



SOLO HOLIDAY Collection

2024 & 2025



Let's explore together



We are fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL for your complete peace of mind. Your money is fully protected.



We're so proud of our independent review scores from customers.



96% would buy again from Riviera Travel

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 2025 Solo Worldwide tours and European river cruises are now on sale, so you can plan further ahead for your next adventure.

At Riviera Travel, we believe our holidays should be a balance of adventure and luxury, sparking inspiration and joy along the way. We look after you as if you're part of the family and want to ensure you're happy in every sense, from booking all the way through to travelling on our cruises and tours.


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

Chief Executive Officer

Palermo, Sicily



Our holiday collection for solo travellers

Discover the world with like-minded people.

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The Riviera difference

We know just how precious your time away is and we feel privileged that you might be thinking about entrusting your holiday plans to us. When you book and travel with Riviera, here's just a few reasons why you can be fully confident you've made the right choice.



Unrivalled holidays, created by our Masters of Travel

At Riviera, we are proud to call ourselves 'Masters of Travel', creators of the finest holidays. A bold claim, but our specialists go the extra mile when creating our cruises and tours, so you can be assured that every detail has been crafted with your experience in mind. Our itineraries perfectly balance seeing the sights you've heard so much about with places you might not yet know, to take you off the tourist trail and under the skin of a destination. 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 as if you were family

When you book a Riviera Travel holiday, you are not just booking a holiday, you are joining our family and we'll take care of you as one of our own. That's why we've been awarded the esteemed 'Recommended Provider' accreditation with Which? for 11 years and 96% of our customers would book with us again. We know choosing a holiday is an important decision, so we have a knowledgeable and friendly team who are committed to making every step easy and enjoyable - from the very start to the very end of your journey with us.

Our customer service team are based here in the UK and are ready to help with any questions you have along the way. Our Cruise Directors and Concierges are experienced and professional, and will go above and beyond to ensure every aspect of your holiday runs smoothly - so all you need to worry about is your packing.

Luxury travel, without the price tag

Quality is at the heart of every Riviera Travel holiday. Look closely at our itineraries to see the small but important details that stand our holidays head and shoulders above the rest: five-star ships, regional airports to suit you, and of course, so much included in the price you pay. We believe that luxury travel should not 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.

It's our 40 years of experience as the UK's leading escorted tour operator that means we can offer such remarkable value; our scale and the strong relationships we've built with our suppliers enables us to negotiate exceptional rates - 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

At Riviera, we know that there's no 'one size fits all' when it comes to the perfect travel experience; and that's why we have built choice into every aspect of our holidays, putting you in control. With an extensive collection of holidays, select the destination, dates, and holiday type to suit you; then customise your experience to your exact requirements; upgrade your travel, extend your trip or add special excursions. The choice is yours - and we'll do the hard work behind the scenes to bring your perfect trip to life. 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.

Holiday happiness. Guaranteed.

Everyone likes to feel well taken care of - especially on holiday. Here's just a few of the reasons you can feel completely confident that we're the right choice for your next adventure.





Holiday 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.



Fly from your local airport at no extra cost

There's no supplements on regional flights across our range of holidays so you can enjoy hassle-free travel from your local airport - at no extra cost.



Unbeatable value for money

39 years' experience and historic supplier relationships, together with the scale of our operation, ensures your holiday will always be unbeatable value for money.



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%.

View our full terms and conditions at rivieratravel.co.uk/holiday-happiness

Extraordinary adventures are our speciality

We're unashamedly proud of our tours and cruises, and our team of experts is committed to ensuring you have the best holiday possible. From the beginning of your journey until the very end, every one of our product specialists, reservation experts, Cruise Directors, Concierges, and local guides, goes above and beyond to curate a holiday experience that surpasses all expectations.



Lake Orta

Don't just take our word for it

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Everything was excellent. I was very impressed with the accommodation, the food was fabulous. The tours were very well organised. There was no pressure to take part in any of the activities, both on and off the ship. I really loved it!

