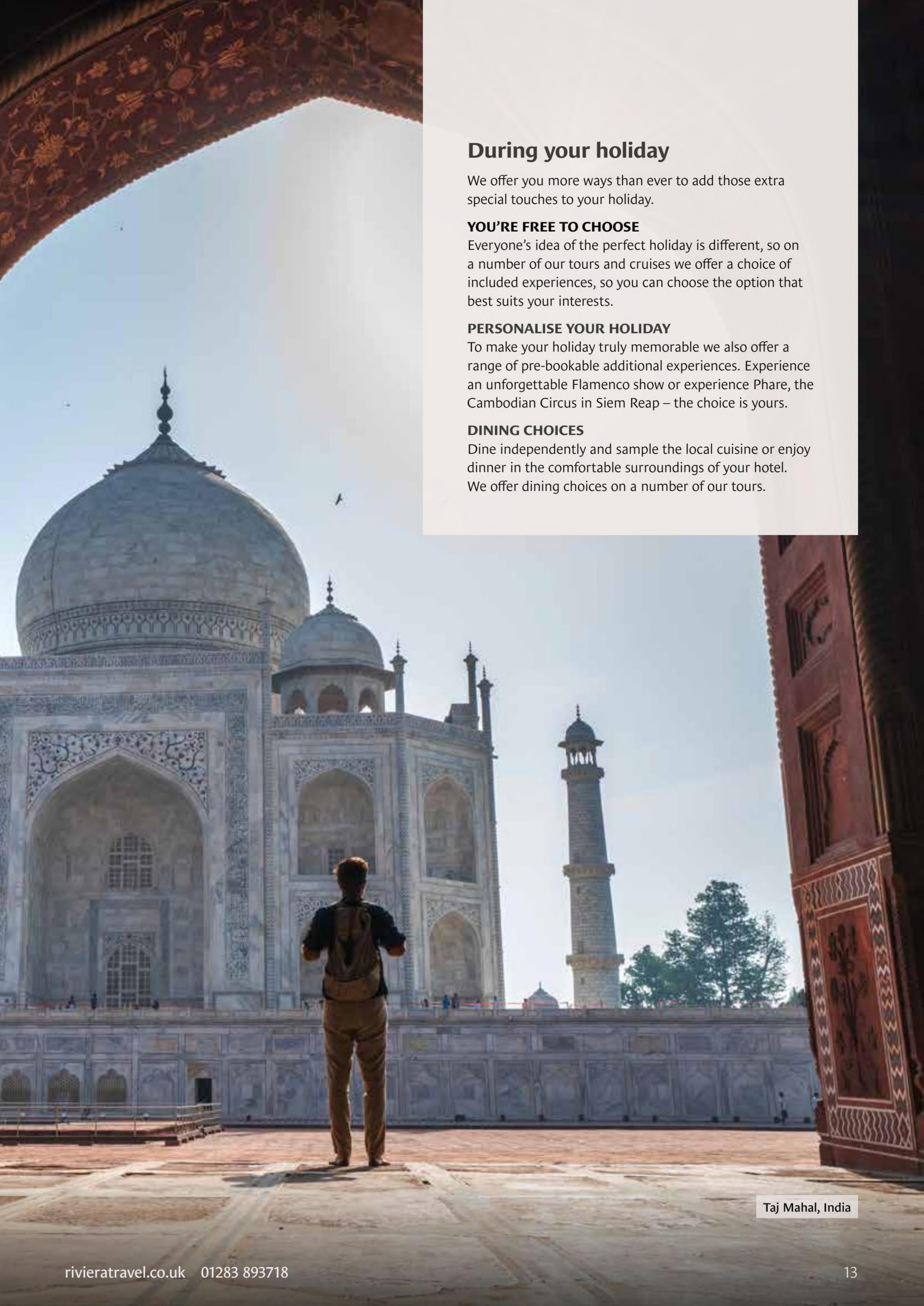
UPGRADE YOUR HOTEL ROOM

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or you just prefer a room with a balcony and a view, why not treat yourself and upgrade your hotel room?

Our friendly team of travel advisers

We will be happy to help you customise your holiday to your requirements – give our friendly team a call on **01283 893718** to discuss the options.





During your holiday

We offer you more ways than ever to add those extra special touches to your holiday.

YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE

Everyone's idea of the perfect holiday is different, so on a number of our tours and cruises we offer a choice of included experiences, so you can choose the option that best suits your interests.

PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

To make your holiday truly memorable we also offer a range of pre-bookable additional experiences. Experience an unforgettable Flamenco show or experience Phare, the Cambodian Circus in Siem Reap – the choice is yours.

DINING CHOICES

Dine independently and sample the local cuisine or enjoy dinner in the comfortable surroundings of your hotel. We offer dining choices on a number of our tours.

Taj Mahal, India

“South Africa is a wonderful place to visit and Riviera provided an excellent itinerary. I loved every minute. The highlights included visiting Kruger, the battlefields and a helicopter ride over Cape Town. I especially recommend for solo travellers as travelled with a lovely bunch of like-minded folks! Would love to go again!”

Trusted guest

South Africa for solo travellers
September 2024

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Travel solo yet never alone

You might think that travelling solo is daunting, but rest assured – just because you're travelling solo, it doesn't mean you'll be by yourself. With more than seven years' experience with solo holidays, you can feel confident trusting us with your next adventure.



The Riviera holiday begins from your departure point

To put you at ease from the get-go, the Tour Manager will meet you at the airport on most occasions, check in and fly there with you. Where this isn't possible, a Riviera team member will greet you at the airport, help you check in and introduce you to other members in the group. If you're travelling by Eurostar, the Tour Manager will be accompanying you on the train.



Break the ice at the welcome dinner

To get to know your fellow travellers, you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and drink at the beginning of your holiday. It's the perfect start to the holiday and we find that guests often dine together when meals aren't provided. Your wonderful Tour Manager will ensure you never dine alone (unless you choose to).



Less is more with small group sizes

The maximum group size of our solo tours is just 25 people. This gives a more intimate and personalised experience. For ocean and river cruising, it depends on your ship size. Our yacht cruises having a maximum of just 19 cabins, so just 19 guests!



Unbeatable solo pricing

Our solo pricing has no costly surprises – enjoy unbeatable value which includes everything you'd expect. But you'll also benefit from our solo-only perks... You'll be met at your departure airport or St Pancras train station if travelling by Eurostar, your luggage is taken care of at your hotels with our porterage service and you'll get to meet fellow travellers at the welcome dinner too.



Expert Tour Manager or Cruise Director looking after you throughout

Our Riviera Tour Managers and Cruise Directors specialise in solo travel. They'll ensure you feel safe and welcome, making your trip one to remember (you should learn lots from them too)!



Here for you at every step of the way

We know everyone says it – but we take care of everything, every step of the way. If anything goes awry, we sort it. We take any stress out of travelling solo.

Our European tours collection

Europe is such a beautifully diverse continent, and our collection of European tours – created by our team of experts – really gets to the heart of it with authentic experiences, hand-picked hotels in the best locations and insightful local guides. You could be sipping pale pink rosé in Provence, discovering the natural beauty of the Italian Lakes or learning about ancient history in Dubrovnik.

This was a very good trip. The group size of 25 was perfect – plenty of people to get to know, but not too many so that it never felt overcrowded, or that we were mobbing a place. Our Tour Manager, Scott, was excellent. Very thorough with the details and information for us, but also extremely engaging and personable. If you want a trip with lots of history, culture, sightseeing, expert guides, great hotels and a good balance of free time and organised time then this is well worth putting on your list.

Andy

Helsinki, Tallinn & Riga for solo travellers
September 2024

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Helsinki

Unbeatable value

which includes so much

If you've joined one of our tours before, you know just how much is included in the price. If you've yet to join us, you're in for a treat...



Return flights from your local airport at no extra cost

Enjoy flights from a wide selection of regional UK airports, or travel by Eurostar on select tours, with a regional rail connection to London. There's no supplements on regional flights so you can enjoy hassle-free travel from your local airport – at no extra cost.



Travel in comfort

Travel between locations on your tour in comfortable, air-conditioned coaches.



Hand-picked hotels in the best locations

Stay in well-located hotels primarily rated four stars that are carefully selected by our product experts for the right blend of comfort, service, amenities and, of course character and location.



Local taxes

Local city/tourist taxes are included in the price that you pay on the majority of our European tours.



Breakfast each morning, plus other meals

Daily breakfast is included on all of our tours. They also include some lunches and dinners, either in your hotel or at carefully chosen restaurants. In destinations renowned for their cuisine you can choose to dine at your hotel or seek out a restaurant of your choice.



Experienced Riviera Tour Manager

You'll be joined by a knowledgeable and professional Riviera Tour Manager throughout your tour to ensure your experience is unforgettable.



Insightful excursions and visits with local guides

Experiences are included, accompanied by expert local guides to share eye-opening insights and share those stories that only a local would know.



Free time to explore

Our itineraries are thoughtfully balanced with free days and unguided visits, so you can wander at your own pace. We also offer you a choice of optional excursions so you can make your holiday your own.

Lake Garda

8 days from £2,569PP

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Lake Garda & the Best of the Veneto

An astonishing blend of spectacular alpine scenery reflected in tranquil lakes, Verona's Roman remains and the medieval world's richest city – remarkably unique Venice.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrive in Lake Garda

Arrive at the airport for your flight. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in delightful Bardolino. This evening, reconvene with your travelling companions and Tour Manager for a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2 – Lake Garda

Enjoy a tour of the lake, passing through some lovely, quintessentially Italian villages with tiny harbours clinging to the shoreline against a mountain backdrop. We call at Limone, hemmed in on one side by the steep mountains and on the other by the lake, before continuing to bustling Riva del Garda at the northern end of the lake, where we will stop for lunch with time to wander. We return to Bardolino in the afternoon. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Lake Garda tour with visits to Limone & Riva del Garda

DAY 3 – Venice

During a walking tour we will see St Mark's Square and its Basilica, Europe's most exotic cathedral, the Campanile and Doge's Palace, once home of the most powerful man in Venice, together with countless other places of interest. Venice first came to prominence in the 10th-century, reaching its zenith during the 15th-century, it was then that many of the fantastic buildings you see today were built. To see it all at once, why not take a trip up the imposing Campanile tower, originally built as a lighthouse. For art lovers there is Accademia or the Peggy Guggenheim Museum. Or enjoy the city from the water on an iconic gondola. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Venice

DAY 4 – Free day in Bardolino

Today is a free day to explore at your leisure. Stroll along the lakefront promenade from the hotel or perhaps explore Bardolino's charming town centre. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Mantova

We journey to the medieval city of Mantova, surrounded by three lakes, with a dramatic skyline of ancient towers, domes and cupolas. During our guided tour of the old town, the reasons for its UNESCO World Heritage status become strikingly evident and though compact in size, Mantova has more than its share of artistic, cultural and architectural treasures. Wander the cobbled streets and



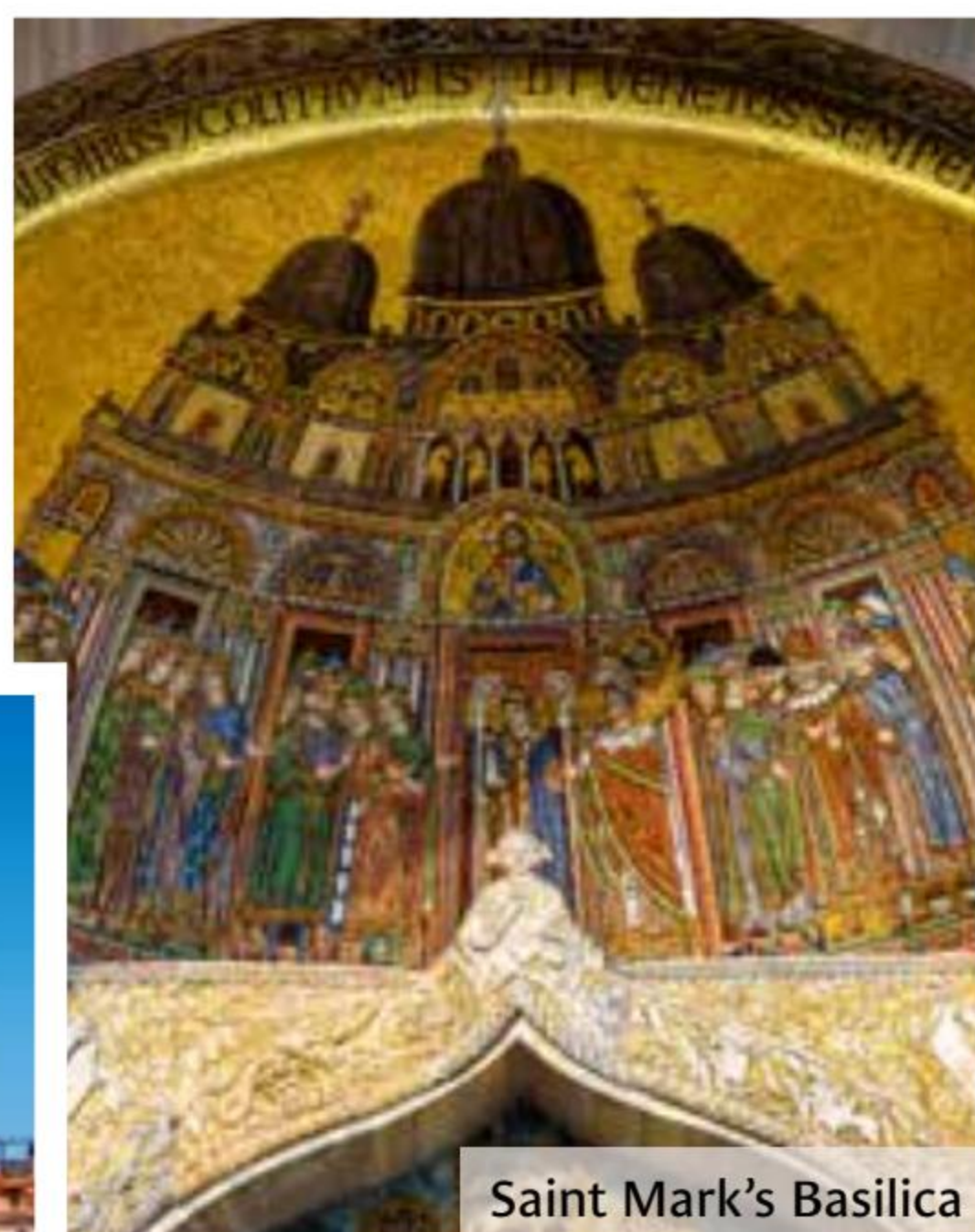
Mantova

relax in the lovely squares, where locals and visitors alike meet for a coffee. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Mantova

DAY 6 – Free day in Bardolino

Today you are free to do as you wish, so what is it to be? Take the ferry to Sirmione, set on a narrow peninsula rich in history and famed for its thermal water with healing properties. It's a pleasure to wander the inviting streets lined by pastel-hued buildings adorned with colourful flowers. Or you may choose to relax by the hotel pool or stroll along to a private beach (additional charge), where you can enjoy a dip in the lake itself. (B,D)



Saint Mark's Basilica



Venice

Venice is built on 118 marshy islands, with wooden piles driven into the ground. It's connected by over 400 bridges

DAY 7 – Verona

Verona is one of the most beautiful cities in Italy and today we have a guided walking tour to appreciate it at its best. Enter through the centuries-old city walls, admiring the medieval buildings complete with their contrasting frescoes, the marketplace dating from Roman times, tiny narrow streets with tasteful shops and typical pavement cafés, some with violinists serenading their clients. The tragic story of 'Romeo and Juliet' is set here and the two great lovers from rival families have inspired countless films, poems and dramas. See the balcony where the immortal words 'O Romeo, Romeo' were reputedly spoken. The Roman arena is awe-inspiring but there are also countless medieval and Renaissance squares to explore, as well as a superb 12th-century cathedral, Roman Theatre and San Zeno Basilica – arguably the finest Romanesque church in northern Italy. This afternoon is free so you can explore the city as you wish. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Verona

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners

Please note: The use of air conditioning and outdoor pool opening is at the discretion of the hotel.

Visit our website
for **full holiday
details and hotels.**



San Giulio island, Lake Orta

8 days from £2,099PP

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Lake Maggiore, Orta & Como

A spectacularly beautiful tour taking in the villages and islands of Italy’s most sophisticated lake, Maggiore, visits to Lakes Como and Orta, plus breathtaking alpine scenery, the chic Swiss resort of Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Baveno

Arrive at the airport for your flight. On arrival transfer by coach to Baveno, a quiet town on the idyllic shores of Lake Maggiore. Our hotel for seven nights, with breakfast is the historic four-star Hotel Simplon. After a welcome drink at the hotel, dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant to get to know your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

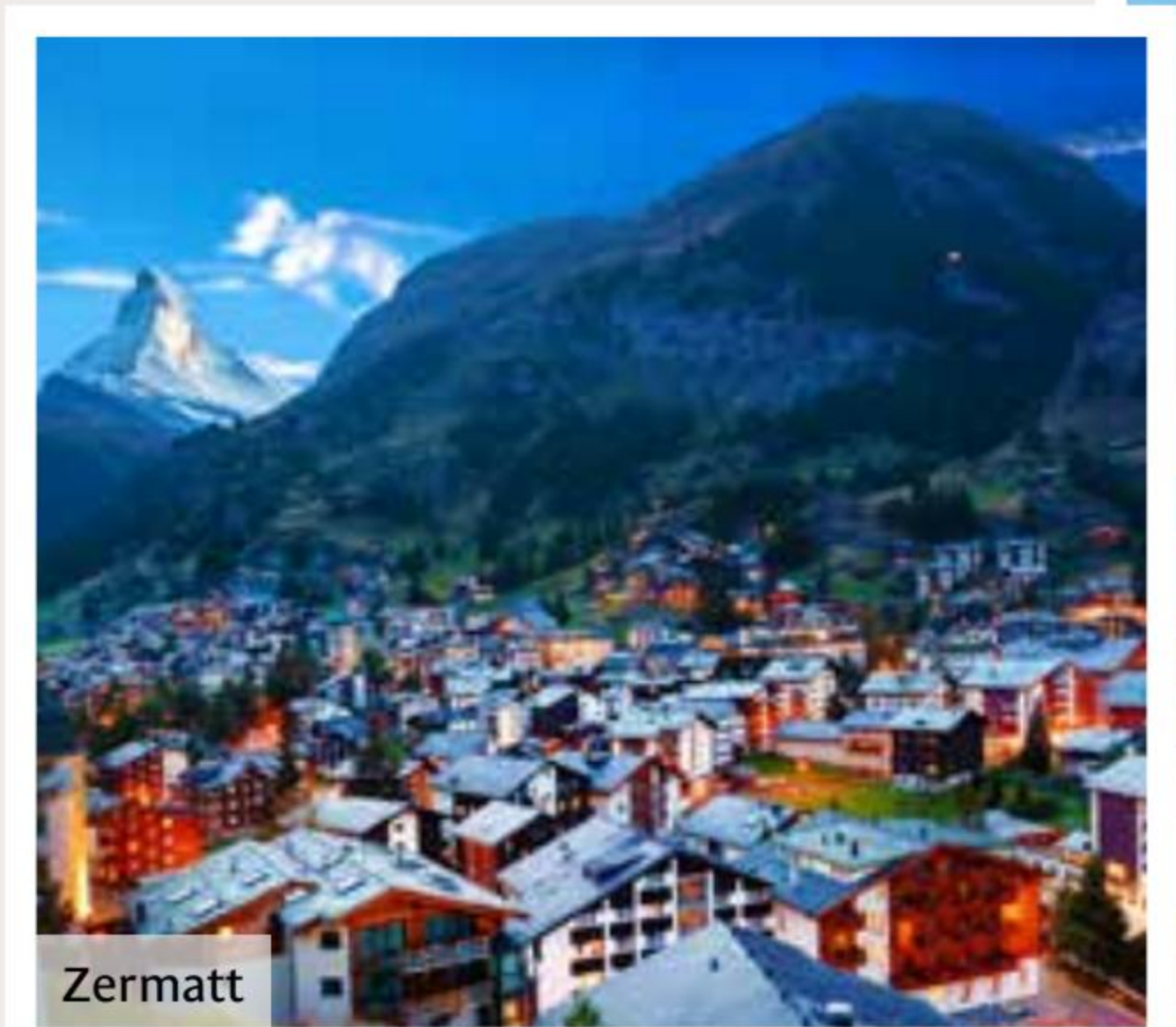
Lake Maggiore is one of Italy’s best natural treasures, with breathtaking views; unmistakably Mediterranean in character, its green shores are brightened by oleanders, palms and deeply aromatic verbenas, while its waters reflect the azure sky above. We take a relaxing cruise to the Borromean Islands, calling at Isola Bella, an architectural and horticultural masterpiece, for a guided tour of its Baroque palazzo and terraced gardens. Next, we visit the tiny fishing village on Isola dei Pescatori with its compact latticework of cream-coloured houses. The shore is dotted with vibrant restaurants and cafés overlooking the lake, the perfect spot for lunch at your leisure. Afterwards, perhaps wander through the village’s narrow, winding lanes before we cruise back to Baveno this afternoon. This evening we dine in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Cruise to the Borromean Islands, visit Isola dei Pescatori and guided tour of Isola Bella

DAY 3 – Cannobio & Villa Taranto Gardens

We enjoy a private boat trip to Cannobio, with picturesque views at every turn and one of the finest promenades on Lake Maggiore. Stroll along the gentle cobbled streets and escape into a timeless world of grand mansions, boutiques and bars. Visit the Santuario della Pietà church with its ornate interior and stop for lunch at one of the many lakeside cafés whilst watching the sailboats and windsurfers in action. We drive along the shore to Villa Taranto to visit its marvellous gardens, an impressive display of almost 20,000 plants created by Scottish captain Neil McEacharn who is also buried here. (B)

Included Experiences – Private boat to Cannobio and visit Villa Taranto



Zermatt



Lake Como

DAY 4 – Lake Como

Described by Wordsworth as ‘a treasure whom the earth keeps to herself’, today we head to Lake Como to visit its main town, Como, renowned for its imposing cathedral, delightful parks, grand hotels and the majestic Villa Olmo. During your free time, you could take the funicular railway up the hill to Brunate for breathtaking views of the lake and town. The shore is lined by attractive pastel-painted villas, faded by decades of sunshine, with winding lanes ascending to the town’s hilly centre. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Lake Como

DAY 5 – Free day in Baveno

With the entire day at leisure, you can choose to relax at the hotel pool or explore nearby Stresa. The lakeside exudes an ambience of classic belle-époque gentility, legacy of the ‘Grand Tour’ and literary aficionados may like to enjoy a drink at the bar of the Grand Hotel des Iles Borromées, featured in Hemingway’s *A Farewell to Arms*. (B)

DAY 6 – Zermatt & the Matterhorn

Witness some truly spectacular mountain vistas as we ascend the foothills of the Alps, cross the Swiss border and journey into

the high Alps. We take the Simplon Pass and scenery becomes more breathtaking, with wildflower-covered meadows dotted with tiny shepherds’ shelters. Marvel at the engineering feats required to build the road as it traverses towering viaducts and jaw-dropping precipices before we arrive in Zermatt. The ultimate alpine peak, the Matterhorn is relatively unobtrusive until you reach the end of the village and turn a corner, when the Swiss national symbol is revealed in its magnificent splendour! For an even better view, take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat (additional charge), or relax in one of Zermatt’s many cosy cafés. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Zermatt and see the Matterhorn

DAY 7 – Lake Orta

Orta is probably the prettiest of the Italian lakes, and we arrive at the romantic lakeside village of Orta San Giulio, with pebble-studded lanes and stepped alleys, lined with picturesque, shuttered buildings and traditional food shops. A boat trip takes you to the island of San Giulio with an impressive basilica. We will enjoy this typically Italian island before returning to Baveno in the afternoon. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Lake Orta and boat trip to Orta San Giulio

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 3 Dinners

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The Matterhorn

Visit our website for full holiday details and hotels.





NEW FOR 2026

8 days from £1,999PP

2026

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Puglia & Basilicata: Lecce, Alberobello & Matera

Experience the enchanting charm of southern Italy on this journey through Puglia and Basilicata. Explore Lecce's Baroque beauty, Alberobello's iconic trulli, and Matera's ancient cave dwellings. Enjoy olive oil and wine tastings, uncover Bari's rich history, and discover the coastal beauty of this often-overlooked region.



Gallipoli old town

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival

Arrive at the airport for your flight and transfer to the hotel on arrival, where you can enjoy a welcome drink and dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – Lecce

Lecce, often called the ‘Florence of the South,’ is a treasure trove of impressive architecture and captivating sites. Our tour begins at Porta Napoli with a local guide as we explore the fascinating Jewish quarter and the Baroque Basilica di Santa Croce, known for its intricate stone carvings. In the historic Old Town, we stop at a former olive oil storage bank and visit Piazza Sant’Oronzo, home to a 2nd-century Roman amphitheatre. As we stroll lively streets to Piazza Duomo, we admire the majestic cathedral, built in 1144, with its impressive interior and twelve side chapels featuring renowned artists. In the afternoon, enjoy free time in Lecce’s charming streets filled with cafes and boutiques. (B, D)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Lecce

DAY 3 – Gallipoli and local winery

Begin with a visit to Gallipoli, known as ‘Città Bella’ or ‘beautiful city’ thanks to its striking beauty, sandy beaches and historic centre. Wander through the quaint old town encased in defensive walls, with a robust 13th-century fortress on its eastern edge that’s protected the lovely little town for centuries. Heading back towards Lecce, we stop at a local winery. Italy is known as the ‘Land of Wine’ – with over 4,000 years of winemaking experience it’s engrained within the culture – and our visit is the perfect place to find out why. We’ll learn about the importance and precision of winemaking in this region and, of course, enjoy tasting of some local wines. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to Gallipoli, winery tour and tasting

DAY 4 – Alberobello

As we travel this morning, we’ll see olive trees everywhere in the region. Olive oil is known as the ‘liquid gold’ in Puglia, and the region has been producing high-quality, extra virgin olive oil – known for its fruity flavour and

vibrant green colour – for thousands of years. So, of course, we’ll stop to visit a small, family-run olive oil mill and find out more about olive oil production and enjoy a tasting.

As we continue, you’ll notice charming white stone huts with conical roofs, known as trulli, iconic to the Puglia region. The landscape features oak trees and traditional dry-stone walls, resembling rural Tuscany. Upon reaching UNESCO-listed Alberobello, you’ll be captivated by areas filled with trulli, reminiscent of a ‘hobbit’ village. This exploration allows us to learn about trulli’s construction, fascinating histories, and the symbols that adorn them. Our adventure continues to Matera, where we’ll stay for four nights. (B,D)

Included Experience – Tasting at olive oil mill and visit Alberobello

DAY 5 – Matera

A guided tour of Matera, home to one of the first permanently inhabited places in Italy and a UNESCO World Heritage site: the Sassi Cave Houses. These troglodyte cave dwellings, dating back over 9,000 years, are located at the heart of Matera – astonishingly, people still live in them today. Matera also has everything you would expect in a conventional town, including churches, shops and artisan workshops all hewn from the naked rock. This afternoon you can return to the hotel to relax or if you wish you can explore Matera further and take advantage of our later shuttle service back to your hotel. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Matera

DAY 6 – Bari

Bari, nestled along the Adriatic coast, boasts a rich history as a significant walled port and former capital of Byzantine Italy. During the Norman era, it rivalled Venice in importance.



Lecce is the birthplace of pasticciotto, a beloved pastry filled with custard



Lecce



Matera Ancient Town

Today, we’ll explore the old town in small groups with a local expert, highlighting the impressive medieval fortress, grand Romanesque cathedral, and opera lovers may recognise Bari’s famous Teatro Petruzzelli. A key attraction is the Basilica di San Nicola, which houses the 900-year-old crypt of Saint Nicholas, the Patron Saint of Russia (more famously known as Santa Claus). In the afternoon, enjoy free time to wander Bari’s narrow alleys and experience traditional life, from seafood shops to families hand-rolling pasta. (B,D)

Included experiences – Guided tour of Bari

DAY 7 – Free day in Matera

The entire day is at leisure to continue your discovery of magnificent Matera. Stroll along the streets of the Sassi of Matera taking in the views and the history of this UNESCO World Heritage town, sit and enjoy a coffee whilst soaking up the ambience, visit the underground of Matera or perhaps spend the day making the most of the hotel’s facilities before returning home tomorrow. This evening, we’ll dine at a local restaurant in the centre of Matera where you can reminisce about your holiday in Puglia with your fellow explorers – the perfect way to end what we hope has been a wonderful week. (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

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(B) Daily breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) 6 Dinners

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Tuscany, Florence & Siena

Nowhere embodies the essence of Italy like Tuscany. Home to artwork by Italian masters, historic architecture and mouthwatering food and wine, a holiday here has a little something for everyone.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Tuscany

Arrive in Tuscany and transfer to your hotel, where you will have a welcome drink and dinner to meet your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – San Gimignano & farmhouse lunch

We'll travel through Tuscany, an extraordinary landscape of valleys, vineyards and farmhouses. Soon, we'll arrive in San Gimignano, famed for its 14 medieval towers. You have time at leisure before visiting a family-owned farmhouse for lunch based on Tuscan recipes in a medieval village. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to San Gimignano and farmhouse lunch

DAY 3 – Florence

Our guided walking tour of Florence includes highlights such as the Duomo and the Baptistry. Explore the shops on the Ponte

Vecchio over the Arno River. This afternoon, skip the queues with a reserved visit to the Uffizi Gallery, which boasts artworks by Da Vinci and Titian, as well as Botticelli's masterpiece, Birth of Venus. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Florence and timed entry into Uffizi Gallery

DAY 4 – Lucca & Pisa

Explore delightful Lucca's ancient streets and ramparts, or perhaps visit the charming 1,000-year-old cathedral. We'll then drive to Pisa to visit the Leaning Tower. Head inside to see its beautiful interior and visit the upper floor for amazing views over Pisa. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Lucca and Pisa

DAY 5 – Free day

Enjoy a free day. (B,D)

DAY 6 – Siena

Today we have a guided tour of UNESCO-listed Siena, a jewel of Gothic and medieval architecture styles. Enjoy free time this afternoon. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Siena

DAY 7 – Volterra

Today we'll visit Volterra, an imposing hilltop town with immense stone ramparts. It grew prosperous in the Middle Ages from mining and alabaster carving, which remains the traditional Volterranean craft. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Volterra

DAY 8 – Return home

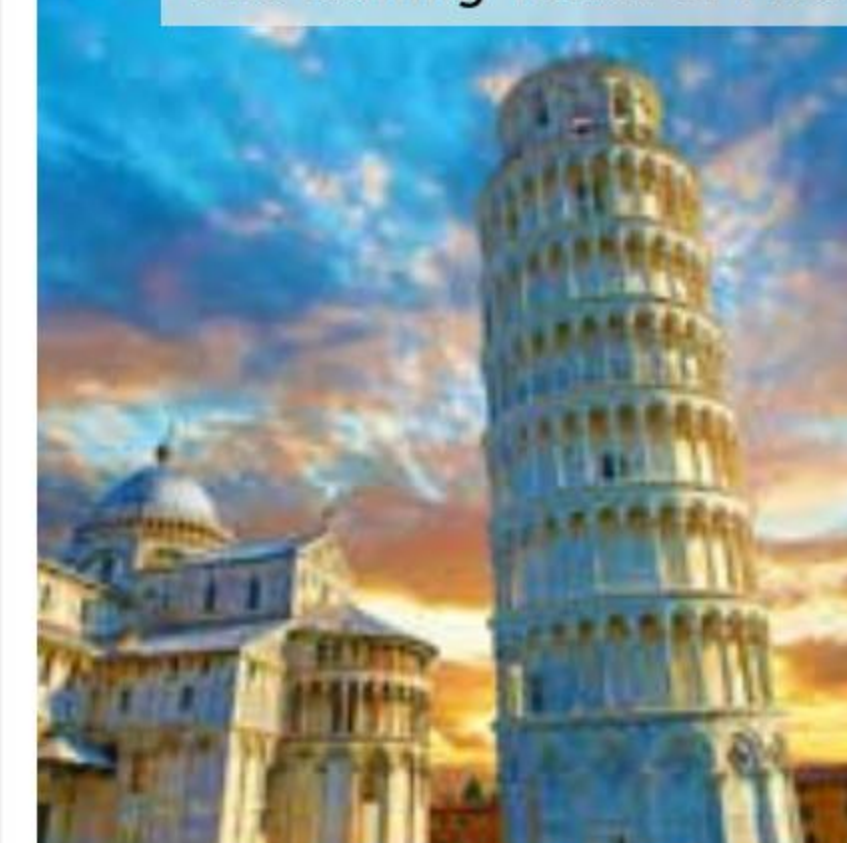
Head to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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The leaning Tower of Pisa



Florence is home to the world's first public art gallery, the Uffizi, home to *The Birth of Venus* and *Primavera* by Botticelli

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Umbria, Perugia & Assisi: The Heart of Italy

Explore Umbria’s archaeological sites, fine art, cuisine, hills, Frasassi Caves and Lake Trasimeno in Italy’s green heart.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Perugia
Arrive at Rome or Perugia airport and transfer to your hotel, where you will have a welcome drink and dinner to meet your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – Perugia & free afternoon
Explore the university city of Perugia on a guided tour, from Corso Pietro Vannucci to Piazza IV Novembre, and discover medieval streets beneath the Rocca Paolina fortress. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Perugia

DAY 3 – Assisi
This morning, travel to Assisi to visit the Basilica of St Francis, exploring flower-lined streets with a local guide. Enjoy free time to explore the town’s charming centre. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Assisi

DAY 4 – Cortona & Lake Trasimeno
In the morning, we travel to Lake Trasimeno, taking the ferry from Passignano to Isola Maggiore, with views of Guglielmi Castel. After returning to Castiglione del Lago and enjoying the views of Castello del Leone, we continue to Cortona. The town’s terracotta rooftops hide narrow alleys and wide piazzas, while the view from Piazza del Duomo is spectacular. (B)
Included Experience – Visit Cortona and cruise across Lake Trasimeno

DAY 5 – Spoleto & wine tasting
We begin our day with a guided tour of Spoleto, seeing the Roman amphitheatre and the dazzling Romanesque cathedral on the Piazza del Duomo. Then, we head into the Umbrian countryside to visit a leading Sagrantino di Montefalco wine producer for a tour and tasting. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Spoleto and wine tasting

DAY 6 – Frasassi Caves
In the morning, we explore the stunning Frasassi Caves, renowned for their white walls and icicle-like formations. Later we return to Perugia, giving you more time to discover this historic city. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of the Frasassi Caves

DAY 7 – Orvieto & Agriturismo lunch
This morning, we visit Orvieto, one of the Etruscan civilisation’s key cities, with ancient ruins in underground caves. We then enjoy a

traditional meal at a local agriturismo. (B, L)
Included Experience – Visit Orvieto and enjoy lunch at an agriturismo

DAY 8 – Return flight
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

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The Frasassi caves

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Classical Italy: Florence, Siena, Assisi & Rome

Everything that makes Italy such a richly rewarding destination features on this tour – the magnificent history of Rome, Florence’s Renaissance legacy and artistic treasures, the Basilica of Assisi, Siena’s stunning Piazza del Campo, the glorious Tuscan countryside and the deep culinary passion of its welcoming people.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Arezzo

Arrive at Rome airport for your transfer to your hotel in Arezzo, to settle in or start to explore. This evening we enjoy a welcome drink and dinner for a chance to get to know your travel companions better. (D)

DAY 2 – Siena

We drive to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site, for a guided tour, which includes its stunning square – the Piazza del Campo. Fashioned from black and white marble, Siena’s cathedral, or Duomo, features delicate and intricate carvings, some by Michelangelo himself. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Siena

DAY 3 – Florence & the Uffizi Gallery

During our guided tour of the ‘Pearl of the Renaissance’, you’ll marvel at the famous cathedral, which can house a congregation of 10,000. For masterpieces gathered in one place, the Uffizi is unrivalled. This afternoon, bypass the queues with a reserved timed visit. Also experience the buzz of the Piazza della Signoria or a crossing of the Arno River over the Ponte Vecchio. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Florence and timed entry to the Uffizi

DAY 4 – Arezzo

Arezzo is a wonderful old town and on this morning’s guided tour, we will see the old town centre with Romanesque churches juxtaposed with timber-beamed shops, linked by intimate cobbled squares. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore as you wish. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Arezzo

DAY 5 – Assisi

We drive to another romantically beautiful region – Umbria. Assisi is famous as the birthplace of Saint Francis, and we visit the Basilica di San Francesco, one of the most beautiful shrines. The remains of Saint Francis lie in a sarcophagus in the crypt. We will have a guided tour of this elegant hill town. Outside the basilica you can savour Assisi’s flower-adorned streets, life-affirming views over the Umbrian countryside and fountain-splashed piazzas before we head to Rome, arriving in the early evening. This evening, enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant in Rome



Assisi

sampling some Italian cuisine with your new made friends. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Assisi

DAY 6 – Rome

After breakfast, we’ll start to get to know this fabulous city in earnest on a sightseeing tour. The monuments are legendary: there is the Trevi fountain, the Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore further perhaps taking in the Colosseum or Palatine Hill. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Rome



Arezzo hosts a medieval jousting tournament twice a year, where knights compete on horseback in a thrilling reenactment of ancient chivalry

DAY 7 – Villa d’Este & Frascati

This morning we visit the historic town of Tivoli, just outside of Rome, where we have an included visit at the Renaissance Palace of Villa d’Este. A 16th-century villa, Villa d’Este is famous for its terraced hillside Italian Renaissance garden and especially for its profusion of fountains. After a chance to explore, we will leave Tivoli and journey towards the Frascati region where we visit one of the local wineries for a tasting. Later this afternoon, we return to Rome where you will be able to enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit to Villa d’Este and wine tasting in Frascati region

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

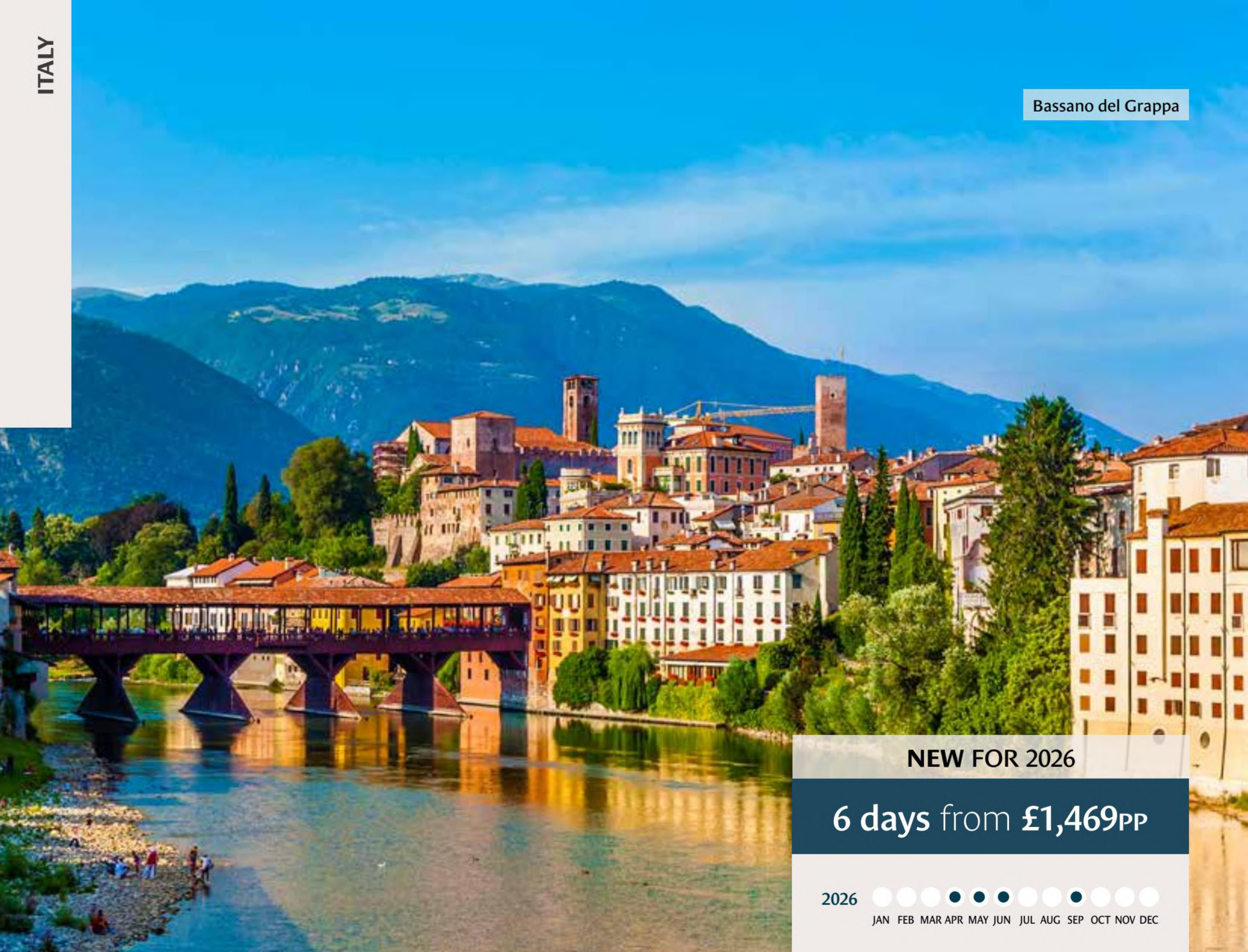
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Hidden Italy: Padua, Vicenza & Mantua

Uncover the unseen gems of the breathtaking Veneto and beyond: astonishing architecture, cities steeped in history with deep cultural connections, and some of Italy's best wines. Join us on our eye-opening tour of spectacular northeastern Italy and experience all the wonders this tremendous region has to offer.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Castelfranco Veneto

Arrive in Venice airports and transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome drink and dinner at a local restaurant to get to know your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – Padua

This morning, we journey to Padua, a dynamic city which deserves to be recognised for more than its remarkable university, founded in 1222. We begin with a visit to the UNESCO-protected Scrovegni Chapel to see the impressive frescos by the Tuscan maestro Giotto, which depicts events in the lives of the Virgin Mary and Christ. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the fine piazzas of the historic centre and the city's diverse architectural styles: the Baptistry of the Duomo for more stunning medieval frescos; the Renaissance Loggia della Gran Guardia once housed the Council of Nobles; and temple-esque Caffè Pedrocchi, ever-popular with students and intellectuals. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Padua, including Scrovegni Chapel

DAY 3 – Vicenza

Today we head southwest to Vicenza, a sophisticated city that is wonderfully cosmopolitan yet doubles as an open-air museum dedicated to the legacy of Palladio, a miller's son who became the most prominent architect of the Italian High Renaissance and gave rise to the Classical style of Palladianism. Many of central Vicenza's streets are graced by a Palladian mansion. We'll see many of these on our guided tour this morning through the historic centre. At the heart of Vicenza is the Piazza dei Signori, dominated by the Basilica with its marvellous clock tower and distinctive, green roof surrounded by statues of Greek and Roman gods. The nearby Teatro Olimpico, together with the Palladian Villas of the Veneto in the surrounding area, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is time to explore these wonderful sights this afternoon should you wish. You will receive a complimentary museum card, granting free entry to the city's various world-class attractions. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Vicenza



Garden at Palazzo Ducale, Mantua



Vicenza

DAY 4 – Mantua & Palazzo Ducale

Our journey today takes us west and back in time to the sleepy yet achingly beautiful Mantua, a medieval city near Lake Garda. As the dramatic skyline of ancient towers, domes and cupolas comes into view, it's easy to see why the city features in two well-loved tragedies: it is the setting for Verdi's Rigoletto and Shakespeare had an impassioned Romeo exiled here. During our guided tour of the old town, the reasons for its UNESCO World Heritage status become strikingly evident. Although compact in size, Mantua has more than its share of artistic, cultural and architectural treasures. This afternoon, we visit the Palazzo Ducale, the principal residence of the Gonzagas, lords, marquises and finally dukes of the city of Mantua. The vast architectural complex is decorated and furnished by some of the greatest artists of their time offering a window into the opulent past of one of Italy's most famous princely families. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Mantua and visit Palazzo Ducale



Bassano del Grappa is the birthplace of grappa, Italy's famous distilled spirit made from grape pomace

DAY 5 – Bassano del Grappa & Villa Sandi

After breakfast, we visit the enchanting town of Bassano del Grappa, nestled in the foothills of Monte Grappa from which the river Brenta flows free. Connecting the halves of the town is the wooden Ponte degli Alpini bridge, cleverly designed to withstand the meltwaters in spring. Bassano is known for the Italian after-dinner drink, grappa, which you'll have the opportunity to taste on our guided visit to a local artisan distillery. Here, you'll experience this fragrant, grape-based brandy with all five of your senses: listen to the story of how it's made, observe the fascinating distillation process, feel the fresh pomace with your own hands, and even smell the different varieties. You may wish to have lunch at one of the town's many excellent restaurants or sample the local specialities before we continue to Valdobbiadene, one of the most prestigious Prosecco-producing areas in the heart of the Treviso region. Here, we visit the prestigious wine producer, Villa Sandi, set in a vast valley protected from nearby mountains by rolling, sunkissed hills, for a tour and tasting. Our guide then takes us through the villa, its spacious rooms a luxurious combination of pastel colours, stuccoes and bas-reliefs, dominated by resplendent Murano glass chandeliers. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour to a local artisan distillery and guided tour of Villa Sandi with wine tasting

DAY 6 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

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Classic Sicily

Discover the classic sights and hidden secrets of this unspoilt Italian island. From the winding streets of pretty hilltop towns to the soaring slopes of mighty Mount Etna, an incredible history and unique landscape make Sicily a spellbinding slice of the Mediterranean.

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Arrive

Depart

Mount Etna

Taormina

Catania

Siracusa

Ragusa

Piazza Armerina

Agrigento

SICILY

Multi-centre tour



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrive in Sicily

Fly to Catania and transfer to the hotel in Agrigento. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (D)

DAY 2 – Valley of the Temples

We visit one of the world's greatest archaeological sites, the ancient Greek Valley of the Temples – the ruins of seven Doric temples dating back to the 6th-century BC. Situated on a rocky ridge overlooking the surrounding valleys and across the sea towards Tunisia, these temples must have dominated the skyline in an incredible show of power. We'll explore with our guide and see the archaeological museum before visiting Agrigento itself. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit the Valley of the Temples

DAY 3 – Ragusa & Noto

We drive to Ragusa, a city divided into a historic old town and a 'new' town, which sit on adjacent hills. Following the 1693 earthquake Ragusa Superiore was built. However, many locals simply couldn't leave Ragusa Ibla behind and decided to rebuild. As we explore the tangle of sloping streets and winding alleyways of the old town with a local guide, we'll come to the Piazza Duomo, where faded pastel buildings are overlooked by a beautifully adorned Baroque cathedral. We continue to Noto, which sits on a hilltop surrounded by olive groves. Almost entirely rebuilt after the earthquake, Noto is the home of Sicilian Baroque, and its cathedral is its centrepiece. Climb the bell tower of the Church of San Carlo for incredible views. Later we drive to Siracusa. (B,D).