**Celia - The Blue Danube
River Cruise for Solo Travellers
April 2023. Feefo ★★★★★**

A very professional company, all aspects were very, very efficiently handled

**Ann-Maria - Split, Rab & Undiscovered
Islands of the North for Solo Travellers.
July 2023. Feefo ★★★★★**

Amazing trip. A fair bit of travelling involved but that's to be expected on a touring holiday. Guides very knowledgeable and approachable. Hotels fantastic.

**Wanda - Sri Lanka for Solo Travellers.
February 2023. Feefo ★★★★★**

Excellent professional service. This is my third holiday as a Riviera Solo Traveller and can thoroughly recommend it.

**Linda - Bruges for Solo Travellers.
July 2023. Feefo ★★★★★**



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

Will

Head of Strategy & Innovation



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The team really do go the extra mile. We spend a lot of time looking for that something special. We genuinely want to give our guests the best holidays.

Joanne

Head of European Product



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

Karen

Tour Manager

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Flexibility and choice

Giving you the freedom to make your holiday even more memorable. We know how much you look forward to your holiday and we pride ourselves on the choice and flexibility that we offer to enhance every aspect of your experience.

Before you travel

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 lounges



Your travel and upgrade choices

Pre-book directly with our travel consultants.

Door-to-door transfer

Enjoy 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. Treat yourself on longer flights to Premium Economy or Business Class for the extra space and that touch of luxury.

Tour-only option

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?

Your options

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 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 Phare, the Cambodian Circus in Siem Reap or enjoy the gastronomic delights of Trastevere the historic Jewish quarter - the choice is yours.