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Ragusa and visit Noto

DAY 4 – Siracusa

Discover the city's striking architecture on our coach tour, including the Art Deco-style Pantheon overlooking manicured gardens, and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Tears with its towering spire. You may be surprised to

learn that the historic centre of Siracusa lies just across the water. We arrive in beautiful Ortygia, Siracusa's island heart jutting out into the Ionian Sea, filled with more than 2,500 years of history, Greek and Roman remains, Norman buildings and fine Baroque landmarks. We'll explore the labyrinth of narrow alleys on a walking tour, seeing the cathedral, originally a Greek Doric temple. As we reach the tip of the peninsula, the Fountain of Arethusa sits shrouded in myth and mystery. Later you may choose to take a boat trip around the peninsula or explore further at your own pace. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Siracusa and Ortygia

DAY 5 – Villa Romana del Casale

We visit one of the most extensive and best-preserved collections of Roman mosaics in the world at the Villa Romana del Casale near Piazza Armerina, home of one of the Roman co-emperors of the Diocletian era. During our guided tour of this 4th-century Roman villa, we'll see the Great Hunt mosaic and the famous 'Bikini Girls' mosaic depicting ladies playing sports in skimpy togas. The villa lay partially buried for hundreds of years before its rediscovery and excavations during the 19th and 20th centuries. Later we transfer to our hotel in Letojanni, located just north of Taormina. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Villa Romana del Casale

DAY 6 – Taormina

Perched on a jutting hilltop some 250 metres above the coastline, with the sea in front and magnificent Mount Etna behind, Taormina is a coastal retreat merging medieval charm with colour, elegance and glamour. Streets are festooned with flowerpots, window boxes brim with vibrant blooms, and fragrant citrus and almond trees fringe the shady squares.



Valley of the Temples

Shop for souvenirs along the Corso Umberto, Taormina's pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare. Peach-hued townhouses give way to the Piazza IX Aprile, which looks down the tree-covered hill to the sea. Why not look for a family-run 'minimarket' with tiny tables and sample some Marsala wine? (B,D)

DAY 7 – Mount Etna with wine tasting

We head to Mount Etna, the highest volcano in Europe. Ascending the winding road, the landscape becomes increasingly eerie and alien, with razor sharp black rocks in contorted formations, and some areas devoid of almost all vegetation. As we near the cable car station itself you can enjoy extensive views over the whole area. We then head to the fertile lower slopes dotted with farms and villages to our destination, an organic family-run winery. On our tour we'll learn how the volcanic soil and fluctuating temperatures combine to grow a grape unlike any other. Our day concludes with a final dinner in a wonderful vineyard setting, where local dishes will be paired with perfectly robust red and crisp, fragrant white wines. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Mount Etna, and tour and tasting at a winery

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to Catania for your return flight. (B)

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Ragusa



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Malta Uncovered

Surrounded by the azure Mediterranean and enjoying hot summers and mild winters, Malta is an idyllic year-round destination with an intriguing history. UNESCO-listed temples, Valletta's Baroque architecture, Roman catacombs and stunning vistas of Dwejra Bay on the island of Gozo all wait to be discovered.



Blue Grotto

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Malta

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Malta from where you will be taken to your hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (D)

DAY 2 – Valletta

Today we visit 16th-century Valletta for a guided walking tour. The entire city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site originally built by the Knights of Saint John after a victory against the Ottomans in the Great Siege of 1565. At its heart is Saint John's Co-Cathedral, a Baroque gem with an intricate marble floor, gold leaf ceiling and fine paintings, including Caravaggio's The Beheading of St John the Baptist, as well as 17th-century Flemish tapestries. We also visit the Malta Experience, which tells the story of the island using the latest audio-visual techniques. In the afternoon you may want to see the National Museum of Archaeology, the Grand Master's Palace or the National War Museum at Fort Saint Elmo, which houses a replica of the island's George Cross. Valletta has a typical Mediterranean feel, with quiet squares, honey-coloured houses with wrought-iron balconies bedecked with geraniums. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Valletta and visit the Malta Experience

DAY 3 – Gozo

Gozo is just a short ferry ride away, and today we explore this sleepy island and its capital, Victoria (also known as Rabat). It's a charming medieval town with a relaxed pace of life, twisting streets, superbly preserved battlements and the Citadel. We drive through a landscape of terraced fields, fragrant wildflowers and thyme to Dwejra Bay, where dramatic coastal formations surround an inland sea and sheer cliffs plunge into deep blue waters. It's easy to picture the magnificent Azure Window that once stood here – the limestone arch, which had been used as a spectacular backdrop in Game of Thrones, collapsed during a storm in early 2017. We then visit the largest and best preserved of the island's prehistoric temple sites, Ggantija, dating from around 3600 to 3200 BC, making it even older than the Pyramids and Stonehenge. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Gozo and visit to Ggantija



Valletta



Mdina

DAY 4 – Free day

Today, you have a free day for you to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll spend a lazy day, relaxing by the hotel's pool or, if you're looking to get out this morning, you could take the local bus to Mellieha Beach, a popular sandy beach nestled in a sheltered bay. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Rabat & Mdina

We walk through the Rabat's beautiful medieval streets to Saint Paul's Catacombs, the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta, then visit the Wignacourt Museum, formerly the Baroque residence of the Chaplains of the Knights of Saint John and now a superb museum. From here you can walk through an underground passage to Saint Paul's Grotto, where the apostle was believed to have stayed after he was shipwrecked. Next we head to beautiful Mdina, one of the finest ancient walled cities in Europe. Perched on a hill and surrounded by imposing fortifications, its narrow streets contain an extraordinary mix of medieval and Baroque buildings. We have time for lunch before visiting the Rotunda of Mosta, a church with the third largest dome in the world. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to Rabat, the Wignacourt Museum, Mdina and the Rotunda of Mosta



The island is famous for its local cheese, particularly ġbejna, made from goat's milk

DAY 6 – Free morning & wine tasting

The morning is free to do as you wish. Malta's seafood is exceptional, so maybe a spot of shopping followed by a leisurely lunch? This afternoon we visit a prestigious wine estate near Mdina, the ancient capital. After a tour of their vineyard, we'll enjoy a tasting of some of their superb wines. (B,D)

Included Experience – Tour and tasting at a prestigious wine estate

DAY 7 – The Blue Grotto & Neolithic Temples

This morning we drive to Malta's rugged coast where you can view the Blue Grotto. The combination of sunlight and location creates a wonderful natural display as the caves mirror the phosphorescent colours of the sea and underwater flora. We continue to Hagar Qim, a UNESCO-listed megalithic temple; one of the chambers has an elliptical hole hewn from the limestone to align with the sunrise on the summer solstice. We stop at the pretty port of Marsaxlokk, where fishermen have landed their catches and repaired nets on its picturesque quayside for centuries. Its restaurants and cafés are ideal places to relax as you gaze out over the harbour filled with the traditional brightly coloured fishing boats called luzzus. Later we visit Città Vittoriosa and enjoy a short walking tour of the fortified city. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Hagar Qim and Marsaxlokk. Guided walking tour of Città Vittoriosa

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)

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Discover Northern Cyprus

Once the crossroads of civilizations – and the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite – Cyprus is an enchanting island with sun-soaked beaches, rich heritage, and captivating ruins.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cyprus

Arrive at the airport for your flight and transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome drinks reception and dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – Kyrenia

This morning, we'll have a guided orientation of Kyrenia, blessed with the most beautiful harbour in Cyprus. Our experienced local guide will take you on a walking tour, visiting the charming old town, harbour and Belediye Meydani, the town hall square. We'll visit the 8th-century castle, first built by the Byzantines, possibly on the site of an earlier Roman fort and later strengthened by the Lusignans and the Venetians. You'll also be able to explore its maze of fortifications, as well as the castle museum, housing a range of archaeological finds and an impressive 3,000-year-old shipwreck. (B)

Included experience – Guided tour of Kyrenia & visit to Kyrenia castle

DAY 3 – Güzelyurt, Soli & The Palace of Vouni

We head northwest, passing sleepy villages and unspoilt countryside to the 'fruit basket of Cyprus', Güzelyurt, nestled in the foothills of the Troodos Mountains. Next, we'll visit the ancient city of Soli, one of the most impressive sites on the island. The quality of information provided gives us great insights into life here during late Roman and early Byzantine times. Then we'll stop to see the remains of the Palace of Vouni, set in an idyllic location facing the Mediterranean with splendid views. Our last stop for the day will be historic Lefke, located next to the Green Line, which was first inhabited during the Neolithic period. (B,D)

Included experiences – Visit to Güzelyurt, guided tours of Soli & Vouni Palace

DAY 4 – Saint Hilarion & Bellapais

Today we succumb to the romance of two storybook highlights, first, we visit Saint Hilarion Castle. Explore inside with the tour or, if you choose not to ascend the steep steps, enjoy the views from the entrance or from the castle's café. Bellapais is the next highlight. Here, you can wander through the

tangle of narrow lanes past flower-bedecked buildings up the hill, where you'll find outstanding views of Kyrenia harbour and the cerulean sea. The crown jewel of the village is its medieval 'Abbey of Peace', the ruins of a monastery that once offered shelter to Augustinian monks who were expelled when Jerusalem fell to Saladin. (B)

Included experiences – Visits to St. Hilarion Castle & Bellapais Abbey

DAY 5 – Nicosia

Today we'll explore the world's last divided capital, Nicosia, once a small town established by the Ptolemaic dynasty in 300 BC. On our guided tour of the old town, we'll see the impressive Venetian city walls – Nicosia was a walled city for centuries – and the superbly preserved Kyrenia gate, adorned with inscriptions left by past rulers, including the British. Discover the main square, the Bandabuliya covered bazaar, and the staggering Venetian column, transported from the ruins of Salamis. We'll marvel at the mammoth Selimnye Mosque. During time at leisure after our tour, you can explore more of the north – perhaps visit Büyük Han, a great 16th-century inn that was once used by the British as a prison and now houses a vibrant collection of shops and cafés. Should you wish, you can cross the Green Line into south Nicosia with your passport on hand and experience the difference between the two sides. Visit the world-class Cyprus Museum or head to the 11-storey Shacolas Tower, the tallest building in south Nicosia. This evening we'll dine at a local restaurant that specialises in Cypriot dishes, all made with locally grown and produced foods. (B,D)

Included experience – Guided walking tour of Nicosia and Taste of Cyprus meal at local restaurant

DAY 6 – Free day

You have a full day at leisure, and Kyrenia is the perfect place for further discovery. You could stroll through town, take a boat ride from the harbour, go shopping at the Bandabuliya or relax around the hotel. (B)



Saint Barnabas Monastery

DAY 7 – Saint Barnabas, Salamis & Famagusta

This morning, we'll travel to the east coast, first visiting the Monastery of St Barnabas, once one of the most prominent Christian sites on the island. Today, it houses a religious icon and archaeological museum, including a mausoleum said to house the tomb of St Barnabas himself. We'll then visit one of the most thrilling highlights of our tour – ancient Salamis. This spectacular site is one of the Mediterranean's most significant archaeological sites, bolstered by its scenic beachside setting. Next, we visit the charming town of Famagusta and enjoy a short, guided walking tour, seeing Othello's Tower, the ruins of the Venetian palace, and the impressive city walls. Lastly, we'll visit nearby Varosha, once a lively resort dubbed the 'Monte Carlo of the Middle East'. Though abandoned since the war in 1974, the haunting beauty of its 'modern' ruins serves as a poignant reminder of the island's rich history and legacy. (B,D)

Included experience – Visits to the Monastery of Saint Barnabas & Varosha, guided tours of Salamis & Famagusta

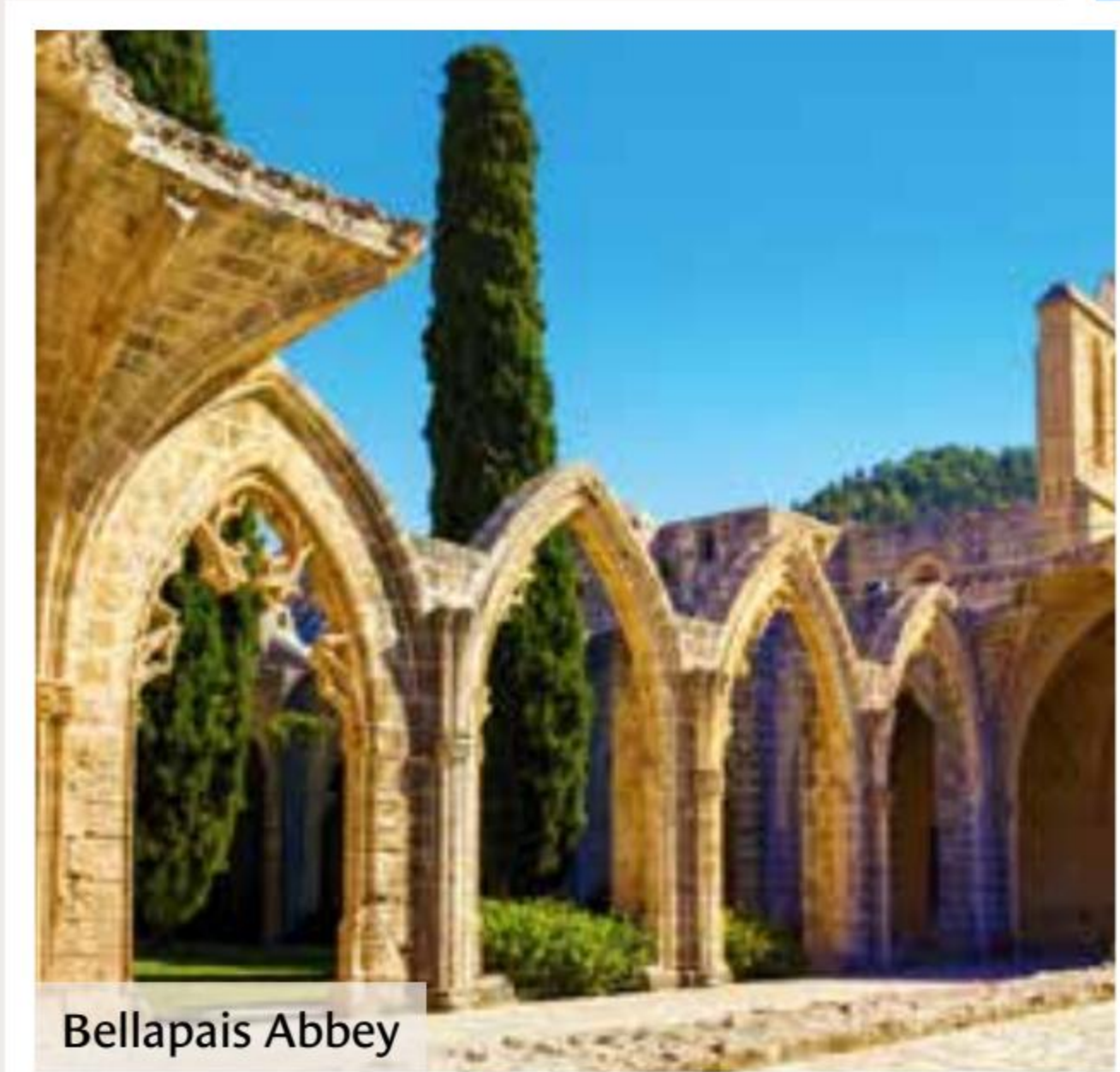
DAY 8 – Return flight

Today you take your direct flight home after a truly memorable tour. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 4 Dinners

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Bellapais Abbey



Kyrenia Old Harbour

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Classical Spain: Seville, Córdoba & Granada

Experience Andalucía's magical fusion of Spanish and Moorish cultures with Seville's vibrant streets and conquistador heritage, Granada's Alhambra and the Mezquita mosque in Córdoba. Discover a tapestry of rugged, fragrant and sun-kissed countryside, covered by green olive groves.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Malaga

Arrive at Malaga airport for your transfer to your hotel. Tonight we will enjoy a welcome dinner for a chance to get to know your travel companions better. (D)

DAY 2 – Ronda

Built on a ridge and split by a most impressive gorge plunging down hundreds of feet, much of Ronda's appeal lies in its spectacular views and clear mountain air. We continue our scenic drive to Seville where another treat awaits, as this evening we enjoy delicious tapas. Over the centuries, with the introduction of olives, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes, tapas dishes gradually evolved into a most delightful tradition. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit to Ronda and evening traditional Tapas experience

DAY 3 – Seville

Seville is one of the most beautiful and charismatic cities in the world, with the serene River Guadalquivir flowing through its centre. Little has changed in 500 years in its tiny twisting streets and hidden squares. It possesses a vibrant spirit and the city of Figaro is the home of flamenco. After breakfast we have a sightseeing tour of this beguiling city, including the awe-inspiring Plaza de España, The afternoon is free to explore. Why not marvel at the Metropol Parasol or find a shaded café and enjoy a refreshing glass of fresh Seville orange juice? Or perhaps head to Mercado Lonja del Barranco, the perfect riverside spot to sample Spanish cheese and cured meat from the local area. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Seville with a local guide

DAY 4 – Free day in Seville

On your free day you could visit the Alcázar, the fortified palace of the Moors, the cathedral, the Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Jewish quarter of the medieval city or the smart pedestrianised Calle Sierpes, a street full of beautiful shops selling high-quality leather goods. And the Maria Luisa Park is a beautiful display of colour where you can relax. (B)



Alcazar Gardens, Seville

The Mezquita was originally built as a mosque and later converted into a cathedral in 123



DAY 5 – Córdoba

We head to delightful Córdoba, with decorated patios adorned with flowers. Cordoba was the ancient capital of the Moors and is principally famous for a single building – the Mezquita – the grandest and most beautiful mosque constructed in the Moorish world. Another highlight is the immense, well-preserved Roman bridge. We then continue our journey to the city of Granada. (B)

Included Experience – Tour of the Mezquita with a local guide



DAY 6 – Granada & The Alhambra

Granada has a naturally dramatic location, nestling against the backdrop of permanently snow-capped mountains soaring majestically to 11,000 feet. Today we visit the exquisitely designed Alhambra, with its beautiful gardens and peaceful setting. You can also explore the city with its twisting streets, the old Moorish quarter and the traditional gypsy area. Granada also boasts some of the most distinctive old bars in Spain, many of them decorated with antique tiles, where taking a drink and a few tapas can be an excuse for a unique, authentically Andalusian experience. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to the Alhambra

DAY 7 – Return flight

Transfer to Malaga or Granada airport (depending on your departure date) for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

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Old town, Valencia

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Valencia & the Orange Grove Coast

Discover Spain's unspoilt Orange Grove or Orange Blossom Coast, from the vibrant city of Valencia. This tour takes us to Moorish towns and hilltop villages, through the Albufera lagoon and into the rocky interior plateau, with the region's lush orange groves as a backdrop.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival

Fly to Valencia or Alicante. On arrival, transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner for a chance to get to know your travel companions better. (D)

DAY 2 – Valencia

Valencia's centrepiece is the ribbon of green that curves its way from the port to the riverside Parc de Capçalera. Once the Turia riverbed, this urban park is now a series of manicured gardens, wooded areas, water features, and handsome bridges. During our tour by coach, we'll see the City of Arts and Sciences, designed by world-famous local architect, Santiago Calatrava. We'll also follow a local guide on a walking tour through the old town, seeing the striking Gothic Silk Exchange and Art Nouveau market hall, which you might opt to explore during the afternoon when you have free time to explore. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a portside restaurant with views over the fine golden sands of the city beach and out over the Mediterranean sea. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Valencia

DAY 3 – Elche

Elche is a fascinating mix of the Moorish legacy of its 10th-century Arab occupiers with additions from the Christian conquerors who ousted them from their Vila Murada home three centuries later. During our tour we'll see this east-meets-west amalgamation, in the ornate Spanish-Baroque Basilica de Santa Maria, which sits between the Arab fortresses of Calaforra and Altamira. See the Huerto del Cura botanical gardens and the vast Palmeral palm grove – the date palm orchards were planted by Arab settlers. Our tour ends at the Huerto del Cura, 'Priest's Orchard' with its amazing collection of tropical plants, and we'll also taste some date-based delicacies. The rest of the day is free before we enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Elche

DAY 4 – Teruel & Albarracin

We travel to Spain's 'interior plateau' and Teruel in Aragon is our first stop to discover Gothic and Islamic architecture, fused in the distinctive Mudéjar style, and ornate

Arabesque buildings. The towers of San Martin and San Salvador are especially beautiful, so too the UNESCO cathedral, with its bell tower and colourful mosaic tiling. Perched on a precipitous outcrop above a bend in the Gaudalaviar river is picturesque Albarracin. We walk with a local guide through narrow lanes passing stone cottages, the village cathedral and red-clay houses. At the very top of town, we see the crenelated city walls that snake their way even higher across the mountain ridges and a charming casa gives us a glimpse back to the 17th century. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Albarracin and visit to Teruel

DAY 5 – Free day in Valencia

Perhaps visit the excellent science museum, before joining the locals on a stroll through the Turia gardens to the arched viewing point overlooking the lake of the Parc de Capçalera. The Church of Saint Nicholas may have a modest façade, but its interior is a wonderland of colourful frescoes, often compared to the Sistine Chapel and the Cathedral is an undeniable highlight with a decorated dome, soaring tower and intricate façades. Visit the city's Fallas Museum, which takes a light-hearted look at Valencia's springtime fiesta in which colourful sculptures transform the streets or simply unwind over a glass of sangria and a plate of tapas. (B)

DAY 6 – Xativa & Albufera

We visit the nearby town of Xativa, dominated by its hilltop castle. Hannibal is said to have stayed here en route to his daring attack on Rome. In the Middle Ages Xativa rose in prominence as the home of two of the infamous Borgia popes and the town is dotted with numerous grand villas and churches which we'll see on our guided tour before free time. Returning to Valencia we stop at Albufera, a large freshwater lagoon, to take a cruise on a typical shallow-bottomed boat.



Albarracin

Keep an eye out for birdlife and even flocks of pink flamingos. We stop at a traditional Valencian barraca, a triangular thatched house, to learn about the lives of the farmers of the Albufera. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Xativa and Cruise in Albufera

DAY 7 – Manises & Valencia

Renowned for its traditional ceramic crafts, we explore the narrow streets of Manises with our guide, passing pastel-coloured houses, leafy squares and the occasional whitewashed church. A pottery workshop visit is followed by free time for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure, so you may wish to indulge in some souvenir-shopping on the tree-lined Carrer de Colón or peruse the stalls at the grand Art Nouveau Mercado de Colón. This evening we visit a nearby masia, a traditional farm villa where we have dinner amongst fragrant gardens and orange groves. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Manises with pottery workshop visit

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 4 Dinners

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Elche

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Madeira: The Pearl of the Atlantic

Discover subtropical Madeira’s stunning gardens, dramatic coastlines, Funchal’s charm, soaring peaks and the Valley of the Nuns.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Funchal

Arrive at Funchal airport for transfer to your hotel. This evening we enjoy welcome drinks and dinner for a chance to get to know your travel companions better (D)

DAY 2 – Funchal

We enjoy a guided walking tour of Funchal, exploring Funchal’s harbour and grand buildings. We stop for a tasting of Madeira wine. Later, we visit the stunning Palheiro Gardens in the hills. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Funchal, visit to Palheiro Gardens and tasting of Madeiran wine

DAY 3 – Western Madeira

Our first stop is Cabo Girão, the island’s highest sea cliff, with a sheer drop of 1,980 feet, followed by Ribeira Brava and Madalena do Mar. Madeira’s climate is perfect for

growing bananas and you’ll see life on a plantation here. Turning inland, we continue to our final stop, the village of São Vicente, nestling in a verdant valley and known as the island’s volcanic birthplace. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Cabo Girão, Ribeira Brava and São Vicente

DAY 4 – Monte

Visit the hilltop town of Monte, home to the Monte Palace Tropical Garden, which we tour with a guide. Return to Funchal by coach, cable car or a thrilling Monte toboggan ride. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of the Monte Palace Tropical Gardens and visit to Monte

DAY 5 – Eastern Madeira

After calling at Ponta do Rostto for the dazzling panoramas and sleepy Porto da Cruz

and Santana, famous for its beautiful A frame houses, we continue on our journey to the UNESCO-listed Ribeiro Frio National Park. We ascend to Pico do Arieiro, with a view of Madeira’s highest summit – the 6,100 foot Pico Ruivo. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Ponta do Rostto, Porto da Cruz, Santana and the Ribeiro Frio National Park

DAY 6 – Free day

Enjoy time at leisure today. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Curral das Freiras & Câmara de Lobos

We drive to Eira do Serrado and enjoy the views down to the Valley of the Nuns and sample the chestnuts cultivated here. Then we head to Câmara de Lobos, a fishing village where Winston Churchill stayed to paint on his visit in 1950. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Curral das Freiras and Câmara de Lobos

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners

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Honfleur

5 days from £1,049PP

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A Taste of Normandy & the Côte Fleurie

Discover the essence of fascinating Normandy with echoes of William the Conqueror and D-Day, medieval Rouen and fascinating Bayeux, plus the delightful port of Honfleur, stunning rural landscapes and delicious local produce.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lisieux

We take the Eurostar service from London St Pancras to Paris Gare du Nord. On arrival we transfer by coach to Lisieux, in the heart of the Calvados region, which gave its name to the popular local brandy distilled from apple cider. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2 – Bayeux & Arromanches

This morning we visit Bayeux, home of the world-famous tapestry depicting the Norman invasion of England in 1066. Upon returning to Lisieux, you may wish to visit the basilica of Ste-Thérèse, whose short life and works are commemorated by pilgrims who flock from around the world to pay their respects.

Please note: From September 2025 the Bayeux tapestry will be closed but an additional visit will be included on Day 4. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Bayeux and the world-famous tapestry and Arromanches

DAY 3 – Rouen

Today we explore Rouen, the capital of Normandy, and enjoy a walking tour around the old centre. We visit its remarkable Notre-Dame Cathedral, which over the centuries has been destroyed and rebuilt to create the fantastic Gothic edifice we see today, you'll also see the Gros-Horloge, a 14th century astronomical clock, and the old marketplace where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. There's free time after to explore. Perhaps have lunch in the local market or visit one of its superb museums, such as the fine arts museum, which includes works by Monet and Boudin. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Rouen

DAY 4 – Honfleur & cider tasting

Often regarded as the most picturesque spot on the northern French coast, Honfleur's old harbour complete with both fishing boats and luxurious pleasure craft, is surrounded by a pretty waterfront of tall pastel-coloured houses dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. This afternoon is devoted to Normandy's most iconic food produce – cheese and cider. The gentle rolling hills and temperate climate are ideal for apple cultivation and cattle rearing. We stop to visit an organic cider producer to learn about the cider-making process, as well as other apple-based drinks, such as pommeau and calvados, followed

by a tasting paired with a variety of classic Normandy cheeses. From September 2025, we'll also visit La Mora Museum, which features the reconstructed flagship of William the Conqueror. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Honfleur; enjoy cider tour and tasting accompanied by local cheeses

DAY 5 – Monet's Garden & return home

Claude Monet's paintings are some of the most exquisite and familiar works of art ever produced. In the Japanese inspired water garden, shaded by a great willow tree and surrounded by bamboo, rhododendrons and azaleas, is the lily pond where he painted his famous Les Nymphéas (Water Lilies) series. The interior of the house, including the artist's studio, is similarly outstanding. Later we continue to Paris for our return Eurostar. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Monet's home and garden

Return Eurostar, plus transfers

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.





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Timeless Provence

Provence is a feast for the senses with a striking natural beauty, historic Aix and Avignon, plus the unique Camargue wetlands, stunning Luberon Mountains and rugged coastline. Deep valleys are carpeted with forests, garrigue-covered hillsides are punctuated by cypresses, filling the air with a distinctive Provençal aroma.



Avignon

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Aix-En-Provence

Arrive at Nice, Marseille or Montpellier airports, or journey by Eurostar and high-speed TGV to Aix-en-Provence. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner for a chance to get to know your travel companions better. (D)

DAY 2 – Tour of Aix-En-Provence

Aix-en-Provence was founded as a spa town by the Romans and is known as the 'City of a Thousand Fountains'. The tranquil sound of running water accompanies you down colourful boulevards, through fine squares and labyrinthine alleyways. During a morning guided walking tour you'll see what inspired Paul Cézanne to produce numerous paintings here. The afternoon is free so perhaps visit Cézanne's perfectly preserved workshop. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Aix-en-Provence

DAY 3 – The Camargue

We head to the Camargue, the delta of the great Rhône River and a saltwater marshland teeming with around 400 species of birds, including pink flamingos. This designated national park is also home to the iconic black bulls and an ancient breed of white horse. We take a boat trip with commentary to explore this wetland environment – bring your binoculars! We then visit Arles, a prosperous Roman regional capital from the 1st century AD. Marvel at the impressive UNESCO-listed monuments on a walking tour, including the Roman amphitheatre and the Place du Forum, now a square with vibrant cafés and restaurants. There's free time, perhaps to seek out locations associated with Vincent Van Gogh, who spent 14 fruitful months here. (B)

Included Experiences – Boat trip with commentary through the Camargue and guided walking tour of Arles

DAY 4 – Luberon Mountains

We travel to the stunning Luberon Mountains. The hilltops are crowned by enchanting villages alive with bistros, rustic restaurants and markets selling fabulous local produce. The landscape in this designated Regional Nature Park changes from flat plains dotted with olive and peach groves to sloping vineyards and then, higher up, rows of



Pont du Gard

lavender whose fragrance mingles with pine and wild herbs to give the unmistakable aroma of rural Provence. (B,D)

Included Experience – Experience the Luberon Mountains

DAY 5 – Avignon

We visit historic Avignon and the incredible Palais des Papes, one of Europe's largest Gothic buildings. Or you could choose the Petit Palais Museum, which houses an excellent collection of more than 300 paintings from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. And a walk on the city's celebrated 12th-century bridge will have you singing a certain French song. We return to Aix via the Pont du Gard, an aqueduct constructed in the 1st century AD, considered a wonder of the ancient world. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to Avignon and the Pont du Gard

DAY 6 – Free day

Wander along Cours Mirabeau, Aix's elegant main street, and perhaps peel off into the maze of lanes discovering tiny squares and myriad fountains. Alternatively visit the superb Musée Granet which houses works by famous artists such as Cezanne, Degas, Picasso and Monet to name a few. (B)

DAY 7 – Cassis

The lovely fishing port of Cassis boasts painted cottages, a charming little harbour and sandy beach, overlooked by a mighty medieval fortress. Choose a waterside restaurant for a lunch of freshly caught fish before taking an afternoon boat trip to the Massif des Calanques, a rugged coastline of dazzling white cliffs, rock pinnacles and rare seabirds. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Boat trip and tour of Cassis on the 'Petit Train'

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport or station for your flight or train home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

*(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 5 Dinners**

**Including 2 at local restaurants*

Please note: Lavender season varies according to weather and climate conditions, but is usually late June to August.

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The Camargue horses are a unique breed, known for their white coats and wild freedom



Luberon Mountains

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The Rozenhoedkaai

4 days from £819^{PP}

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Bruges

Medieval buildings, romantic squares, pretty canals, world-class art; Bruges is a lavish feast for the eyes. Old-world charm and Europe’s most perfectly preserved medieval city ensure that enchanting Bruges makes a superb short-break, one where delicious cuisine, the finest chocolate and artisanal beers are never far away.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Bruges

Take the late morning/early afternoon Eurostar service from London St Pancras International to Lille. On arrival, we transfer by coach to your hotel for three nights in Bruges’ old town. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant to get to know your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 – Walking tour of Bruges

We enjoy a guided walk to discover the highlights of this alluring city, starting in its medieval heart, the Markt, which has served as the main market square since the 10th century. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore. The Groeninge museum and Sint-Jans hospitaal are home to sublime works of art and you can find museums dedicated to

Belgium’s holy trinity of beer, chocolate and frites. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Bruges

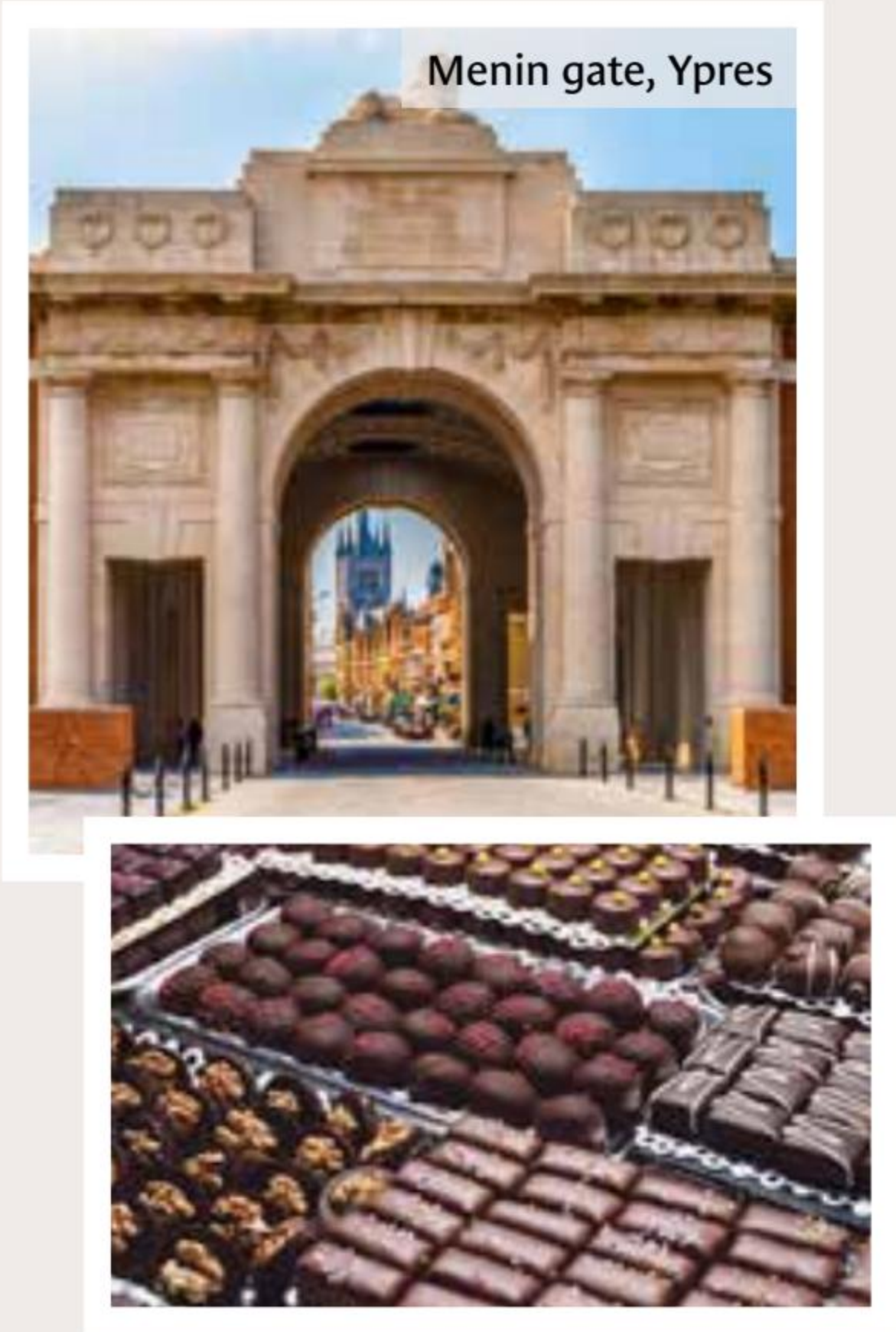
DAY 3 – Ypres, Passchendaele & Tyne Cot Cemetery

This morning, you can choose to explore Bruges at leisure, or take an optional included excursion that visits the locations made famous during World War I – Ypres, the centre of British activity in Belgium and home of the Menin Gate, a moving memorial to the missing. The excursion also takes us to the Passchendaele Museum for an insightful recreation of life in the trenches and concludes with a poignant visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery. Returning to Bruges in the late afternoon, you cannot fail to be touched by the sights and sounds of this unforgettable trip back in time. (B)
Included Experience – Visit Ypres, Passchendaele and Tyne Cot Cemetery

DAY 4 – Return by Eurostar

We visit one of the few establishments in Bruges where Belgian chocolates are still made by hand for a demonstration. Later, a coach returns you to nearby Lille for an afternoon Eurostar service back to London St Pancras International. (B)
Included Experience – Visit to a Chocolatier

*Return Eurostar, plus transfers
 (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner*



Menin gate, Ypres

Bruges is home to over 50 chocolatiers, making it a paradise for chocolate lovers!



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Brandenburg Gate

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Berlin, Dresden, Meissen & Colditz

Witness Germany’s past and present merging in fascinating ways – taking in Berlin’s eclectic ambience, Dresden’s architectural glories, the artisanal heritage of Meissen and the adventure of Colditz Castle. Discover Germany’s delightful contrasts, from its vibrant modern cities to its rural landscapes.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Berlin
Fly to Berlin airport and transfer to your hotel. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel for a chance to get to know your travel companions better. (D)

DAY 2 – Berlin
Our tour takes in many landmarks including Checkpoint Charlie, a poignant symbol of the Cold War when the city was divided between East and West. You’ll see the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag. There’s also Unter Den Linden – the city’s most famous boulevard – the imposing cathedral and the remains of the Berlin Wall. The afternoon is free for you to explore. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Berlin

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Single-centre tour

DAY 3 – Colditz & Meissen
After breakfast we drive through gentle rolling woodland and fields into Saxony, en route to Colditz. The visit and related exhibition offer intriguing insights into the lives of both inmates and guards. Next, we visit the town of Meissen, famous for producing the first porcelain to be made outside of China for a tour. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Colditz and guided tour of Meissen porcelain studio

DAY 4 – Dresden
Dresden is strikingly beautiful as a centre for art, classical music and science saw the emergence of fine Renaissance, Baroque and Classical buildings, the majority of which – though destroyed by the Allied bombings of 1945 – have been wonderfully restored in recent years. This morning we have a walking tour around these architectural gems, and in the afternoon you’re free to explore as you wish. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Dresden.

DAY 5 – Return flight
Transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)
All flights and transfers are included
(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner
Please note: On some dates, this tour operates in reverse order. The use of air- conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.



Dresden



Colditz is known for its numerous escape attempts, including daring and ingenious plans by prisoners

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Montenegro's Riviera & Dubrovnik

Discover two of the Adriatic's most resplendent gems: Montenegro's rugged beauty, compelling history and alluring coastline, plus Dubrovnik, described by George Bernard Shaw as 'paradise on earth'.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budva

You will be met at the airport to check in for your flight to Dubrovnik, Tivat or Podgorica. On arrival, transfer to the hotel and settle in before a welcome dinner. During high seasons, Budva is a lively and sociable resort that may have higher noise levels. (D)

DAY 2 – Budva & wine tasting

Founded by the Greeks and fortified during the Middle Ages, we uncover the secrets of Budva's old town with our local guide. Along the seafront promenade you'll find bustling restaurants and cafés, perfect for a spot of lunch at leisure. We journey on passing Podgorica, the understated capital situated at the confluence of two rivers. The first wine was produced in the region more than 2,000 years ago and Montenegro is no exception. To discover this ancient tradition and sample some delicious local wines, we visit the Šipčanić wine cellar in a former underground military hangar. Tonight, we enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Budva and wine cellar tour and tasting

DAY 3 – Kotor and Perast

We visit Kotor and its eponymous bay. Only Montenegrin for the last century, the legacy of 400 years as part of the Republic of Venice is strongly felt here. We make a stop on the twisting road down into Kotor to marvel at the awe-inspiring view. Guarded by medieval stone walls, the city is home to numerous churches including the 850-year-old Catholic cathedral and the Orthodox Church of St Nikola with fine artworks. Lunch at leisure before we continue to Perast. We take a short boat ride to the Our Lady of the Rocks Island, shaped like a boat. The island's small Catholic church is resplendent with art, and there's a small museum crammed with treasures. We return to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Kotor and the Our Lady of the Rocks Island, by boat



Budva's historic Old Town, surrounded by ancient walls, dates back over 2,500 years

DAY 4 – Cetinje & food tasting

We head to Cetinje, the former capital of Montenegro and royal seat of the ruling Petrović family. Its prestigious past is evident in ornate former embassies and traditional-style public buildings, and we visit King Nikola's Museum, located off the charming main square with its al fresco café culture. The museum provides a glimpse into the compelling story of the proud Montenegrin people through the 19th and 20th century. We head to an authentic restaurant for a tasting of traditional Montenegrin favourites: smoked meats and cheeses with delicious priganice – incredibly moreish doughnuts served with honey, before returning to Budva. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Tasting of locally produced delicacies and guided tour of Cetinje Royal Palace

DAY 5 – Free day in Budva

Today you have a free day to explore Budva as you wish. Why not meander along the marina or explore the narrow, cobbled lanes in the old town? (B,D)

DAY 6 – Bar & Lake Skadar

Stari Bar, or Old Bar, is a time capsule dating from 1878 when the town's old quarter was abandoned following liberation from the Ottomans. The steep but pretty street leading up to Stari Bar is filled with small shops and quaint cafés with colourful shutters and flowers. We head to Lake Skadar, home to half of Europe's population of endangered Dalmatian pelicans, and over 280 bird species. We take a boat trip so sit back and unwind with some complimentary local cheese, priganice doughnuts and traditional brandy. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant overlooking Budva Bay. We'll experience a traditional Balkan 'under the bell' feast, where a hearty meal is cooked in a bell-shaped metal pot. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Boat journey on Lake Skadar, dinner in a local restaurant and a visit to Stari Bar



Cavtat



Stari Bar

DAY 7 – Dubrovnik

We drive into Croatia to spend the morning with a local guide on a walking tour discovering the unique city that Byron dubbed the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Dubrovnik also has a history with the Venetians though thrived later as an independent city-state for 700 years and is markedly different to the rest of Croatia. Nestled behind the preserved city walls are countless narrow lanes with steep stairs just waiting to be explored. Paved with marble, the main street gleams enticingly in the sunlight and takes you all the way through the old town, from the fortified Pile gate to the Ploče gate by the harbour. After lunch at leisure, the afternoon is free to explore. Later we check in for our overnight stay in Dubrovnik. Later that evening we visit a family run restaurant for dinner outside of Dubrovnik, complete with a traditional folklore show involving Balkan music and singing. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Dubrovnik and evening dinner and folklore show

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

*(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners**

**Including 2 at local restaurants*

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Helsinki, Tallinn & Riga

Discover the heritage of the Baltics on this tour of three unique countries, each brimming with an abundance of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. From Helsinki in the north to our southernmost stop in Riga, this tour encompasses four wonderful cities.



Tallinn

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Helsinki

Arrive at Helsinki airport for your transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (D)

DAY 2 – Helsinki & free afternoon

Helsinki is a captivating city situated on an archipelago in the Gulf of Finland, and this morning we have a guided tour which includes the striking Art Nouveau railway station and the Sibelius Monument, an abstract work of over 600 steel 'organ pipes' and a bust of Finland's most celebrated classical composer. In your free afternoon why not visit the six-mile-long Central Park or waterside Kaivopuisto Park? (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Helsinki

DAY 3 – Suomenlinna Fortress

Today we are transported back in time as we take a short ferry ride from the mainland to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Suomenlinna Fortress. With our expert guide we explore its four bastions, deep connecting tunnels, a turquoise-domed dual-use church and lighthouse, the only Second World War-era submarine remaining in Finland, plus lakes, gardens and a beach. In the afternoon you'll have free time to explore it further or return to the city. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Suomenlinna Fortress

DAY 4 – Kadriorg Palace

Today we board a ferry to Estonia, dock in the capital, Tallinn, and drive to Kadriorg Palace. Built in the 18th century by Tsar Peter the Great, this Italianate building houses a fine art collection. On a guided tour we see paintings by 16th- to 20th-century European masters as well as the palace's manicured gardens and elegant fountains. We head back into Tallinn to settle into our hotel before enjoying dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Kadriorg Palace and gardens

DAY 5 – Tallinn

Estonia's capital is like stepping back in time several centuries and we enjoy a walking tour of its centre with a local guide. Tallinn's fairytale UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town is a warren of atmospheric streets and



Uspenski Cathedral Helsinki



Suomenlinna Fortress

buildings situated below an impressive hilltop upper district. After the tour there's some free time. Perhaps step into one of its numerous pretty churches, visit the superb Estonian Maritime Museum or just relax in a café. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Tallinn

DAY 6 – Tartu

This morning we head to Tartu, passing rich farmland, traditional wooden barns and dense forests. Tartu is home to Estonia's most renowned university and is a vibrant cultural hub. Explore the Town Hall Square, with its



Riga

famous Kissing Students fountain, pretty pink Town Hall and curious Leaning House and enjoy views of the Emajogi River. We set off again mid-afternoon to Latvia, arriving at its capital, Riga. After settling into our hotel, we head out to sample some local cuisine. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit Tartu

DAY 7 – Riga & free afternoon

On our guided walking tour of beautiful Riga, we see a dazzling mix of architectural styles – spires of grand Gothic churches tower above cobblestoned streets lined with decorative Art Nouveau buildings. In the UNESCO-listed Old Town, we explore the striking 82-foot Powder Tower – previously where gunpowder was stored and now home to the Latvian War Museum – and the central Dome Square. After our guided tour, enjoy free time for lunch and to explore further in the afternoon – perhaps stroll through the vast Central Market or take a trip in a traditional boat on the canal. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Riga

DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)

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Krakov

Set on the banks of the Vistula River near the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, beautiful Krakow’s entire historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once the home of Copernicus and Pope John Paul II, Krakow rivals Prague for sheer beauty and boasts more than 6,000 historic buildings.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Krakow

Arrive at Krakow airport for your transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (D).