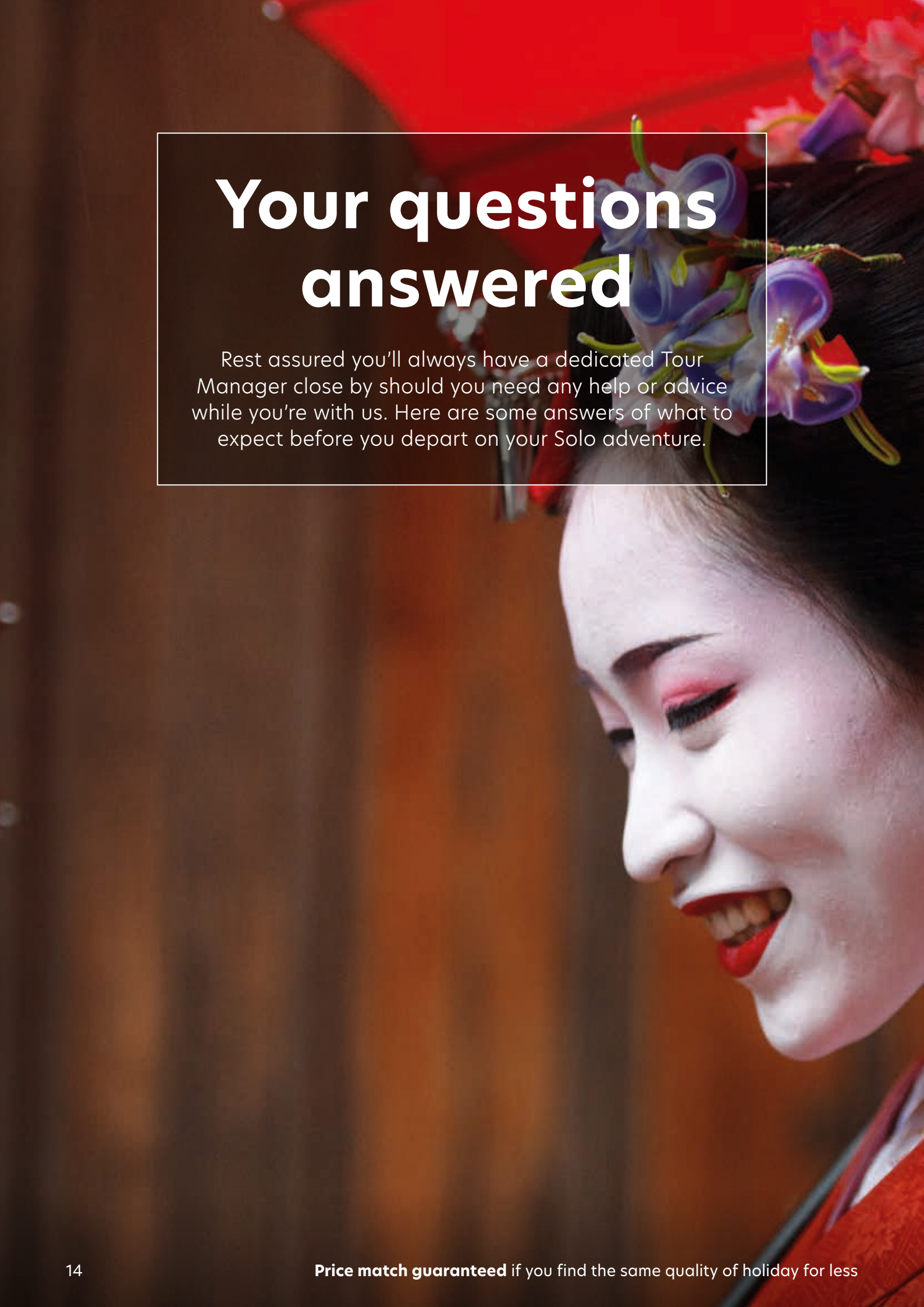
Dining choices

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.

Upgrade your hotel

Treat yourself to a little more luxury and upgrade your accommodation to a sumptuous five-star hotel, available on select tours.

Our friendly team of travel advisers will be happy to help you customise your holiday to your requirements - give them a call on **01283 893718** to discuss the options.



Your questions answered

Rest assured you'll always have a dedicated Tour Manager close by should you need any help or advice while you're with us. Here are some answers of what to expect before you depart on your Solo adventure.

Will I have to dine on my own?

Not at all. Your Tour Manager will ensure you never dine alone unless that's what you prefer. A welcome dinner is included with all our tours to help the group settle in and get to know each other. We find that even when meals aren't included, people will still dine together, providing the perfect opportunity to share your experiences.

Can I travel with a group of friends?

Our Solo collection is designed to help solo travellers make the most of their time away, and getting to know your fellow travellers really enhances the experience. We find that your holiday is much more rewarding when you travel in groups of no more than two people. If you prefer to travel in a larger group, we highly recommend our regular tours.

What is the likely age range of the group?

While our holidays appeal to people of all ages, most of our solo travellers are in their 50s and 60s, but to them age is just a number - what's most important is sharing the experience of discovering an awe-inspiring destination.

Are there any optional excursions?

While every Riviera Travel holiday includes so much, from a destination's top highlights to the less-explored gems, we offer additional experiences that allow you to 'Personalise Your Holiday' on selected tours and cruises. Full prices and details can be found on each tour page.

Where will I meet the Tour Manager?

Your dedicated Tour Manager will often meet you at the airport when you check in and fly with you to your destination. On occasions where this isn't possible, a Riviera Travel team member will personally greet you at the airport to help you check in and introduce you to other members of the group. On all tours departing by Eurostar, your Tour Manager will be travelling with you and will meet you on the train.

Is this a matchmaking service?

Certainly not. People travel alone for many reasons, be it by choice or circumstance. Riviera Travel solo holidays provide a safe and enjoyable environment for solo travellers to discover the world.

How many people will I be travelling with?

The average size of our tour groups is 25 people although this varies depending on destination, while the group size on our cruises depends on the size of the ship.



Join our Facebook community

Join our evergrowing Facebook community at facebook.com/RivieraTravelUK

Our European Tours collection

Our European Tours collection offers the best way to truly get under the skin of a new destination, with insightful tours and experiences led by our expert local guides fully included in your price; enjoy wine tasting in Italy or tapas in Andalucia.





Thoughtful inclusions

Everything you need for an unforgettable holiday

Return flights or rail from the UK

Scheduled departures at convenient times from a wide selection of UK airports and Eurostar travel with regional rail connections to London on selected tours within Europe.

Travel in comfort

Travel in comfortable, air-conditioned coaches.

Hand-picked hotels

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

Included breakfast

Daily breakfast is included on all our European tours.

Dining options

Many of our tours include lunches and dinners either in your hotel or at carefully chosen restaurants where you can enjoy the local cuisine.

Experienced Tour Manager

A knowledgeable and professional Riviera Travel Tour Manager throughout the tour to ensure your experience is unforgettable.

And of course

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 options so you can make your holiday your own.



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

You will be met at the airport before checking in for your flight. On arrival in Italy, 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



Verona



Saint Mark's Basilica

Our hand-picked hotel

Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa, Bardolino ★★★★★

The Caesius Hotel is superbly located, set back from the lakeside road and surrounded in beautifully landscaped grounds. You can take the very pleasant lakeside walk for approximately one mile to Bardolino, a pretty town nestling on the lake's eastern shores. The hotel offers several indoor and outdoor pools, as well as a restaurant and bar area.



Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa

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

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 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

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)

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)

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



Mantova

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Your tour includes

- Return flights from a selection of regional airports with hotel transfers, plus portorage of one item of luggage
 - 7 nights in four-star accommodation inclusive of all local taxes
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 3 guided tours including Venice, Verona and Mantova
- Lake Garda tour with visits to Limone and Riva del Garda



Sirmione



The Grand Canal, Venice

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Baveno • Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands • Cannobio & Villa Taranto Gardens • Lake Como • Zermatt & The Matterhorn • Lake Orta



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 and check in to the historic four-star Hotel Simplon. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2 - Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

Lake Maggiore is one of Italy's best natural treasures, with breathtaking views and lush; unmistakably Mediterranean in character, its green shores are brightened by oleanders, palms and deeply aromatic verbena, while its waters reflect the azure sky above.

We take a relaxing cruise to the ravishing 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



Isola Bella gardens



Lake Como

Our hand-picked hotel

Hotel Simplon ★★★★★

The Hotel is set in its own centuries-old parkland. It has an elegant, pink façade, which reflects the local marble for which the town is famous. There's an outdoor pool in the hotel's landscaped gardens, with palm trees and other green foliage dotted around the pool's decking area. The hotel also offers a restaurant and bar area with views over the grounds.



Hotel Simplon

this afternoon. (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 cobble 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 McEachern who is also buried here. (B,D)

+ Included Experiences - Private boat to Cannobio and visit Villa Taranto

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,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit



Lake Como

DAY 5 - Free day

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,D)

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. Alternatively, relax in one of Zermatt's many cosy cafés or take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. (B,D)

+ 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 Stresa in the afternoon. (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)

Please note: The use of air conditioning and

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- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager

(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Guided tour of Isola Bella's Baroque villa
- 6 visits including Lake Como, Cannobio, the gardens at Villa Taranto, Isola dei Pescatori, Lake Orta & Zermatt
- Cruise to the enchanting Borromean Islands



Zermatt

outdoor pool opening is at the discretion of the hotel.

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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.



Ponte Vecchio, Florence



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 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, including 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,D)

+ 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,D)

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

Our hand-picked hotels

As this is a multi-centre tour, we stay at the Minerva hotel for four nights, followed by three nights at the Golden Tulip Piram Hotel in Arezzo.

Hotel Minerva ★★★★★

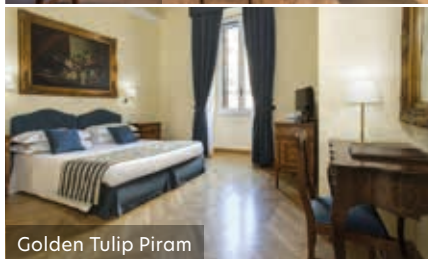
The four-star Hotel Minerva is located about half a mile from the medieval city walls. The hotel has comfortable rooms and also features a restaurant where you will dine each evening of your stay.