DAY 2 – Krakow

We enjoy a guided walking tour of Krakow’s historic centre. Rynek Glowny, the medieval main square, is lined with grand pastel-coloured buildings. In the centre is the Cloth Hall, a splendid colonnaded building of the textile trade from the 16th-century. Overlooking the square is Saint Mary’s Basilica and you’ll also see the 110-foot-high Florian Gate and the remains of the fortifications built during the early 14th-century. We visit the Wawel Royal Castle district, inhabited since the Palaeolithic period. The complex includes the cathedral,

royal apartments, state rooms, crown treasury and armoury. There’s free time to explore the rest of the complex, including the three-tiered Italianate Renaissance courtyard. This afternoon there’s an opportunity to tour the famous 13th-century Wieliczka Salt Mines, a spectacular subterranean attraction adorned by statues and even a chapel, all sculpted from rock salt that looks like marble. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Krakow

DAY 3 – Auschwitz & Birkenau

We thought hard about how appropriate it was to include this morning’s destination – Auschwitz and Birkenau – on a holiday itinerary. As a company, our philosophy is that we try to inform our clients about all aspects of the countries we visit. Our guided tour to Auschwitz and Birkenau is extremely moving and thought-provoking, but it is optional. Now a museum and monument, Auschwitz and Birkenau have been left virtually as they were when liberated in 1945. You can choose instead to stay in Krakow for the whole day. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Auschwitz and Birkenau

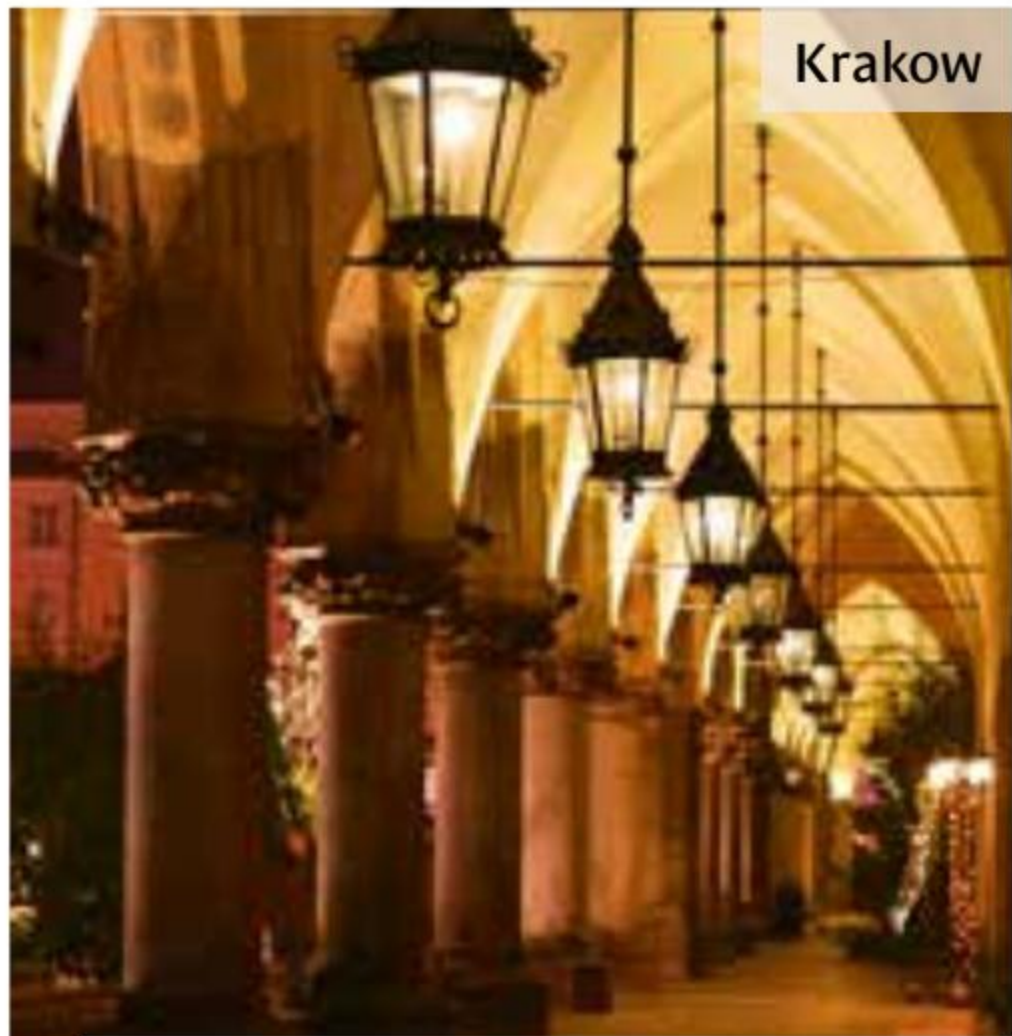
DAY 4 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

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Krakov



The main market square in Krakow is the largest medieval town square in Europe

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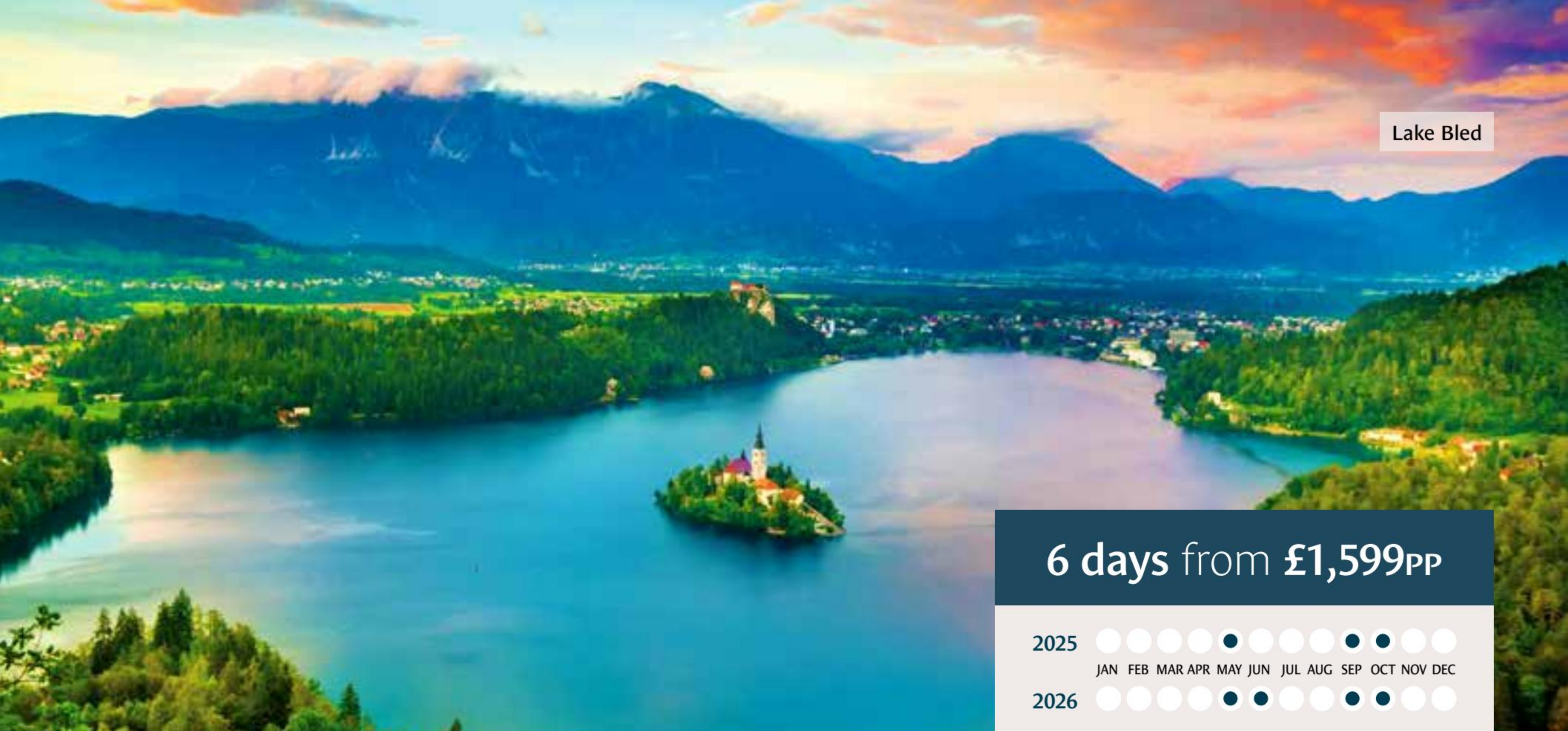
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Slovenia & Lake Bled

Discover the storybook scenery of Lake Bled, picturesque Ljubljana and the delightful Adriatic resort of Piran... plus the little-known gem of Maribor, fine wine and Lipizzaner horses. Snow-capped Karavanke and Julian Alps dominate the northwest, whilst the Adriatic coast boasts scenic palm-lined promenades.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Ljubljana

Arrive at Ljubljana airport for your transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2 – Ljubljana

This morning we enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia’s picturesque capital with a local guide sharing the stories behind the main sights. You have free time this afternoon. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Ljubljana

DAY 3 – Piran & Lipica

Our destination this morning is Piran, which seems to mirror Venice across the Gulf of Trieste. You have free time to explore Piran and its gems of Venetian Gothic architecture. A short drive brings us to the

Lipica Stud Farm, where we enjoy a delightful presentation by the Classical Riding School. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit to Piran and guided tour of the Lipica Stud Farm with performance

DAY 4 – Ptuj & Maribor

We head to the picture-postcard town of Ptuj, nestling beneath the walls of its impressive castle. After a brief orientation you’re free to explore its many treasures. Leaving Ptuj we follow the Drava to the city of Maribor. Immerse yourself in this delightful destination on a walking tour with a local guide. In the afternoon we visit a local winery for a guided tour and tasting. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Maribor, visit to Ptuj and wine tasting

DAY 5 – Lake Bled

Today we enjoy a scenic drive to Lake Bled. We take a relaxing ride to the island on a traditional pletna boat, the rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Lake Bled with boat ride to the centre island

DAY 6 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)

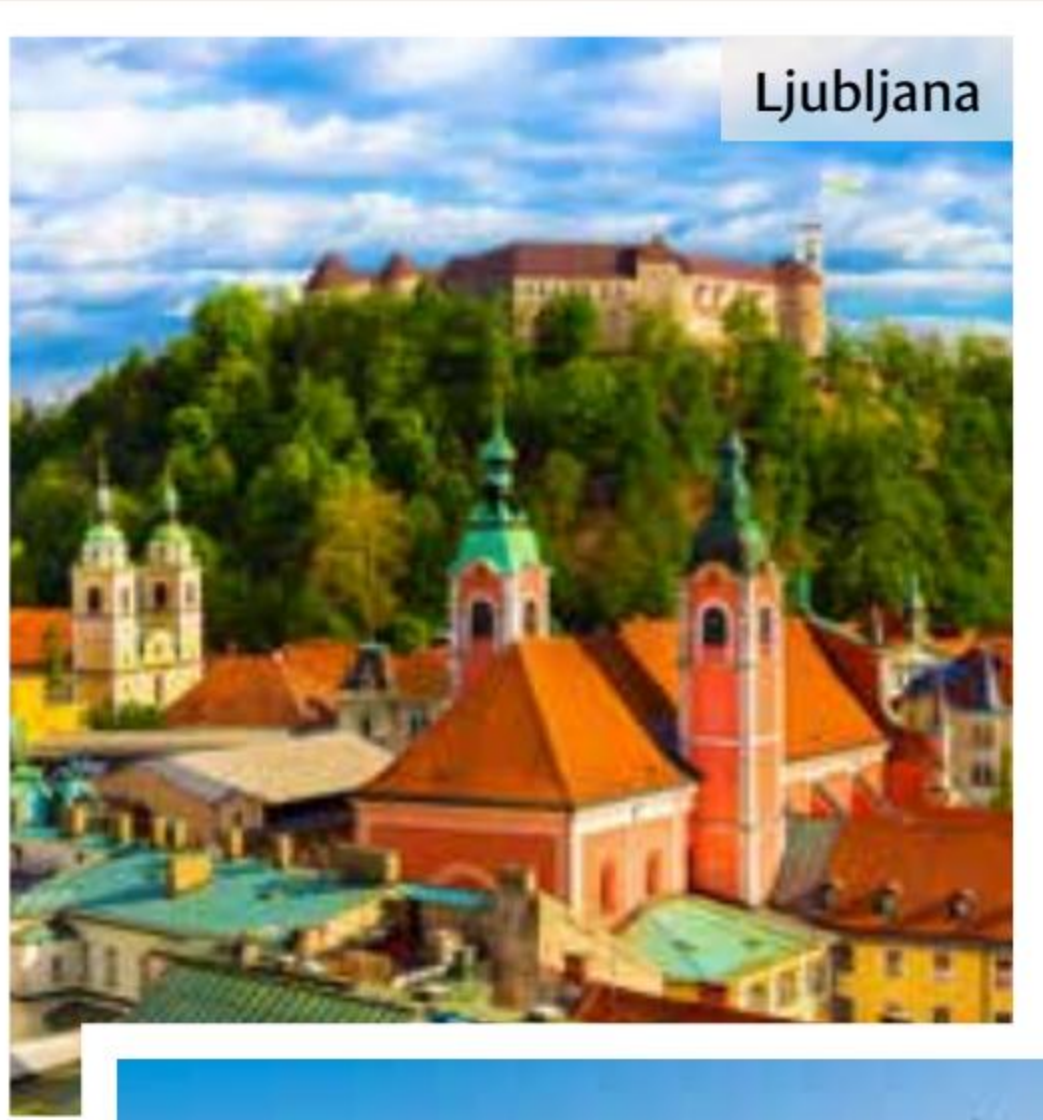
All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

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Your options

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Ljubljana



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Istanbul, Ephesus & Troy

Turkey is an intriguing country with a unique identity straddling both Europe and Asia. In a place where familiarity merges with exotic, we find a magical blend of the Christian and Ottoman worlds where the jewel in the crown is incredible Istanbul, with an atmosphere that links the mysterious east with the familiar west.



Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Kusadasi

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Izmir via Istanbul and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2 – Ephesus

Today we have a guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus and its breathtaking range of buildings. With its amazing two-storey Library of Celsus and the enormous amphitheatre, the Romans made it their capital of Asia. We'll see the Temple of Artemis, which was in its day, greater than the Parthenon in Athens. This afternoon we'll enjoy a welcome lunch to get to know your fellow travellers better. Later we visit the small hillside site of the House of the Virgin Mary then return to Kusadasi with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Ephesus and visit House of the Virgin Mary

DAY 3 – Pergamon

In Pergamon we'll see the remains of the Temple of Trajan, the altar of Zeus and the world's steepest ancient amphitheatre. We drive along the scenic coastline to Canakkale where we stay for one night. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Pergamon

DAY 4 – Troy & Gallipoli

We'll visit Troy, a complex archaeological site that spans nine separate cities. We'll take the short cruise from Asia to Europe over the scenic, steep-sided Dardanelles, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, arriving on the Gallipoli peninsula, made famous during the First World War. We visit the Lone Pine memorial and Anzac Cove, where the Australians mistakenly landed and then continue our journey to Istanbul, where we stay for three nights. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Troy, Gallipoli and Anzac Cove

DAY 5 – Istanbul

We see the immense and beautifully preserved city walls and the remains of the



Ephesus

magnificent Hippodrome and enjoy a visit to the breathtaking Hagia Sophia, quite simply one of the world's greatest architectural achievements. For thousands of years, Istanbul sat at the centre of the overland trade routes, and its Grand Bazaar became home to merchants from all over the known world. This afternoon we have a guided walk here to experience its sights and sounds. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Istanbul and visit to Hagia Sophia

DAY 6 – The Basilica Cistern & the Blue Mosque

Today, we'll go underground in Istanbul to see a historic underground cistern, made from stone said to have been salvaged from ancient temples with ornate carvings. Back above ground, we'll visit the iconic Sultanahmet Mosque, or as it's more commonly known 'the Blue Mosque'. (B)

Included Experiences – Visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque

DAY 7 – Topkapi Palace

We start the day with a guided tour of the Topkapi Palace, the glittering and labyrinthine imperial residence of the sultans for over 400 years. Today, it is a spectacular museum, but in its heyday it functioned as a city within a city. We'll enjoy a short walk around the Spice Bazaar to savour the vibrant colours and fragrant smells of herbs and spices from around the world. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Topkapi Palace

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 Lunch, (D) 2 Dinners



Topkapi Palace houses the famous Topkapi Dagger, which is decorated with jade, diamonds and gold



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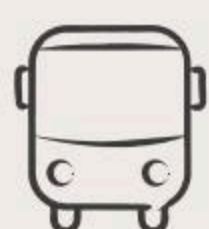
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Free time to explore

Our itineraries are thoughtfully balanced with free days and unguided visits, so you can wander at your own pace. We also offer you a choice of optional excursions so you can make your holiday your own.

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A 'world in one country' is no exaggeration – incredible game viewing, a vast patchwork of different cultures and history coupled with superb food and wine make for a world-class destination. From a Mediterranean to desert climate; South Africa offers spectacular scenery with arguably the finest wildlife on earth.





Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure

Arrive at the airport to take your overnight flight to Johannesburg.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Johannesburg

After our morning arrival we transfer to the hotel where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, there will be a drinks reception where you can meet your travelling companions in an informal setting before your welcome dinner. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Panorama Route

We depart for the open spaces and farmlands of the Highveld, following the scenic Panorama Route to Kruger National Park and around the spectacular rim of the Blyde River Canyon, an amazing 20-mile long, deep gorge cutting a vast swathe through the Great Escarpment. Deep circular rock formations created by years of erosion and many excellent vantage points offer superb photo opportunities. Our hotel for the next three nights is beautifully located amidst lush forest on the banks of the Sabie River and dinner is included tonight. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit Blyde River Canyon

DAY 4 – Kruger game drive

Enjoy a full day's game drive in specially adapted 10 seat 4x4 vehicles. Experience areas of sweeping savannah, bisected by rivers full of hippos, and muddy waterholes lined with animals quenching their thirst. There is simply nothing to beat that rising feeling of excitement as we enter the nearby park in

the half-light of the spectacular African dawn, surrounded by the noise of the 'dawn chorus'. Perhaps we'll spot an elephant, a family of warthogs or possibly even the elusive cheetah! The experienced game rangers know the best tracks and waterholes whilst their wealth of knowledge will amuse and fascinate you. (B)

Included Experience – 4x4 game drive in Kruger National Park

DAY 5 – Free day in Kruger

A day at leisure so take it easy by one of the hotel pools or do some hippo-spotting from the lawn overlooking the river. Alternatively, you could try some microlight flights or river rafting (all subject to weather conditions), as well as sunset or night safaris in an open 4x4 vehicle game drive by spotlight. (B)

DAY 6 – Eswatini & Kwazulu Natal

After breakfast we'll drive south, entering the small but scenically beautiful country of

Eswatini formally known as Swaziland. As the road climbs past Piggs Peak we descend through lush green fields and rolling hills interspersed with small farms, and through the country's small capital Mbabane. We cross back into South Africa in the afternoon and enter Kwazulu Natal province. (B,D)

Included Experience – Drive to Kwazulu Natal Province

DAY 7 – Isandlwana & Rorke's Drift

Today we visit the battlefields of the Zulu Wars, Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift – one a crushing British defeat sending shock waves throughout the Empire, the other a valiant stand of just 140 against 4,000 Zulus. Brilliantly dramatised in the films Zulu Dawn and Zulu, these battles, just a day apart, became a defining moment for the British Empire. Isandlwana particularly, remains a haunting and lonely place, with



Winelands

mass graves marked by simple white stones and our specialist Zulu guide will make those desperate encounters come alive. Later we return to our hotel. Lunch is included today. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift Battlefields

DAY 8 – Knysna

We return to Johannesburg airport, flying to George in the Western Cape and at the heart of the Garden Route, before the short drive to the coastal town of Knysna. Dinner at a local restaurant is included tonight. (B,D)

DAY 9 – Knysna & Featherbed Nature Reserve

Knysna has been called South Africa's favourite small town and with its stunning lagoon location, numerous art galleries, craft shops and the excellent Knysna Quays marina shopping and dining complex, it's not hard to see why. The Garden Route, as its name implies, really is a scenic treat! This magnificent stretch of coastline encompasses mountains, lagoons, pristine beaches, indigenous forests, wetlands teeming with

birds, lakes and mountains, all blended together in a feast of sheer natural beauty: it really has it all. This morning we take a ferry across the lagoon to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, a South African Natural Heritage site which we explore by 4x4 vehicle. We stop at some magnificent viewpoints whilst our guide describes the area's fauna, flora, history and shipwrecks, followed by an easy downhill guided walk and delicious buffet lunch under the canopy of the milkwood trees.

Included Experience – Visit to the Featherbed nature reserve including lunch

DAY 10 – Hermanus

This morning, we take the long scenic drive to the Cape's beautiful Winelands before continuing to Hermanus, a lovely town that's also the world's best spot for on-shore whale watching, usually between July and November. These gentle giants move in seemingly permanent slow motion and are a truly amazing sight as they playfully cavort in the water. (B,L)

Included Experience – Visit Hermanus

DAY 11 – Winelands

Today we tour the awesomely beautiful Winelands. Set in a valley backed by majestic mountains, rows of manicured vines and orchards stretch into a distance studded by lime-washed, often thatched, 300-year-old wineries built in the unique Cape Dutch style. Our first stop is elegant Stellenbosch, home to South Africa's most prestigious university, period buildings and historic streets. We have time to explore before enjoying a fascinating cellar tour and tasting an award-winning Wine Estate. Later we visit the small town of Franschoek, set at the head of a valley. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Tour the Winelands with cellar tour and tasting

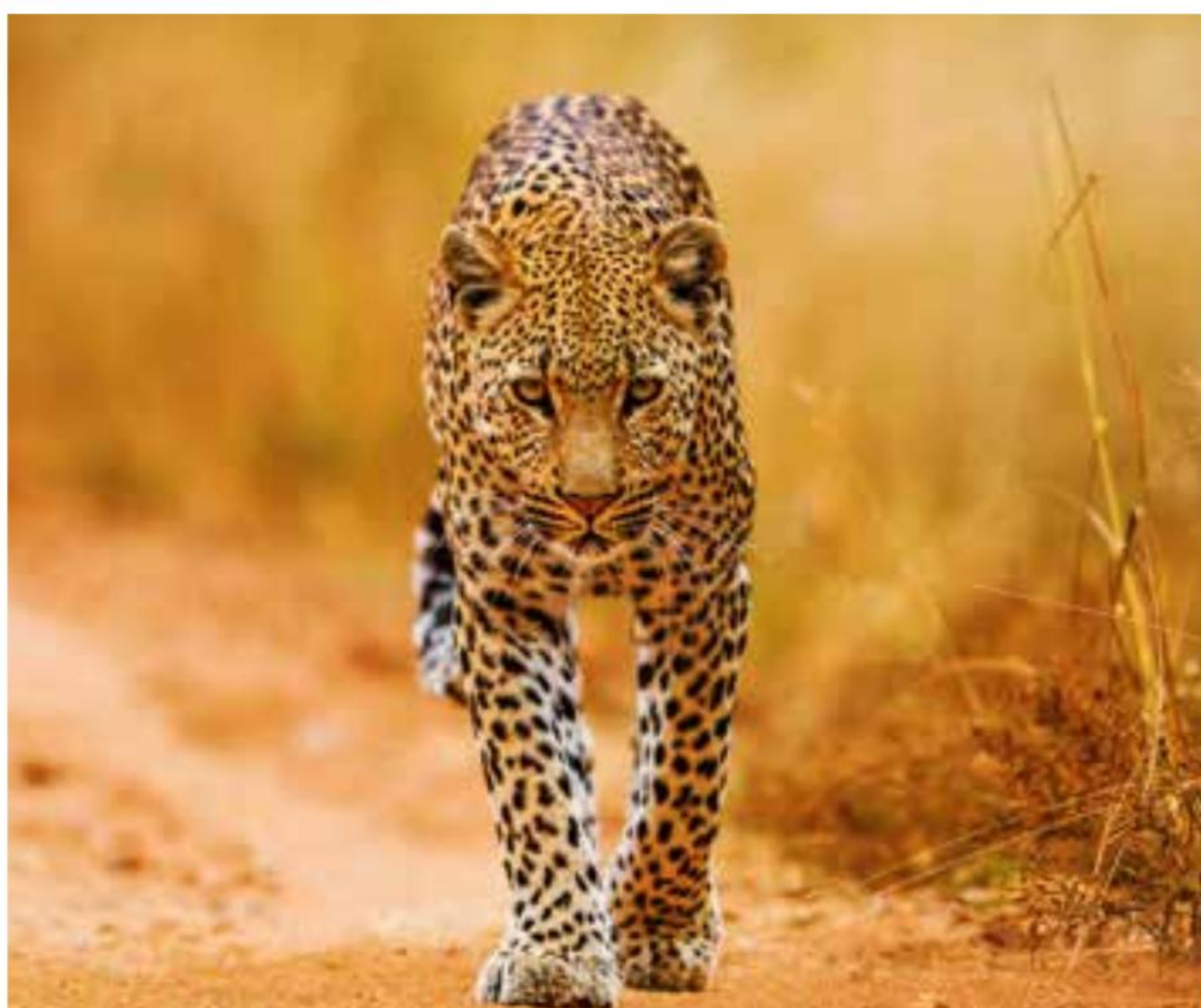
DAY 12 – Cape Town

This morning we visit the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, set against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, before arriving in Cape Town. (B)

Included Experience – Visit the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

DAY 13 – Cape of Good Hope

Our route this morning takes us via pristine beaches to the picturesque fishing harbour of Hout Bay. We continue past the breathtakingly scenic seascapes at



Featherbed Nature Reserve is home to over 100 different plant species, including many rare and endemic ones like coastal fynbos



Cape of Good Hope

Chapman's Peak Drive, to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, one of the world's biodiversity hotspots, then on to Cape Point itself. We see the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean currents and the treacherous promontory of rocks and swells. Finally we visit Boulders Beach and its penguin colony, returning to the city during the afternoon. (B) **Included Experiences – Visits to Cape Point, Cape of Good Hope and Boulders Beach**

DAY 14 – Free day in Cape Town

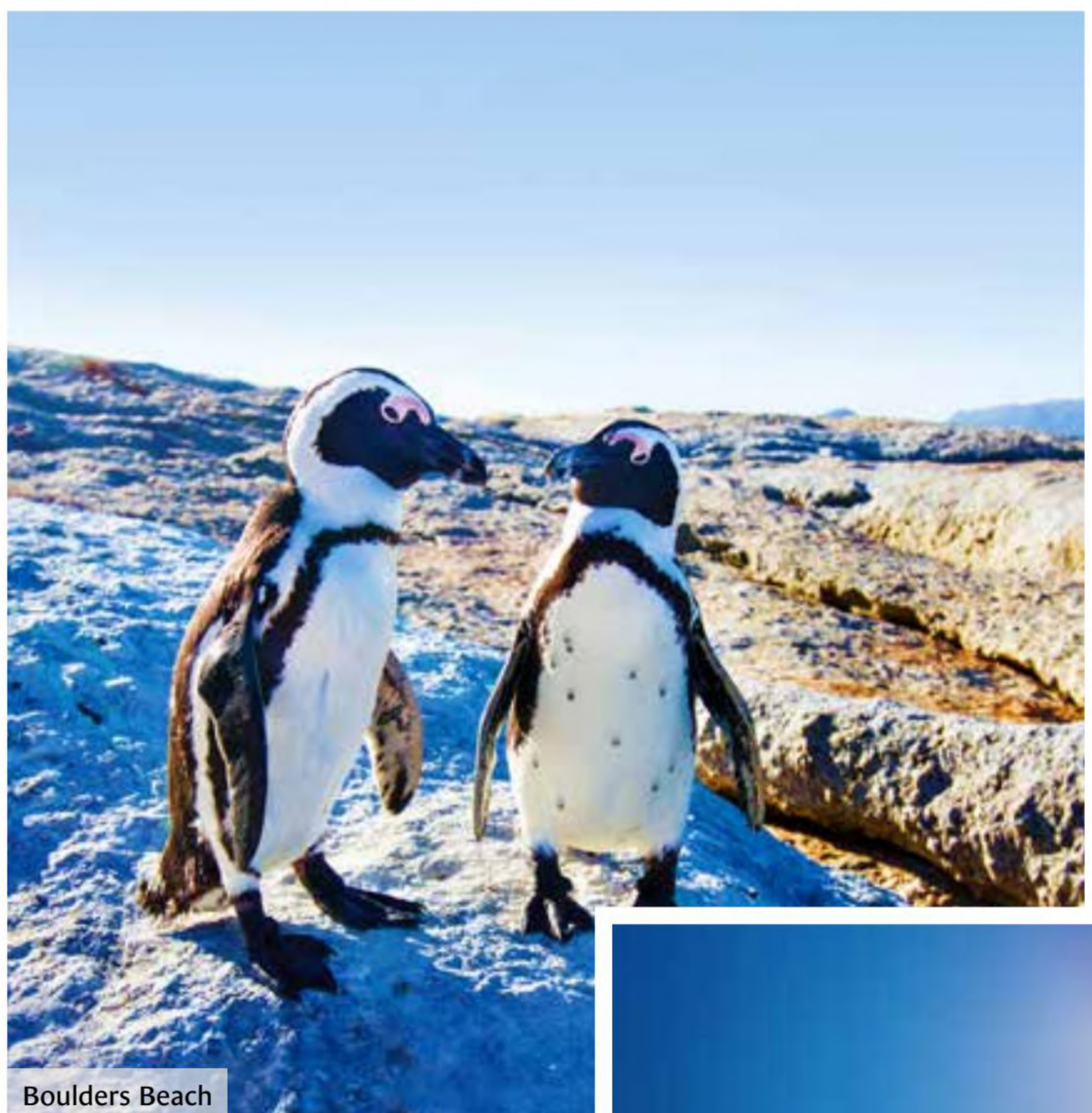
Cape Town, featuring British, Dutch and Cape Malay influences, is simply one of the world's most naturally beautiful cities with so much to discover! Try some bargain shopping at the Waterfront, followed by a sumptuous seafood lunch or a spot of people-watching at fashionable Camps Bay. No visit to Cape Town is complete without taking a revolving cable car ride to the top of iconic Table Mountain and you should also visit Robben Island (weather permitting and based on availability), where Nelson Mandela spent most of his 27-year incarceration. Perhaps though, simply wander where your feet take you, stopping to take afternoon tea in colonial splendour at the Mount Nelson hotel – the choice is yours. (B)

DAY 15 – Return flight

Today we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. (B)

DAY 16 – Arrive home

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Boulders Beach

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Cape Town



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Marrakesh & the Atlas Mountains

Immerse yourself in the truly captivating city of ochre-coloured Marrakesh, filled with intriguing souks, eye-catching minarets, vibrant squares and superb architecture, plus experience the stunning natural wonders of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains which pierce the striking azure blue sky.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Marrakesh

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Marrakesh from where you will be taken to your hotel. This evening join your Tour Manager for a reception of traditional Moroccan mint tea, then get to know your travelling companions over dinner. (D)

DAY 2 – Marrakesh & The Saadian tombs

Marrakesh is a labyrinth of tiny alleyways teeming with activity like few other places in the world. With classic, French colonial buildings and boulevards surrounded by remarkably preserved medieval walls, the city is so perfect it could be, and often is used as, a film set. This morning, we enjoy a sightseeing tour during which we will see the Saadian tombs, one of the world’s finest examples of Moorish architecture, where classic archways are covered in gold leaf and stucco work. Plus, we will experience the Bahia Palace, which when built was acclaimed as the world’s most beautiful palace, famed for its 50 marble columns. We also visit the famous souks or covered markets, where immensely skilled craftsmen create intricate leatherware, jewellery and furniture. At dusk, after dinner in the hotel, we visit the Jemaa el-Fnaa square, a showcase for traditional Moroccan life. You will experience a fantastic spectacle of musicians, dancers and fortune-tellers in an exhilarating kaleidoscope of colour. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Marrakesh and visit to the Saadian tombs and and sunset visit to the Jemaa el-Fnaa square

DAY 3 – Marrakesh

This morning, we continue our tour of marvellous Marrakesh. The city boasts a wealth of wonderful gardens, some vast with olive groves and lakes, providing a haven of peace and tranquillity away from the hustle and bustle of the city. One of the prettiest is the Jardin Majorelle: an amazing display of bamboo, bougainvillea and cacti, formerly owned by Yves Saint-Laurent. Surrounding the city are ramparts stretching 19 miles long, still largely intact with imposing forts at various intervals with their intricate gateways. The afternoon is yours at leisure to further your exploration of Marrakesh at an unhurried pace or relax in your hotel. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Marrakesh and the Jardin Majorelle Gardens



Atlas Mountains



DAY 4 – Essaouira

Our day begins with a comfortable drive to the delightful coastal town of Essaouira, which came to prominence during the 15th century when the Portuguese established the medieval citadel that still stands today. Within its walls are a maze of tranquil squares and perfectly preserved streets, lined by whitewashed houses and pavement cafes. It’s a sheer pleasure to stroll through the markets here, where the stalls groan under the weight of colourful fresh fruit and vegetables. Or simply wander along the harbour, bustling with a hive of activity and where fishermen repair their nets as they have done for centuries. Essaouira is so charmingly unspoilt it has been featured as the location for several blockbuster productions, from Orson Welles’ Othello to Ridley Scott’s Kingdom of Heaven. During your journey, the real Morocco unfolds and the landscape changes from fertile green plains to a moon-like semi-desert, occasionally studded with palm trees. Mud-brick villages blend perfectly into the background, while shepherds of all ages tend their herds of sheep and goat – the transport of choice here is very much the donkey. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit Essaouira



The Saadian Tombs, hidden for over 300 years, were rediscovered in 1917 and showcase stunning 16th-century Islamic architecture

DAY 5 – Atlas Mountains & Marrakesh

Forming an ever-present backdrop and adding to Marrakesh’s wondrous setting are the soaring, snow-capped Atlas Mountains. This morning, we drive into the stunning foothills with the countryside evolving from saffron-coloured fields to steeper, wooded slopes, slashed by dramatic, river-filled gorges. Mammoth peaks soaring more than 3,000 metres high spear the vivid, blue sky while the desolate mountainside stretches before us. Then the forests commence, rolled out like a massive green carpet and beyond, misty plains stretch to the horizon in a patchwork of muted colours. There’s time to take in the spectacular vistas when we stop to stretch our legs in the beautiful Ourika valley and perhaps enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. After a morning of sightseeing, we return to Marrakesh in the early afternoon. The rest of the day is at leisure, giving you ample time to make the most of your final day in this wonderful city. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit the Atlas Mountains

DAY 6 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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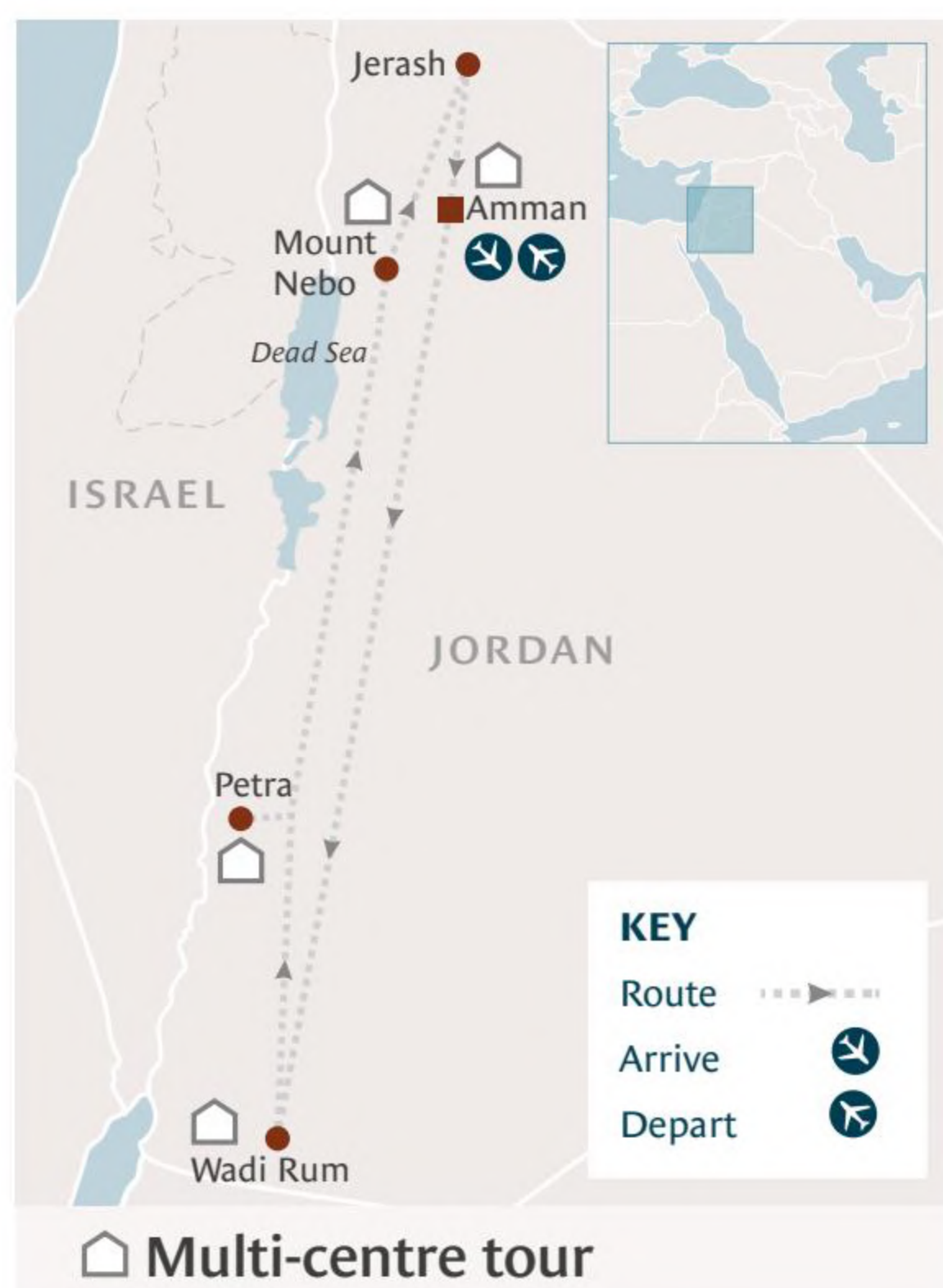


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Discover the 'Rose-red City' of Petra, bob in the Dead Sea, marvel at the vast desert and the 'Seven Pillars' rock formation and enjoy Jordan's hospitality. Explore the preserved Roman city of Jerash, view the awe-inspiring Mount Nebo and stay in the Wadi Rum desert, a truly unique experience.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amman

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Amman, upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2 – Wadi Rum

We set off early to make the most of the day, travelling south along the Desert Highway through the sandy heart of Jordan to Wadi Rum – the ‘Valley of the Moon’. Nothing prepares you for the awe-inspiring sight that greets us: the sandstone massif that TE Lawrence described as ‘vast, echoing and god-like’. The magnificent cliffs and stone buttresses rise sheer from the sea of red sand, together forming a timeless panorama of monolithic rocks. The twisted huge bulk of this network of canyons, rock bridges and ravines is one of the world’s most stunning desert environments. Quite apart from the visual experience – the silence is almost unnerving; bizarrely you cannot hear anything at all. After transferring to 4x4 vehicles, we tour the canyons and valleys before arriving at the Sun City Camp, a Bedouin-style tented camp. Enjoy a traditional ‘zarb’ dinner – a delicious barbecue cooked for hours under the hot desert sand – this welcome dinner will provide the opportunity to relax with your fellow travellers. (B,D)

Included Experience – Tour Wadi Rum by 4x4

DAY 3 – Little Petra

First, we see where vast caravans, some with over a thousand camels, gathered for their epic journeys. We explore the mysterious rock-carved rooms of ancient ‘hotels’ in the area, known as Little Petra. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Little Petra

DAY 4 – Petra

Petra is one of the world’s ‘must-see’ sights. Famous throughout history, its huge wealth was amassed from its time as the centre of the ancient caravan routes, which traded as far as China and rivalled that of the Romans. A city to match was created, with sophisticated public buildings lavish houses and colonnaded streets. We walk down the increasingly narrow gorge and, just as you think the vertiginous sides could not get any narrower, the incredible vista of the Treasury appears like a mirage through a slit



Wadi Rum



Dead Sea

in the rock. The perfection of its proportions and the sheer vastness of this edifice are astounding. Beyond, there’s an entire city waiting to be discovered: the amazing Royal Tombs, the theatre, the Street of the Facades, the Great Temple, early-Christian churches, and the main colonnaded road that ran through the centre of this ancient but tremendously cultured city. The afternoon is at leisure, so you may wish to return to your hotel and enjoy its facilities or remain at the site to continue exploring. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Petra

DAY 5 – King’s Highway & Mount Nebo

Heading north towards the Dead Sea we travel on the scenic King’s Highway, following an ancient caravan route. It passes through some of Jordan’s most spectacular scenery with views across arid, rocky peaks. We visit the Crusader castle at Shobak, one of the region’s best-preserved forts, before continuing to Mount Nebo, where Moses first saw the Promised Land. According to Jewish and Christian tradition, the climb was



so arduous that this remains his final resting place, leaving Joshua to lead his people over the River Jordan. We also visit nearby Madaba, where St George’s Church houses a superbly intricate, 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land. We stay for two nights on the shores of the Dead Sea, 400 metres below sea level. You must take a dip in the Dead Sea, it’s one of life’s ‘must-do’ experiences. Due to the salt content being 30%, compared with normal seawater at 3%, you float so easily. You cannot actually swim, but bob around like a cork and even while wading, you physically have to push your feet to the bottom to stand up! (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Shobak, Mount Nebo and Mabada

DAY 6 – Jerash

Ancient Jerash is the largest and best-preserved Roman city in the region, known as the Pompeii of the east. Its beautifully colonnaded main street and forum, the hippodrome, baths and theatre are a superb example of Roman town planning on a truly grand scale. In the afternoon, we return to our hotel and have some free time to enjoy the hotel facilities or take a dip in the Dead Sea. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

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(B) Breakfast, (D) Dinner

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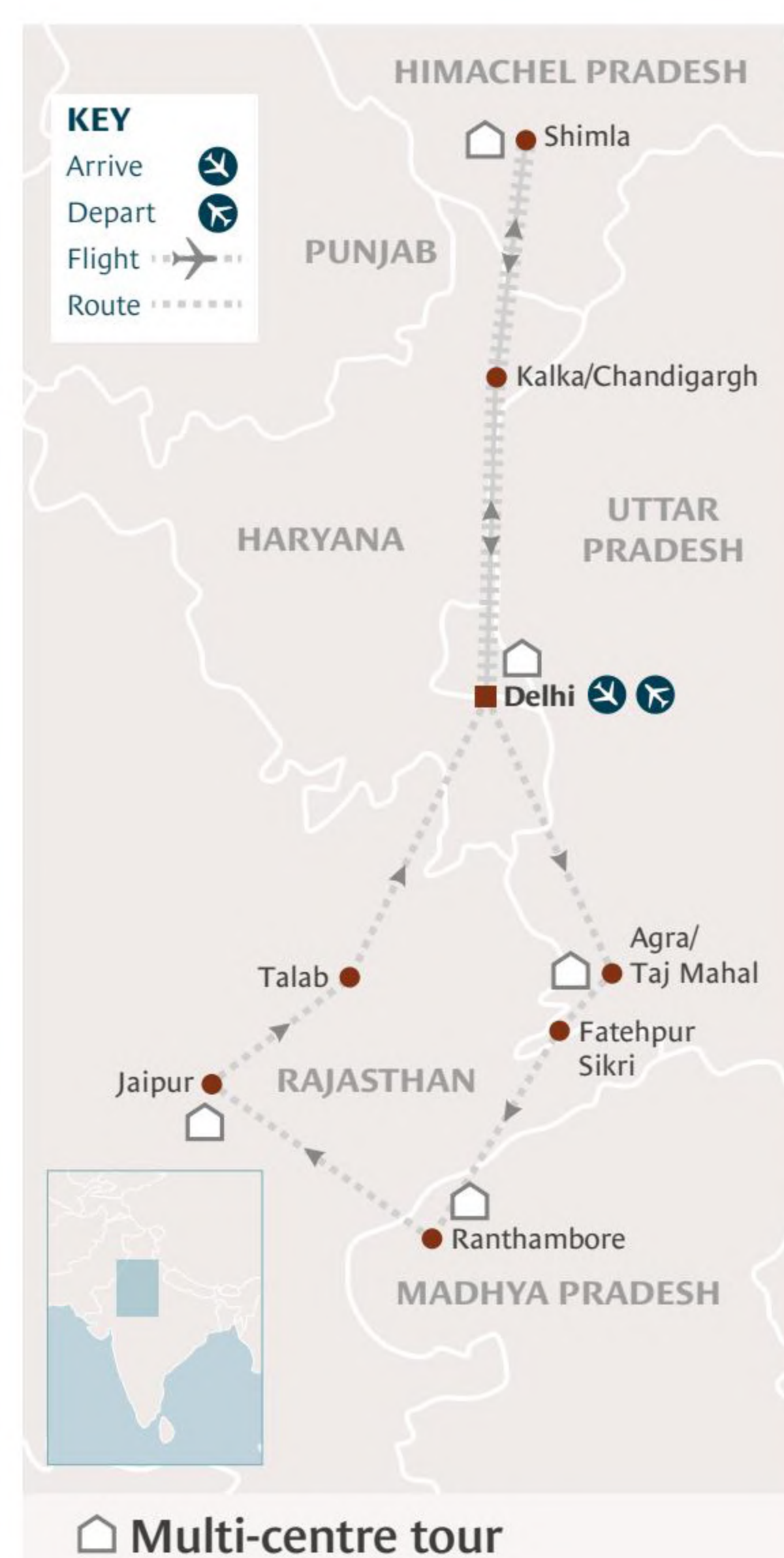
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Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure

Airport check-in for your overnight flight to Delhi.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Delhi

On arrival, we transfer to New Delhi for one night and after a short rest we commence our guided tour. The city centre, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1911, is bisected by wide, tree-lined avenues, a hub which clearly reflects the Raj legacy and home to the former Viceroy's Palace, now the Presidential Palace. Heading down the imposing Rajpath, we pass India Gate and the Parliament building. We'll visit some of Delhi's older monuments, including the Qutub Minaret, the tallest stone built tower in India. Nearby is Humayun's tomb, an outstanding example of Moghul architecture and the first mausoleum of its type. Tonight there will be a drinks reception, where you can meet your travelling companions in an informal setting before your welcome dinner. (D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of New Delhi

DAY 3 – Old Delhi

This morning we continue our city tour, first visiting Old Delhi, starting with the Raj Ghat, a fittingly simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. We continue past the imposing walls and battlements of the great Red Fort before visiting the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib Temple, one of the most prominent Sikh gurdwaras – or Sikh house of worship in Delhi. We leave Delhi in the afternoon for our drive to Agra, arriving in the late afternoon. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Old Delhi

Old Delhi is famous for its street food, including iconic dishes like kebabs, chaat and parathas



DAY 4 – Taj Mahal

We rise early for the jewel of our tour, watching the sun rise over the Taj Mahal, when its colours and ethereal beauty is at its most amazing. In the soft morning light, as the mist rises from the Yamuna River behind it, the Taj Mahal seems to float, mirage-like, above the surrounding landscape. A combination of extraordinary beauty, symmetry and history makes this wonder of the world one of the most amazing monuments on the planet. Built to house the tomb of Mumtaz Mahal, Emperor Jahan's wife, it took 20,000 men 22 years to finish it. The end result transcends the astonishing world monument it is. We continue our tour with a visit to the vast red sandstone Agra Fort. Completed in 1573, it was the headquarters of the Moghul Empire, boasting vast size and opulence, its buildings make it more of a walled palace than a fort. In the evening you have the option of returning to the Taj Mahal, to witness the shrine at sunset. (B)

Included Experience – Visit the Taj Mahal

DAY 5 – Fatehpur Sikri

Leaving Agra this morning we continue towards the ancient, abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri, built in 1571, as Emperor Akbar's imperial capital which remains in a remarkable state of preservation, with numerous palaces, wide courtyards and beautiful carvings. Just 15 kilometres away is the Laxmi Villas Palace in Bharat where we stop for lunch before going on to the railway station to catch the Shatabdi Express for our comfortable two and a half hour journey to Ranthambore National Park. Originally the private hunting preserve of Maharajahs, its 400 square kilometres of forested rolling hills, valleys and lakes form a unique ecosystem. Started in 1973, India's famous Tiger Project was created to protect the country's tiger population. Despite many difficulties, the tigers of Ranthambore have survived and numbers have stabilised. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Fatehpur Sikri and enjoy lunch at the Laxmi Villas Palace in Bharat



DAY 6 – Ranthambore tiger safari

An early start as we head out to the park for our safari using specially built, 20-person, open-top four-wheel drive vehicles known as ‘canters’. Ranthambore is now the best place to spot tigers in India, and over 300 bird species have also been counted here including impressive, crested eagles, painted stork and wild peacocks. Other residents include large numbers of sambars, the largest Asian antelope, as well as marsh crocodiles, wild boar and leopards. Look out for the playful troop of black-faced langur monkeys near the main entrance gate. We return to our hotel in the late morning, with time to relax. In the afternoon we take our second trip into the park. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Ranthambore tiger Safari

DAY 7 – Jaipur

Leaving Ranthambore we head north to Rajasthan’s capital city, Jaipur, known as the ‘Pink City’ because of the colour of its walls and many of its buildings. Our afternoon tour will cover all the major highlights of this

ancient city. The famous Hawa Mahal, known as the Palace of Winds, is one of our first stops before we continue to the Astronomical Observatory constructed in 1726 and on to the City Palace, still home to the present Maharajah of Jaipur, where we’ll view its impressive collections. (B,L)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Jaipur

DAY 8 – Amber Fort

This morning you’ll visit the immense Amber Fort, one of the masterpieces of Rajput architecture, located in the hills. Sampling all the most fascinating sights, our guided tour includes the sections reserved for the Maharajah’s wives and concubines as well as the remarkable hall of mirrors, with tiny delicate convex mirrors embedded like a mosaic in the walls and ceilings. It’s a wonderfully romantic setting, where Belgian crystal chandeliers hang above exquisite marble floors, cut from the very quarries that supplied the builders of the Taj Mahal. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of the Amber Fort