Golden Tulip Piram Hotel ★★★★★

Housed in a grand 19th century building, the Piram hotel is well located within walking distance from some of Rome's most famous attractions, close to the main Termini station. The hotel also offers a bar and a restaurant.



Hotel Minerva



Golden Tulip Piram

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,D)

+ Included Experiences - 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 sampling some Italian cuisine with your new made friends. (B,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Assisi

DAY 6 - Rome

This morning we have a guided tour of Rome - probably no where else on Earth has so much history concentrated in

such a small area. We will take in many of the best-known sights, such as St Peter's, Palatine Hill, the Colosseum, the Forum and so much more. (B)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Rome

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)

Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel(s).

Your options

Rome aperitivo stroll

Spend 3 hours enjoying the gastronomic delights of Trastevere the historic Jewish quarter. From **£65**.



Two-centre tour



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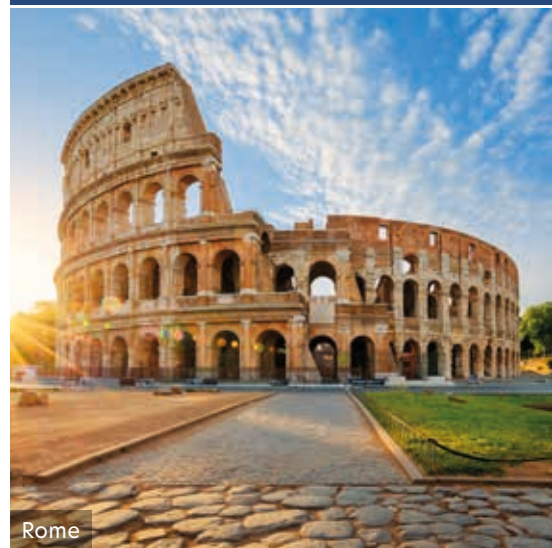
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YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 5 guided tours including Rome, Florence, Siena, Assisi and Arezzo
- 2 visits including Villa d'Este and timed entry to the Uffizi
- Enjoy a wine tasting in the Frascati region



Rome

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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.

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



Siracusa



Villa Romana del Casale



Our hand-picked hotels

As this is a multi-centre tour, we stay at the Baia di Ulisse hotel in Agrigento for two nights, followed by two nights at the Mercure Siracusa and three nights at the Albatros Hotel in Letojanni.

Hotel Baia di Ulisse - Agrigento ★★★★★

Set beside a beautiful pine forest which runs down to the hotel's private beach, the hotel is located in San Leone, just a few miles from Agrigento.

Hotel Mercure Siracusa ★★★★★

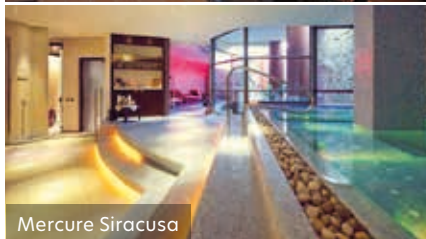
Located directly opposite the UNESCO-listed archaeological park of ancient Syracuse, the hotel offers a rooftop restaurant and pool, while the rooms are bright and modern.

Albatros Hotel - Letojanni ★★★★★

Located in the coastal town of Letojanni, just north of Taormina, with direct access to the promenade facing the Ionian Sea. Recently refurbished, this hotel features a restaurant and a bar, whilst the air conditioned rooms are contemporary and neutrally decorated.



Hotel Baia di Ulisse



Mercure Siracusa



Albatros Hotel

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.