DAY 9 – Rajasthan

After breakfast we will head north into rural Rajasthan, passing through small villages and towns. We will arrive at our hotel in time for lunch and this afternoon we will have a walking tour of a local village and explore some of the old havelis or you may choose to relax by the pool, before our included dinner. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Alsisar

DAY 10 – Delhi

After breakfast we head back to Delhi with dinner included. (B,D)

DAY 11 – Train to Shimla

We take the morning express train from Delhi for our four-hour journey north to Kalka. Our train reservations are in ‘chair-class’ carriages, with comfortable seating, air-conditioning and large windows. At Kalka we change trains onto the Shimla narrow-gauge ‘toy’ train for the last part of our journey. Although the carriages are smaller and not air-conditioned, the compensation is the increasingly spectacular scenery enroute. Inaugurated by Viceroy Lord Curzon back in 1903, this amazing railway encounters no less than 800 bridges and 102 tunnels on its 96-kilometre journey to Shimla. (B,L)

Included Experience – Travel on the Shimla Narrow-gauge railway

DAY 12 – Shimla

Today we explore the many reminders of British colonial life in Shimla, including the immense Viceregal Lodge and its botanical gardens, built in Scottish baronial style to



India Gate



Viceregal Lodge, Shimla



The city of Jaipur was painted pink in 1876 to welcome Prince Albert, earning its nickname as ‘Pink City’



Amber Fort

house the Viceroy and his staff for the six months they were based in the town. The interior areas that are open to the public give an incredible glimpse into the not-so-distant past. We also take a walk along the pedestrian-only Mall, from Scandal Point and Christ Church past the mock-Tudor Post Office, the Gaiety Theatre and the Town Hall. There are a huge number of shops and markets and Shimla is particularly known for the quality of its locally made pashmina shawls. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Shimla and the Viceregal Lodge

DAY 13 – Free day in Shimla

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shimla, relax at the hotel pool or spa, or do some last-minute bargain hunting in the markets. Alternatively, there are a number of short local 'treks' that can be arranged in the surrounding hills. A sumptuous buffet dinner at the Oberoi is included tonight. (B,D)

DAY 14 – Train to Delhi

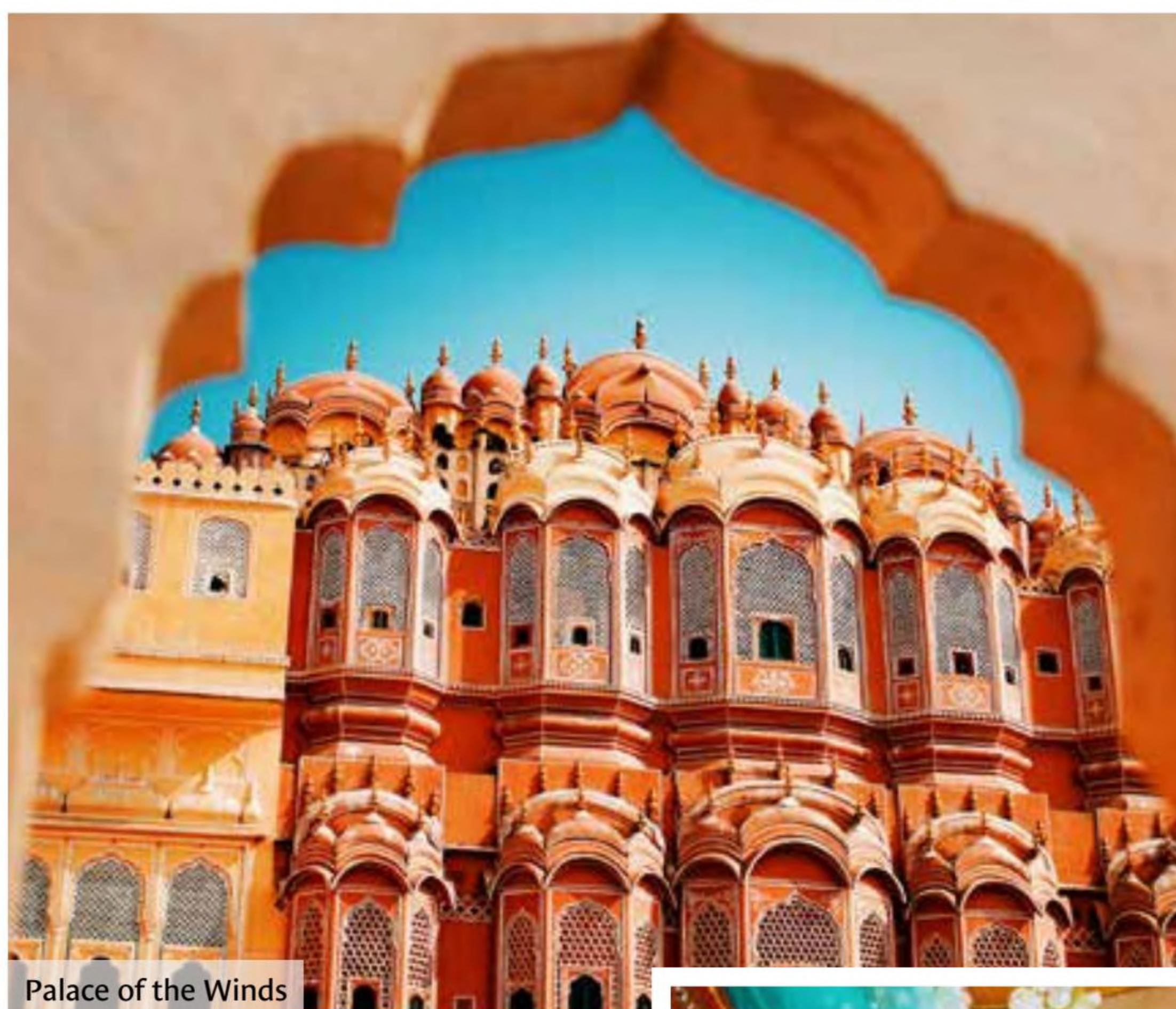
Today we say goodbye to Shimla as we start our return journey to Delhi. This time we descend by car to Kalka or Chandigarh from where we catch the train back to Delhi for our last night. (B)

DAY 15 – Return flight

We depart Delhi in the early afternoon on our flight home to the UK, arriving back the same day. (B)

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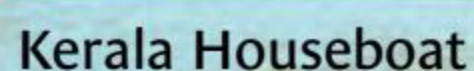


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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure
Overnight flight to Chennai.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Chennai
Transfer to your hotel in Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu. Southern India and specifically the vast states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, are much more laid back than the rest of the country, with a simpler way of life. Lush fertile land yields plentiful harvests of rice and every sort of tropical fruit. Tonight, there will be a drinks reception, where you can meet your travelling companions in an informal setting before your welcome dinner. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Chennai
Discover Chennai’s bustling streets, Victorian-era buildings and the famous Marine Beach, with its fish market and long wooden fishing boats drawn up on the sand. This afternoon is yours at leisure to enjoy the facilities at the hotel. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit Chennai’s Fort St George

DAY 4 – Mahabalipuram and Pondicherry
Today we travel to Mahabalipuram, a port which traded with Rome in ancient times. Its huge 7th century temples have been carved from vast granite monoliths and are now UNESCO World Heritage sites. This afternoon we continue onto Pondicherry where we spend one night. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Pondicherry

DAY 5 – Tanjore
After a walking tour of Pondicherry we continue our journey south to Tanjore. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the tranquil surroundings of the hotel and palm-shaded pool. (B,L)

DAY 6 – Tanjore
Tanjore was the capital of the ancient Chola Empire and is famed for its extraordinary Brihadeeswara Temple, standing over 200ft tall, its main tower is covered with an intricately-carved ochre-coloured facade which glows in the morning light. Tanjore is also noted for its fine metalwork and the nearby Royal Palace’s art gallery houses a fascinating array of bronze sculptures. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Brihadeeswara Temple



The iconic Chinese fishing nets, used for centuries, are a popular sight in Cochin, particularly along the shores of Fort Cochin

DAY 7 – Chettinad
We drive to the nearby Chettinad region. Enchanting and undiscovered, it’s a revelation, the real rural India of small farming communities. During dinner we sample some of the region’s unique cuisine, served on a banana leaf. (B,D)
Included Experience – Explore the Chettinad region

DAY 8 – Madurai
We’ll see the local Maharaja’s palace, fine mansions and some local handicrafts before a fascinating visit to a tile workshop. Arriving in Madurai, we visit the Meenakshi Amman Temple, southern India’s Taj Mahal, a complex shrine of courtyards, pillared halls, a sacred lake and twelve gateway towers. We take tuk-tuks to visit the temple at dusk, exploring its busy traditional markets. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit a tile workshop, the Meenakshi Amman Temple and dusk tuk-tuk tour

DAY 9 – Kumily
We return to the temple in daylight and tour the Thekkady Palace, with its vast throne-room and ceremonial courtyard. Then drive west towards the Western Ghats mountain range before we arrive at Kumily, surrounded by spice plantations and the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Thekkady Palace

DAY 10 – Periyar Wildlife Reserve
We enter the wildlife sanctuary for a guided nature walk through the teak, bamboo, wild fig and beautiful jacaranda trees. The reserve has a small population of rarely seen tigers, elephants and excellent birdlife, with over 260 species recorded. Later we visit a local spice garden to learn more of their medicinal uses. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walk through Periyar Wildlife Reserve

DAY 11 – Kerala Houseboat Overnight
Passing tea plantations en route to the enchanting Keralan backwaters, we experience an overnight stay on a Kerala Houseboat. Accommodating three to four guests plus three crew who prepare



Brihadeeswara Temple, Tanjore

a delightful and typical Keralan lunch and dinner on board, it’s a wonderful way to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Travel and stay on a Kerala Houseboat

DAY 12 – Drive to Kumarakom
After a dawn awakening, we drive to the stunning Coconut Lagoon hotel where you can enjoy their butterfly garden before a traditional cup of chai by the water. The rest of the day is at leisure and early evening we enjoy a sunset boat cruise on Lake Vembanad, one of India’s largest lakes and wetland eco systems, teeming with birds, and animal and plant life. (B)

DAY 13 – Kumarakom
For early morning bird enthusiasts there is the opportunity to go bird watching and take a village walk. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the tranquillity of this unique location. (B)
Included Experience – Optional bird watching walk

DAY 14 – Cochin
Leaving Coconut Lagoon we drive to Cochin, the Malabar Coast’s most historic port. The city’s oldest quarter is Fort Cochin, whilst the bazaar district of Mattancherry has the Dutch Palace and the subcontinent’s oldest synagogue. See the famed Chinese fishing nets, vast cantilevered contraptions that still work to this day. (B)
Included Experience – Visit Cochin

DAY 15 – Return flight
Fly home to the UK, arriving later the same day. (B)
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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Flight

Arrive at the airport for your overnight, indirect flight to Osaka, Japan.

DAY 2 – Arrive in Kyoto

Arriving in the morning, we'll check in to our four-star hotel in the Higashiyama district, famous for its traditional wooden buildings and merchant shops, which you'll be free to explore at your leisure. This evening we will have a welcome evening meal to get to know each other better. (D)

DAY 3 – Kyoto

Today we embark on an afternoon tour of Kyoto with a local guide. Discover the historic sites, including Nijo Castle showcasing the famed architectural styles of the Shogunate era. Then enjoy the serenity of Honmaru Gardens, created for the visit of Emperor Meiji in 1896, and the famous rock garden at Ryōan-ji. In the evening, we follow a guide through the Gion district, Kyoto's entertainment neighbourhood. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of the highlights of Kyoto and the Gion district

DAY 4 – The Bullet Train

After a visit to the impressive shrine of Fushimi Inari-Taisha, we journey west on another Japanese icon: the Bullet Train. Recline on plush seats and watch the Japanese countryside fly by as you cruise at up to 200 mph. (B)

Included Experiences – Trip to Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine and a ride on the Bullet Train

DAY 5 – Mount Fuji

Enjoy incredible views of Mount Fuji with visits to Lake Yamanaka, and Lake Kawaguchi. Then discover more about the Kimono, whose vibrant patterns are synonymous with Japanese culture, in a nearby museum. End the day with unparalleled views of the lakes and mountains on a cable car journey to the summit of Mount Tenjo. (B)

Included Experiences – Trips to Lake Yamanaka, Lake Kawaguchi and Ichiku Kubota Museum and a ride on the Kachi Kachi Ropeway cable cars

DAY 6 – Kamakura

Journey to Kamakura along the coast of Sagai Bay and browse a selection of shops specialising in local arts and crafts and



Mount Fuji

delicious traditional foods. We will visit the Great Buddha – Kotoku-in – that dominates the town's Buddhist temple, with free time to explore the gardens of Hydrangea Temple. Wander through this stunning garden passing pools and shrines on the ascent up the hillside to appreciate the views out to sea. (B)

Included Experience – Trip to Kamakura with entry to see the Great Buddha (Kotoku-in)



Kotoku-in



DAY 7 – Tokyo

Today, we tour Tokyo with some of the city's highlights, starting with the Imperial Palace and its expansive grounds. We then visit Shibuya's iconic zebra crossing to watch as hundreds of pedestrians cross the busiest crossing in the world and see the oldest temple in the city, Sensoji, famous for its iconic five-roofed temple. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Tokyo's highlights

DAY 8 – Free day in Tokyo

Today, explore the city at your leisure; visit the Shinjuku's national gardens or Tokyo's national museums; find panoramic views of the city from Tokyo Tower or the Skytree; browse Akihabara and discover the latest technologies; or explore culinary delights in the Golden Gai, a network of narrow streets teeming with tiny restaurants that specialise in one or two traditional dishes. (B)

DAY 9 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 10 – Arrive home

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Ho Chi Minh City Hall





Ta Prohm Temple

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure

Arrive at the airport for your overnight flight to Hanoi.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Hanoi

After our morning arrival, we check in to our hotel before a wonderful introduction to Hanoi on our trip into the city's old town by cycle rickshaws with time for lunch before returning to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. This evening we have a welcome dinner enjoying typical Vietnamese cuisine at a local restaurant, the perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Manager. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Hanoi's old town by cycle rickshaw

DAY 3 – Hanoi

Today we explore Hanoi, past and present. The French created this gorgeous colonial city of tree lined avenues, belle epoque villas, grand public buildings and an Opera house, all built around more than a dozen lakes. Its old quarter, a tangle of narrow streets, and the commercial heart of the city for hundreds of years is now full of tiny shops, pagodas and the populace astride their bicycles and mopeds. During our guided tour we also see the beautiful Temple of Literature dedicated to Confucius and Vietnam's first university, and the imposing marble mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh himself. This afternoon is free for you to explore. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Hanoi



Halong Bay's name means 'Descending Dragon,' and local legend says the bay was formed by a dragon that descended into the sea, creating the stunning islands

DAY 4 – Halong Bay cruise

Today we visit Vietnam's greatest natural wonder, the UNESCO World Heritage site of Halong Bay. Leaving Hanoi, we enter a timeless landscape of rice paddies, following the Red River delta to the emerald seas of the Gulf of Tonkin.

As we board our converted Chinese junk and glide along the jade-green waters it's not hard to imagine how the myths of their creation began: a dragon is said to have plunged into the sea and its thrashing tail sculpted the craggy islands. We visit some of the vast and beautifully illuminated caves and grottoes before lunch on board, returning to Hanoi. (B,L)

Included Experience – Cruise along Halong Bay

DAY 5 – Hue

Today we fly south to Danang and then drive over the stunning scenery of the Hai Van Pass before descending to Hue, Vietnam's last royal capital and traditional centre of religion, culture and education. It's one of the country's most beautiful small towns, bisected

by the serene Perfume River and dominated by its immense Citadel, encircled by 6 miles of high, 65 foot-thick walls and a moat. (B)

DAY 6 – Hue Imperial City

Enjoy a leisurely river cruise to the magnificent seven-storied Thien Mu pagoda, a working Buddhist shrine. We then visit the incredible complex of the Citadel and within it, the Imperial City, seeing the Palace of Supreme Harmony, which contained the emperor's throne.

Later we visit Emperor Tu Duc's mausoleum. More interested in poetry than running the country, Tu Duc's lifestyle suggests he had plenty of free time – he had 104 wives, 50-course meals and tea made from the dewdrops of lotus blossoms! It took 3,000 workers three years to build his mausoleum, which includes a lake, pavilions and a theatre. Lunch is included today and the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit the Thien Mu pagoda, the Imperial City and Emperor Tu Duc's mausoleum



Halong Bay

DAY 7 – Ho Chi Minh City

Today we fly to Ho Chi Minh City, or Saigon as the locals still call it. Brash and boisterous, it has real zest for life. Vietnam's culinary capital, Saigon offers a very wide variety of excellent dining experiences, from top class restaurants in swish luxury hotels to French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Indian options. In the afternoon our city tour covers all the major sights including the colonial-style central post office, the cathedral and the Reunification Palace where famously in 1975, a tank burst through its gates in the final defining moment of the Vietnam War. We also see the War Remnants Museum. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Ho Chi Minh

DAY 8 – Cu Chi Tunnels

Today we visit the famous Cu Chi tunnels, a complex underground network stretching for 200 kilometres, which included hospitals, meeting rooms, sleeping quarters and kitchens. Begun during the last years of French rule and vastly expanded during the 1960s, the tunnels provided a base for the Vietcong from which to attack US forces

within just 30 miles of Saigon. Despite being carpet-bombed, the tunnels were never really penetrated and our visit is a fascinating insight into these times. This afternoon there is the option to visit the lively Ben Thanh market. (B)

Included Experience – Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels

DAY 9 – Mekong River delta

Leaving Saigon towards the great Mekong River delta, our first stop is at one of the island villages to sample different types of locally grown tropical fruit. Travelling in small boats we continue our exploration through the narrow canals visiting Coconut Island, where locals specialise in producing rice paper, coconut cakes and other delicacies. Dappled sunlight filters through the wide leaves of the mangroves as we arrive at a local restaurant for lunch of Mekong specialities, including the famous deep-fried elephant ear fish! (B,L)

Included Experience – Explore the Mekong River delta

DAY 10 – Fly to Phnom Penh

This morning we take a short flight to Phnom Penh, on arrival we transfer to our centrally located hotel. (B)

DAY 11 – Phnom Penh

We'll visit the majestic Royal Palace with its silver pagoda and the fascinating National Museum. After lunch in a local restaurant, we visit the Tuol Sleng Museum – originally a school, turned into the country's most notorious prison by the Khmer Rouge, it now charts the terrible suffering during their occupation of the city. Finally, there's time for a stop at one of the local markets before we return to our hotel for the evening. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit the Royal Palace of Phnom Penh, the National Museum and the Tuol Sleng Museum

DAY 12 – Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

Today we journey through the heart of rural Cambodia stopping at Kompong Thom for an included lunch enroute to Siem Reap. (B,L)

Included Experience – Visit Kompong Thom

DAY 13 – Angkor

Today we visit one of the largest religious structures in the world, Angkor Wat and see the haunting soft morning light rise over the eerie temples. At its height in the thirteenth century, Angkor had a staggering one million inhabitants. The incredible state



Royal Palace



Thien Mu Pagoda



Angkor Wat

of preservation, the beauty of its design and sculptures have made Angkor one of the great wonders of the world. We visit the fortified 13th century city of Angkor Thom, with its five monumental gates, and 300-foot wide moat. We'll also visit the smaller temple of Ta Prohm which has been left unrestored, with giant tropical trees bursting through the ruins. (B,L) **Included Experiences – Visit Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Ta Prohm**



Angkor Thom

DAY 14 – Siem Reap

Today we take a leisurely boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake taking in the Cambodian countryside. Our journey includes a stop to visit one of the remarkable floating villages for a taste of traditional life, where all transport is by boat and the locals make their living from the lake (subject to season and water levels). Immerse yourself in the rituals of the Khmer people in the peaceful surroundings of a local temple. (B)

DAY 15 – Return flight

You will be taken to the airport for your return flight. (B)

DAY 16 – Arrive home

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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Galle

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure

Fly to Colombo.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Colombo

After our morning arrival, we will transfer to the hotel where you will have the rest of the afternoon at leisure. This evening we have a welcome dinner, the perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Manager. (D)

DAY 3 – Dambulla

The countryside is stunning – scenic paddy fields studded by water buffalos accompanied by wiry, loin-clothed farmers, extensive coconut groves, pineapple fields, working elephants with attentive mahouts and everywhere the dense jungle interspersed by huge lakes. We visit the 1st century cave temples of Dambulla, a UN World Heritage site with frescoes and Buddhist statues. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit the temples of Dambulla

DAY 4 – Sigiriya Rock

Sigiriya, the ‘Lion Rock’, is a massive 600ft granite tower with sheer cliffs on all sides crowned by the remains of a 1,500-year-old royal palace, water gardens and caves. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit Sigiriya Rock

DAY 5 – Kandy

Sri Lanka is noted for its spices so en route to Kandy we visit a fascinating garden with many indigenous plants. You stay overlooking the scenic Mahaweli River and this evening watch a traditional dancing display. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit a spice plantation

DAY 6 – Kandy

Kandy’s centre is dominated by a beautiful lake and the fascinating Temple of the Tooth, said to hold Buddha’s tooth. This is Buddhism’s most sacred shrine on the island. We’ll also visit the stunning Royal Botanical Gardens. Other highlights are the Avenue of Royal Palms and ‘Bat’ Drive where you can spot the ‘Flying Foxes’. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Kandy and the Temple of the Tooth and visit the Royal Botanical Gardens



Workers on the tea estates, often pluck tea leaves by hand, a skill passed down through generations. They can pluck up to 18 kilograms of tea leaves in a single day



DAY 7 – Tea estates

We drive from Kandy, through mountainous scenery to Sri Lanka’s premier tea-growing areas. You visit one of the best-known tea estates, followed by a cup of Ceylon’s finest. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit a tea estate

DAY 8 – Elephant transit home & Yala

We stop at the Elephant Transit Home, at Udawalawe National Park, where you’ll be able to watch young elephant orphans being fed. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit the Elephant Transit home



Sigiriya Rock

DAY 9 – Yala National Park

We explore the jungle in 4x4 vehicles. You might see leopard, elephants, saltwater crocodiles, wild boar, sloth bears, monitor lizards and birdlife. Later, you can relax by the hotel’s pool before an optional second park drive. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Yala National Park

DAY 10 – Kalutara

We head to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Galle, with its imposing 16th-century Dutch fort. Our hotel is set on a narrow peninsular with 360-degree ocean and lagoon views. (B).

Included Experience – Visit Galle

DAYS 11 to 12 – Free days

Perhaps relax in your hotel, rejuvenate at the spa or enjoy the pool. (B)

DAY 13 – Return flight

Return flight, arriving home the same day. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (D) Dinner

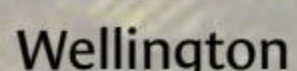
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Wai-O-Tapu, Rotorua

Your itinerary

DAYS 1 & 2 – Travel to Auckland

Travel to the airport for your overnight flight to New Zealand, which – because of the time difference – will arrive in Auckland on Day 3.

DAY 3 – Arrival in Auckland

Transfer to your hotel, well-located for all the city's attractions. The rest of your day is at leisure. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (D)

DAY 4 – Bay of Islands

Departing Auckland we head north over the Auckland Harbour Bridge along the Hibiscus Coast to view giant Kauri trees at the Parry Kauri Park. We reach Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands in the afternoon to enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House, where in 1840 Maori chiefs and the original European settlers signed the Treaty of Waitangi, the basis of the future governance of New Zealand. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit ParryKauri Park and guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House

DAY 5 – Bay of Islands cruise

This morning we'll see the Bay of Islands in the best way possible via a boat cruise meandering around the idyllic beaches that make this area so popular. If you're lucky, there's a chance you may see wild dolphins which are common in the Bay of Islands. We'll continue on to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', through which the boat will sail slowly, conditions permitting.

The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy many of the activities the Bay of Islands has to offer. (B)

Included Experience – Boat cruise to the Bay of Islands

DAY 6 – Auckland

This morning we leave the Bay of Islands, travelling south on the Twin Coast Discovery Highway through Whangarei and across Harbour Bridge arriving in Auckland for a sightseeing tour of the 'City of Sails'. Our tour includes the panoramic city and harbour views from Bastion Point, trendy Parnell Village, the lovely bays of the waterfront drive and the vibrant Viaduct Harbour area. We also visit the Auckland Museum including the monumental carvings, buildings, canoes and taonga (treasures) of the Maori. Your afternoon is free to explore the city further. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Auckland

DAY 7 – Waitomo Caves & Rotorua

Leaving Auckland, we'll head south and journey to the rural area of Waitomo. Here, we'll go underground to explore the famous Waitomo Caves – an ancient labyrinth of caves and grottos famous for their fascinating limestone stalagmites and stalactites formed

over thousands of years. You can also enjoy a silent boat ride within the underground waters to the starry wonderland of the magnificent glowworm grotto. Next, we'll visit Rotorua, which has the most energetic thermal activity in the country with mud pools, geysers, hot springs and terrace formations created by the hot, mineral-rich waters. Rotorua is also renowned for its Maori cultural activities. We'll visit Te Puia – where our local Maori guide will explain traditional Maori arts and crafts – and we'll view the famous Pohutu Geyser in the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. Traditional Hangi buffet dinner. After our guided tour, our evening begins with a delicious buffet dinner in the Pātaka Kai Restaurant, including food from the hangi – a traditional Maori method of cooking. The evening concludes with a powerful cultural performance in the fully carved Te Aronui-a-Rua meeting house, featuring waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit the Waitomo Caves and Rotorua, enjoy a Maori feast

DAY 8 – Middle Earth

This morning, we'll step into the pages of JRR Tolkien's famous novels – or as close as we can get – with a guided visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set, the bucolic setting for The Shire



Auckland



Milford Sound

which featured in Peter Jackson's films, 'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy and, more recently, 'The Hobbit'. It begins with a drive through the picturesque 1,250-acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. We'll then follow our guide around the ten-acre site as they recite fascinating details of how the Hobbiton set was created. We'll see structures made for both the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films – including The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon Inn, and the Mill – and learn more about how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth. After our walking tour, we'll return to the Green Dragon Inn for a complimentary drink and return to The Shires Rest, before heading back to Rotorua for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Hobbiton

DAY 9 – Napier

We travel to the charming lakeside town of Taupo, stopping en route at Huka Falls to marvel as the mighty Waikato River thunders through its narrow canyon. Then it's on to Napier, known as the Art Deco capital of the world. After an earthquake in 1931, the centre of the town was rebuilt in the Art Deco style which was in fashion at the time. On arrival we meet our local guides and take a fascinating walking tour. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Napier

DAY 10 – Wellington

Today we'll continue south through Hastings and the Hawkes Bay sheep and cattle farming

country to Woodville, before driving onto Wellington. On arrival we will enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing passing Parliament Buildings, Ols St Paul's Cathedral, the lovely Botanical Gardens, Victoria University and a visit to Te Papa – the National Museum of New Zealand. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Wellington and visit Te Papa National Museum

DAY 11 – Nelson

Today we cruise to South Island, across the Cook Strait by Interislander ferry, through the Marlborough Sounds, including the picturesque Queen Charlotte Sound and into Picton. We continue to Blenheim and the famous wine-producing region of Marlborough where we stop for some wine tasting. Our final destination today is Nelson, New Zealand's sunshine town, known for its many art and craft galleries, and relaxed atmosphere. (B)

Included Experience – Wine tasting in Marlborough

DAY 12 – Abel Tasman cruise

This morning we join a catamaran cruise along the stunning shoreline of Abel Tasman National Park. En route you'll learn about the history of the park and view the famous Split Apple Rock, a fur seal colony and the park's famed golden beaches and crystal clear waters. For the more adventurous, there is the option of landing ashore at Anchorage and taking the pithead loop (approx 2hrs). Our boat will collect the walkers at Anchorage on its return down the coast. A packed lunch is

included today. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure in Nelson. (B,L)

Included Experience – Catamaran cruise along Abel Tasman National Park shoreline

DAY 13 – Christchurch

Travelling south through the Golden Downs Forest and over the Lewis Pass we arrive at the lovely alpine village of Hanmer Springs for a lunch stop (not included) before joining the upper reaches of the Canterbury Plains to the 'garden city' of Christchurch. Since the earthquake of 2011, the city's rebuilding programme is in full swing and there will be an opportunity to visit to the Re-Start Mall, the controversial 'Cardboard Cathedral' and the Botanic Gardens. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to Hamner Springs

DAY 14 – Tranzalpine train & helicopter flight

Today we traverse the Southern Alps aboard the world-famous TranzAlpine train to Arthurs Pass. From your modern panoramic carriage you'll see the farmland of the Canterbury Plains give way to the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, crossing numerous bridges and viaducts en route. At Arthurs Pass, we are met by our coach for the journey to the West Coast, stopping in Hokitika to visit a Greenstone workshop where the local jade-like stone is crafted into jewellery. We continue south through forests and farmland, to the village of Franz Josef. On arrival you will experience this magnificent glacial alpine environment with a 20-minute scenic helicopter flight. View the incredible natural phenomenon of the glacier as it winds slowly down the ice-carved valleys from its origin in the mountains high above you and finish with an amazing alpine landing. (B)

Included Experiences – Travel on the TranzAlpine train and helicopter flight to the Franz Josef Glacier



Christchurch



Lake Tekapo





Queenstown

DAY 15 – Queenstown

Continuing south, we travel past deserted beaches, through vibrant rainforests and tiny settlements. This wilderness forms part of the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area, so designated because South Westland and Fiordland have some of the most dramatic forest, mountain scenery and natural resources in the world. We travel over the scenic Haast Pass to the popular Lake Wanaka, arriving in Queenstown. (B)

Included Experience – Travel through South West New Zealand World Heritage Area

DAY 16 – Free day in Queenstown

Nestled below the rugged Remarkable Mountains, Queenstown is known as the ‘adventure capital of the world’. Today is at leisure to enjoy all that this resort has to offer. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover River, a 4x4 safari, helicopter trips, guided walks, a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the 100-year-old vintage steamboat or ride the Skyline Gondola for superb views of the area! (B)

DAY 17 – Milford Sound cruise

Skirting the shores of Lake Wakatipu, we travel via Te Anau through the Homer Tunnel into the spectacular Cleddau valley and famous Milford Sound, arguably the most spectacular fjord in the country. A boat trip affords views of mile-high Mitre Peak and the 500-foot Stirling Falls and there is a good chance of seeing dolphins, fur seals or penguins before we return to the charming small lakeside resort of Te Anau. A packed lunch is included today. (B,L)

Included Experience – Cruise around Milford Sound



Mount Cook

DAY 18 – Omarama

Today we travel back north and visit Arrowtown, with its colourful history as a gold-mining boomtown. We continue through the rugged Kawarau Gorge, past Lake Dunstan, across the distinctive Central Otago countryside (where many scenes from the Lord of the Rings were filmed) and over the Lindis Pass to the vast Mackenzie Basin. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Arrowtown

DAY 19 – Mount Cook

We head north alongside the azure glacier-fed Lake Pukaki to Mount Cook, at 12,316ft New Zealand’s highest mountain and surrounded by jagged snow-covered peaks. There’s time for short walks in the spectacular Hooker Valley (depending on the weather) and a visit to the Edmund Hilary Alpine Centre (entrance fee), or for an optional helicopter flight over the spectacular West Coast glaciers. We continue towards the magnificent blue waters of Lake Tekapo to visit the Church of the Good Shepherd, before crossing Burkes Pass and

the Canterbury Plains back into Christchurch for our last night. (B)

Included Experience – See Mount Cook

DAY 20 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

DAY 21 – Arrive home

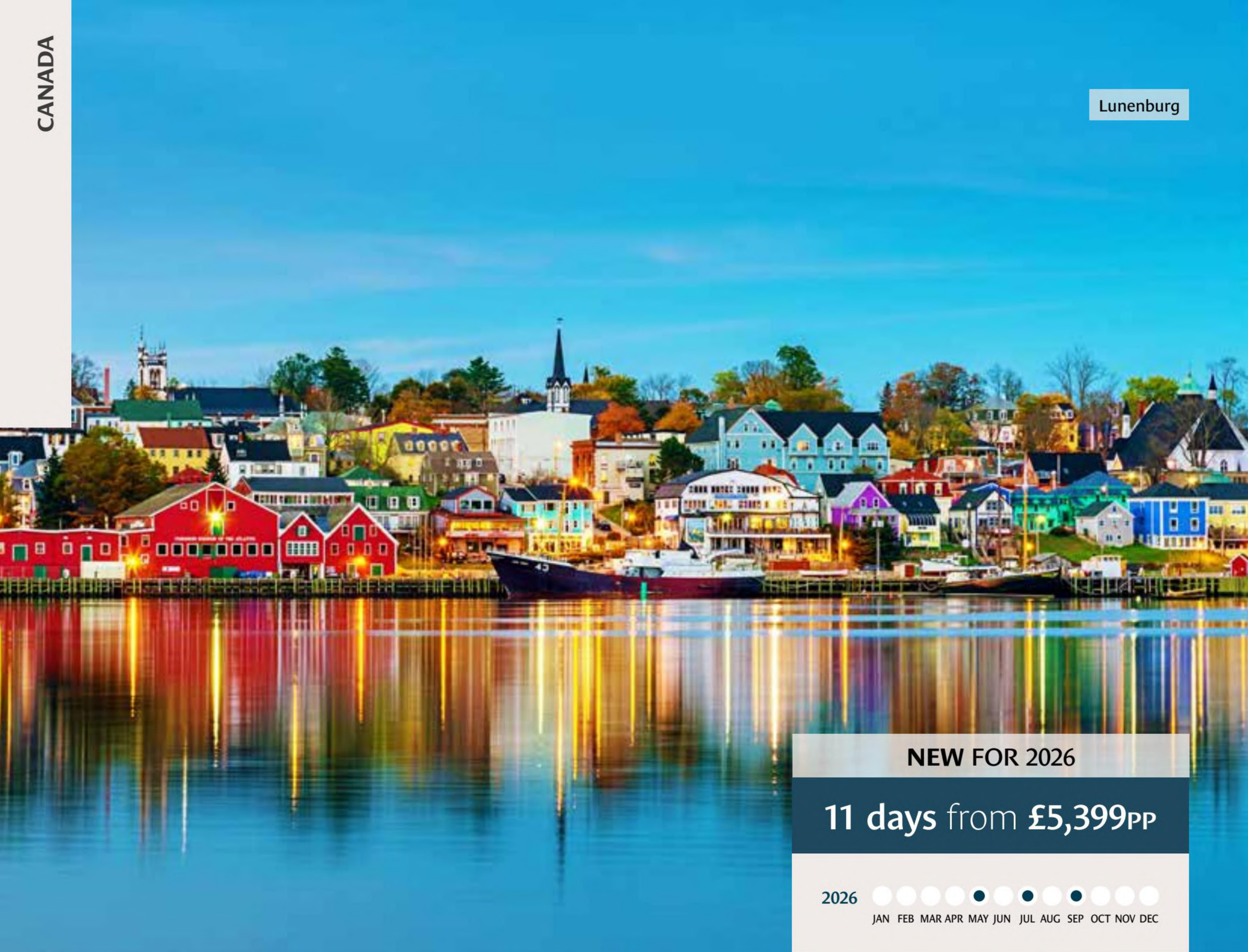
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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Halifax, Nova Scotia
Fly to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

DAY 2 – Halifax, Nova Scotia
Our tour starts with a visit to the historic Citadel, an impressive fort perched atop a large hill and then you’re free to explore, enjoying Halifax’s colourful heritage buildings and lush parks. We continue to Fairview Lawn Cemetery, the final resting place of 121 of the victims of the RMS Titanic. The rest of the day is at your leisure. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Halifax and visit Fairview Lawn Cemetery

DAY 3 – Peggy’s Cove & Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
We take the coastal road to picture-postcard Peggy’s Cove and its famous red-and-white lighthouse. We then drive to charming Lunenburg, where brightly painted buildings line its ship-filled port and you have time to wander the waterfront and old town. This afternoon we drive to the lush Annapolis Valley and call at Fort Anne, on the banks of the Annapolis River, surrounded by a maze of defensive ditches and bastions. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Peggy’s Cove, Lunenburg and Fort Anne

DAY 4 – Ferry Crossing to Saint John, New Brunswick
During our ferry ride across the Bay of Fundy to Saint John, look out for porpoises playing alongside! On arrival we witness the Reversing Falls Rapids, created by the collision between the Bay of Fundy and the Saint John River where you can watch the bay’s astonishingly high tide reverse the flow of the mighty river. Set deep in a natural harbour, the port city of Saint John is surrounded by an impressive ring of rocky bluffs, cliffs and sleepy coves. Walk to the historic old town to see its 19th-century buildings. (B)
Included Experiences – Ferry across the Bay of Fundy and visit St Andrews by-the-Sea

DAY 5 – Free Day In St Andrews by-the-Sea, New Brunswick
The day is yours to stroll along the broad, straight streets, browsing the quaint shops and art galleries. Admire the range of

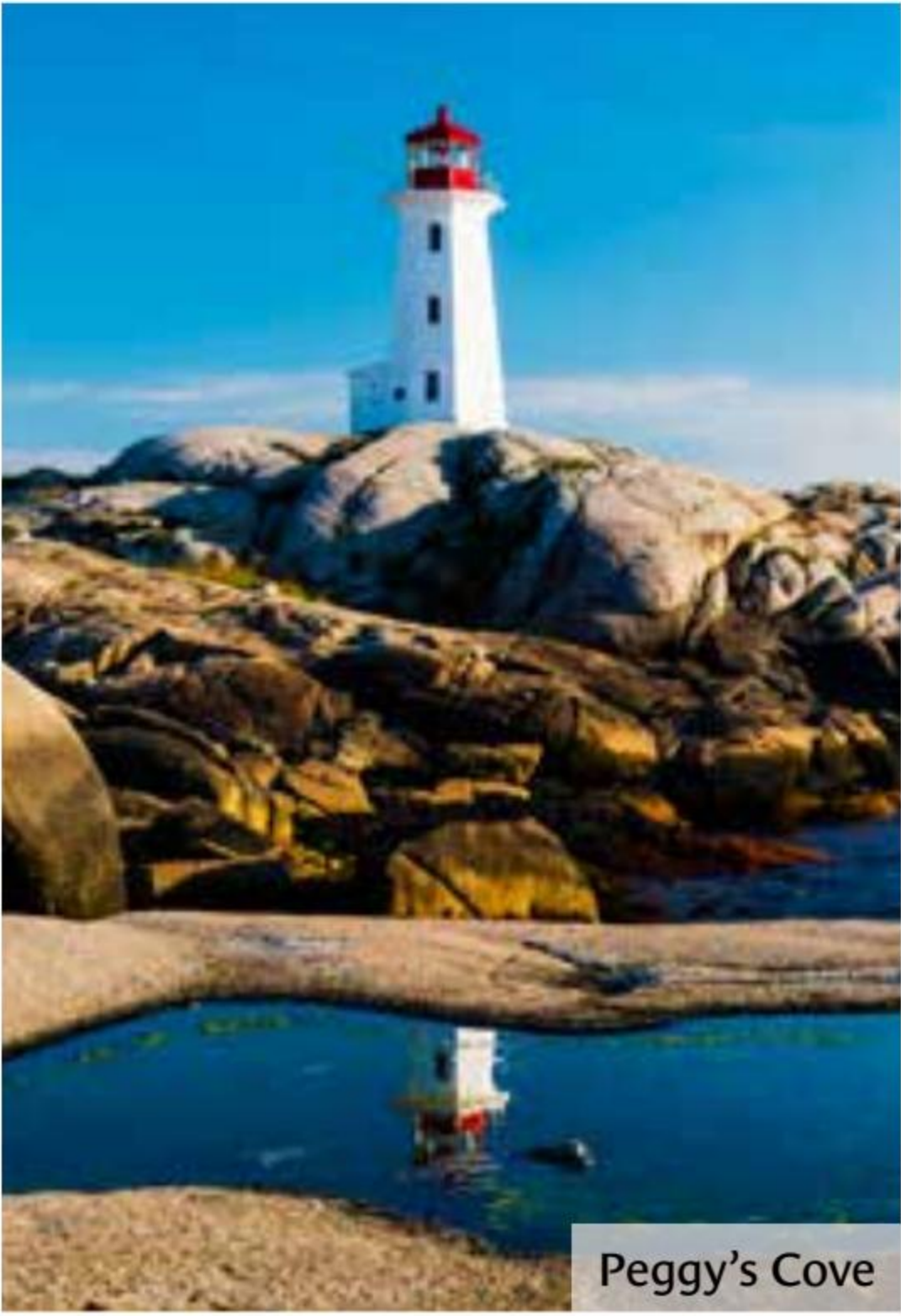
architecture, from simple salt box and Cape Cod houses to genteel Georgian townhouses and summer homes built in the American ‘shingle’ style. (B)

From June – September, you can opt to experience a whale-watching excursion. Please see the Personalise Your Holiday section for details.

DAY 6 – Fundy National Park, New Brunswick & Charlottetown, PEI
Fundy National Park is New Brunswick’s awe-inspiring coastal wonderland. The leafy Acadian Forest here is home to the snowshoe hare, pileated woodpecker and rare bird’s-eye primrose. We stop at the Hopewell Rocks famed for the world’s highest tides. Travelling east we cross the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island, renowned for its beautiful landscapes. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Fundy National Park, Hopewell Rocks and Prince Edward Island

DAY 7 – Green Gables & Charlottetown, PEI
Follow in the footsteps of Prince Edward Island’s most celebrated author, Lucy Maud Montgomery, on a visit to the Anne of Green Gables Museum with its beautiful flower gardens and view of the Lake of Shining Waters. Return to picturesque Charlottetown for a brief tour before the rest of the day at leisure. Step back in time as you discover the old-world charm of the downtown area, with well-preserved Victorian buildings, an impressive neo-Gothic cathedral, inviting shops and leafy Victoria Park along the waterfront. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum and guided tour of Charlottetown

DAY 8 – Cape Breton Island
We take the ferry to Pictou, Nova Scotia to explore the ruggedly breathtaking Cape Breton Island. On our way we pass by



Peggy’s Cove

Antigonish, a cosy university town. Crossing the Canso Causeway connecting Cape Breton Island to the Nova Scotia peninsula, we stop in Baddeck, to visit the Alexander Graham Bell Museum displaying artefacts from his years of experimental work here, from full-scale replicas of the pioneering Silver Dart aircraft to electrical devices and, of course, telephones. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Alexander Graham Bell Museum

DAY 9 – Cabot Trail & Cape Breton National Park
We experience the world-renowned scenic Cabot Trail, that snakes around the northwest of Cape Breton Island. We journey through the spectacular Cape Breton Highlands National Park – keep your eyes open for moose, bald eagles and, if you’re lucky, a whale. We travel through quaint fishing villages and pause at lookout points to admire the breathtaking coastal vistas. We return to Baddeck with the rest of the day free. (B)
Included Experience – Journey along the Cabot Trail

DAY 10 – Return home
After a leisurely morning, we transfer to Halifax airport for our flight home.
DAY 11 – Arrive home
We arrive back in the UK.

*All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (D) Dinner*



Hopewell Rocks

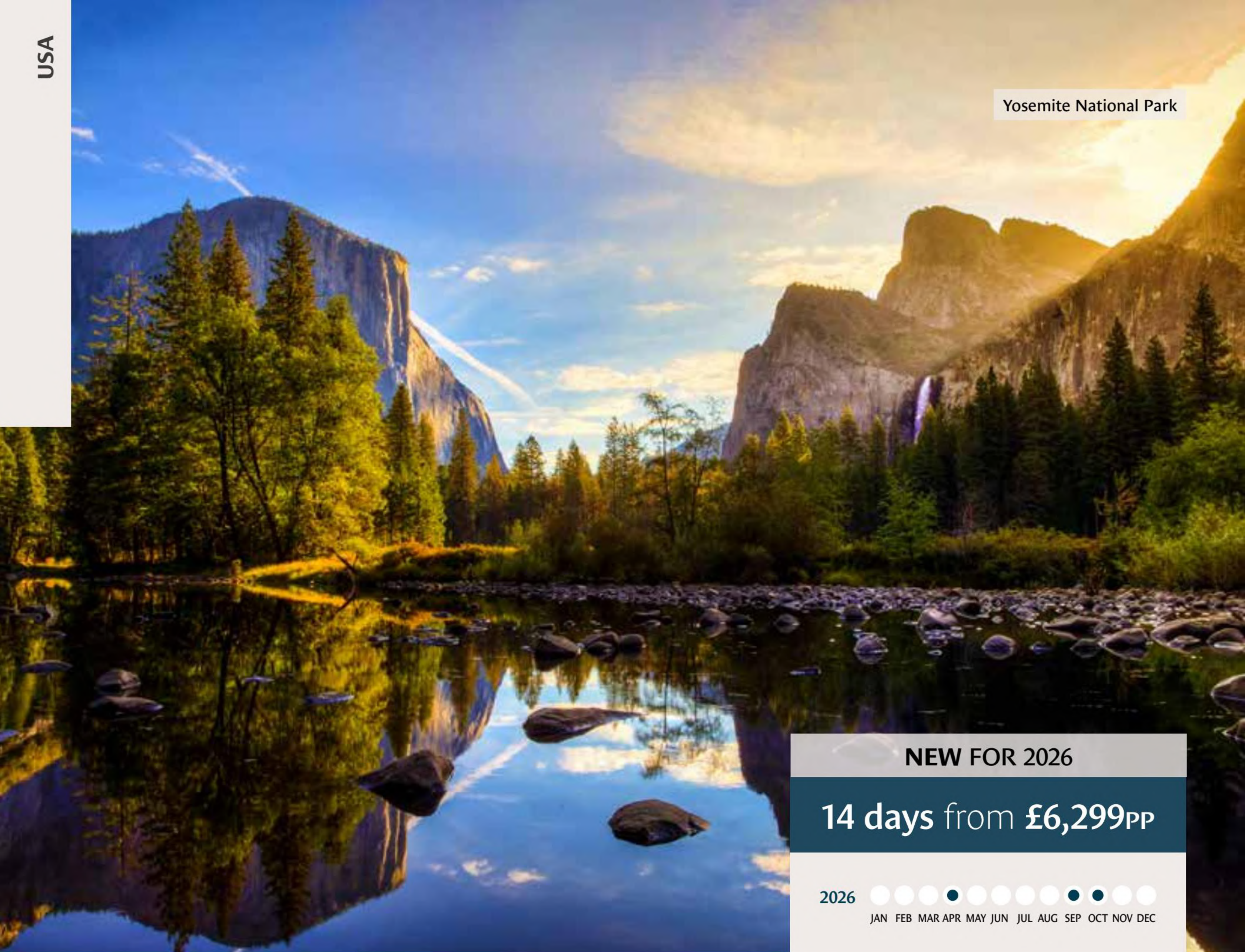
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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Fly to San Francisco

Fly to San Francisco and check in to our hotel in Fisherman’s Wharf. (B)

DAY 2 – San Francisco

We’ll embark on an orientation tour of the city – stopping to see Union Square and Golden Gate Park – before time at leisure. Tonight there will be a drinks reception, where you can meet your travelling companions in an informal setting before your welcome dinner. (B,D)

Included Experience – Orientation tour of San Francisco

DAY 3 – Napa Valley & Sonoma

We’ll visit the wine areas of Napa Valley and Sonoma and enjoy wine tastings of the best these regions have to offer. (B)

Included Experience – Visits to the wine regions of Napa Valley and Sonoma

DAY 4 – Sonora

Heading east from the coast towards Sonora, we’ll stop to admire the views in Calaveras National Park – and to see its two giant sequoias – before continuing to Sonora. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to Calaveras National Park

DAY 5 – Yosemite

Today we’ll drive through the epic scenery of Yosemite National Park with stops to see some of its most famous landmarks – El Captain and the Half Dome. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to Yosemite National Park

DAY 6 – Monterey

Walking in the footsteps of John Steinbeck, we tour the coastal city of Monterey and visit Fisherman’s Wharf. (B)

Included Experience – Tour of Monterey, with a visit to Fisherman’s Wharf

DAY 7 – Carmel-by-the-Sea

Journeying along one of the world’s most scenic motorways, 17-Mile Drive, we head to Carmel for time at leisure to explore the shops, art studios and galleries of this charming beach city. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to Carmel-by-the-Sea



DAY 8 – San Luis Obispo

Visit San Luis Obispo with time at leisure to explore the city’s many landmarks. En route, we’ll stop at Pismo Beach, a retro beach town halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit to Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo

DAY 9 – Los Angeles

We’ll stop in Santa Barbara and Santa Monica, seeing its famous pier, before ending today’s journey in Venice Beach. Here, you can browse the many street vendors lining the famous 2-mile boardwalk. (B)

Included Experiences – Visits to Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and Venice Beach

DAY 10 – Los Angeles

This morning, we’ll take a guided tour of L.A.’s highlights, including the Dolby Theatre, The Hollywood Walk of Fame and Sunset Strip. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Included Experience – Tour of Los Angeles

DAY 11 – San Diego

Following the coast, we head to San Diego and take an orientation tour of the city, including the historic Gaslamp District. (B)

Included Experience – Tour of San Diego

DAY 12 – Free day in San Diego

Enjoy a free day at leisure. (B)

DAY 13 – Depart US

Today, we’ll travel back to LA for our return flight home.