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



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YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 4 guided tours including the Valley of the Temples, Siracusa, Villa Romana del Casale and Ragusa
- 2 visits including Noto and Mount Etna
- Visit a vineyard on the lower slopes of Etna for a tour, wine tasting and dinner



Valley of the Temples

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 - Guided tour of Mount Etna and wine tasting

DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to Catania for your return flight. (B)

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



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



Mdina



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 Experience - Guided walking tour of Valletta and visit the Malta Experience

Our hand-picked hotel

Maritim Antonine Hotel & Spa, Mellieha ★★★★★

Set in the idyllic village of Mellieha, the hotel has a restaurant, two bars and plenty of options for relaxation, including a lovely garden and three swimming pools, one of which is located on the rooftop.



Maritim Antonine Hotel & Spa

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 Experience - Guided tour of Gozo and visit to Ggantija

DAY 4 - Free day

A free day to spend as you wish - you may choose to relax at your hotel, but there's also much to explore locally. An attraction we recommend (but can't organise for you) is the Hypogeum, an underground temple and series of burial chambers dating from 4000 to 2500 BC. It's just south of Valletta, but spaces are limited and need to be pre-booked well in advance at www.heritagemalta.org. (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 Experience - Visit to Rabat, the Wignacourt Museum, Mdina and the Rotunda of Mosta

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 Experience - 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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(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners

YOUR CLASSIC TOUR EXPERIENCES

- 3 guided tours including Valletta, Gozo and Città Vittoriosa
- 6 visits including the Malta Experience, Ggantija, Hagar Qim, Mdina, Rabat and Marsaxlokk
- Enjoy a tasting of Maltese wines at a prestigious local vineyard



Gozo



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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 under an azure blue sky.

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; 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.



Plaza de España, Seville



The Mezquita, Córdoba



Our hand-picked hotels

We stay at the same hand-picked hotels in Mijas (1 night) and Seville (3 nights) whilst the Granada hotel depends on your UK departure date. (2 nights).

Ilunion Hacienda del Sol, Mijas ★★★★★

Built in traditional Andalusian style with a country estate feel, this four-star hotel offers views of both the surrounding mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

Don Paco, Seville ★★★

Fully air-conditioned, with a restaurant and bar area. It features a delightful rooftop swimming pool and terrace area, offering panoramic views across the city.

Hotel Porcel Sabica, Granada ★★★★★

Centrally located in the heart of the city within easy walking distance to the cultural centre, with its cafes, bars and restaurants, The hotel has a restaurant, Bar and rooftop pool and is also fully air conditioned throughout.

Hotel Alixares, Granada ★★★★★

Set in its own delightful gardens and features an outdoor pool and terrace to relax and unwind. There's a restaurant and bar area and the hotel is fully air-conditioned throughout.



Ilunion Hacienda del Sol



Don Paco, Seville



Porcel Sabica, Granada



Alixares, Granada

Why not wander the delightful Plaza de España, 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, and 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)

DAY 5 - Córdoba

We head to delightful Córdoba, with decorated patios adorned with flowers. Our guided walking tour includes the Mezquita, the grandest and most

beautiful mosque constructed in the Moorish world. Another highlight is the immense, well-preserved Roman bridge. We continue our journey to the city of Granada, the last stronghold of the sultans during the Middle Ages and home to the Alhambra, the most spectacular gem of Moorish Andalucía. (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)

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



Multi-centre tour

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(B) Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

For departure dates, prices and flights, please call or visit our website.

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including beautiful Seville and the historic Mezquita, Córdoba
- Enjoy the authentic tastes and traditions of tapas in Seville
- 4 visits including Granada and the outstanding Alhambra Palace, Córdoba and Ronda



Ronda

Your options

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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.



Valencia's futuristic City of Arts & Sciences



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

Our hand-picked hotel

Hotel Eurostars Rey Don Jaime ★★★

The Eurostars Rey Don Jaime hotel boasts a privileged location in Valencia, right beside the Turia Gardens that form a green artery linking the historical old town with the futuristic City of Arts and Sciences, which is only a 10-minute walk away.