DAY 14 – Arrive home

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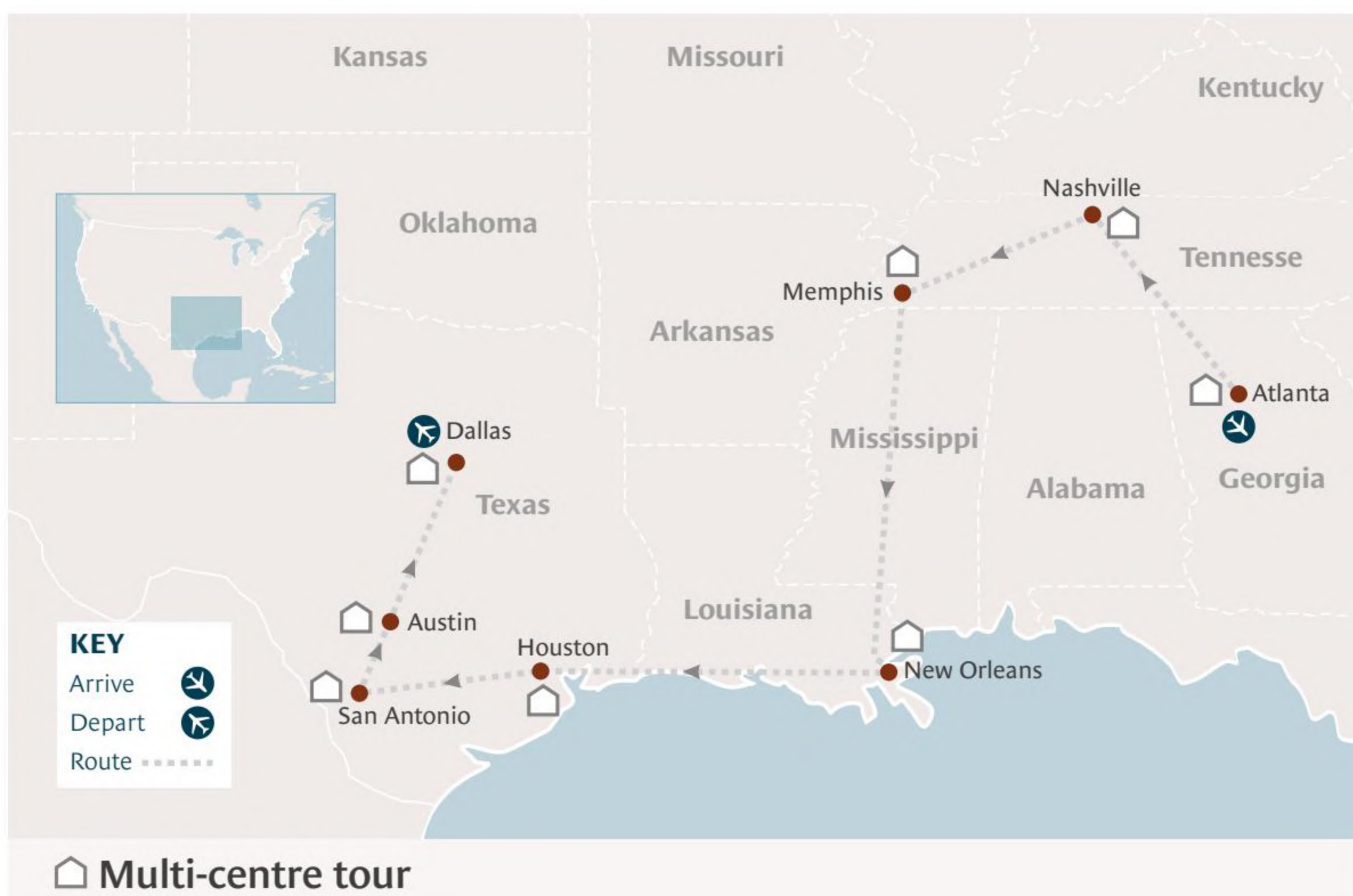
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Take one of America's classic 'road trips'. Explore the Deep South, renowned for its gracious hospitality, Creole and Cajun cuisine, charming southern drawl and the most popular music genres of the 20th century – jazz, rock n' roll, the blues and country. Plus, the charms of the lone star state, Texas.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Atlanta

Fly to Atlanta.

DAY 2 – Nashville

Drive into Tennessee to Lynchburg, a slice of 50s America. Browse the shops and tour the famed Jack Daniel’s Distillery. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner for a chance to get to know your travel companions a little better. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Lynchburg and the Jack Daniels Distillery

DAY 3 – Nashville

Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, with exhibits from the earliest days to today’s megastars. Visit RCA Studio B, where Elvis recorded, followed by nearby Music Row, lined with studios and record company offices. Later hit Lower Broadway, with stupendous live music in famous honky-tonk bars. You can see a country music show at the Grand Ole Opry. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and RCA Studio B

DAY 4 – Memphis

Visit the iconic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville before heading to Memphis where you have the option to visit the famous Sun Studios. This evening, sample the music scene at Memphis’ famous Beale Street. (B)

DAY 5 – Graceland & National Civil Rights Museum

Visit Elvis’ Graceland mansion and the National Civil Rights Museum at The Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King was shot in 1968. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Graceland and tour the National Civil Rights Museum

DAY 6 – Memphis to New Orleans

Travel through forests, farms and towns and across Lake Pontchartrain to New Orleans. Later, why not try Cajun cuisine in the fantastic restaurants? (B)

DAY 7 – New Orleans

On our guided walking tour of the French Quarter, see the art galleries and antique shops along Royal Street, St Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square, with its artists and musicians. Walk up iconic Bourbon Street.



Nashville is known as ‘Music City’ due to its deep roots in the country music industry



The Dealey Plaza

Later you can enjoy an evening jazz cruise with dinner on the Steamboat City of New Orleans. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of the French Quarter

DAY 8 – Free day in New Orleans

Relax in the ‘Big Easy’. Or opt to visit the Oak Valley Plantation, combined with a boat tour of the Louisiana swamps. (B)

DAY 9 – Houston & NASA

We stop at Texas’ world-famous NASA Johnson Space Centre, mission control for the International Space Station. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of NASA Johnson Space Centre



Graceland

DAY 10 – San Antonio & the Alamo

Arriving in San Antonio, we check into our hotel for a two-night stay, where you can explore the River Walk, historic landmarks, and UNESCO-protected missions. Enjoy an included visit and audio tour at the Alamo Battlefields in San Antonio. (B)

Included Experience – Visit the Alamo

DAY 11 – Free Day in San Antonio

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the city of San Antonio. (B)

DAY 12 – Dallas

Take in Dealey Plaza, where President John F Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald and visit the 6th Floor Museum. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Dealey Plaza and the 6th Floor Museum

DAY 13 – Return flight

Your return flight via Atlanta. (B)

DAY 14 – Arrive home

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (D) Dinner

Personalise your holiday

The Grand Ole Opry live music show, Nashville. From £79pp.

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This immersive, island-hopping tour has it all – intriguing history, Spanish colonial architecture, beautifully varied scenery and some of the world’s most unique wildlife experiences. Explore the UNESCO-listed Quito and colonial Cuenca, the Mindo Cloud Forest’s birdlife and amazing views of snow-capped Cotopaxi.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure
Fly overnight to Quito.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Quito
Quito was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978 and our tour of this beautifully-preserved, colonial city includes the leafy Independence square, overlooked by the Presidential Palace, cathedral and Archbishop’s Palace. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travellers better. (D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Quito

DAY 3 – Cross equator line
Enjoy the experience of standing on both the north and southern hemisphere before we continue to Mindo, staying in a lodge, amongst the exotic cloud forest and birdlife. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Equator line

DAY 4 – Mindo Cloud Forest
We explore the pristine cloud forests and hike along waterfalls. At an altitude of 1,300m, Mindo has a year-round mild climate and the plentiful rainfall, has created lush forests, perfect for a variety of birdlife. Explore the marked trails around the hotel, try out the optional zip-line tour or learn how Ecuadorian chocolate is made. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Mindo cloud forest

DAY 5 – Pululahua Crater
Taking the Pan-American highway we drive along the Avenue of the Volcanoes, towards the Cotopaxi National Park, stopping at Pululahua, the third largest inhabited volcano crater in the world to savour the views. Lunch is included. (B,L)
Included Experience – Visit Pululahua

DAY 6 – Cotopaxi & Riobamba
This morning we reach Cotopaxi National Park, the world’s highest active volcano. Snow-capped year-round, the perfectly symmetrical volcanic cone is one of South America’s greatest sights. Lunch is included today. This afternoon we’ll visit one of the region’s rose farms. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Visit Cotopaxi National Park and rose farm

DAY 7 – Riobamba & Cuenca
This morning is free to relax, before we continue to Cuenca. Dinner is included tonight. (B, D)



Quito

DAY 8 – El Cajas National Park
Today we visit the spectacular El Cajas National Park, with its 786 lagoons. (B)
Included Experience – Visit El Cajas National Park

DAY 9 – Cuenca
A UNESCO World Heritage site, Cuenca is a treasure-trove of charming colonial churches, mansions and squares, and vast cathedral and is also famed for its locally produced Panama hats! Following our tour, we visit a Panama hat factory. This afternoon we will fly from Cuenca to Quito. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Cuenca and visit a Panama hat factory

DAY 10 – Fly to San Cristobal Island
The first island to be visited by Charles Darwin in 1835, on arrival we settle into our hotel before exploring the wildlife along La Loberia’s white sand beach, with a chance to swim or snorkel. Dinner at a local restaurant is included. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Explore La Loberia’s white sand beach

DAY 11 – San Cristobal & Isla Lobos
A short boat trip takes us to Isla Lobos, to discover frigate birds and blue footed boobies. Although the path is uneven and rocky in parts, the effort is worth it to see these iconic birds up close. Later we visit the San Cristobal Interpretation Centre to learn about their conservation work. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Boat trip to Isla Lobos and visit to the San Cristobal Interpretation Centre



San Cristobal Island

DAY 12 – Santa Cruz Island
We catch the speedboat ferry service to Santa Cruz island. On arrival, we’ll visit the famous giant tortoises in El Chato tortoise reserve – an unforgettable experience! Explore one of several underground lava tubes, legacies from the island’s volcanic past. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Visit Santa Cruz Island and the El Chato tortoise reserve

DAY 13 – Santa Cruz
This morning we have a boat tour of nearby Academy Bay. Snorkel perhaps to spot sea lions, rays and even sharks. After an included lunch, we enjoy a tour of the Charles Darwin Research Station where baby giant tortoises are nurtured before being released into the wild. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Boat tour of nearby Academy Bay

DAY 14 – Free day in Santa Cruz
Enjoy Santa Cruz at your own pace; meander around Puerto Ayora or relax at Tortuga Bay. (B)

DAY 15 – Return flight
Fly home via Quito, arriving the next day. (B)

DAY 16 – Arrive home
All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Personalise your holiday
Boat trip – Santa Fe.
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Boat trip – Bartolomé Island.
From £342PP (pre-bookable).
Ecuadorian Chocolate Tour.
Paid and booked locally (approximately \$35PP).
Zip-line Tour. Paid and booked locally (approximately \$50PP).

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Costa Rica: From the Caribbean to the Pacific

In Costa Rica every road seems to lead to another waterfall, coffee plantation, volcano, lush rainforest or tropical beach. From Emperor butterflies, toucans and the iridescent green plumage of the Quetzal to unique three-toed sloths, explore one of the most bio-diverse countries.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in San José

Arrive in San José.

DAY 2 – Tortuguero

We head to Costa Rica’s Caribbean coast, passing by coffee and banana plantations and small farming communities. We take a boat through the canals to our eco-lodge. Later visit the nearby town of Tortuguero and the Caribbean Conservation Corporation Museum, dedicated to studying Atlantic Green, Hawksbill and Leatherback turtles who come to lay their eggs on the protected beaches here between July to October. Tonight there will be a drinks reception, where you can meet your travelling companions in an informal setting before your welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Tortuguero and the Caribbean Conservation Corporation Museum

DAY 3 – Tortuguero

Our nature tour takes us on the river where we might see caimans, monkeys and birds, including toucans, macaws and raptors. Then perhaps relax by the pool before exploring more of this unique eco-system on foot this afternoon around the lodge or further explore this unique waterway eco-system by boat. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided nature tour by boat

DAY 4 – Sarapiquí

Marvel at the perfectly symmetrical cone of the Arenal Volcano. (B,L)

DAY 5 – Arenal Volcano National Park

The highlight of the day takes us to tree canopy heights as we experience a walk on the Hanging Bridges for a unique view into the jungle from up to 180 feet above the forest floor and view the diverse ecosystem. Later we take a stop in La Fortuna en route to tour a Costa Rican coffee and chocolate farm. (B)

Included Experience – Arenal Sky Walk Hanging Bridges

DAY 6 – Caño Negro Reserve

On our boat trip along the Frio River, your local guide will point out the incredible numbers of bird life, including kingfishers,



Tortuguero

ibis, toucans, storks and vulture. And you’re likely to see iguanas, caimans and monkeys. (B,L)

Included Experience – Guided boat tour of the Caño Negro Reserve

DAY 7 – Rincon De La Vieja National Park

Today we walk in the foothills of Arenal Volcano to get close up views, then our journey heads north, en route we stop at the bustling town of Liberia before ascending into Rincon De La Vieja National Park. Early evening before dinner join the included optional night walk in search of amphibian and small mammal nocturnal activity. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walk of the Arenal 1968 lava flow trail and visit Liberia

DAY 8 – Free day in Rincon De La Vieja National Park

Staying within a national park covering 31,000 acres, 6200 feet above sea level there is cloud forest, natural hot springs and waterfalls. The day is yours to enjoy thermal water spring pools or a therapeutic volcanic mud bath. Alternatively pamper yourself at the Anahuac Wellness Thermal & Spa (pre-book and pay locally). For the more adventurous try the forest canopy zip-line experience. (B,L)

DAY 9 – Palo Verde National Park

We take a guided tour to Palo Verde National Park, one of Costa Rica’s most popular

conservation areas. Go by boat to discover thick coastal forest, rivers and mangrove lagoons teeming with wildlife, including the three-toed sloth. Embrace the local culture and cuisine with a country-style lunch. We drive towards the Pacific coast, a combination of exquisite beaches and tropical forest. Our five-star hotel is within the secluded location of the quiet beach Playa Mansita, one of the four beaches within Hacienda Pinilla, where you might see iguanas and monkeys on the beach! (B,L)

Included Experience – Guided boat tour to Palo Verde National Park

DAY 10 – Free day

Take it easy on the beach or in the hotel pool, play golf, try out the spa or join in a hotel activity such as a bicycle tour or aqua aerobics included as part of your stay. (B,D)

DAY 11 – Free day

Consider taking the coastal catamaran boat tour, glide along Costa Rica’s gold coast and have a dip in the Pacific Ocean. Dinner is included at Tamarindo Beach. (B,D)

DAY 12 – Return flight

Transfer to San José or Liberia airport for your overnight flight home. (B)

DAY 13 – Arrive home

*All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner*

**Please note: Depending on the time of year, the stargazing may take place in alternative, suitable locations.*



Arenal Volcano was one of the most active volcanoes in the world until its eruption slowed down in 2010, creating a stunning landscape with hot springs



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Buffet breakfasts, lunches and delicious four-course fine-dining dinners are included. They're impeccably presented and feature our 'Local Flavours' choices.



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Professional and friendly crew

Five-star service from our English-speaking crew who are available 24/7.



Inclusive drinks packages

Enjoy a drinks package for free – cheers to you! See page 98.



Complimentary tea and coffee

As well as tea and coffee-making facilities in your cabin you can help yourself to hot drinks on board at any time.



Refillable water bottle

We provide a complimentary refillable water bottle and a constant supply of drinking water.



Free Wi-Fi

Stay in touch throughout your cruise.



Leisure facilities

Most of our vessels feature a fitness suite, pool and hairdresser, some have a sauna and steam room. Complimentary bicycles are also available on many of our ships so you can explore the area.



Evening entertainment

Enjoy entertainment each evening from quizzes to impressive performers.

Flexibility and choice

They say variety is the spice of life and we couldn't agree more. That's why we provide choice and flexibility – to ensure your holiday is perfect for you.

Pre-holiday

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- Airport hotels
- Airport parking
- Airport Fast-Track pass
- Airport lounge

ON-BOARD CREDIT

For stress-free spending, plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish: enjoy drinks in the bar, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or spoil yourself in the on-board boutique.

YOUR CHOICE OF DEPARTURE DATE, UK AIRPORT OR EUROSTAR

Across our range of river cruises we offer an extensive choice of departure dates. Flights are from a wide selection of regional UK airports so your holiday is as stress-free as it can be right from the start. On selected river cruises we also offer the option of Eurostar travel with regional rail connections to London, or onward travel on Thalys and TGV.



Our friendly team of travel advisers

We will be happy to help you customise your holiday to your requirements – give our friendly team a call on **01283 893718** to discuss the options.

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We recognise that everyone's idea of the perfect holiday is different so if you're looking for more flexibility and choice, we can help with your preferred travel arrangements. You may wish to fly from an alternative UK airport or perhaps take advantage of a UK door to door transfer service. We can also organise rail travel in the UK and book overnight accommodation for you at a UK airport hotel. If you would like to add a couple of extra days before or after your river cruise, we can arrange one or two-night hotel stays and any additional transportation for you too.

For a small additional charge our dedicated Travel Concierge specialists can look after your travel arrangements and rest assured, you'll always get exceptional value for money.



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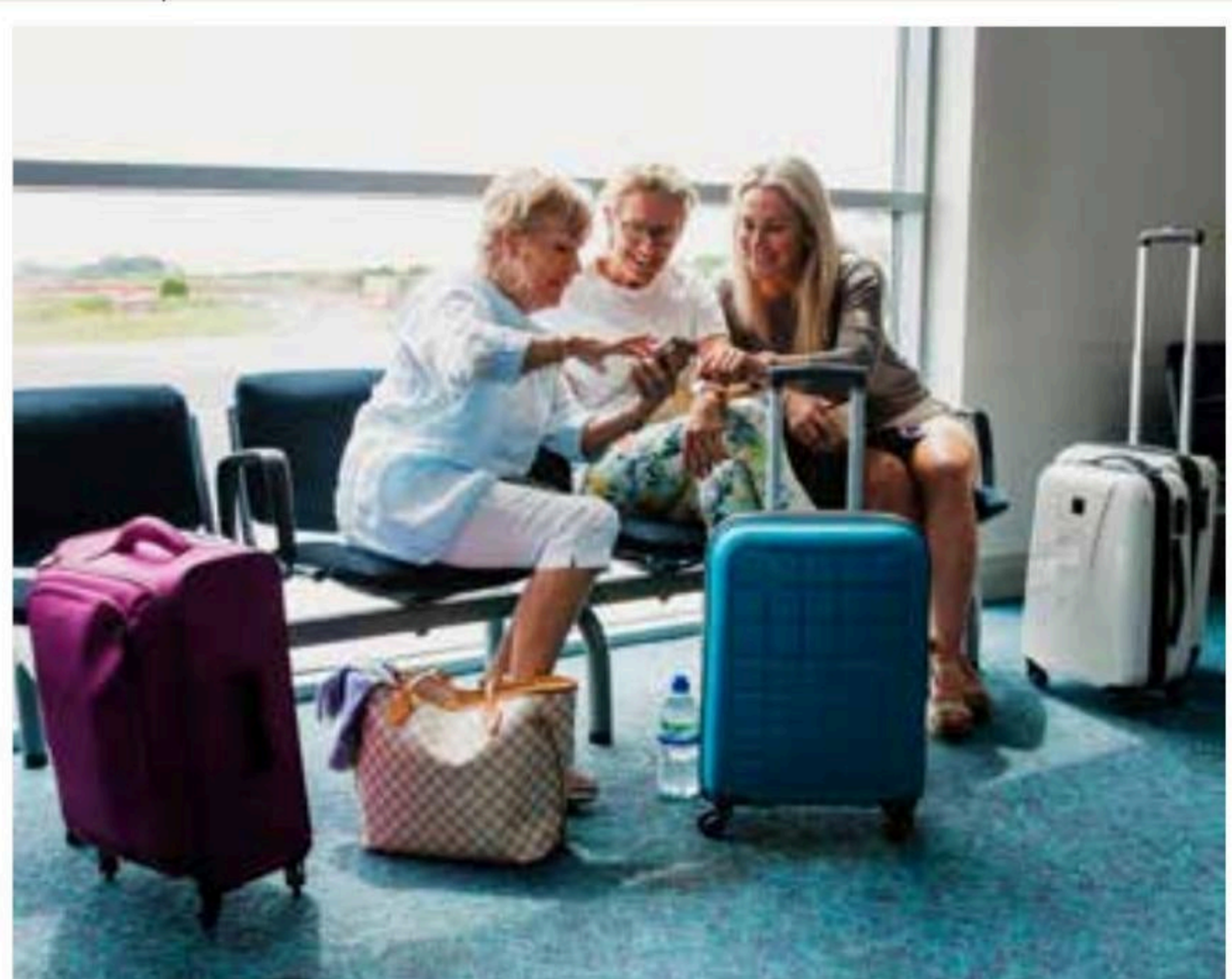
Travel in the UK by rail



Enjoy door to door transfer service



Extend your holiday with a pre or post hotel stay and transfers





During your holiday

We offer you more ways than ever to add those extra special touches to your holiday.

YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE

On some days, you'll be able to pick from a choice of two tours or visits to offer you a more personalised experience.

PERSONALISE YOUR HOLIDAY

To make your holiday truly memorable we also offer a range of additional experiences. Visit the intriguing Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet in Rüdesheim, wander amongst the priceless artworks hanging in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum or marvel at the Great Temple of Abu Simbel, one of the most spectacular temples in Egypt.

FREE TIME

We give you ample time to explore at your own pace. Who wants to feel rushed on holiday?



Rouen, France

Inclusive drinks packages

Drinks are on us! The convenience of our inclusive drinks packages means you've got one less thing to worry about. How about a crisp glass of wine while admiring the view? Or our cocktail of the day while catching up with newfound friends?



Say cheers, santé, salude, saúde and prost with our drinks packages. We designed our drinks packages to allow you to focus on the important things – like enjoying yourself.

FREE Superior drinks package in 2025

Enjoy a free Superior drinks package on all European river cruises.

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Over lunch in our restaurants

- Red, white, rosé and sparkling house wine, including non-alcoholic
- Draught beer, including non-alcoholic
- A selection of soft drinks and juices

From 6pm until midnight in our restaurants and bar, all of the above, plus

- Our cocktail and mocktail of the day
- House spirits and mixers (gin, vodka, rum and whisky)
- A recommended regional wine during dinner
- Martini, sherry, port and brandy



FREE all-inclusive drinks in 2026

For 2026, say hello to the new and improved all-inclusive drinks on all European river cruises.

Enjoy all the drinks included in the Superior drinks package, but now enjoy them from 10am until midnight. Drink as much – or as little as you like.

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Red, white, rosé and sparkling house wines, including non-alcoholic
- A choice of draught beers, including non-alcoholic
- A selection of soft drinks and juices
- Our cocktail and mocktail of the day
- House spirits and mixers including vodka, gin, rum, whisky, martini, sherry, brandy, port and Baileys (excluding liqueurs)
- Daily recommended wines
- Tea and coffee from the bar

See our website for more details on all drinks packages – [**rivieratravel.co.uk/drinks**](https://rivieratravel.co.uk/drinks)

Rivers of Europe

There's something to pique your interest on every river – whether that's history, photography, art, culture, architecture, food and drink – as every river has its own unique character to enjoy.



The Seine

From Paris to the heart of Normandy, around sweeping bends, past chalk cliffs and through lush countryside.



The Douro

Weave through one of the most photogenic river valleys and the sun-soaked Iberian countryside, past vineyard terraces and hillside villages.



The Saône

Taking you through the Burgundy wine region, with wonderful views of vine-clad hills and medieval villages.



The Rhône

Sail through the landscape of Provence, past sun-baked vineyards, charming villages, and fields of wild flowers.



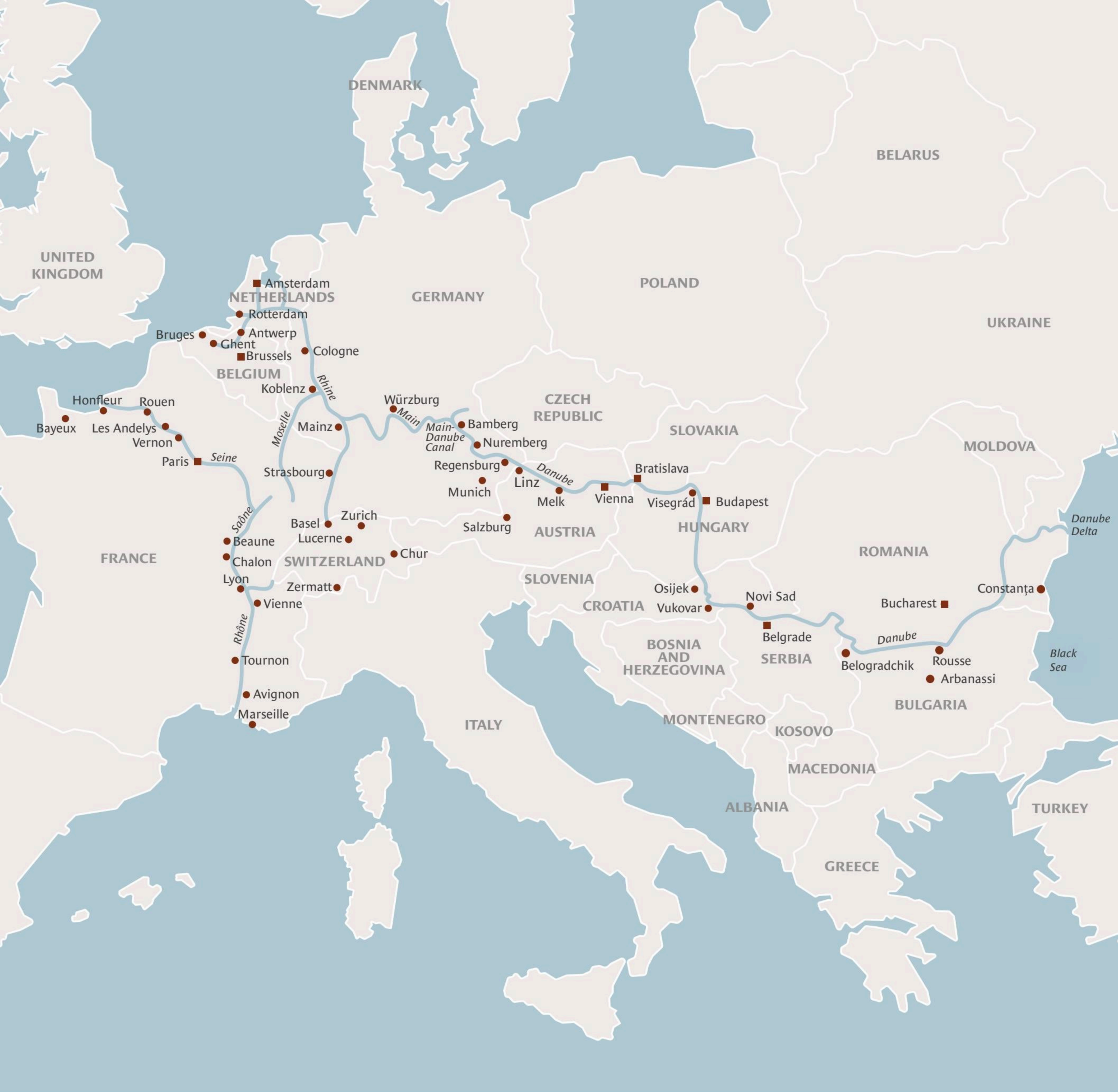
The Dutch Waterways

On the delta of the Rhine, Maas and Scheldt, glide past windmills, colourful bulbfields and the old Zuiderzee.



The Rhine

Swathed in myth, the famous Rhine follows the path of fairy tale castles, medieval towns and verdant vineyards.



The Moselle

Meander along the serene river valley past ancient ruined castles, steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages.



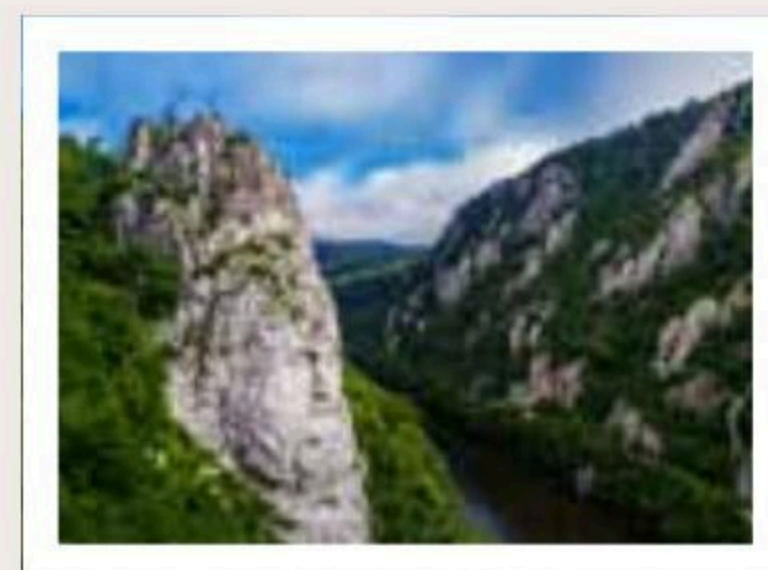
The Main

Experience meandering bends and lush green landscapes, strewn with medieval villages and quaint timber houses.



Main-Danube Canal

From Bamberg to Kelheim, this is an amazing feat of German engineering with many iconic locks.



The Danube

Absorb breathtaking views of baroque cities, as well as the natural beauty of the Danube Delta and Iron Gates Gorge.



5 days from £1,799PP



Amsterdam, Kinderdijk & the Dutch Bulbfields

Experience historic maritime cities, where innovation meets the traditions of the past and immerse yourself amidst the art and architecture of a Golden Age. Be inspired by iconic windmills lining the canal banks and the floral masterpiece that is Keukenhof Tulip Gardens.



Bulbfields





Your luxurious ships:

- MS Geoffrey Chaucer – see page 135
- MS Emily Brontë – see page 135
- MS Oscar Wilde – see page 135



MS Geoffrey Chaucer Cabin



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly or take the Eurostar to Amsterdam and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Enkhuizen. (D)

DAY 2 – Enkhuizen

Guided tour of the Zuiderzee museum to learn about life in the 19th century. Afternoon and overnight sailing along the Markermeer. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Zuiderzee Museum

DAY 3 – Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

This morning, explore Rotterdam on a guided walk. Later learn about the importance of windmills at Kinderdijk. Tonight, enjoy the Chef's Dinner. Evening sailing to Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

DAY 4 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

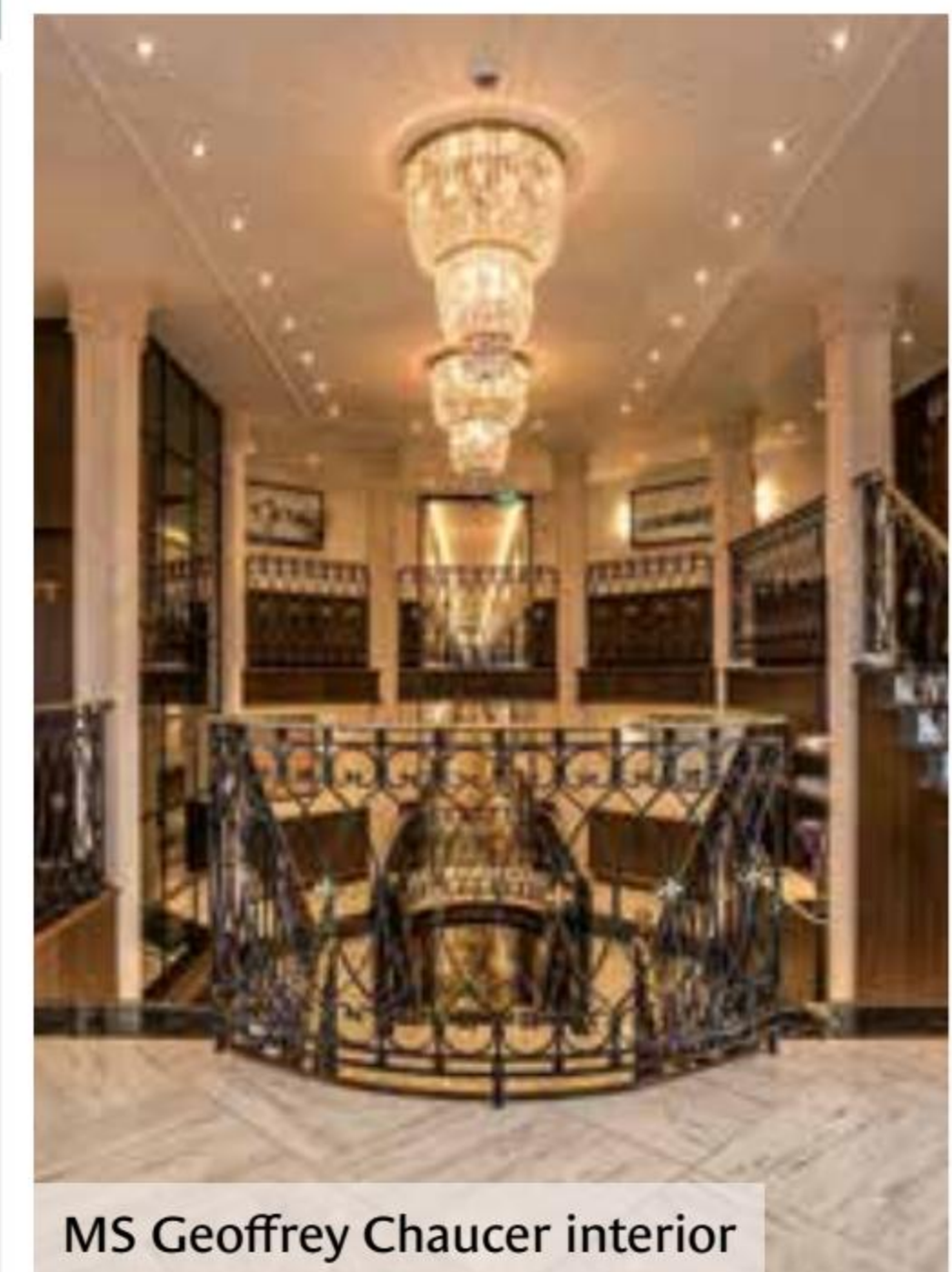
Morning drive through the bulbfields to visit the stunning Keukenhof Gardens. This afternoon, explore Amsterdam at leisure. After dinner enjoy a live on-board guitar performance of some well-known melodies. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Keukenhof and Amsterdam & live guitar performance

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey. (B)

*All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner*



MS Geoffrey Chaucer interior



Amsterdam



Rotterdam's Cube Houses are tilted 45 degrees to maximise space and resemble an urban forest of abstract trees

Personalise your holiday

Visit the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam – from £24pp.

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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
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Bruges Old Town

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Bruges, Medieval Flanders, Amsterdam & the Dutch Bulbfields

Sail through Belgium and the Netherlands as we discover the floral displays of Keukenhof Gardens, visit poignant war sites, and explore the quaint streets of Amsterdam, Bruges, Ghent and more.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International. On arrival transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

This morning, we visit Keukenhof, the heart of the glorious Dutch bulbfields. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling colours of the world’s largest flower garden which covers nearly 80 acres. The rest of the day you are free to explore Amsterdam, maybe choose to visit the Rijksmuseum. This evening, relax to the sounds of traditional Dutch music performed live on board. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to Keukenhof & live traditional music performance

DAY 3 – Arnhem

We pass flower-bedecked houseboats and windmills before arriving in Nijmegen. This afternoon we take a short drive to Arnhem for a visit to the battle HQ of the British 1st Airborne Division at Oosterbeek and the Commonwealth War Cemetery. Back on board, we continue our journey. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Airborne Museum and Commonwealth War Cemetery

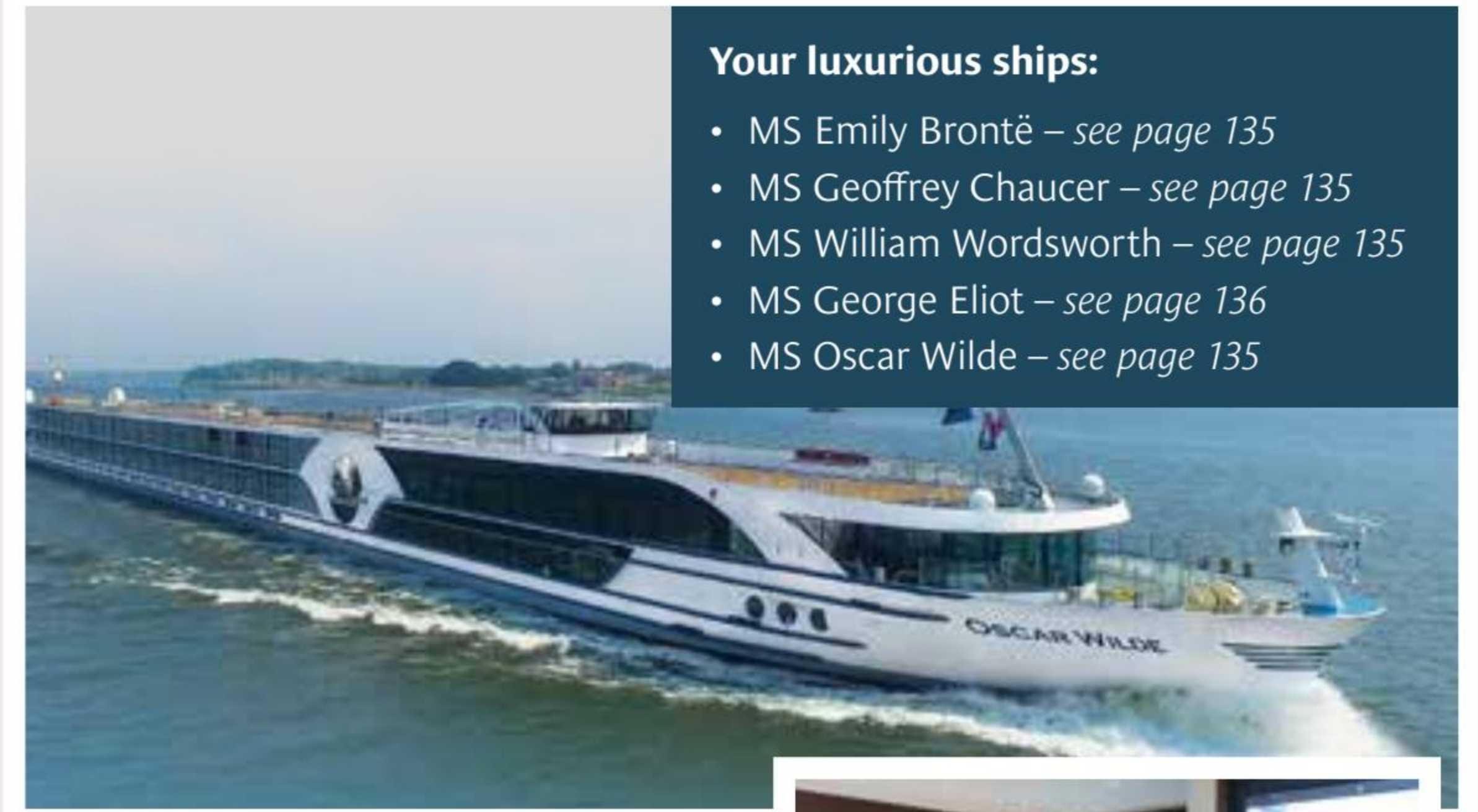
DAY 4 – Antwerp

After a relaxing morning sailing, we moor in Antwerp. Our afternoon tour takes in the captivating Grote Markt, the Renaissance town hall and the opulent Brabo Fountain, then you are free to explore as you wish. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Antwerp

DAY 5 – Ghent or Ypres

Today we awake in picturesque Ghent with a choice of tours: explore this medieval gem in the company of a local guide, including the gorgeous waterfront and the van Eyck brothers’ Adoration of the Mystic Lamb in Saint Bavo Cathedral. After lunch you are free to spend the afternoon in Ghent.



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Emily Brontë – see page 135
- MS Geoffrey Chaucer – see page 135
- MS William Wordsworth – see page 135
- MS George Eliot – see page 136
- MS Oscar Wilde – see page 135



MS Emily Brontë Cabin

Alternatively, you can join our tour to Ypres, synonymous with the horrors of the Great War and now a place of reflection. After lunch at leisure* and free time, visit Tyne Cot cemetery before returning to Ghent mid-afternoon. (B,L*,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Ghent or Ypres & Tyne Cot

DAY 6 – Bruges

After breakfast we drive to Bruges for a guided walking tour. The historic centre is made up of serene canals, narrow cobbled streets, romantic gabled houses and exquisite churches. The main square is dominated by the soaring Belfry, whose 47 bells chime to create an idyllic atmosphere. After lunch at your leisure, the afternoon is free for you to explore. Tonight, enjoy superbly prepared dishes at the Chef’s Dinner. Evening and overnight sailing towards Amsterdam. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bruges

DAY 7 – Amsterdam

This morning, relax on board as we sail towards Amsterdam, and after lunch we take a glass-topped boat tour through the

network of canals that infuse every aspect of Amsterdam life. You’ll see a fascinating variety of gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges. Afterwards, you’re free to explore the city. After dinner retire to the lounge to enjoy some well-known melodies performed on a guitar. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Canal cruise in Amsterdam & live guitar performance

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

**Please note lunch is not provided on the Ypres excursion*



Bruges is often called the ‘Venice of the North’ because of its scenic canals

Personalise your holiday

Visit the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam – from £24pp.

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Travel to Cologne and transfer to our ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz
After breakfast, the Rhine Valley’s beauty unfolds as we pass the forested Siebengebirge and historic Remagen bridge to Koblenz for a guided tour. This evening, enjoy live Rhenish folk music and dinner on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Koblenz & live folk music performance

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
This morning, we sail through Boppard before entering the dramatic Rhine Gorge, passing Saint Goar and castle ruins. After lunch, we moor in Rüdesheim, a charming wine village. This afternoon, choose from one of our included experiences: a visit to Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet, or ascend by cable car for excellent views. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Afternoon option 1: Rüdesheim with visit to Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet Afternoon option 2: Rüdesheim with cable car to Niederwald Monument

DAY 4 – Speyer
Sailing upstream, we berth in historic Speyer, home to Germany’s Imperial Cathedral. Enjoy free time before returning aboard. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Speyer

DAY 5 – Strasbourg
This morning, we cruise through two impressive locks before arriving in Strasbourg and taking a walking tour of the old town. After dinner, enjoy a live violin performance. We sail overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Strasbourg & live violin soloist



Strasbourg



Your luxurious ship:

- MS Oscar Wilde – see page 135
- MS Riviera Resplendence – see page 134
- MS Emily Brontë – see page 135



MS Oscar Wilde Cabin

DAY 6 – Breisach & Black Forest or Alsace wine route
Our ship glides through the rift valley between the Vosges and Black Forest mountains to Breisach. This afternoon, choose between a guided Black Forest tour to Freiburg or a visit to Alsace’s wine villages, Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr. Later, enjoy views over the Vosges massif as we cruise on, concluding with the Chef’s Dinner featuring local specialities. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Breisach. Afternoon option 1: Scenic drive through the Black Forest with visit to Freiburg. Afternoon option 2: Scenic drive along the Alsace wine route with visits to Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr, Chef’s Dinner

DAY 7 – Lucerne & Bernese Oberland
Choose between a full-day excursion to Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland, or a guided Lucerne tour followed by a free afternoon in Basel. Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland both offer breathtaking scenery. We ascend by railway for more superb views. Alternatively, after a morning in Lucerne, enjoy a free afternoon in Basel. (B,L*,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Full-day tour to Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland with scenic rail journey Option 2: Morning tour to Lucerne and free afternoon in Basel

DAY 8 – Return home
Fly home or take the train to London St Pancras International via Paris. (B)
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner (L)*
All flights and transfers are included
Please note lunch is not provided on the full day Bernese Oberland excursion.
Please note: On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See our website for details.

- Personalise your holiday**
- Cable car ride to Ehrenbreitstein fortress and visit from £19pp
 - Wine tasting in Rüdesheim from £22pp
 - Visit to the Technik Museum Speyer from £23pp
 - Land train tour of Strasbourg from €8pp
 - Boat cruise through Strasbourg from €15.70pp

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing. (D)

DAY 2 – Cochem

This morning you’re cruising some of Europe’s most dramatic waterways – the mighty River Rhine and its tributary the Moselle. After lunch we glide into Cochem for a guided tour. A multi-turreted castle crowns the vineyard covered hillside, but Cochem’s real charm is found in the jumble of narrow streets lined with pastel coloured houses, quirky shops and wine cellars. This evening delight in the upbeat sounds of Rhenish folk music with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Cochem & live folk music performance

DAY 3 – Trier

Leaving Cochem, we pass through an impressive series of four locks and cruise steep vineyard clad slopes. After lunch we drive to Trier for a tour of one of Germany’s oldest cities. Many of the Roman monuments have survived surprisingly intact, but most impressive is the Porta Nigra, a towering gate made of huge stone blocks. We return to our ship, moored in the charming town of Bernkastel. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Trier

DAY 4 – Bernkastel

We join a guided tour of Bernkastel, wandering to the market square which is lined by ornate half-timbered houses. Most famous is the Pointed House, a classic example of a Moselle dwelling. Afternoon and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Bernkastel

DAY 5 – Koblenz & Boppard

This morning we reach Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Our morning tour will take us through Koblenz’s



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Geoffrey Chaucer – see page 135
- MS Emily Brontë – see page 135
- MS George Eliot – see page 136
- MS Oscar Wilde – see page 135



MS Emily Brontë Balcony Suite

patchwork of narrow streets, lined with exquisitely restored houses and cosy cafés. We continue upstream to Boppard, where highlights include the charming marketplace and the old town. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Koblenz & Boppard

DAY 6 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim

This morning we cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. The gorge is home to medieval legends and tales of mysterious happenings – most famously the Lorelei. An afternoon walking tour will take us through the atmospheric streets of Rüdesheim which lead down to the sweeping river. Tonight, we enjoy the Chef’s Dinner featuring a range of local specialities. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Cruise through Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rüdesheim

DAY 7 – Cologne

We glide past pretty, riverside towns before reaching the railway bridge at Remagen. This afternoon we discover fascinating Cologne, taking in the magnificent twin-spired cathedral and the beautifully restored old town. After dinner tonight indulge in a delicious on-board tasting, with a presentation and Q&A session from Cologne’s

Lindt Chocolate Museum and the chance to sample its world-famous produce. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne & on-board Lindt chocolate tasting

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

*All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner*



Cologne



Bernkastel

Personalise your holiday

Day 4: Bernkastel Weingut Stefan Pauly Bergweiler wine tasting from €19pp

Day 6: Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet from €7.40pp

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Heidelberg

8 days from £2,549^{PP}

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Rhine, Strasbourg & Heidelberg

Meander between picture-postcard villages, towns and cities along the romantic Rhine, from fascinating Cologne and delightful Boppard through the impressive, mighty Rhine Gorge. Then explore Germany's magical wine capital, Mainz, before travelling onward to sophisticated Heidelberg and the medieval splendour of Strasbourg.



Colmar



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Koblenz. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz & Boppard

We cruise the Rhine valleys to Koblenz, at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle, exploring its narrow streets and cafés. Then, we continue to Boppard, the ‘Pearl of the Rhine,’ where you can take a chairlift to Gedeon’s Corner for pretty river views. In the evening, enjoy Rhenish folk music performed on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Koblenz, visit to Boppard and live folk music performance on board

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Mainz

This morning, we cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Your next port of call is Mainz, whose most famous son was Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. We enjoy a walking tour here, as well as its historic old town, visiting St. Stephan’s Church, renowned for its captivating Chagall windows. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Cruise through the Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Mainz

DAY 4 – Heidelberg

A short drive takes us to Heidelberg, a German town by the River Neckar, featuring a glorious castle. Choose a morning tour or stay longer to enjoy the local cuisine. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore Mannheim. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L*,D)

Included Experiences – Option 1: Morning visit to Heidelberg with guided tour
Option 2: Extended visit to Heidelberg with guided tour and lunch at leisure

DAY 5 – Strasbourg & Colmar

By breakfast, we’ll arrive in Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace. You can either have a guided



Your luxurious ship:

- MS Oscar Wilde – see page 135



MS Oscar Wilde Cabin

walking tour of the UNESCO-listed city centre, including the Petite France and Notre Dame Cathedral, or take a full-day excursion along the Alsace Wine Route to Colmar, with a tour of Strasbourg in the afternoon. After dinner enjoy live music from a professional duo, before our overnight sailing. (B,L*,D)

Included Experiences – Option 1: Morning guided tour of Strasbourg
Option 2: Full day excursion with guided tours of Colmar and Strasbourg with lunch at leisure*, and a live music performance on board

DAY 6 – Rüdesheim

After a relaxing morning cruise, we arrive in Rüdesheim for free time after lunch. You can explore Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet, showcasing fascinating automatic musical devices, or enjoy a scenic cable car ride over the vineyards to the Niederwald monument for views of the Rhine River. Tonight, we will have the ‘Chef’s Dinner’ onboard. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Rüdesheim with visit to Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet
Afternoon option 2: Rüdesheim with cable car to Niederwald Monument

DAY 7 – Cologne

This morning we cruise through the Rhine Gorge and this afternoon explore Cologne, offering guided tours of the historic old town or a specialised tour of the Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Please note, space is limited for the cathedral tour and it will not be held on religious holidays. We return to the ship for dinner. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: guided tour of Cologne’s Old Town
Afternoon option 2: guided tour of Cologne Cathedral

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Strasbourg

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2026 from	£2,549	£3,099	£3,299	£4,049
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Personalise your holiday

- Day 2: Rhine wine tasting from €12pp
- Day 2: Koblenz cable car & Ehrenbreitstein fortress from £19pp
- Day 3: Guided tour of Gutenberg Museum from £10pp
- Day 5: Land train tour of Strasbourg from €8pp
- Day 5: Take a cruise tour of Strasdbourg from €15.70pp
- Day 6: Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Cabinet from €7.40pp

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Medieval Germany: Bavaria & the Romantic Road

Explore quintessential medieval Germany, the aptly named Romantic Road, and some of Bavaria's most enchanting towns and cities. Leisurely glide to the likes of Mainz, Miltenberg and Ochsenfurt to wonder at the carefully preserved medieval settlements, with their winding, cobbled streets and half-timbered houses.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Mainz

Fly to Frankfurt and transfer to your cruise ship in Mainz. (D)

DAY 2 – Mainz

We'll discover Mainz on a morning tour. Dominating the skyline is the Martinsdom Cathedral and unmissable are the breathtaking stained glass windows in Saint Stephen's Church. It's always a pleasure to seek out a traditional wine tavern in the old town too. Afternoon and overnight sailing to Miltenberg. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Mainz

DAY 3 – Miltenberg & Wertheim

We'll explore the beautiful village of Miltenberg on our tour which takes in the impressive gatehouse and the charming marketplace. After lunch learn more about the history of glassblowing and watch a fascinating demonstration of this historic craft. This afternoon we'll discover the delights of Wertheim. A 12th-century castle overlooks the multicoloured buildings of the old town and as you wander on our included tour look out for the Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany. Evening sailing towards Würzburg. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Miltenberg, Wertheim & glassblowing demonstration

DAY 4 – Würzburg

Continuing along the Main we arrive at Würzburg where we enjoy an afternoon tour. The impressive Marienberg Fortress overlooks the pastel-coloured buildings punctuated by the spires of the city's churches. The jewel in Würzburg's crown is the Residenz, a magnificent Baroque palace, originally conceived to rival the Palace of Versailles. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Würzburg



Your luxurious ship:

- MS George Eliot – see page 136



MS George Eliot Cabin

DAY 5 – Rothenburg & Ochsenfurt

This morning we drive along the Romantic Road, a spellbinding route of medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces. We arrive at Rothenburg where there will be time to explore the old town which is cradled within immaculately preserved walls. Our ship awaits in Ochsenfurt and this afternoon we'll wander through the charming old town on a guided tour. Evening sailing towards Bamberg. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to Rothenburg & guided tour of Ochsenfurt

DAY 6 – Bamberg

This morning we progress along the Main, mooring in Bamberg, one of Europe's prettiest towns. Our tour takes in the exquisite old town, the impressive cathedral and the town hall which sits on an island in the middle of the river. We join the Main-Danube canal, a superb feat of engineering guiding us to our next stop, Nuremberg. There's some fun to be had on board this evening as we enjoy Bavarian dance and songs performed on traditional instruments by a skilled trio. We also enjoy a splendid Chef's Dinner –

enjoy the chef's culinary delights from the spectacular surrounding regions. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Bamberg & live Bavarian music show

DAY 7 – Nuremberg

Intriguing for its association with the Second World War, Nuremberg also captivates with its cobbled streets, classic half-timbered houses and enchanting castle. We'll discover other historic landmarks on our guided tour including the Church of Saint Lawrence and the bustling Hauptmarkt. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Nuremberg

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to Munich airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

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Würzburg



Bamberg is known for its unique smoked beer, 'Rauchbier,' brewed with malt dried over an open fire

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The Blue Danube Vienna, Budapest & Salzburg

The glories of Vienna, Budapest and Salzburg are revealed on this splendid cruise along Europe's most cultured river. Explore fascinating medieval cities, admire superb baroque architecture and immerse yourself in the majestic surroundings that inspired the music of Strauss and Mozart.



Esztergom Basilica

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Esztergom. (D)

DAY 2 – Esztergom

Included morning tour of Esztergom Basilica which stands over the Danube. This afternoon sail past the enchanting towns and villages of Hungary and Slovakia. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Esztergom Basilica

DAY 3 – Bratislava

The Slovakian capital of Bratislava has recently rekindled its past in the restored old town, and the impressive 17th-century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. After an included morning tour you'll also have time to explore this charming city. This afternoon cruise into Lower Austria. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Bratislava

DAY 4 – Dürnstein & Melk

Dürnstein is famous for the ice-blue tower of its abbey and the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. This morning join a guided tour of Dürnstein and after lunch visit the remarkable Melk Abbey, originally a castle and today a monastery. The final part of our cruise upstream takes us towards Linz. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tours of Dürnstein & Melk Abbey

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz

Take a walking tour of Linz's charming baroque old town or visit Salzburg where you'll discover the imposing Hohensalzburg fortress, the wonderful Hellbrunn Palace and the gardens of the Mirabell Palace. The ship will offer a packed lunch* for the Salzburg excursion. This evening we cruise towards Vienna. (B,L*,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Linz or Salzburg



Your luxurious ships:

- MS William Wordsworth – see page 135
- MS Thomas Hardy – see page 135
- MS Riviera Radiance – see page 134

DAY 6 – Vienna

Vienna provokes images of elegance, fine music and Baroque architecture. Perhaps the most iconic monument is Saint Stephen's Cathedral which dominates the city skyline. There's also the colossal Hofburg, home to the Spanish Riding School and the Vienna Boys' Choir. This morning we enjoy a guided tour and this afternoon you're free to explore. Tonight the Captain hosts dinner in the ships restaurant. No visit to Vienna is complete without a musical experience and this evening we've arranged a classical recital on board. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienna & live classical recital

DAY 7 – Budapest

Cruise through the Hungarian landscape towards Budapest and after lunch enjoy a sightseeing tour of this captivating city. The Ottomans ruled for 150 years, leaving their legacy in the many thermal baths and then Budapest came under the imperial rule of the Habsburg Empire. Castle Hill is Budapest in microcosm: with its churches, museums,



Deluxe Cabin

atmospheric streets and dramatic views to the Parliament Building. You'll also have plenty of free time to immerse yourself in the culture and history. This evening's dinner closes with a Hungarian folklore show. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Budapest & Hungarian folklore show

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Salzburg is the birthplace of Mozart, born back in 1756



Melk Abbey

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Personalise your holiday

Day 6: Visit the Spanish Riding School in Vienna from €18pp

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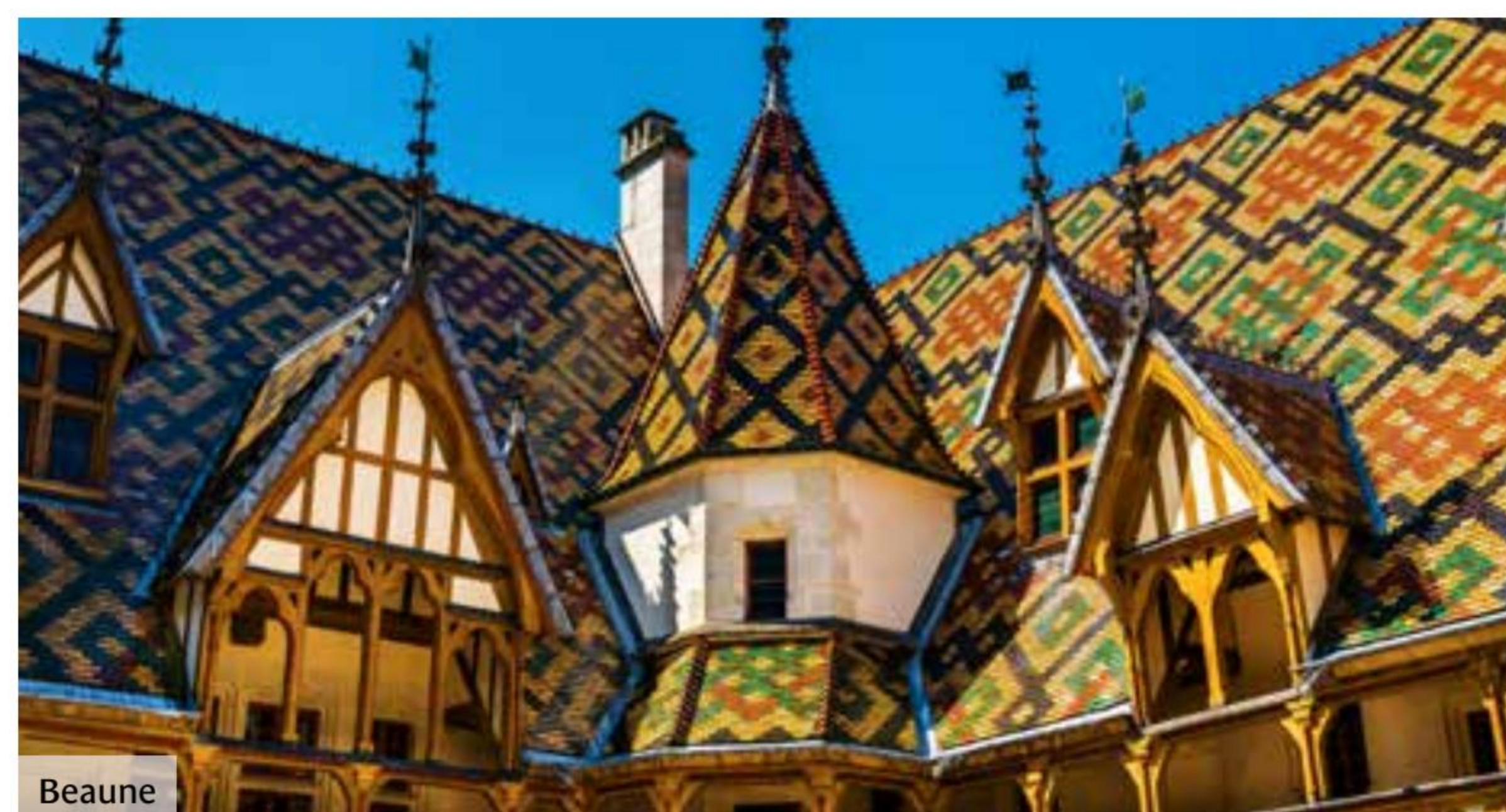


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Burgundy, the River Rhône & Provence

Enjoy the many splendours of the scenic wine regions in the south of France. From lush terraced vineyards and sun-baked hills, to dramatic rugged gorges, pretty villages and medieval towns, with their delightful streets, charming architecture and atmospheric wine cellars.



Beaune



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lyon

Fly to Lyon, Marseille or Montpellier, or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras via Lille and the TGV to Lyon. We transfer to Lyon. (D)

DAY 2 – Lyon

After breakfast, we enjoy a guided tour of Lyon, France’s gastronomic capital and a UNESCO site at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône. During lunch, the ship slips its moorings and we cruise upstream towards Beaujolais. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Lyon

DAY 3 – Chalon & Beaune

This morning we’re berthed in Chalon, gateway to Burgundy. On this morning’s tour, we see some of the pretty villages that produce some of the world’s most sublime wines: Meursault, Volnay and more. Enjoy a tour of medieval Beaune, Burgundy’s wine capital, and a visit to the cellars of a leading traditional winemaker for a tasting. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Tour of Beaune with wine tasting

DAY 4 – Vienne & Tain l’Hermitage

After cruising overnight, we arrive in Vienne for a guided tour, exploring its highlights. A train takes us up Mont Pipet for stunning views of the Rhône. Later, we sail through picturesque sections of the river to Tain l’Hermitage, famous for its wines. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienne & visit to Tain l’Hermitage

DAY 5 – Ardèche Gorges

This morning, we cruise downstream, enjoying glimpses of the Alps. As we approach Valence in the south of France, the landscape shifts to warm colours. After lunch, we explore the dramatic Ardèche Gorges, a



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Thomas Hardy – see page 135
- MS Lord Byron – see page 137

reminder of Mother Nature’s awesome power. Later we pass through the famous lock at Bollène. After dinner, there’s a ballroom dance performance and the chance to learn the French madison line dance! (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of the Ardeche Gorges and live ballroom dance performance

DAY 6 – Arles & Pont du Gard

Awake in Arles, a UNESCO site with rich Roman history. Explore its amphitheatre, Alyscamps necropolis and more on our guided tour. After lunch, we visit the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a 2,000-year-old marvel. We continue cruising the Rhône, passing Tarascon’s 15th-century castle, then enjoy the sumptuous Chef’s Dinner. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Arles and visit to the Pont du Gard



MS Lord Byron Cabin

DAY 7 – Avignon

During our guided tour of Avignon today, we discover its stunning monuments, including the Popes’ Palace, the largest Gothic palace. The afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps visit the Petit Palais or stroll the famous Pont d’Avignon. After dinner, enjoy a relaxing piano recital on board. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Avignon and on-board piano performance

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight or to Avignon for your rail journey home. (B)

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

All flights and transfers are included

Please note: On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See our website for details.



Lyon



Arles

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The Seine, Paris & Normandy

Catch the remarkable sights that line the majestic Seine and reflect on the many historical events that shaped the world today, with visits to iconic Paris, the incredibly preserved Bayeux Tapestry and Gold Beach, along the picturesque and captivating Normandy coastline.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris

Take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Paris or fly to Paris and transfer to your cruise ship moored on the River Seine in the heart of the city. Overnight sailing. (D)

DAY 2 – Les Andelys

We glide through typical landscape of the Seine and onto the cider orchards and ancient wooden farmhouses of Normandy. This afternoon we berth at Les Andelys and discover the story behind the remarkable Château Gaillard whilst taking in the stupendous views. Evening sailing to Rouen. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Les Andelys and Château Gaillard

DAY 3 – Rouen

We awake in Normandy’s capital, Rouen where pride of place belongs to the stunning cathedral. The Place du Vieux-Marché is a poignant spot and a large cross marks the point where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. In the late afternoon we moor in charming Caudebec-en-Caux. After dinner enjoy trio of singers, inspired by the popular stars of the 1940s, and the post-war jazz swing era. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rouen, visit to Caudebec-en-Caux & Jazz swing performance

DAY 4 – Bayeux* & Arromanches or Taste of Normandy Tour

Today you can choose to visit the historic town of Bayeux before continuing to Arromanches where we visit the museum dedicated to the ‘longest day’, and the British Normandy Memorial, from where you have best point of view to Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-Day. Alternatively, enjoy a taste of Normandy tour with visits to cider and cheese farms and taste lots of local produce. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Option 1: Visits to Bayeux & the D-Day Normandy Beaches. Option 2: Taste of Normandy tour



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Jane Austen – see page 137



MS Jane Austen

DAY 5 – Honfleur

We make the short journey to the delightful town of Honfleur. Its harbour, painted by Claude Monet many times, is beautifully preserved and surrounded by a perfect waterfront of pastel-coloured houses. Afternoon and evening cruising to Vernon. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Honfleur

DAY 6 – Giverny* & Vernon

We take the short drive to Giverny to visit Monet’s house and garden. In the Japanese-inspired water garden is the lily pond where he painted his extraordinary Water Lilies. There’s ample time to wander and after lunch you can explore Vernon’s quaint buildings before embarking on our cruise to Paris. This evening is the Chef’s Dinner, featuring specialities of the regions through which we have travelled. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Claude Monet’s house & Vernon

DAY 7 – Paris

Choose a sightseeing coach tour of Paris, seeing Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower and more or a 4km walking tour of Île de la Cité & Marais Quarter. After lunch you are free to explore the city as you wish. Tonight, after dinner

there’s the chance to enjoy more famous French melodies and songs performed by a professional accordionist. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Paris. Morning option 2: Guided walking tour of Île de la Cité & Marais Quarter. Plus accordionist performance on board.

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner
*Day 4 Please note: From 01/09/2025 the tapestry museum in Bayeux will be closed. After this date, you will visit the Longues sur Mer battery instead.
*Day 6 Please note: Monet’s Garden is open from approx April to October. Any out-of-season dates will be replaced with a visit to Châteaude Bizy.



Old Mill, Vernon

PRICING & DEPARTURES 2025/2026				
DECK	LOWER from	MIDDLE from	UPPER from	
DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2025 from	£2,649	£3,249	£3,499	£3,999
2026 from	£2,499	£3,099	£3,349	£3,849
Prices are per person. For all availability and timings, call or visit our website.				

- Personalise your holiday
- Day 2: Visit to local Cider farm with tasting from £69pp
 - Day 7: Montmartre/ Sacré-Coeur guided tour from £71pp
 - Day 7: Bateaux Parisien sightseeing cruise £15pp
 - Day 7: Visit to Montparnasse tower from €22pp

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8 days from £2,649PP

2025												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2026												

The Douro, Porto & Salamanca

Explore what is possibly Europe's most undiscovered river through the stunning landscape of the Douro Valley, dotted with charming villages, age-old traditions and wonderful wines. Immerse yourself in the local culture with a traditional flamenco performance and dinner at an authentic 'quinta'.



Castelo Rodrigo

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Porto

Fly to Porto and transfer to your cruise ship.
(D)

DAY 2 – Pinhão

Morning cruising toward Pinhão. We visit a historic quinta to learn all about the stages of wine production and taste the produce with a delicious dinner.(B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to a quinta with a wine-tasting

DAY 3 – Castelo Rodrigo

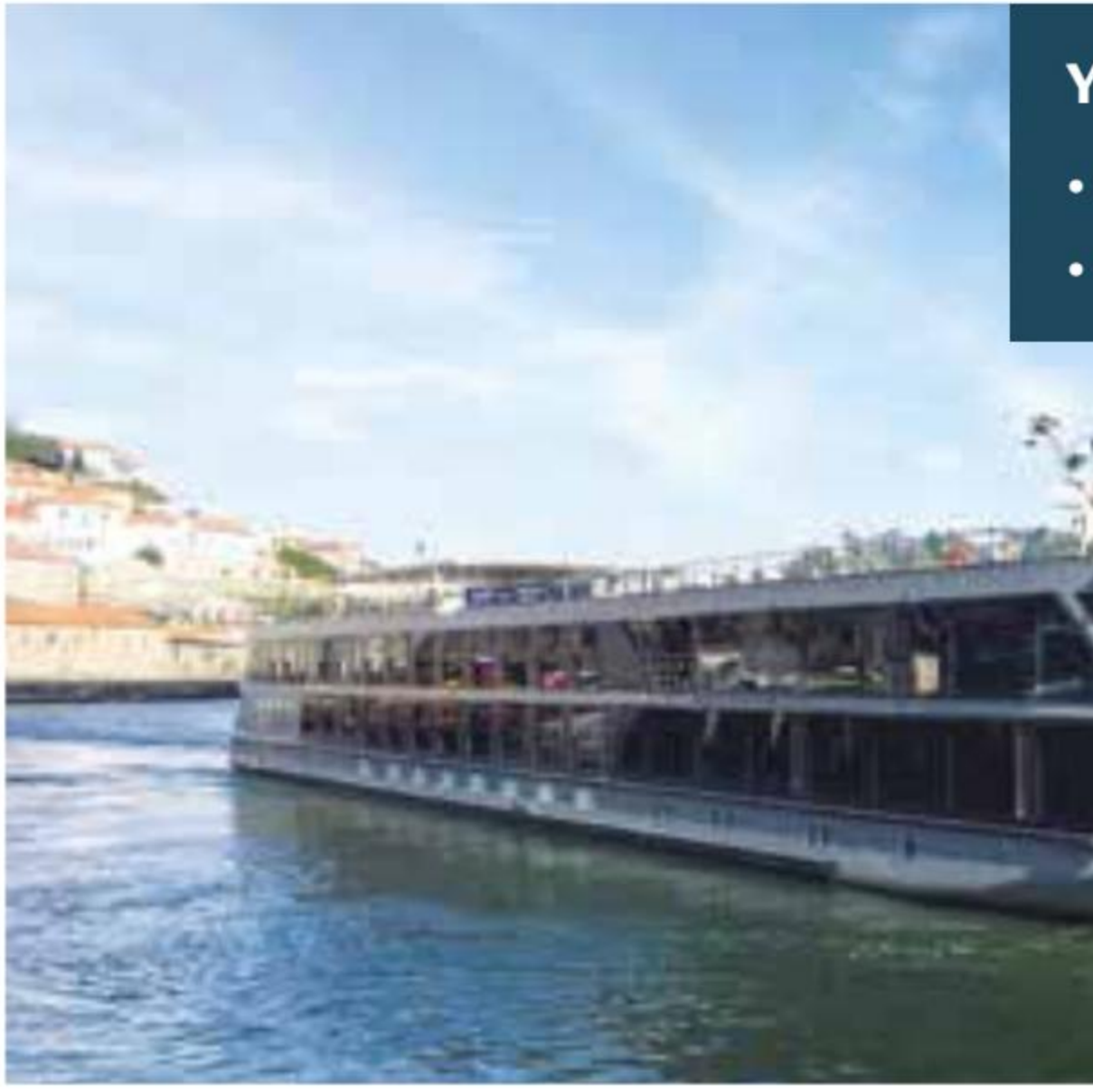
We enjoy a leisurely morning on board as we cruise to Pocinho, from where we drive to Castelo Rodrigo, a delightful village tucked away in the highlands bordering Spain. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Castelo Rodrigo

DAY 4 – Salamanca

Today we visit historic Salamanca, one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this journey. Founded by the Romans, who erected its 389-yard-long bridge, Salamanca is mostly built from local sandstone that emanates a gorgeous rose-coloured glow in the sunlight and is dominated by its two cathedrals and its university. We enjoy a guided tour of the city seeing the main sights. Over a lunch of local delicacies you enjoy a traditional flamenco show, then you are free to explore Salamanca as you wish. You may choose to linger, admiring the ornate interiors of its cathedrals – the more recent dates from the 16th-century – or explore its tiny streets, medieval squares, traditional shops, gardens and marketplaces. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Salamanca with lunch and flamenco show



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Douro Elegance – see page 141
- MS Douro Splendour – see page 141



Balcony Suite

DAY 5 – Mateus Palace & Gardens

Morning cruise to Peso da Régua for a visit to the grounds of the splendid Mateus Palace and gardens after lunch, including palace entrance. This evening we drive to the Quinta da Pacheca. You have time to wander through this beautiful estate before enjoying dinner along with a selection of the quinta’s wine. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to Mateus Palace & Gardens and dinner at a typical quinta

DAY 6 – Lamego

A morning drive to Lamego where we discover the ancient Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies church, its stairways adorned with characteristic ceramic tiles. Later relax on board as we glide towards Cais da Lixa. This evening the Chef’s Dinner is followed by a performance of traditional Portuguese folk music. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visit to Lamego & traditional Portuguese folk music show

DAY 7 – Porto

Our ship makes a graceful arrival in Porto. We visit a port producer and sample various port styles and this afternoon we enjoy a guided city tour. You’ll experience the tangled lanes of the old town, soaking up the atmosphere whilst stopping to admire the charming architecture. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Porto & wine-tasting

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner*



Lamego



Salamanca

Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies in Lamego is an iconic pilgrimage site. It’s perched atop 686 steps and offers stunning views

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2026 from	£2,649	£3,449	£3,699	£4,299
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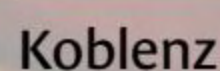




2025 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

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Discover the magical ambience of Germany's traditional Christmas markets, with their host of unique, inspired gift ideas. Sample a glass of warming Glühwein and immerse yourself in the wintry splendour of the stunning Rhineland for a truly enchanting December to remember.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International and transfer to your cruise ship moored in the heart of Cologne. (D)

DAY 2 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim

Our first morning of sailing takes us through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing steep vineyards and ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. After lunch we moor in Rüdesheim for a guided tour. This classic Rhine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides is the perfect chocolate box setting for a Christmas market. As you wander the tempting stalls stop for a slice of gingerbread and don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas shop: it's a treasure trove of all things seasonal. This evening delight in the upbeat sounds of Rhenish folk music and dance with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rüdesheim, visit to the Christmas market & live folk music show

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Koblenz

This morning we glide back through the spectacular Rhine Gorge, making our way to Koblenz. This historic city, dramatically located at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Moselle is a romantic's dream. Forest-covered hillsides dominate the skyline, whilst the lower slopes are strewn with the pretty, half-timbered buildings. We enjoy a guided tour, discovering ancient squares, beautifully restored historic houses and quaint hidden passageways. Located in the atmospheric old town, Koblenz's Christmas market is one of the largest in the Rhineland. As you browse its enticing stalls, the aroma of hot chestnuts and



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- MS George Eliot
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- MS Oscar Wilde
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- MS Emily Brontë
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- MS Riviera Resplendence
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mouth-watering sausages fills the air. Later return to the ship for tonight's superb Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Koblenz and visit to the Christmas market

DAY 4 – Bonn & Cologne

Former capital of West Germany and birthplace of Beethoven, Bonn is a historic and fascinating city and this morning we take a tour of the main sights of the charming old town. With time to wander the seasonal market where the town hall's windows are transformed into a giant Advent calendar and an imposing Christmas tree takes centre stage. Back on board, we make our return to Cologne. Christmas creates a special atmosphere here and you have free time to immerse yourself in the city's seven Yuletide markets, each with its own unique theme. Discover more than 160 tastefully decorated festive stalls at the Cathedral Christmas market where you can also admire the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland, illuminated



with 50,000 LED lights. No visit would be complete without sampling a glass of warming Glühwein. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bonn and visit to the Christmas market & visit to Cologne and its Christmas markets

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



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2026 from	£1,849	£2,149	£2,349	£2,849
Prices are per person. For all availability and timings, call or visit our website.				

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6 days from £1,699PP

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The Danube's Imperial Cities & Yuletide Markets

Experience the grand imperial cities nestled along the iconic Danube and their festive seasonal markets at a truly enchanting time of year. Relax on board and enjoy the stunning river views, stepping out in your winter best to wander the twinkling streets and soak up the Christmas spirit.



Vienna

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. We are moored overnight so you may fancy a wander ashore to start exploring. (D)

DAY 2 – Budapest

Budapest is always atmospheric and fascinating but at this time of the year, it is particularly captivating. This morning we enjoy a guided tour including the iconic Parliament Building and ancient Castle District. There will also be free time to wander the atmospheric Yuletide markets. This afternoon we navigate the Danube Bend on our journey towards Bratislava. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Budapest and visit to the Christmas markets

DAY 3 – Bratislava

The Slovakian capital of Bratislava has recently rekindled its past in the restored old town, and the impressive 17th century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. This morning we will discover the main sights and visit churches to view their traditional Christmas cribs. You are then free to wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations until you reach the main square and the market with its cosy atmosphere. You may choose to join our optional excursion to Slovensky Grob, a typical village situated in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. This evening we cruise towards Vienna. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Bratislava and visit to the Christmas markets

DAY 4 – Vienna

There are few places that can so delightfully evoke the spirit of Christmas than Vienna. This morning we enjoy a guided tour taking in the main sights, including St Stephens



Your luxurious ships:

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- MS Emily Brontë – see page 135
- MS Riviera Radiance – see page 134
- MS Geoffrey Chaucer – see page 135



MS Emily Brontë Balcony Suite

Cathedral and the impressive Hofburg complex. There has been a Christmas market in Vienna since the Middle Ages and today there are more than 20 markets held over the festive period. Vienna’s City Hall provides a splendid backdrop for one of the most popular, its windows a giant advent calendar, reflecting the myriad of lights glistening in the trees below. After lunch there’s plenty of time to explore more of the markets. This evening we enjoy the superb Chef’s Dinner whilst we sail towards Budapest. Later sit back to enjoy a superb classical performance on board, performed by a professional string quartet. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienna, visit to the Christmas markets & classical string quartet recital

DAY 5 – Budapest

We cruise through the Hungarian landscape on our return journey to Budapest. This afternoon you are at leisure so perhaps wander to the Vorosmarty Square in the very

heart of Pest, where the rustic wooden stalls groan under the weight of their treasure troves of Christmas gifts and the scent of traditional honey cookies and mulled wine pervades the air. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Budapest’s Christmas markets

DAY 6 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner*



Bratislava



Personalise your holiday

Day 3: Devin Castle with Wine Tasting from £71pp (Offered in the afternoon during free time. 3 hours duration. Minimum numbers apply. Pre bookable 2 weeks prior to departure)

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2026 from	£2,149	£2,599	£2,799	£3,649

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MS Geoffrey Chaucer



Our ships

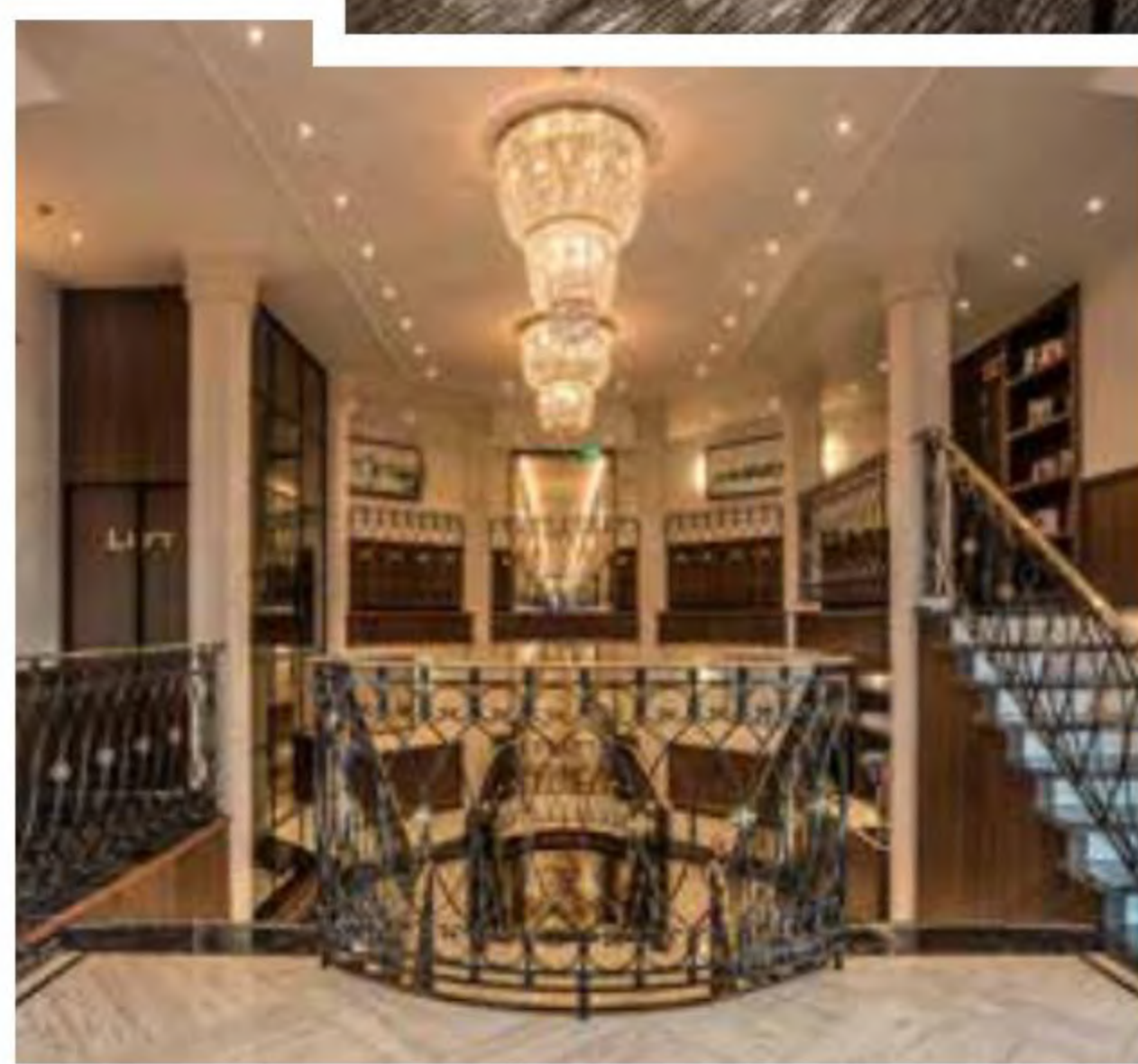
Holidays are not the time to compromise. You can expect the best on our ships. Spacious cabins and suites and everything you would want from a high-end boutique hotel – drink on the sundeck, enjoying panoramic views and fine cuisine anyone? Throw in first-class service and you've got yourself a deal..

Our Scylla ships

Riviera has been working with Switzerland-based company Scylla since 2010. Their fleet is amongst the most state-of-the-art cruising on Europe's waters and includes eight ships designed and built to our specifications. In the same family for 50 years, their motto 'Quality, Our Passion' is evident from the moment you step on board.



Choose an upper deck deluxe suite, complete with balcony, for an extra special holiday.



You won't believe how opulent our ships are. Prepare to be impressed!



Book a table in our smaller restaurant for a more intimate dining experience, featuring a delicious menu.



Restaurant, MS William Wordsworth



Life on board

With Riviera Travel you will be staying in a floating, luxury boutique hotel. Our fleet of five-star ships are truly world class. Primarily Swiss-operated, they are rated as some of the finest river cruise ships to grace Europe's waterways.

World-class ships

You'll hear us compare our ships to luxury boutique hotels quite a lot, but that's because it's true! Many of our vessels feature a pool, library, sauna and steam room, fitness suite, or hair salon and treatment room, just as you'd expect from a five-star hotel. You can relax in your spacious cabin or unwind on deck as you glide between towns, past rolling vineyards and fairy-tale castles – wake up to a different view every morning. What better way is there to discover Europe?

World-class crew

The crew look after you as if you were family. Once they're done checking every tiny detail, they'll be there to welcome you on board, and to help throughout. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed that personal touch. Working closely with the Riviera Cruise Director, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.

World-class facilities

Fully air-conditioned decks, all easily accessed via lift or stairs, offer different vantage points of the scenery. Take in views from a panoramic observation lounge and bar, or seek out a quiet spot on deck and enjoy life on the river from a sun lounger. Please refer to the ship information pages.



Exclusive cruises

All our European river cruises are exclusive to guests of Riviera Travel and we personally select every aspect of the cruise itinerary. We want to ensure that you enjoy the outstanding service we are renowned for.

Luxury with a view

Our river cruise ships are luxury. Suites and cabins are spacious (amongst the largest on any river cruise ship) and will make you feel like a VIP. Over 80% of cabins feature a French or full balcony and extra special touches ensure your floating hotel feels more like a boutique hotel.

Indulge, you're on holiday after all

You can feel the luxury the second you step on board the ship. Your beautifully designed room beckons with a comfortable hotel-style bed – set up as a double or twin – and cotton linen. Pop into your en-suite to find a walk-in shower, complimentary toiletries, and fluffy towels and slippers.

You're in charge of the thermostat, as all cabins have adjustable air conditioning or heating, plus a small desk, hairdryer, telephone, flatscreen TV with satellite channels and complimentary Wi-Fi, in case you need to catch up with home during your downtime. You'll also find ample wardrobe space including a safe for your valuables. To top it off, we've made it even homier with tea and coffee-making facilities (you'll spot some thoughtfully chosen British brands too!).

All cabins come with a complimentary set of maps with a handy city guide, to ensure you get the very most out of every visit.

Suite treats! Your choice of suites and cabins

You can choose from a range of spacious, elegantly decorated standard or superior suites and cabins, all with a river view window, or – for a step up in luxury – opt for a deluxe suite. With floor-to-ceiling doors that open up to a French balcony or private balcony, you can look forward to watching the ever-changing landscape idling by.

For an unrivalled level of luxury, our largest suite measures a generous 32 square metres (344 square feet) – now that's how to cruise like a VIP!



Standard suite, MS Geoffrey Chaucer





Elevate your experience with *Riviera Plus*

Enhance your experience on board with a host of upgraded inclusions and extra special touches when you book any upper deck cabin, deluxe or superior suite.

- For that extra touch of indulgence your bathroom will be stocked with luxury toiletries (we won't judge if you pop them in your case to take home!)
- A bottle of champagne awaits you when you arrive – as every great adventure should start with a pop!
- Locally inspired gifts for you to take home as a memento of your trip
- Enjoy a massage, spa treatment or hairdresser with a 10% discount
- Receive 10% off our convenient on-board laundry services

Deluxe balcony suite, MS Thomas Hardy

Fine culinary experiences

Fine dining experiences await on board your next river cruise. From buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches and four course dinners.



Local Flavours

Across our fleet, your chef will prepare a range of dishes every evening, inspired by the regions that you cruise through. Whether it's a traditional Hungarian soup flavoured with smoky paprika, a French cassoulet or indulgent Dutch dessert.

Additionally, our expert sommeliers have carefully selected a choice of wines which showcase popular and lesser known grape varieties. Some wines will have been produced from vineyards just a few yards away from the restaurant.

Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu every evening.

First-class flexible dining

Start your day with a bountiful breakfast buffet in our main restaurant, featuring over 60 delicious options. You can also have your eggs made to order – scrambled, poached or fried – it's your choice. At lunch choose your main course, including a chance to try some local dishes, of course. Crispy salads from the buffet or hard-to-resist dishes at the pasta station are also on offer. And at the end of the day, sit down to a four-course à la carte dinner featuring the dishes you know and some soon-to-be favourites. You'll be begging our chefs for the recipe.

Vegetarian, vegan and many other special dietary requests are catered for by our experienced team of chefs.

Typical dinner menu

Poached egg on crisp frisée, Comté cheese, roasted walnuts and balsamic dressing

Marinated king prawns with Asian style noodles, curry sauce and root vegetables

Smoked halibut carpaccio, celery, leek & lemon salad

Consommé niçoise – vegetable broth, aubergine, courgette, bell pepper, pasta and pesto

Beef tea royale – beef essence, root vegetables and Chester stick

Rosemary honey glazed duck breast, potato dauphinoise, apple red cabbage, star anise gravy

Pan fried fillet of sea bream, lemon butter sauce, orange fennel, risotto

Fried white asparagus, potato pearls, cress, sesame, strawberries, vegan lemon hollandaise sauce

Crème Brûlée Classique – vanilla crème brûlée and mint

Gratinated ice cream, warm cherries and pralines

Chocolate cheesecake with marinated berries

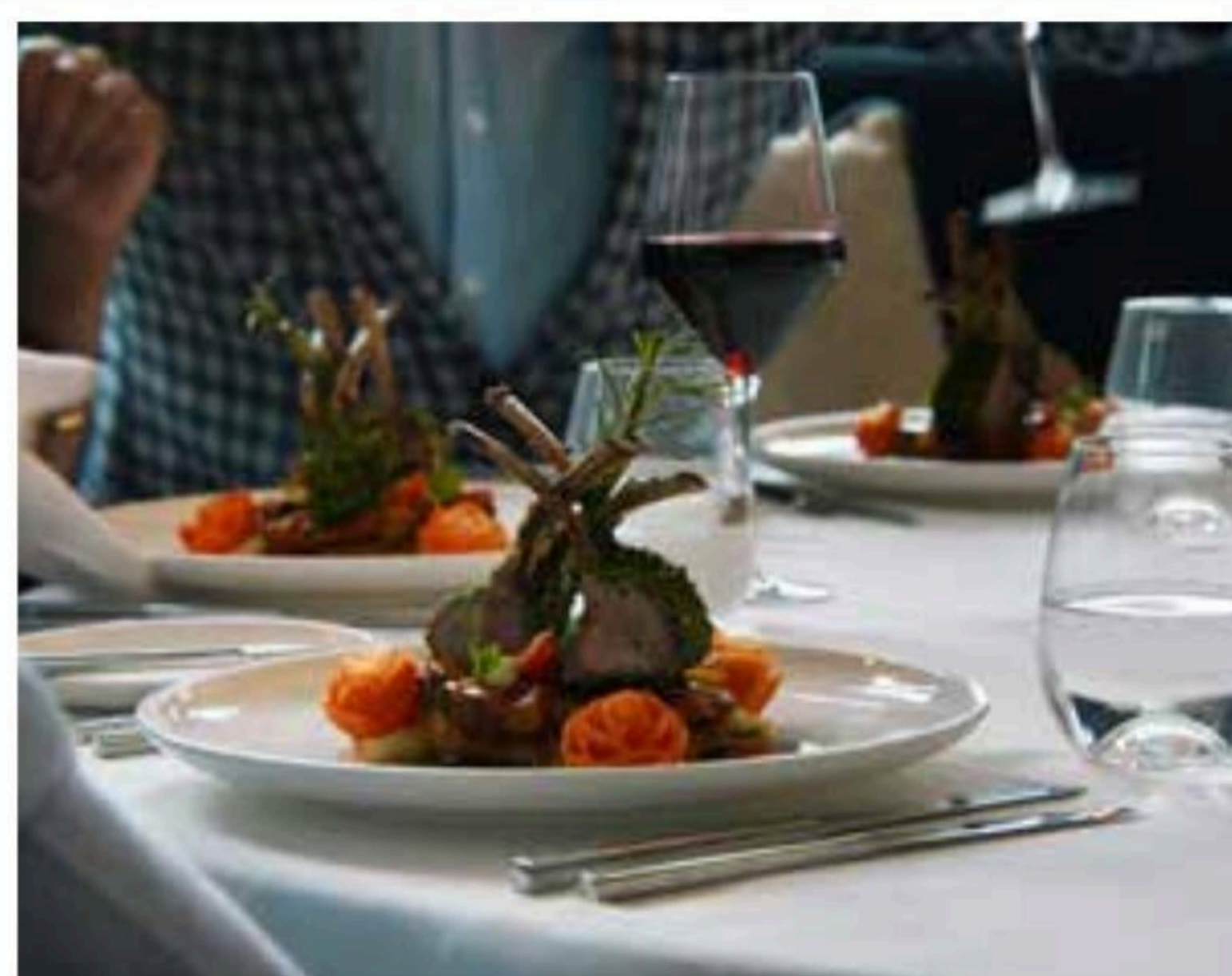
Coffee or tea

Local Flavours

Tartare of Dutch herring, pumpernickel bread, onion, sour cream and pickles

'Nederlandse Schol' – Pan fried fillet of plaice, sautéed dill cucumbers, buttered potatoes, Dutch North Sea shrimps, bacon and lemon butter sauce

'Haagse Bluff' – forest berries, biscuit, egg white



Alternative dining in La Brasserie, Riverview Kitchen and our Mosaic and Rio Restaurants

In addition to the ship's main restaurant, our ships offer alternative dining experiences, still all included in the price.

La Brasserie, on board the Jane Austen & Lord Byron is where you can enjoy an informal light dinner. A tasteful experience, notably charcuterie and local cheese platters and freshly baked breads, paired with French wines. Located at the stern of the ship and featuring full length windows offering a beautiful river view experience.

Riverview kitchen, on our Rhine and Danube cruises, as well as Thomas Hardy on the Rhone and located at the stern, is available for lunch and dinner. It offers a more intimate dining experience with an open kitchen, large panoramic windows and al fresco seating so you can admire the fantastic views. Here in the evenings, you can enjoy a more informal experience that takes its inspiration from a traditional Grill restaurant.

Mosaic restaurant, on board the Radiance and Resplendence, offers a unique food and wine pairing menu. Each course has a number of elements, inspired by the rivers of Europe. You can choose from our Market Menu, showcasing the best meat and fish dishes, or our Garden Menu that puts the spotlight on fabulous fruits, vegetables and more.

Rio Restaurant aboard the Riviera Rose offers a relaxed setting and a taste of Portugal.



Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant, Riverview Kitchen and Mosaic restaurant
- Spa and wellness area, plus fitness centre
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Riviera Radiance & MS Riviera Resplendence

With more space than ever before, the brand-new MS Riviera Radiance and Riviera Resplendence are brilliantly designed by our Swiss partners, Scylla for the perfect balance of contemporary and cosy.

Home to our largest ever suites – the Grand Suites, MS Riviera Radiance and MS Riviera Resplendence provide an even more airy experience. With three restaurants to choose from for dinner, a well-furnished bar and lounge and an inviting sun deck, there are plenty of places to relax between stops along one of Europe's most beautiful waterways. All cabins and suites feature air

conditioning, hairdryer, safe, flat screen TV, minibar, telephone and tea and coffee-making facilities.

Diamond Deck Grand Balcony Suites are an impressive 32sqm, featuring a balcony with outdoor seating and floor-to-ceiling glass doors as well as separate bedroom and lounge areas.

Diamond & Ruby Deck Superior Suites are 24sqm, featuring a floor-to-ceiling, glass French balcony and separate indoor seating.