Hotel Eurostars Rey Don Jaime

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)

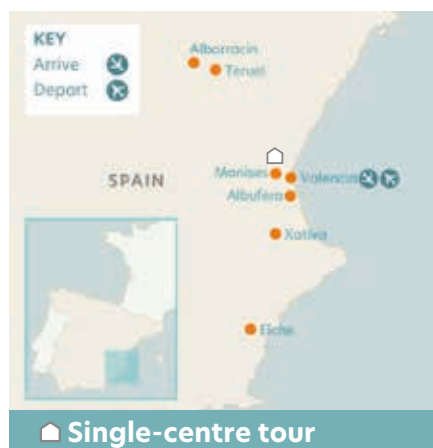
+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Elche

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



Single-centre tour

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. 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

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(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 4 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 5 guided tours including Valencia, Xativa, Elche, Albarracin and Manises
- Cruise the Albufera lagoon
- Enjoy a tasting of the Moorish town Elche's date-based delicacies
- See ceramic handicraft-making in action at a pottery workshop in Manises



Albarracin

DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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 the Nuns & Câmara de Lobos



Madeira The Pearl of the Atlantic

Madeira may be tiny, but this subtropical paradise offers world-renowned gardens and spectacular coastlines, while picturesque Funchal boasts an architectural charm and maritime heritage. Explore 'the Pearl of the Atlantic, with its thundering waterfalls and soaring peaks to the hidden Valley of the Nuns.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Funchal

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

DAY 2 - Funchal

We enjoy a guided walking tour of Funchal, which overlooks a lovely harbour and boasts grand 18th-century buildings. We stop for a tasting of the famous Madeira wine. Later, we visit the Palheiro Gardens, world famous for its flora and wonderful setting in the hills. (B,D)

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

DAY 3 - Western Madeira

Our first stop is Cabo Girão, the island's highest sea cliff, with a sheer drop of 1,980 feet. Next, explore charming Ribeira Brava, set in a steep valley, before we head to Madalena do Mar. Madeira's climate is perfect for growing bananas and you'll see life on a plantation here. Turning inland, we ascend nearly 5,000 feet to the Paúl da Serra plateau and travel via the village of Seixal to the beautiful Bridal Veil waterfall. Our final stop is the village of São Vicente, nestling in a verdant valley and known as the island's volcanic



Santana

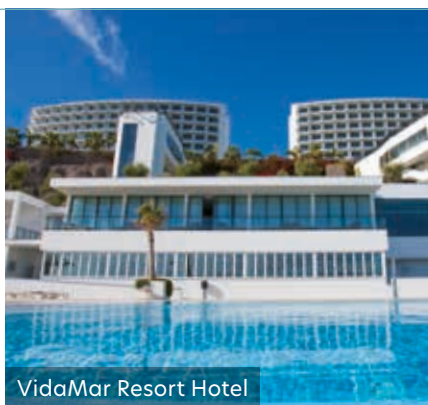


Monte Palace Tropical Garden

Our hand-picked hotel

VidaMar Resort Hotel, Funchal ★★★★ Superior

A stylish and contemporary hotel with views of the Atlantic, the four star superior Vidamar is located in the Lido area of Funchal. All rooms have full balconies and at least partial sea views. The hotel has five different restaurants and offers a special Dine around scheme that allows guests to sample a wide variety of cuisines throughout the hotel. (Please see website for more details)



VidaMar Resort Hotel

birthplace. (B,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Cabo Girão, Ribeira Brava, Seixal and São Vicente

DAY 4 - Monte

We visit the hilltop town of Monte, a pilgrimage site, with its 18th-century church. Then the Monte Palace Tropical Garden, where you can join our guided tour. These oriental gardens are exquisite, complete with Asian-style bridges and a koi carp pond. Return to Funchal by coach - or by cable car on a dramatic 15-minute descent - or experience the famous Monte toboggan ride back! (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 Rosto for the dazzling panoramas and sleepy Porto da Cruz, we journey to the UNESCO-listed Ribeiro Frio National Park. Around 90% of it is covered by ancient laurel trees. Ascending slopes cloaked in fragrant eucalyptus and swirling mists, we emerge at Pico do Arieiro at 5,930 feet. You may spot Madeira's highest summit - the 6,100-foot Pico Ruivo. (B,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Ponta do Rosto, Porto da Cruz and the Ribeiro Frio National Park