Diamond & Ruby Deck Double Cabins are 16sqm, featuring a floor-to-ceiling, glass French balcony as well as a table and chair.

Emerald Deck Double Cabins are 16sqm featuring a smaller fixed window and a table and chair.



Grand Suite

Atrium



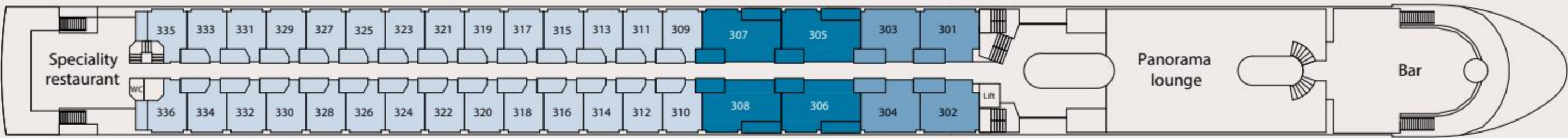
Superior Suite



Double Cabin

Length 135m | Crew 44 | Guests 178 | Decks 4 | Cabins/Suites 89 | Launched 2025

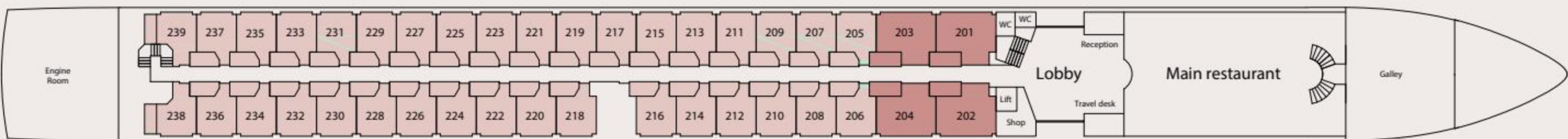
DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



DIAMOND DECK

- Grand Suite 32sq.m/344sq.ft
- Superior Suite 24sq.m/258sq.ft
- Double Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

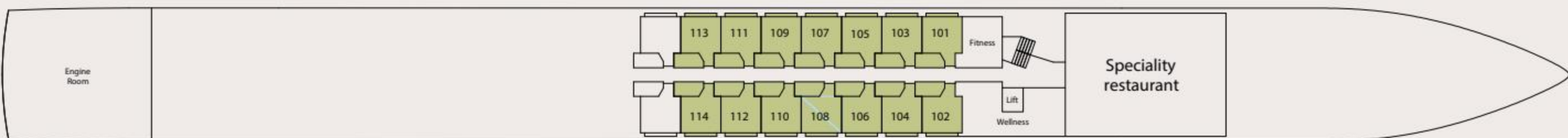
RUBY DECK (middle deck)



RUBY DECK

- Superior Suite 24sq.m/258sq.ft
- Double Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

EMERALD DECK (lower deck)



EMERALD DECK

- Double Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft



ALL-SUITE SHIPS

Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant and the informal Riverview Kitchen
- Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser, plus fitness centre
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde & MS William Wordsworth

With imaginatively furnished suites amongst the largest and most comfortable you will find on any European river cruiser, our all-suite 'boutique style' ships are truly world-class.

All magnificent suites enjoy a river view and seating area with two chairs and a table. Hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a powerful shower and complimentary Nuxe or Damana cosmetics. All suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.



Standard Ruby Deck Suite

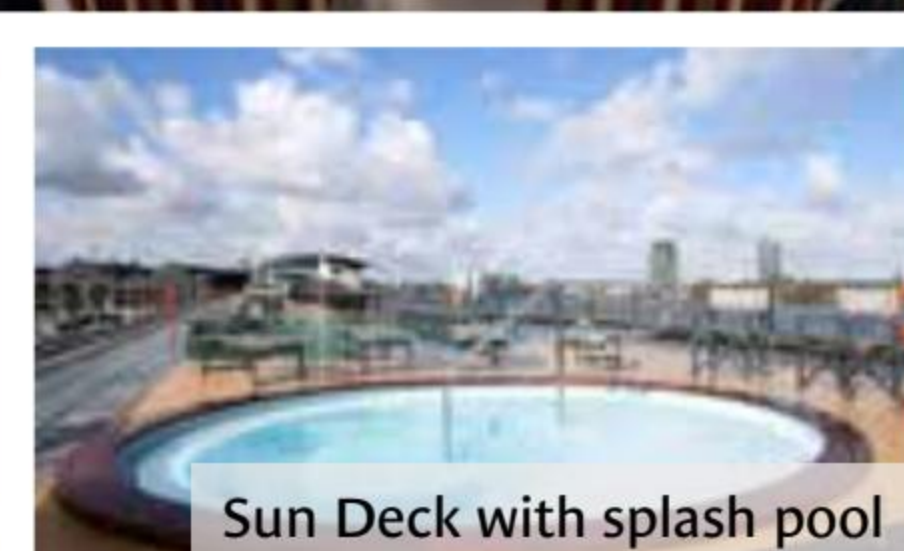
Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck feature floor-to-ceiling glass doors which open out on to a private balcony. These suites are completed with a table and two chairs.

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks feature a French balcony and panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors.

Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Suites on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.

Restaurant



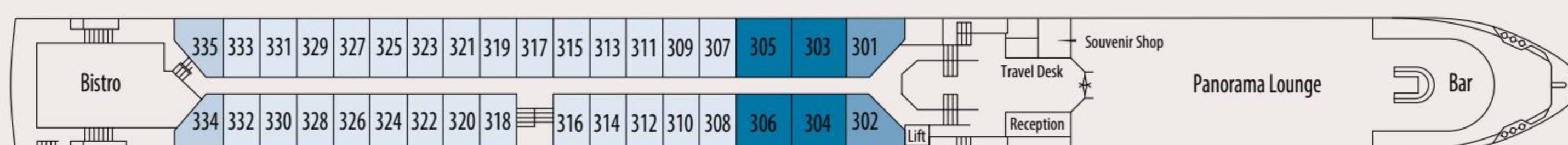
Sun Deck with splash pool



Deluxe Balcony Suite

Length 135m | Crew 44 | Guests 169 | Decks 4 | Cabins/Suites 88 | Launched 2017–2020

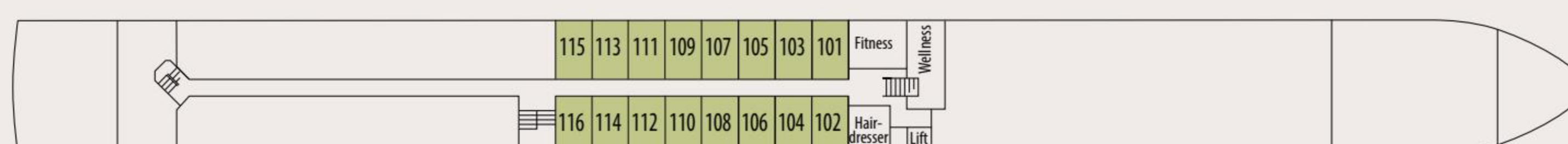
DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



RUBY DECK (middle deck)



EMERALD DECK (lower deck)



DIAMOND DECK

- Deluxe Balcony Suite 25sq.m/269sq.ft
- Superior Suite 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- Superior Stern Suite 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- Standard Suite 17sq.m/183sq.ft

RUBY DECK

- Superior Suite 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- Standard Suite 17sq.m/183sq.ft

EMERALD DECK

- Standard Suite 16sq.m/172sq.ft



Your ship's facilities

-  Panoramic observation lounge and bar
-  Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
-  Main restaurant and Riverview Kitchen
-  Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser
-  24hr self-service tea and coffee
-  Boutique gift shop
-  Free Wi-Fi
-  Lift between accommodation decks
-  Laundry service

MS George Eliot

Our suites and cabins provide some of the most luxurious and spacious accommodation you will find on any European river cruiser, with all the stylish facilities of a boutique hotel.

Stylish fittings and fabrics and a generous seating area with two chairs provide the perfect ambience. Hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a fully glazed shower and complimentary cosmetics. All cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.



Riverview Kitchen

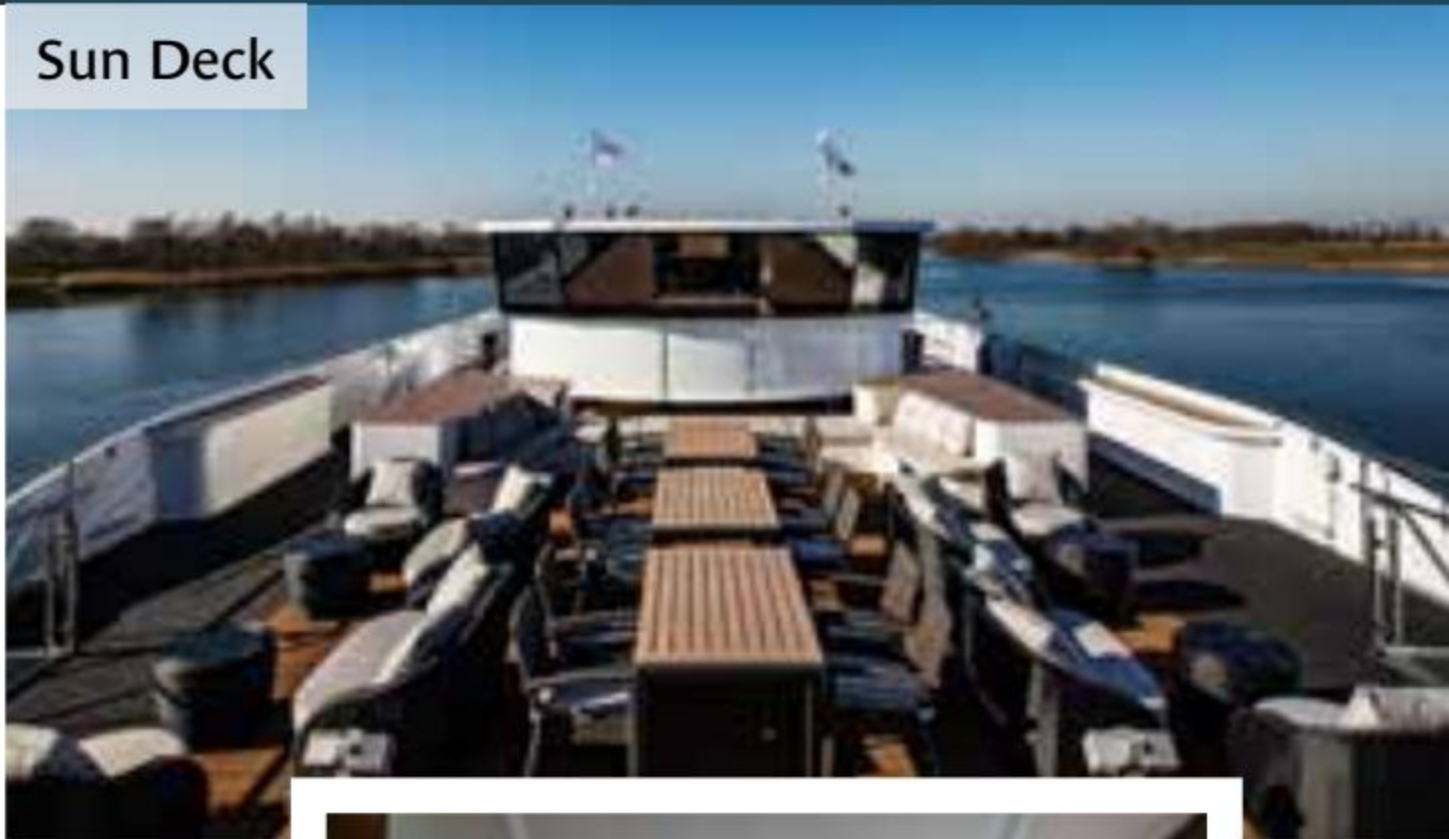
Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck have floor-to-ceiling windows plus sliding doors on to a balcony with a table.

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, have a larger living area, French balcony and floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. Superior Suites on Emerald Deck have a larger living area but smaller fixed windows.

Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Suites on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.

Sun Deck



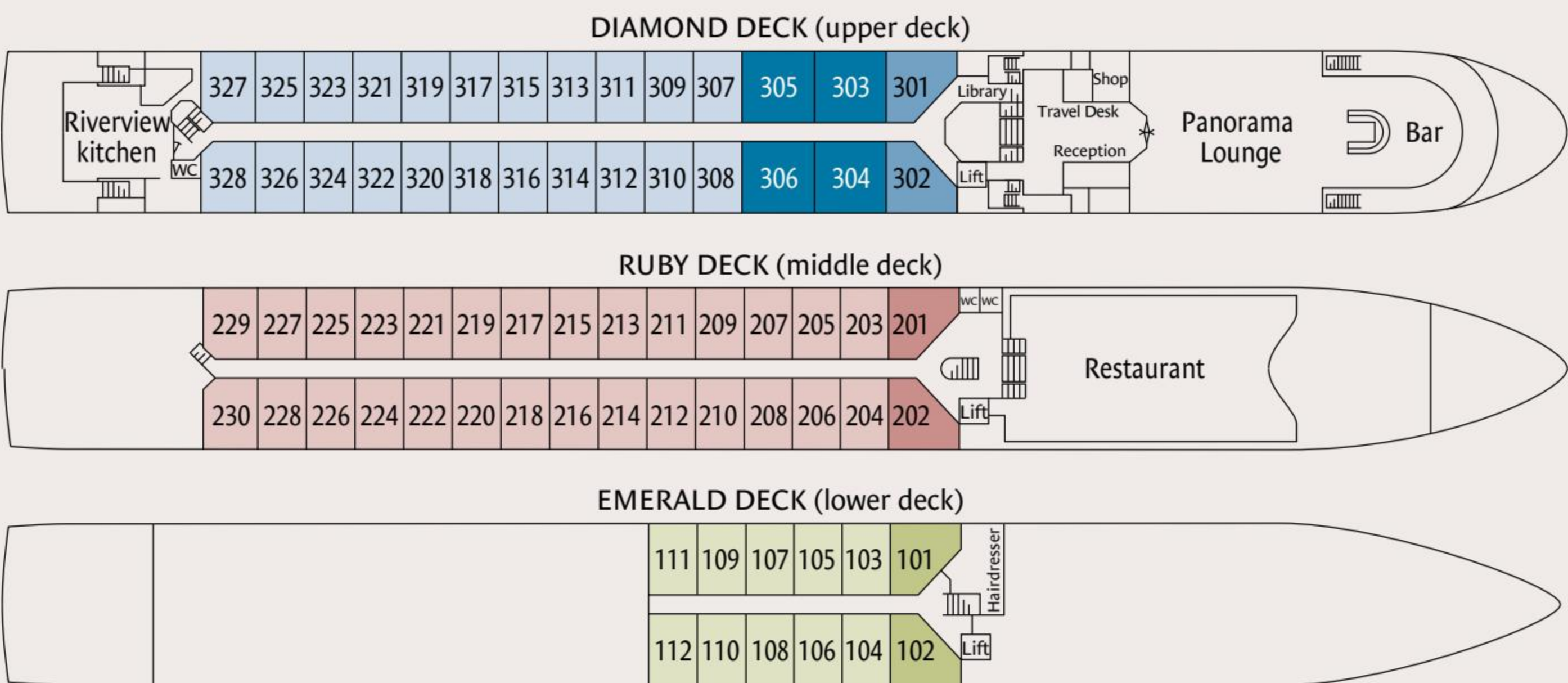
Superior Suite



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Length 110m | Crew 36 | Guests 132 | Decks 4 | Cabins/Suites 70 | Launched 2019



DIAMOND DECK

-  Deluxe Balcony Suite
23.5sq.m/253sq.ft
-  Superior Suite
18sq.m/194sq.ft
-  Standard Cabin
16sq.m/172sq.ft

RUBY DECK

-  Superior Suite
18sq.m/194sq.ft
-  Standard Cabin
16sq.m/172sq.ft

EMERALD DECK

-  Superior Suite
17sq.m/183sq.ft
-  Standard Cabin
15sq.m/161sq.ft



Your ship's facilities

-  Panoramic observation lounge and bar
-  Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
-  Main restaurant and La Brasserie
-  Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser
-  24hr self-service tea and coffee
-  Boutique gift shop
-  Free Wi-Fi
-  Lift between accommodation decks
-  Laundry service

MS Lord Byron & MS Jane Austen

Stylishly furnished and with the facilities you would expect from a luxury boutique hotel, the harmonious interiors put you in the most relaxed frame of mind from the very first minute.

Exquisite design and a generous seating area with two chairs makes your chic cabin a stylish home from home. Hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a fully glazed shower. All cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, flat screen TV, minibar, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.



Deluxe Suite – MS Lord Byron

Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck, are 50% larger than standard cabins, beautifully appointed and feature sliding floor-to-ceiling glass doors.

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer. The Superior suite on the Emerald Deck has smaller fixed windows.

Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Cabins on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.

Bistro – MS Lord Byron



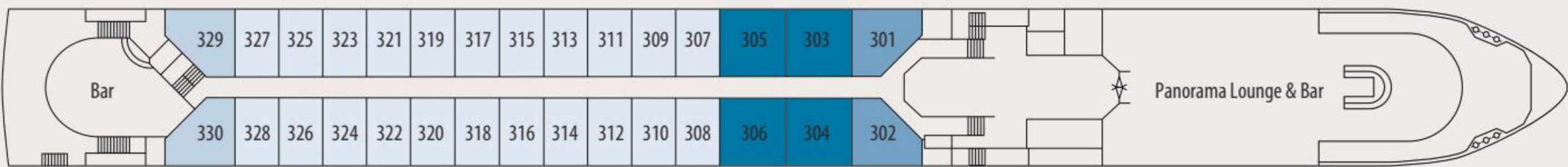
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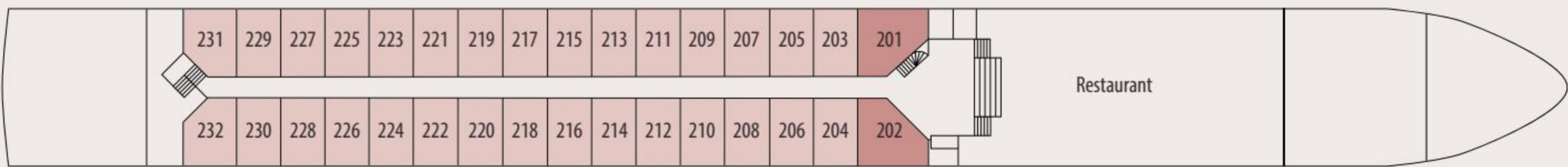
Restaurant

Length 110m | Crew 36 | Guests 140 | Decks 4 | Cabins/Suites 74 | Launched 2013 & 2015

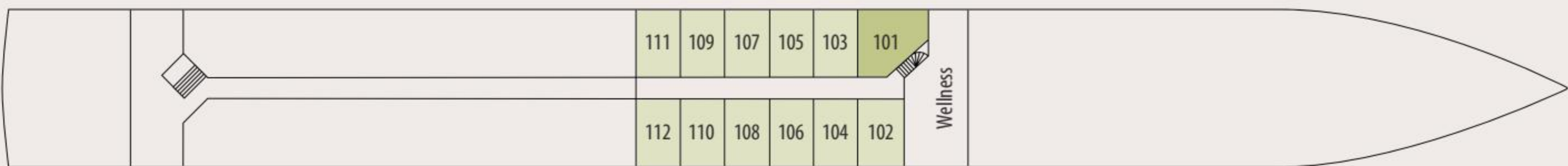
DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



RUBY DECK (middle deck)



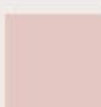
EMERALD DECK (lower deck)



DIAMOND DECK

-  Deluxe Suite
22.5sq.m/242sq.ft
-  Superior Suite
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
-  Superior Stern Suite
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
-  Standard Cabin
15sq.m/161sq.ft

RUBY DECK

-  Superior Suite
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
-  Standard Cabin
15sq.m/161sq.ft

EMERALD DECK

-  Superior Suite
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
-  Standard Cabin
15sq.m/161sq.ft

Our Douro Azul ships

The leading shipping company on the Douro, our partnership with Douro Azul started in 2015, with two ships built to Riviera's own specifications. Its Portuguese heritage shines through in the imaginative cuisine and the warm onboard crew.



Pinhão, Douro Valley

Life on board

Smaller ships

The river cruise ships on the Douro are smaller than the vessels that sail along the Rhine and Danube, enabling the Captain to navigate the locks of this beautiful river. All our ships feature the facilities that you would expect in a luxury boutique hotel – there is surely no better way to explore the stunning landscape and unique culture. Enjoy contemporary yet classically stylish décor with discreet lighting and highly polished marble floors.

Elegant cabins

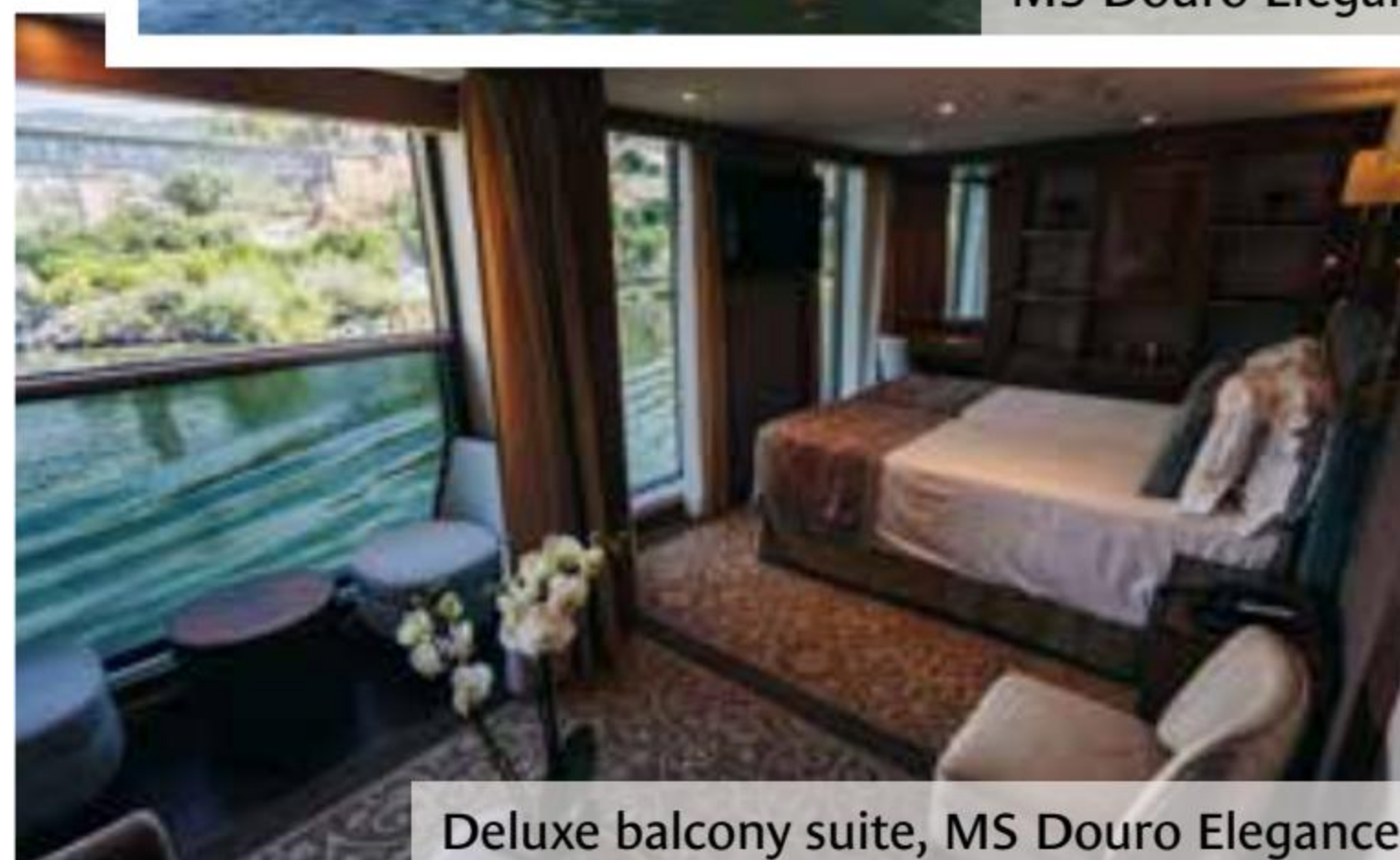
The well-appointed cabins and suites feature everything you need for the most relaxing stay.

Scenic daytime cruising

There will be no overnight sailings and on most days we will sail in the morning giving you the opportunity to relax, take in the stunning scenery and enjoy all the superb on-board facilities.



MS Douro Elegance



Deluxe balcony suite, MS Douro Elegance



Restaurant, MS Douro Splendour



Sundeck, MS Douro Splendour

Stunning restaurant

Experience authentic dining at the chic restaurant, serving delicious Portuguese, Mediterranean and International cuisine and enjoy wonderful vistas from the large panoramic windows. A glass of ruby red port in the beautifully appointed lounge bar is the perfect way to round off your evening.

World-class facilities

For indulgent pampering treat yourself to a spa treatment or, for something a little more energetic, why not take advantage of the facilities in the fitness room. On-board talks and lectures will also give you an insight into the Douro River and Portugal's fascinating history.

Spacious sun deck

Soak up the stunning 360 degree riverside views from the comfort of a sun lounger on the magnificent sun deck and when the temperature rises, cool down in the swimming pool, a rarity on a river cruiser.

Our friendly and welcoming Portuguese crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before an exclusively Portuguese crew welcomes you on board. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, to give that personal touch. Working closely with the Riviera Cruise Director the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive, discreet and friendly. Our knowledgeable on-board tour guides will also be on hand to guide all shore excursions.

Dining experiences

First-class dining

Enjoy traditional cuisine in the ship's restaurant. A magnificent buffet breakfast including healthy options and your choice of eggs made to order is the perfect start to the day. Lunch includes a buffet of freshly prepared salads and starters, hearty soups and a choice of fresh cooked pasta dishes, or typical local mains served to your table. A tempting dessert then awaits. Classic four course à la carte dinners will include a selection of regional and international specialities. Vegetarian, vegan and many other special dietary requests are catered for by our experienced team of chefs.



Restaurant, MS Douro Splendour

Typical dinner menu

Tuna tartare with red onion,
avocado and fresh chives

Stuffed vol-au-vent with mushroom and leek stew

Cream of tomato soup

Oxtail consommé soup

Sea bass fillet with 'Migas Alentejanas'
& sautéed vegetables

Pork cheek, sautéed potatoes with oregano
& vegetables with bacon

Thai fried rice

'Toucinho do céu'

Cheese platter and garnish

Sliced fruit

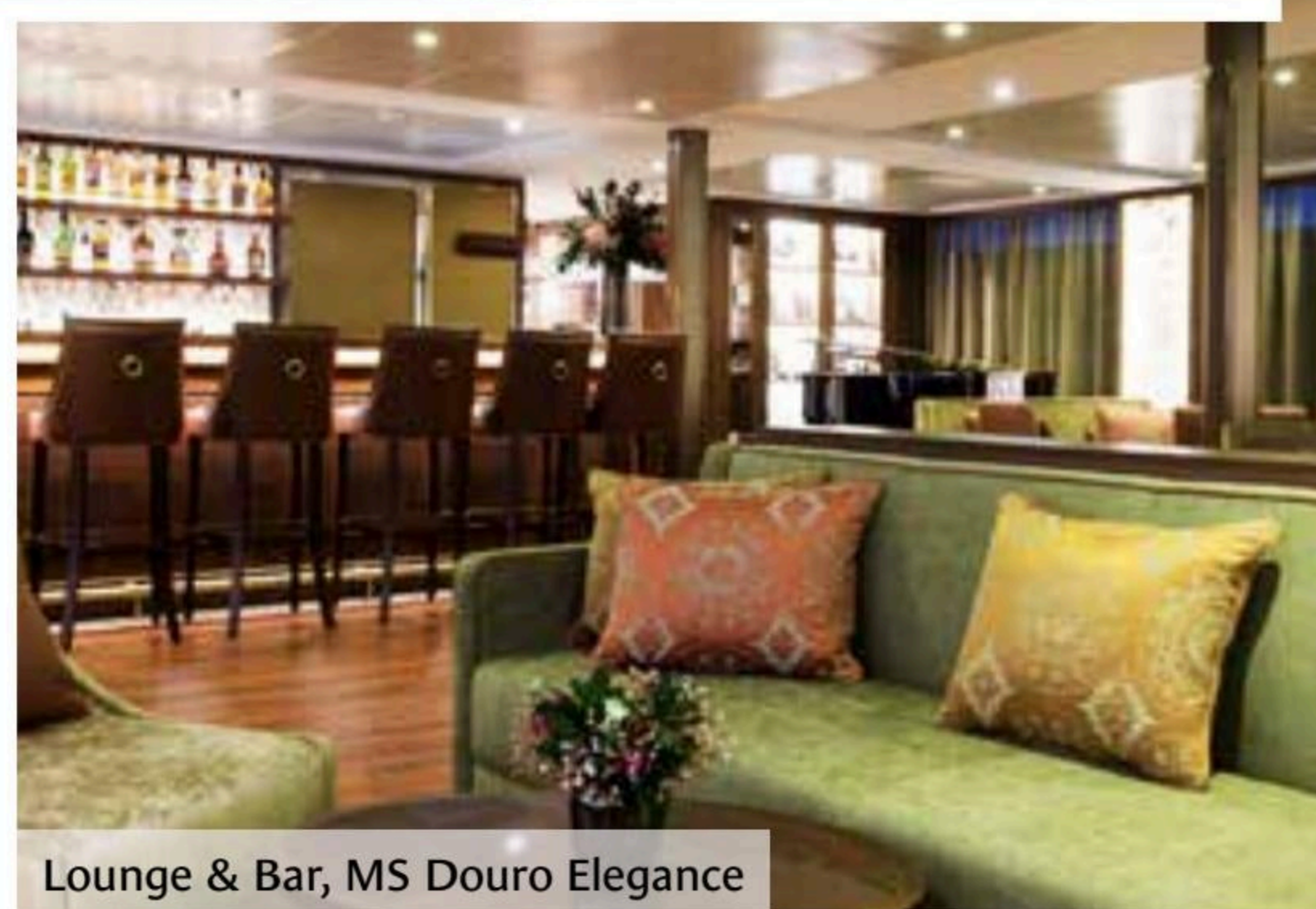
Coffee or tea

Local Flavours

Portuguese tapas and chorizos (sharing style)

Leek 'á Brás' style – leek, onion, garlic,
potatoes and eggs

'Drunken Pear' with ice cream



Lounge & Bar, MS Douro Elegance

On shore dining

Whilst we are moored in Régua you'll step ashore for a visit to a traditional quinta where you'll learn about local wine production before enjoying an excellent dinner. A selection of the quinta's own wines will accompany this dining experience.

Local Flavours

The chef will prepare a range of authentic Portuguese dishes also taking inspiration from the Douro region. Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu every evening. Additionally, our expert sommeliers have carefully selected a choice of Portuguese wines which showcase popular and lesser known grape varieties. Some wines will have been produced just a few yards from your floating restaurant. On one evening your chef will prepare a superb selection of Portuguese specialities. During your cruise you'll also experience a traditional celebration of port wine and a special performance of Portuguese folk music and dance.



Your ship's facilities

- Sun deck with sun loungers and swimming pool
- Main restaurant
- Spa and wellness area, plus fitness centre
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Douro Elegance & MS Douro Splendour

No compromises to comfort here! You'll find your well-appointed cabin, spacious and bright, and elegantly styled, features everything you need for the most relaxing stay on board.

Cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, TV, telephone, bathrobes and tea/coffee-making facilities. Beds can be configured as double or twin and marble bathrooms feature a shower with screen. Deluxe Suites have a walk-in wardrobe, larger living area and bathroom with twin wash basins and separate WC section. Superior Suites have a larger living area with table and chairs, spacious bathroom and separate WC section.



Deluxe Suite – Douro Elegance

Douro Elegance Deluxe Suites and Superior Suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows and a full-length window, which opens halfway down to create a Juliet balcony, complete with a table for two.

Douro Splendour Deluxe Balcony Suites and Superior Balcony Suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding doors extend onto a private balcony with table and chairs.

Upper Deck Cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

Main Deck Cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

Lower Deck Cabins have smaller fixed windows.

Sun Deck – Douro Elegance

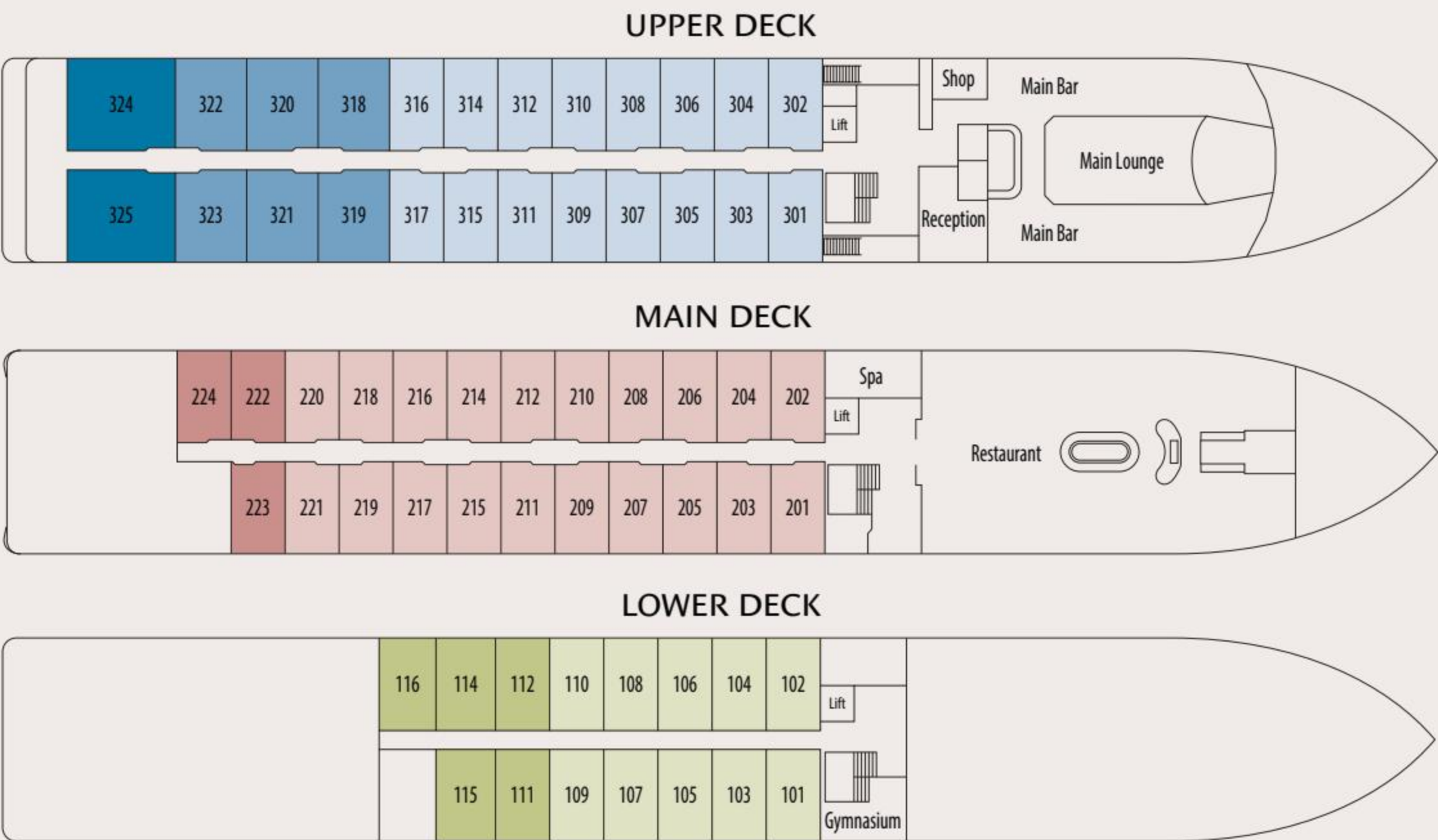


Standard Cabin – Douro Elegance



Restaurant – Douro Elegance

Length 80m | Crew 36 | Guests 121 | Decks 4 | Cabins/Suites 63 | Launched 2017 & 2018



UPPER DECK

- Deluxe Suite¹ & Deluxe Balcony Suite²
29sq.m/312sq.ft
- Superior Suite¹ & Superior Balcony Suite²
19sq.m/205sq.ft
- Standard Cabin
14sq.m/151sq.ft

MAIN DECK

- Stern Cabin
14sq.m/151sq.ft
- Standard Cabin
14sq.m/151sq.ft

LOWER DECK

- Stern Cabin (sole occupancy)
12sq.m/129sq.ft
- Standard Cabin
12 sq.m/129 sq.ft

¹Douro Elegance
²Douro Splendour

Our yacht cruise collection

Elegant, glamorous, exclusive. If your idea of a perfect holiday includes these three words, it's time to consider a luxury yacht cruise.



Unbeatable value

which includes so much

If you've joined one of our cruises before, you know just how much is included in the price.
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Enjoy flights from a wide selection of regional UK airports. There's no supplements on regional flights so you can enjoy hassle-free travel from your local airport – at no extra cost. Overseas transfers, on-board portage, airport taxes and port charges are also included.



Spacious cabins

All cabins are bright and airy with natural daylight and beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms.



Excellent on-board dining

Enjoy delicious breakfasts, with hot and cold options, some lunches and dinners featuring locally inspired cuisine.



Dining choices ashore

You'll have the freedom to enjoy local flavours and dine independently at a restaurant of your choice when lunch or dinner is not served on board.



Insightful excursions and visits with local guides

Experiences are included, accompanied by expert local guides to share eye-opening insights and share those stories that only a local would know.



Expert Riviera Tour Manager

You'll be joined by a dedicated Riviera Tour Manager throughout the cruise whose passion for travel and knowledge is second to none!



Professional & friendly crew

Top-notch service from our English-speaking crew at your service 24/7.



Complimentary tea, coffee & drinking water

We provide a supply of drinking water on board as well as access to tea and coffee during the day.



Free Wi-Fi

Stay in touch throughout your cruise.



Idyllic swim stops

Drop anchor in pretty bays and quiet coves far from the crowds, to swim off the ship's platform as if it were your own private yacht!



Exclusive cruises

All our Adriatic yacht cruises are exclusive to Riviera guests, and we personally select every aspect just for you. There's up to 19 cabins on our yacht cruises, so there will be a maximum of just 19 other guests on board!

Life on board

Stylish, informal and all at a leisurely pace. With this impressive 4:1 guest to crew ratio, you'll receive exceptional service from the friendly and professional crew.

A typical day

It goes without saying that you'll be starting the day right with a delicious breakfast, and it's a real event as you'll be eating as you sail the Adriatic's turquoise waters, staying close to shore so that you get glorious coastal vistas. While away the minutes with a lazy morning on the sun deck, letting the lapping waves slowly wake you up.

Next, it's time to drop anchor in a tranquil deserted bay. You may even be able to convince yourself that this is your own private yacht, as you jump (or gently step) off the back of the ship for a refreshing swim. Back on board, there's more relaxation with unreal views on the menu as you tuck into a delicious lunch, chatting with your fellow cruisers about what lies in store at the next port of call.



Speaking of ports, when you arrive, you'll hop ashore and instantly be immersed in Croatian culture and history. The cobbled streets and honey-coloured buildings add another layer of magic and are just perfect for getting lost in. Find hole-in-the-wall eateries serving up gelato and pastries, browse the little shops filled with curiosities, then find a spot to sip an aperitif as the sun goes down. Then, as we're sure you've worked up quite an appetite by now, you'll find a restaurant of your choice (the crew can make recommendations if you need it), then top off the evening with your favourite nightcap on the ship's terrace.

Relaxed dining

What tickles your fancy for breakfast? Eggs and bacon? Pastries and coffee? You'll not be bored on board as you'll have a selection of hot and cold options. Lunches are inspired by local cuisine. Enjoy delicious meat and fish dishes and crisp salads, all freshly prepared and served

with finesse and a smile. Of course, no cruise is complete without the superb Captain's Dinner, when the chef serves an extra-special menu inspired by Croatian and Mediterranean flavours. It's a highlight, for sure.



Casual elegance

You can leave your ball gown and tux at home as shorts and t-shirts are the order of the day! And there is no seating plan, so you choose your own table and dining companions. We won't be surprised if you quickly get to know your crew and fellow sailors on first name terms, as the atmosphere on board is so warm and friendly.

Your choice of restaurants ashore

Sampling the local cuisine on holiday is all part of the fun as far as we're concerned, so we've made sure there's times to dine ashore when lunch or dinner is not served on board. Our ships are moored overnight so every evening you can step straight off the vessel for an evening stroll or a digestif with the locals in an atmospheric little bar before heading back on board.





Luxurious yachts

You'll feel like the captain of your own ship as you stand on the magnificent sun deck, with its gleaming rails and decking. On the deck below you'll find the elegant yet informal restaurant and bar, beautifully furnished and fully air-conditioned. Here you can dine in style with your fellow travelling companions whilst enjoying the fabulous views through the panoramic windows. The inviting terrace area with its stylish, seating provides the perfect spot to catch up on some reading or for a chat over coffee or an after-dinner tippie with your fellow travellers.



Restaurant, MS Adriatic Sun

Your choice of spacious cabins

Whichever deck you choose, our elegantly furnished, fully air-conditioned cabins, thoughtfully appointed with all the facilities you would expect on board a floating boutique hotel, ensure the most relaxing on-board stay. Cabins located on the lower deck are surprisingly bright, airy and spacious, featuring most attractive porthole windows allowing plenty of natural light. All cabins are generously proportioned, with thoughtful lighting and smart, stylish furniture.



Main deck cabin, MS Il Mare

Exceptionally comfortable hotel-style beds with crisp linen ensure you're well-rested at the end of each day. Cabins with their own private balcony are also available on certain

ships so you can enjoy the panoramic views without even stepping out of your cabin! Your contemporary bathroom won't disappoint either – well-lit, spacious and superbly appointed with smart fittings, and spacious glass shower cubicles for uncompromised comfort.



Bathroom, MS Adriatic Sun

Welcoming, professional crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before a friendly crew welcomes you on board. From ship to shore the professional crew ensure our guests receive excellent standards of service and comfort.

All our yachts have a superb ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed personal attention. Working closely with the Riviera Tour Manager, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.



See our website for more details – rivieratravel.co.uk/ocean-cruises/life-on-board-yacht-cruises



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Split, Dubrovnik & the Splendours of Dalmatia

Experience not only historic Split and Dubrovnik, but soak up the stunning landscapes, culture and natural beauty of Dalmatia. Cruise past the dramatic limestone Dalmatian coastline, the beautiful Pelješac Peninsula and the islands of Hvar and Mljet.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Split

After arriving in this vibrant city and settling into your comfortable cabin, it's time to relax for the rest of the day! Perhaps you'll catch some rays on the sun deck or take a stroll ashore. Build up an appetite for dinner in the ship's restaurant. (D)

DAY 2 – Split – Korčula

We'll have a swim stop this morning before enjoying lunch on board. We sail to Korčula for a guided walking tour of the town, celebrated for supplying timber and famous for its artistic and musical traditions, as well as being the birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. You are free to explore further and enjoy the local cuisine. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & guided tour of Korčula

DAY 3 – Mljet – Dubrovnik

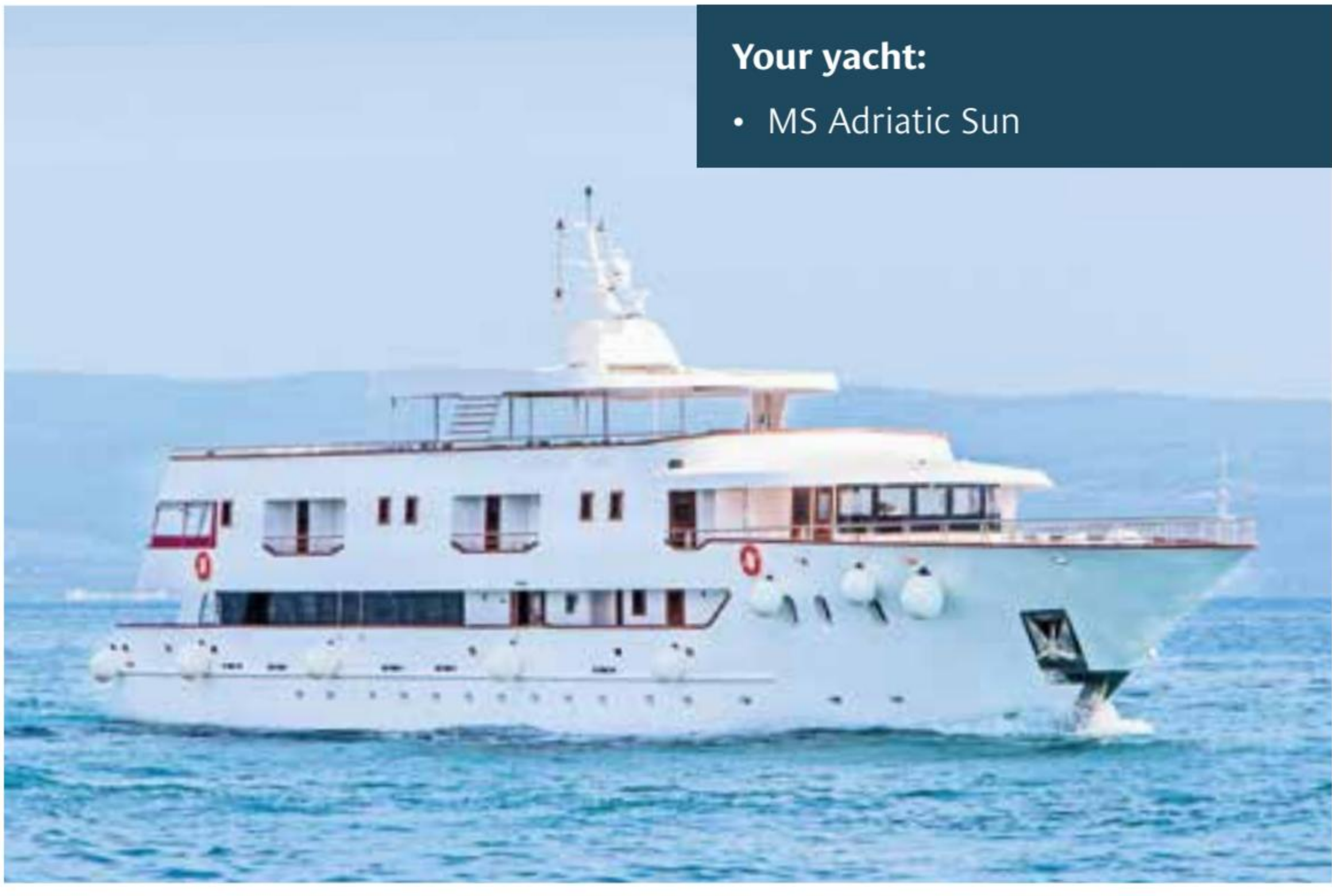
The mirror-like Adriatic is studded with countless islands and we sail to Mljet for a tour of the stunning national park, including the tiny islet of St Mary's. After lunch on board, there will be the opportunity for a swim. During tonight's dinner the ship will cruise alongside Dubrovnik's ancient city walls before dropping anchor. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Tour of Mljet's national park & swim stop

DAY 4 – Dubrovnik

We take a guided tour of the old town. The main avenue, lined by intimate cafés, is completely paved with gleaming marble, justifying Dubrovnik's description as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. You'll find a wonderful array of monasteries, decorated churches and buildings dating from the 14th-century. This evening, savour a delicious dinner in one of the many traditional restaurants. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Dubrovnik's old town



Your yacht:

- MS Adriatic Sun

DAY 5 – Dubrovnik – Trstenik or Lumbarda

As we glide past beautiful seascapes, undiscovered beaches with secret coves and tiny traditional hamlets, we arrive at the pretty seaside village of Trstenik on the Pelješac Peninsula. At the foot of the rolling hills, this secluded spot is famed for wine production. Or we moor in the picturesque village of Lumbarda on the historic island of Korčula, with its glorious stretches of beach, backed by olive groves and fragrant pine forests. Then it's time to relax back on board as the chef presents the Captain's Dinner – a delicious selection of Croatian and Mediterranean specialities. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Trstenik or Lumbarda

DAY 6 – Hvar – Stari Grad

We cruise northwards and there'll be a chance for a swim stop. Lunch on board before disembarking for a walking tour of the little town of Hvar. The island boasts spectacular pine forests, olive groves, lavender fields and vineyards, as well as fortified 16th-century

buildings, built to repel pirates and the Ottoman Empire. After exploring, sail onto Stari Grad to berth overnight and dine out and experience the local cuisine. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & walking tour of Hvar

DAY 7 – Stari Grad – Bol – Split

This morning we sail to Brač and head to the picturesque town of Bol, where you can swim from the stunning beach. During lunch back on board we return to Split. We disembark on a guided walking tour of the fascinating Roman Emperor Diocletian's palace, which was used for 'Game of Thrones'. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & guided tour of Split

DAY 8 – Return flight

After breakfast we disembark and return to the airport. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Split

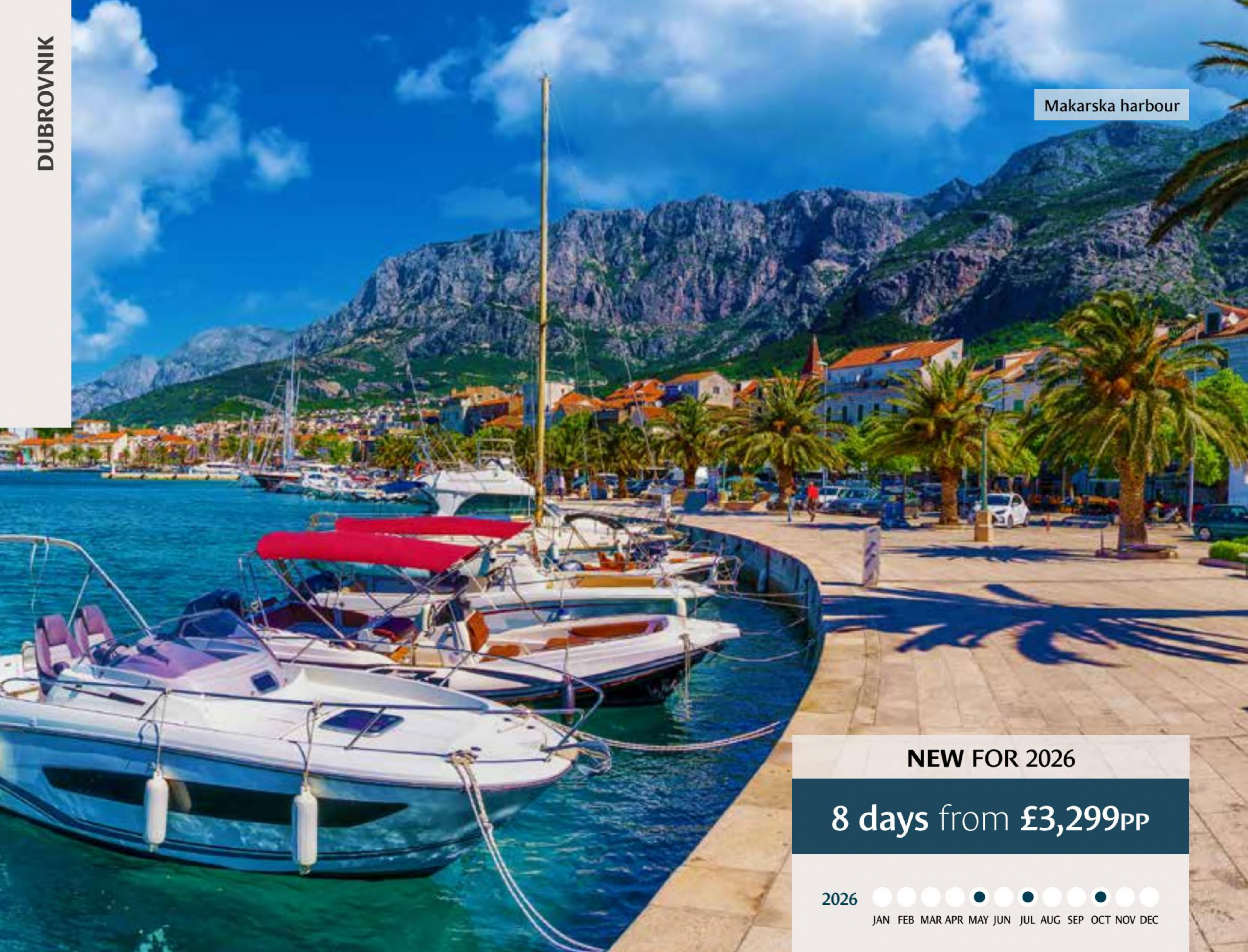


Dubrovnik served as the filming location for King's Landing in the hit TV series Game of Thrones

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DECK:	LOWER DECK	MAIN DECK	UPPER DECK
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Mljet

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrive in Dubrovnik

Arrive in Dubrovnik, transfer to our ship and relax with an evening at leisure in this historic city. (D)

DAY 2 – Mljet National Park and Trstenik

We'll have a swim stop this morning as we sail from Dubrovnik to Mljet. Here, we'll enjoy a visit of the stunning national park, including the tiny islet of St Mary's with its 12th-century former Benedictine monastery. Later, we'll take a short voyage to the pretty little seaside village of Trstenik where we remain moored overnight so you can have dinner at your leisure in this charming spot. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit of Mljet National Park and Visit to Trstenik

DAY 3 – Makarska

Our leisurely morning sailing, including a swim stop in the beautiful waters of the Adriatic, takes us to Makarska. Here, you can enjoy views of Mount Biokovo and discover the town's history of piracy. While a slightly raffish atmosphere still prevails, piracy has long since been replaced by more peaceful activities such as fishing, and the production of olive oil and wine – so it's the perfect place to enjoy dinner ashore this evening. (B,L)

Included Experience – Visit to Makarska

DAY 4 – Pučišća and Omiš

This morning, we sail to the glorious island of Brač, stopping in spectacular Pučišća with its dwellings of gleaming white stone. Later, we'll continue to Omiš, a coastal town dominated by the 13th-century Mirabela Fortress and the Fortica Fortress. We will be moored here overnight for you to enjoy the idyllic surroundings for the special Captain's Dinner, during which a selection of regional specialities will be served. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Pučišća, including the stonemasonry school, & Omiš

DAY 5 – Stari Grad

Spend the morning relaxing on board and swimming in the Adriatic on our latest swim stop before we moor in Stari Grad, on the



Your yacht:

- MS Adriatic Sun

northern side of Hvar. Our guided walking tour will show you some of the highlights of the historical town centre. We'll pass House TVRDALJ, the Dominican Monastery of St. Peter the Martyr as well as a wealth of cobbled streets filled with al fresco bars, cafés and restaurants. (B,L)

The ship will remain moored in Stari Grad overnight.

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Stari Grad

DAY 6 – Hvar and Korčula

We'll begin with a visit to the little town of Hvar. The island boasts spectacular pine forests, olive groves, lavender fields and vineyards, as well as fortified 16th-century buildings, built to repel pirates and the Ottoman Empire. Later, we'll sail to Korčula for a guided walking tour of the town, celebrated for supplying timber and famous for its artistic and musical traditions, as well as being the birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. You are free to explore further and enjoy the local cuisine. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit to Hvar and guided walking tour of Korčula

DAY 7 – Dubrovnik

Enjoy one last swim stop this morning as we head back to Dubrovnik. Once ashore, we'll take a guided tour of the old town. The main avenue, lined by intimate cafés, is completely paved with gleaming marble, justifying Dubrovnik's description as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. You'll find a wonderful array of monasteries, decorated churches and buildings dating from the 14th century. (B,L)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Dubrovnik

DAY 8 – Return home

Say goodbye to your crew, after breakfasting this morning, and begin your journey home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Stari Grad

Hvar is the 'sunniest island' with over 2,700 hours of sunshine annually!

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DECK:	LOWER DECK	MAIN DECK	UPPER DECK
CABIN:	CAT B	CAT A	CAT A+
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Discover the historic capital of Split, as well as the amazing Kornati archipelago, Kornati National Park and the natural harbour of Telašćica. As you island hop through the breathtaking Adriatic, embrace the chance to go swimming by the tranquil Kvarner Gulf.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Split

From Split airport your coach takes you to the stunning MS Il Mare, where you can settle in or go back ashore to start exploring the fascinating city. At dinner in the ship’s stylish restaurant, meet your travelling companions – there are just 20 guests. (D)

DAY 2 – Split, Trogir & Vodice

Take in the glorious views as we sail along the spectacular Dalmatian coastline. We arrive in Trogir for a guided tour through winding medieval streets, with imposing 15th-century city walls and a majestic Venetian cathedral. Then we cruise to Vodice where you can sample some local cuisine ashore for dinner. (B,L)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Trogir

DAY 3 – Vodice & Zadar

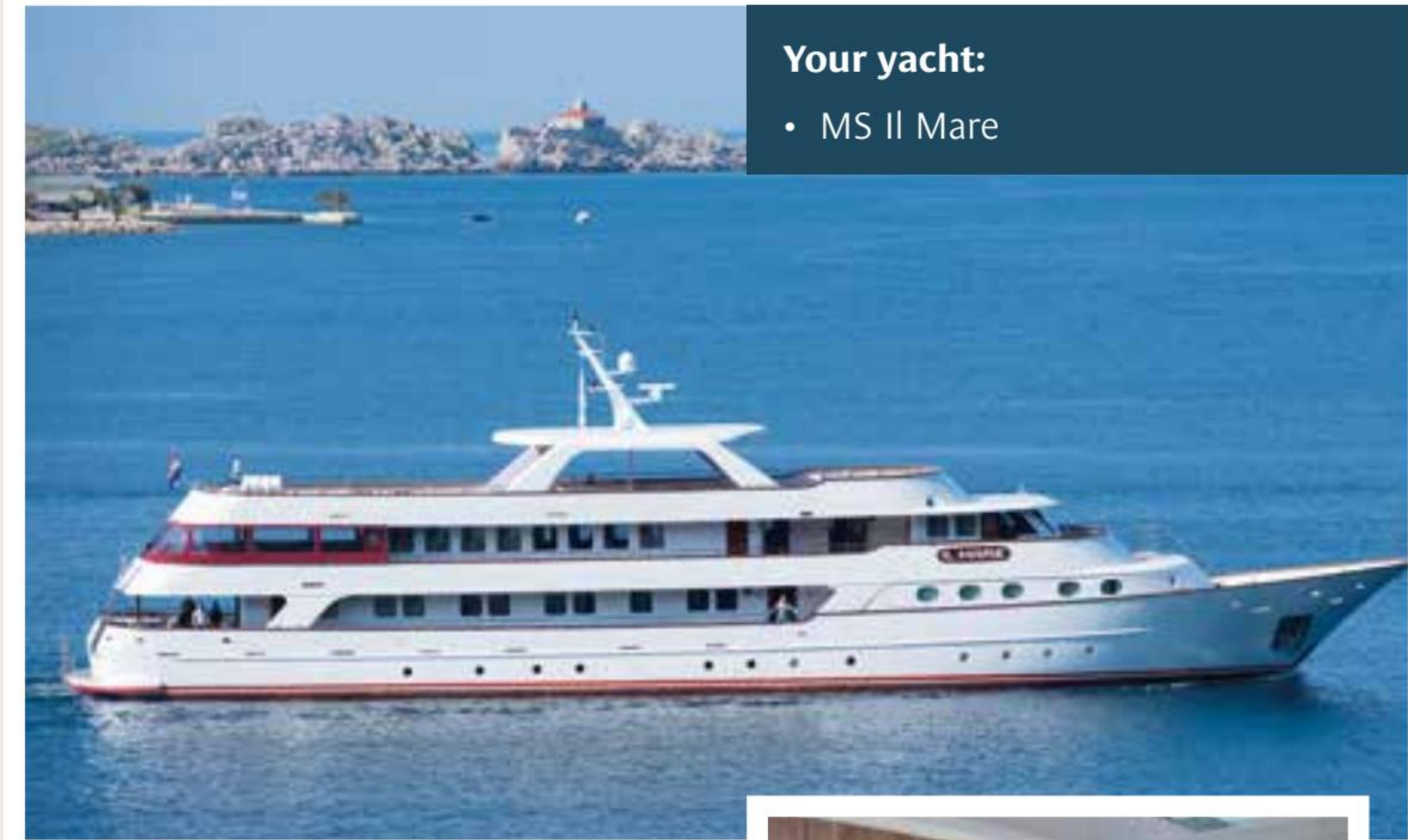
A leisurely day on board, including a refreshing swim stop and time to perhaps read or lay back on your sun lounger. Later we arrive in Zadar, which has the style and charm of the Italian Riviera. Take a fascinating guided tour around its marble streets, and try appetising restaurant menus of grilled meats or freshly-caught fish, rounded off with a glass of maraschino, a local cherry liqueur. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & guided tour of Zadar

DAY 4 – Zadar & Rab

Continuing north, after a refreshing swim stop, we reach the Croatian island of Rab, with lush fragrant pine forest and a fertile patchwork of vine and olive groves giving way to golden ribbons of deserted beach. Enjoy wandering in the cool shadows of Rab’s Romanesque church bell towers and grand Italianate houses. You might like to try one of the stylish seafood restaurants too. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & visit to Rab



Your yacht:
• MS Il Mare

DAY 5 – Rab, Silba or Olib, Telašćica

We head into the crystal waters of the Kvarner Gulf and drop anchor at Silba or Olib, to enjoy a swim. Later we idle into the bay of Telašćica, one of the largest and most beautiful natural harbours in the Adriatic; you’ll have the opportunity to visit the shores of salty Lake Mir, with its supposedly therapeutic water. We will be moored here overnight for you to enjoy the idyllic surroundings for the special Captain’s Dinner, during which a selection of regional specialities will be served. (B,L,D)

Included Experience – Swim stop

DAY 6 – Kornati & Šibenik

Get your camera as we enter the Kornati archipelago – an explosion of islands with secret grottoes. Next stop is Šibenik, where our guided tour reveals a restored Renaissance town hall and a large Gothic cathedral built without brick or wood supports. And try the local hearty fish stew or tender slow-cooked beef, simmered with wine and prunes, with fresh crusty bread baked ‘under the lid’. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Cruise through Kornati National Park & guided tour of Šibenik



DAY 7 – Šibenik & Split

We enjoy one last swim stop before returning to Split. On our walking tour we’ll see major sights like the huge Roman ruins of the Emperor Diocletian’s Palace, recently used as the setting for ‘Game of Thrones’. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & guided walking tour of Split

DAY 8 – Return flight

After breakfast, we disembark from the MS Il Mare and return to the airport. (B)

All flights and transfers are included
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Trogir



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Experience the treasures of Northern Croatia, seeing Split and Emperor Diocletian's monumental palace, medieval Šibenik and the natural waterfalls of Krka Valley National Park. As well as soaking up the history and culture, take a dip in the sea in the idyllic bays of Vodice.



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Split

From Split airport we'll take you to your luxury yacht, where you'll have the rest of the day to truly unwind. Perhaps enjoy the sun deck or wander ashore before returning for dinner. (D)

DAY 2 – Split & Šibenik

We sail along the Dalmatian coastline, with miles of quiet beaches and pretty bays. Experience a revitalising sea swim when we drop anchor before lunch. Later, join a guided walking tour in Šibenik with its delightful medieval town and Gothic cathedral and dine in one of the quaint local eateries. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & guided walking tour of Šibenik

DAY 3 – Šibenik, Krka National Park & Vodice

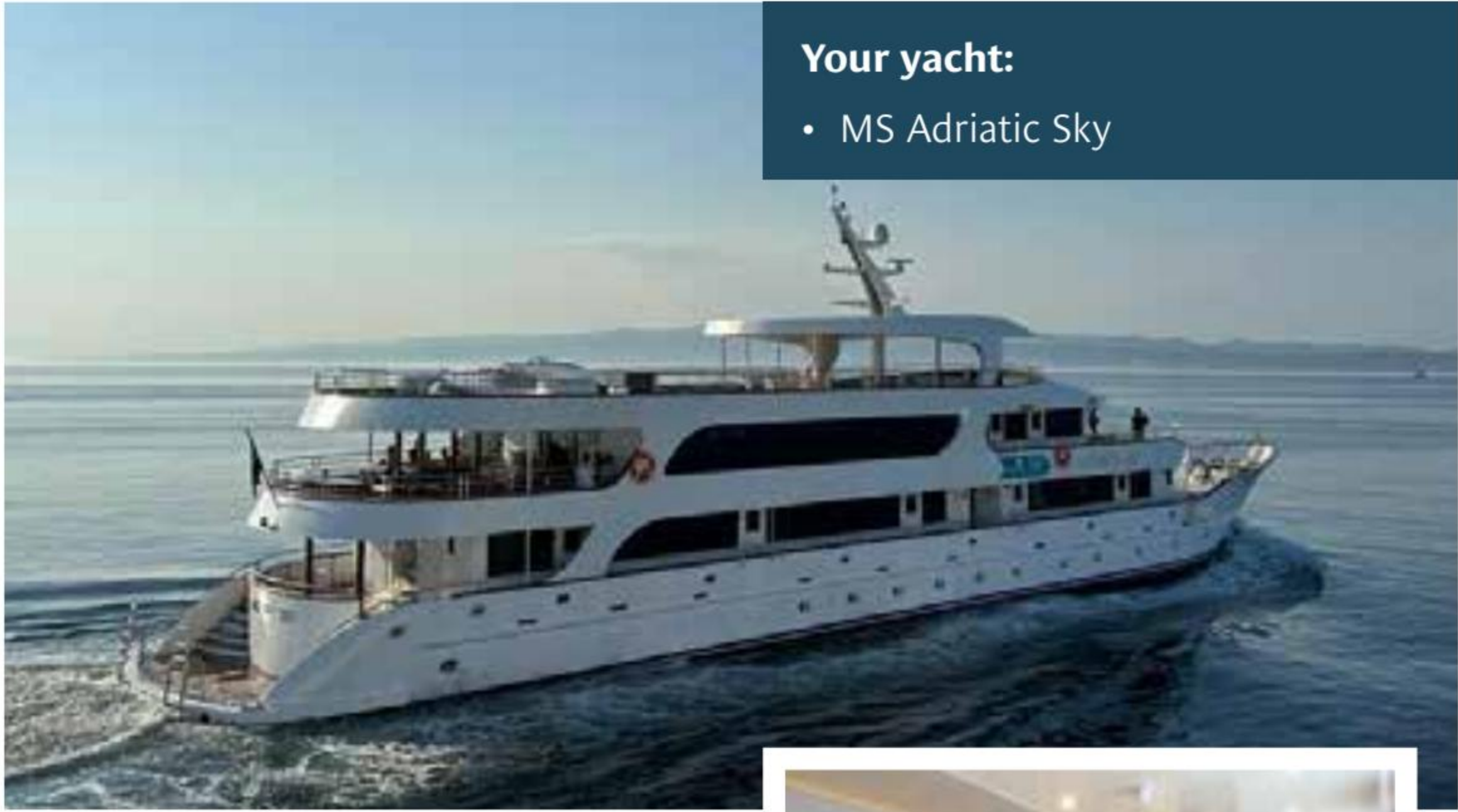
We take a drive inland to the Krka Valley where the River Krka flows through a series of lakes, gorges and rapids. There's an incredible waterfall tumbling into a broad, shallow pool and stunning scenery. In the afternoon, we sail to the lovely town of Vodice. You have free time ashore to savour dinner at one of the many restaurants. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit to Krka Valley National Park & Vodice

DAY 4 – Vodice, Kornati National Park & Zadar

Cruising on, there's time for a swim stop in one of the pretty bays. Then we enter the waters of the Kornati archipelago, a vast group of over 90 islands scattered around Kornat. With striking views at every turn, be ready with your camera! After a delicious lunch we arrive in Zadar, which has the style of the Italian Riviera. Visit the Romanesque cathedral or climb the bell tower for fabulous views over the city's rooftops. For dinner, try one of the restaurants serving grilled meats or fresh fish dishes – and perhaps finish with a glass of maraschino, a local cherry liqueur. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Swim stop, cruise through the Kornati archipelago & guided tour of Zadar



Your yacht:

- MS Adriatic Sky



DAY 5 – Zadar, Vrgada & Rogoznica

After breakfast head up on deck to watch the picturesque islands as we sail. Enjoy a refreshing swim around Vrgada before we cruise to the harbour at Rogoznica, set amidst cypress forest with lovely waterfront bars and cafés. Explore the winding backstreets before returning to the yacht for the Captain's Dinner, where a selection of regional specialities will be served. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Swim stop & visit to Rogoznica

DAY 6 – Rogoznica, Fumija & Trogir

This morning there's a swim stop off Fumija island before we head to Trogir, with its imposing city walls. Discover the waterfront fringed with glossy palms and its Romanesque and Renaissance sights beyond. Our walking tour includes the main sights. Seek out a restaurant tucked away in the old town, serving melt-in-the-mouth home-cured ham and local cheeses, or the catch of the day. (B,L).

Included Experiences – Swim stop & guided tour of Trogir

DAY 7 – Trogir & Split

After lunch we return to Split to take a guided walking tour of the Emperor Diocletian's palace. This is one of the greatest structures

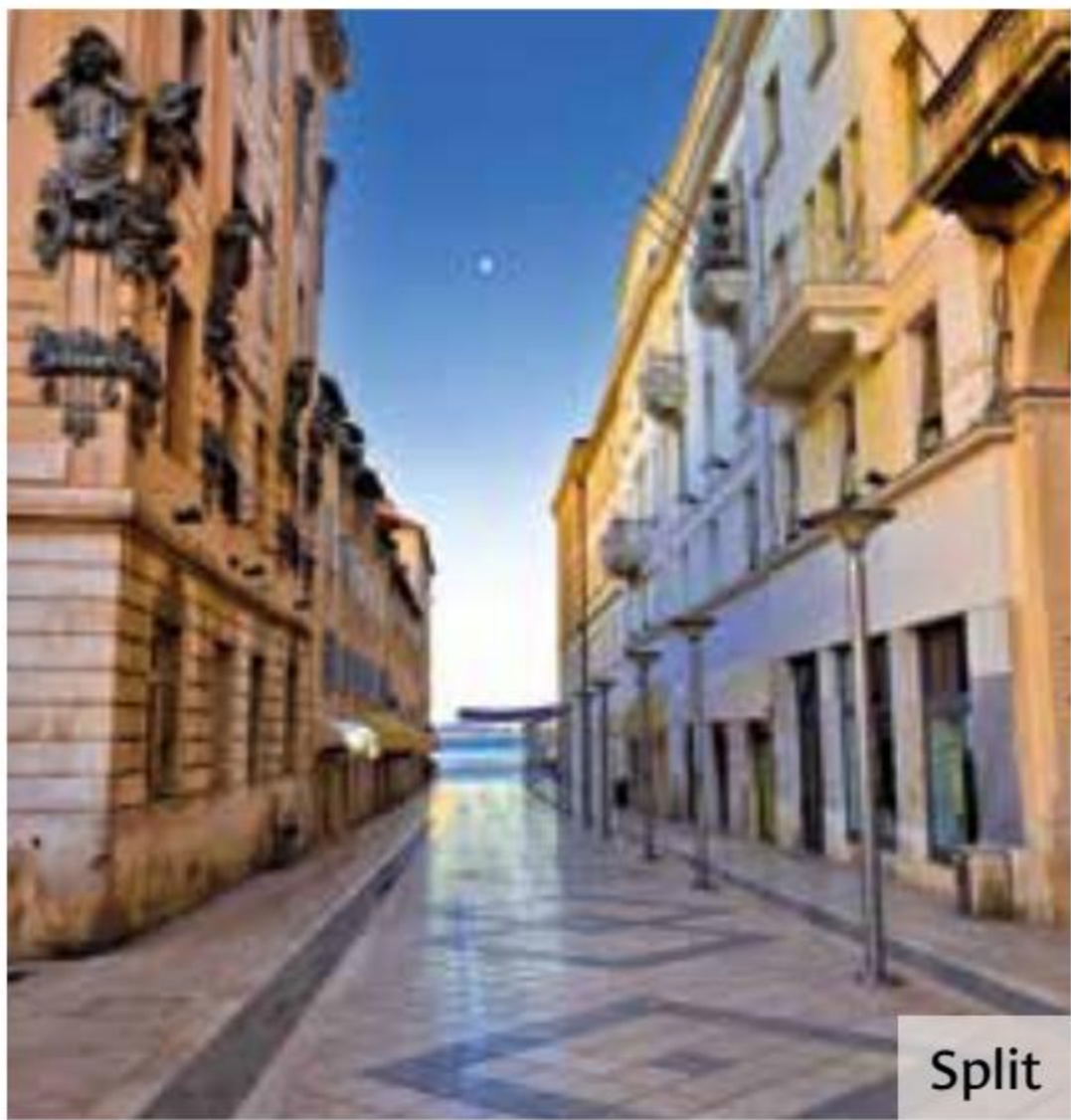
of the Roman Empire, recently used as the setting of 'Game of Thrones'. Tonight, maybe enjoy a final cocktail, reflecting on what has been a very special kind of holiday. (B,L)

Included Experience – Tour of Split and Emperor Diocletian's palace

DAY 8 – Return flight

After breakfast, we disembark from our yacht and return to the airport. (B)

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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner



Split

Krka National Park is home to over 200 species of birds, including rare species like the white-tailed eagle

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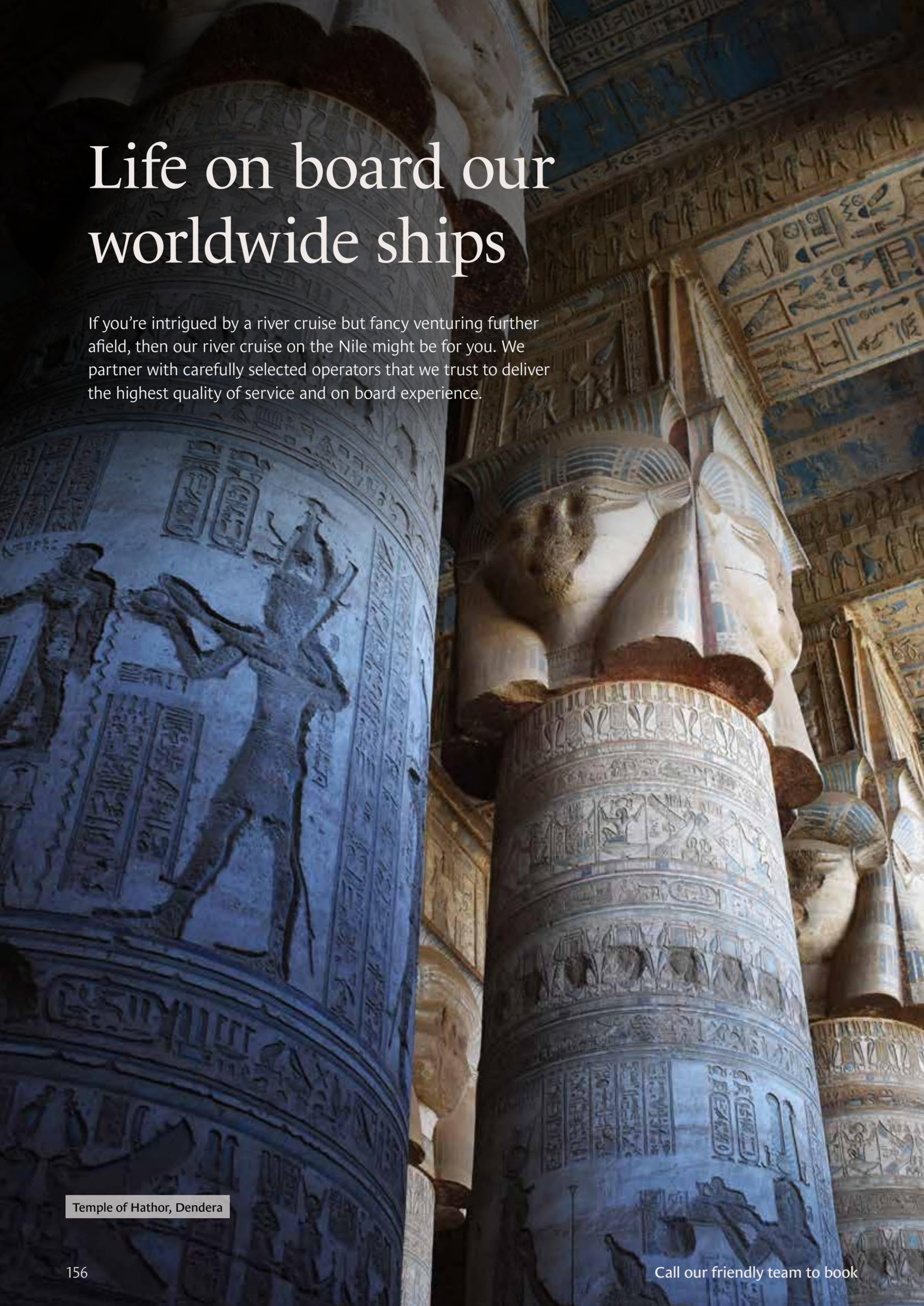
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Steigenberger Regency

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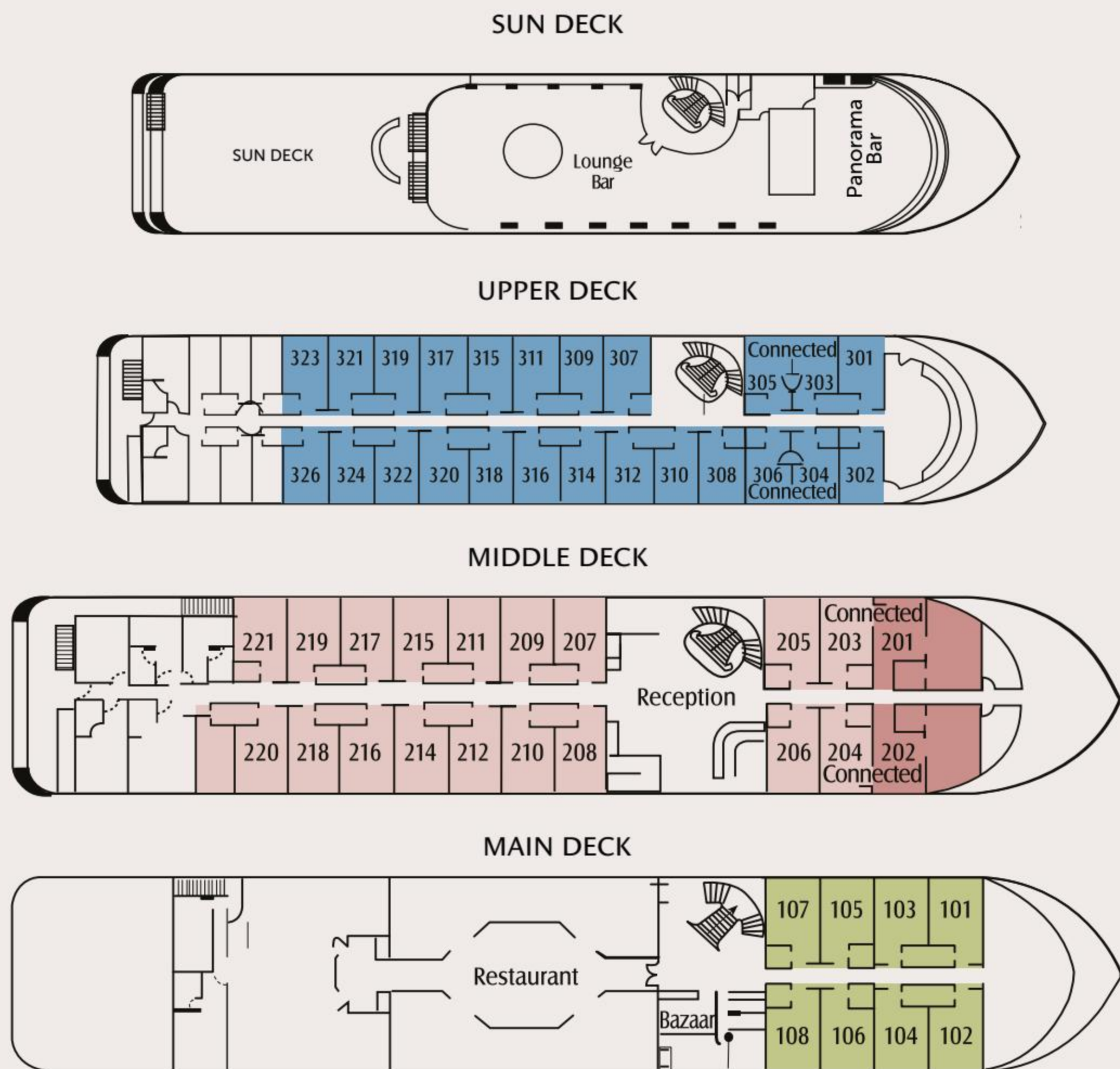
Upper Deck – Home to spacious standard cabins, you'll enjoy views from the large panoramic windows. Your cabin comes with double or twin beds, air conditioning, mini-bar, safe, satellite television and en-suite bathrooms with shower and hairdryer.

Middle Deck – Here, you'll find our reception desk, Middle deck standard cabins with their large panoramic windows which open onto the Nile, and Middle deck suites, an opulent

35sqm, where you can enjoy views of the Nile from your picture window seat or open the floor-to-ceiling windows of your French balcony. Your suite also features a comfortable lounge/seating area.

Main Deck – Towards the bow, you'll find more standard cabins as well as the ship's gift shop bazaar. This deck is also home to the ship's restaurant.

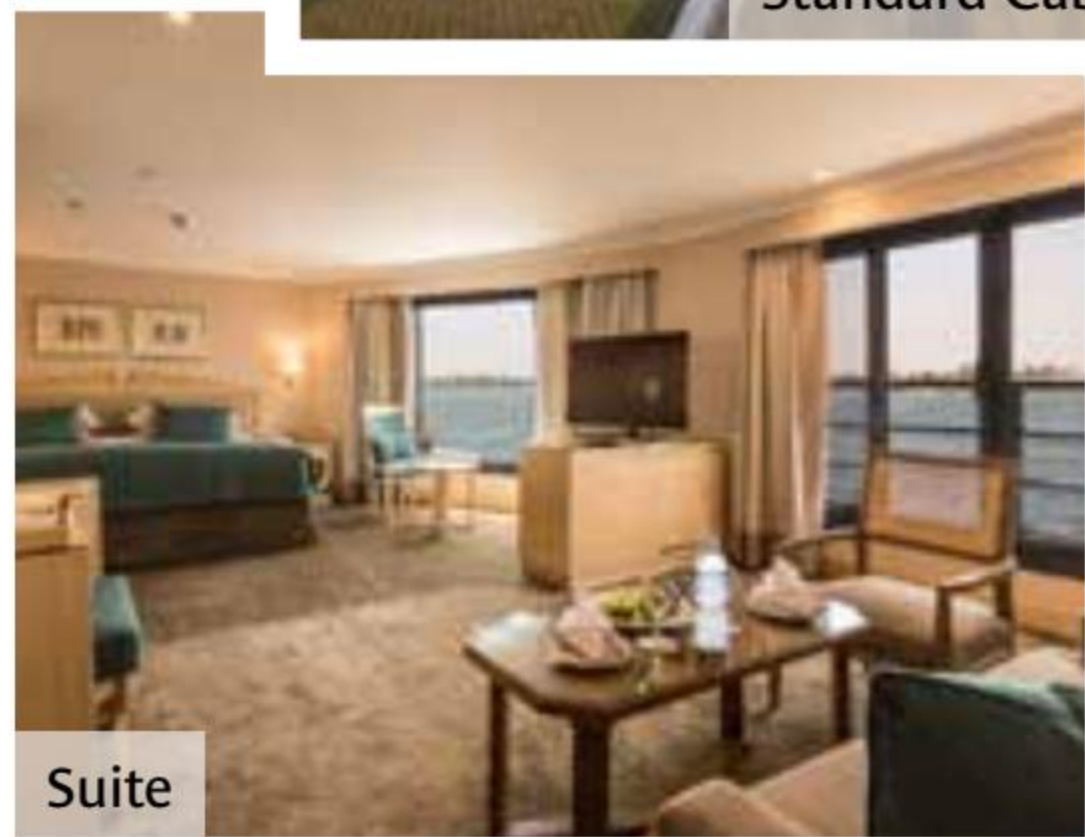
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Restaurant



Standard Cabin



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Panorama Bar

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Cairo



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cairo

Fly to Cairo, transfer to our hotel and settle in for a three-night stay. (D)

DAY 2 – The Pyramids, Sphinx & Coptic Museum

Drive to the Giza plateau for a close-up view of the Great Pyramids. Also marvel at the mighty Sphinx, one of the world’s largest free-standing sculptures. This afternoon, we visit King ‘Tut’s’ tomb; its treasures form the centrepiece of the Egyptian Museum. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to the Great Pyramid of Giza and Sphinx & the Egyptian Museum

DAY 3 – Coptic Cairo & Citadel

This morning, we’ll explore Old Cairo’s Christian history and see the ‘Hanging Church’, the Coptic Museum and the Ben Ezra synagogue. Then enjoy a guided tour of the Citadel of Cairo, seeing the Mosque of Muhammad Ali and the Khan El-Khalili Souk. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tours of Coptic Cairo & Citadel of Cairo, including Muhammad Ali Mosque & Khan El-Khalili Souk

DAY 4 – Cairo to Luxor

Fly from Cairo to Luxor today to board your cruise and settle in on board, the Steigenberger Regency ship, your home for the next 7 nights. Flight time permitting, we’ll visit Luxor Library and Heritage Centre. This



Aswan



Your ship:
• Steigenberger Regency – see page 157

evening, we’ll enjoy a visit to Luxor Temple – famous for its statues, unique artwork and wall carvings. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visits to the Luxor Library & Heritage Centre (flight time permitting) & the Temple of Luxor

DAY 5 – Dendera

Gaze upon the temple of Hathor in the Dendera complex, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, before an afternoon at leisure. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to the Temple of Hathor in Dendera

DAY 6 – Kom Ombo

Relax with a morning sailing. Later, we’ll arrive in Kom Ombo and visit the magnificent temple. Unusually it’s dedicated to two gods, Horus (the falcon-headed god) and Sobek (the local crocodile god). (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to the Temple of Kom Ombo

DAY 7 – Aswan

Marvel at the Aswan High Dam. Then continue to the Temple of Philae, Unfinished Obelisk and the Nubian Village of Gharb Soheil. Finally, we enjoy sailing on a felucca. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit the Aswan High Dam, the Temple of Philae, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Nubian Village of Gharb Soheil and a ride on a traditional felucca

DAY 8 – Aswan or Abu Simbel

Spend the day in Aswan taking advantage of the ship’s facilities or join our optional excursion to Abu Simbel. This evening, we’ll head back to the Temple of Philae for a sound and light show. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Sound and light show at Philae Temple



Dendra

DAY 9 – Edfu

Free morning sailing along the Nile before reaching Edfu to visit Egypt’s second largest temple. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to the Temple of Edfu

DAY 10 – Temple of Karnak

Visit the Temple of Karnak and the astounding Hypostyle Hall. Then head to a local papyrus workshop to find out how this ancient writing material is made before an afternoon at leisure. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to the Karnak Temple

DAY 11 – Luxor West Bank & Valley of the Kings

Disembark the ship this morning and cross the Nile to the West Bank for the Valley of the Kings! We also visit the Colossi of Memnon, as well as the mortuary temple of Hatshepsut. We’ll complete your day with a visit to the beautiful Medinet Habu Temple. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of the West Bank, inc. Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut and Habu Temple

DAY 12 – Luxor

Visit the Luxor Museum to see its small but superb collection of high-quality artworks and artefacts, dating from the Predynastic period to the Islamic era. Free afternoon to enjoy the facilities at your hotel. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Luxor Museum

DAY 13 – Return flight (B)

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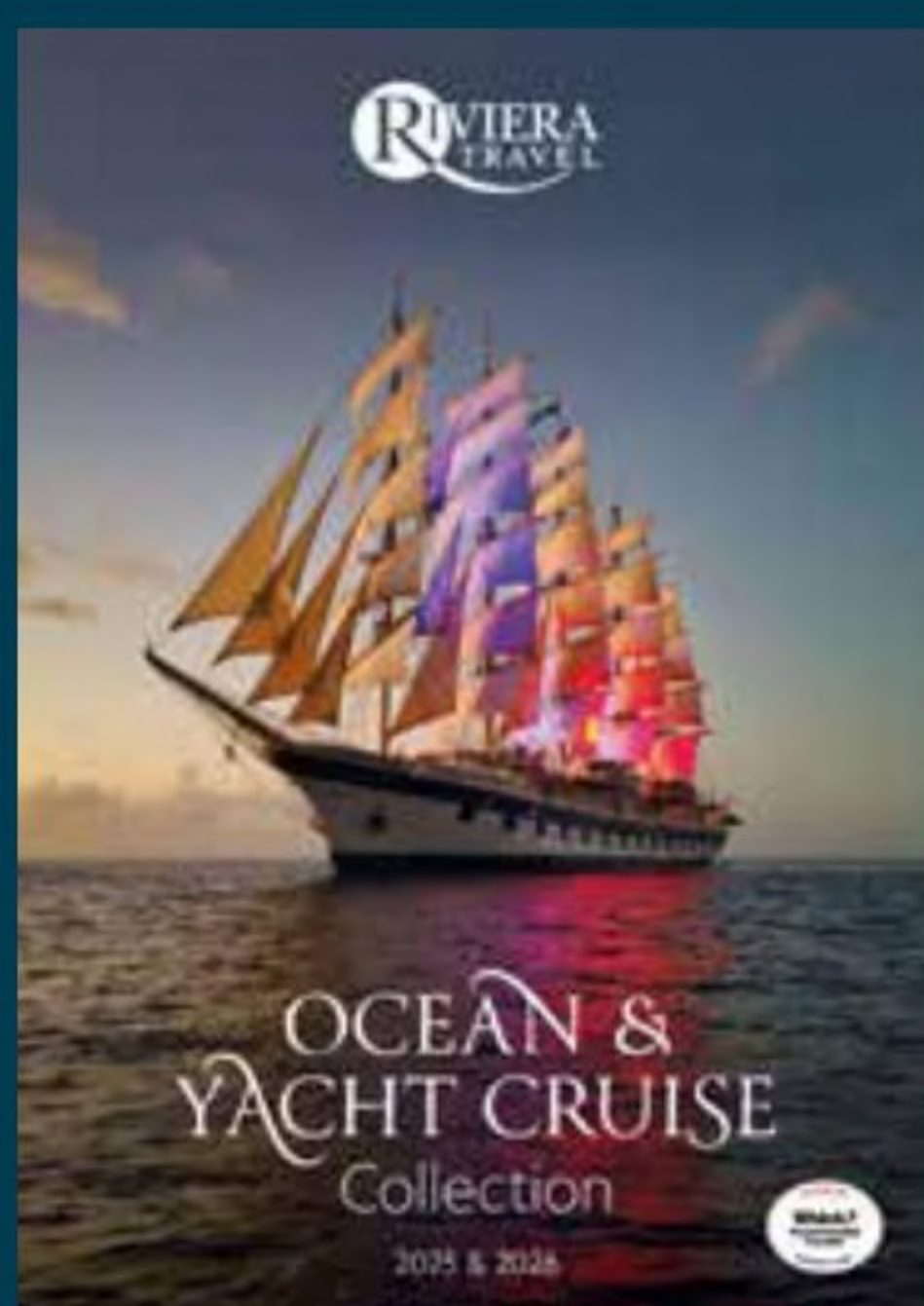
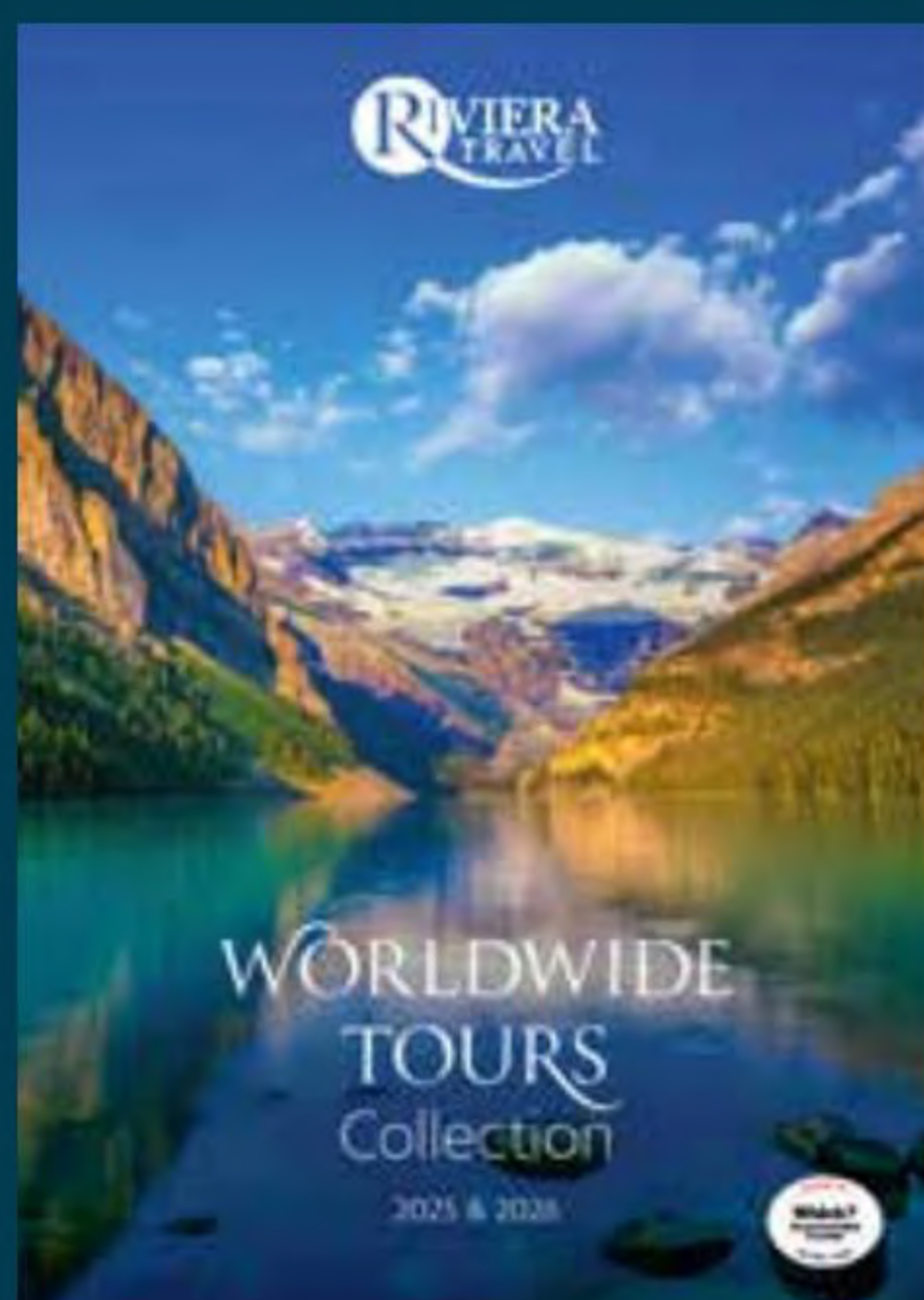
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