DAY 6 - Free day

If you didn't take the cable car at Monte, why not enjoy it today? Or you could climb the steep path leading to São João do Pico, the impressive 17th-century fortress. (B,D)

DAY 7 - Curral das Freiras (Valley of the Nuns) & Câmara de Lobos

We drive to Eira do Serrado, part of a natural cauldron of jagged peaks and

chasms. Soak up the glorious views down to the village of the Valley of the Nuns and sample the sweet 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)

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



Your options

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 - 7 nights in four-star accommodation inclusive of all local taxes
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including Funchal and Monte Palace Tropical Gardens
- Enjoy a tasting of the delicious and world-famous Madeira wines
- 8 visits including the Palheiro Gardens, Câmara de Lobos, Santana, Ribeiro Frio National Park, Cabo Girão and Porto Moniz



Cabo Girão



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Aix-En-Provence • The Camargue
• Luberon Mountains • Avignon • Cassis



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



Pont du Gard

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. Tonight we dine in a local restaurant. (B,D)

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

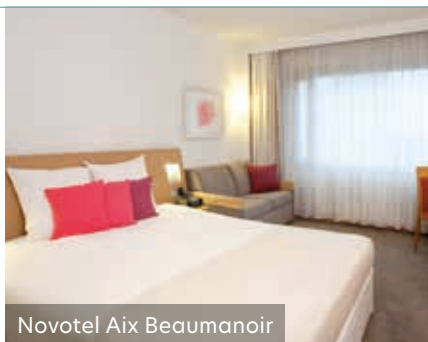
DAY 3 - The Camargue

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!

Our hand-picked hotel

Novotel Aix Beaumanoir ★★★★★

Situated on the outskirts of the city, the four-star rated Novotel Aix Beaumanoir is a purpose built property with comfortable rooms with air conditioning, satellite TV, safe and private facilities. Set in its own garden the hotel has a pleasant bar and restaurant, outside terrace and swimming pool.



Novotel Aix Beaumanoir

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 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 Experience - 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)

Please note: Lavender season varies according to weather & climate conditions, but is usually late June to August. The use of air conditioning and outdoor pool opening is at the discretion of the hotel.



Aix-En-Provence



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 - 7 nights in four- to four-star superior accommodation inclusive of all local taxes
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 4 Dinners including two at local restaurants

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including Aix-en-Provence and Arles
- 2 boat trips with commentary through the Camargue and Cassis
- 7 visits including Avignon, the Luberon Mountains, the Pont du Gard and the Camargue



Luberon Mountains



The Camargue

Lisieux • Rouen • Honfleur
• Monet's Garden



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.



Monet's lilies



Rouen



Rouen Cathedral

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, a venerable medieval town 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 in glorious detail. The 230-foot-long tapestry comprises nine panels of extremely delicate embroidery, depicting the battle and the period's architecture, weapons and everyday life, and is arguably the most perfect relic from the early Middle Ages.

After time for lunch we discover nearby Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-day, when Allied forces surged into Normandy to begin the liberation of occupied Europe. Casting your eyes across the sand, it's sobering to consider that on 6 June 1944, around 25,000 British troops came ashore on this one beach, with 400 killed by the defenders. At the western end of the shoreline is Arromanches, where you may wish to visit an excellent museum dedicated to the 'longest day'.

Our hand-picked hotel

Grand Hotel de l'Esperance ★★★

This hotel in the heart of the medieval town of Lisieux, right in the centre of the Calvados region of Normandy. The hotel has a restaurant and bar and the spacious bedrooms have Wi-Fi throughout.



Grand Hotel de l'Esperance

We journey through the picturesque area of Pays d'Auge along Normandy's 'Cider route', passing delightful apple orchards and quaint villages of half-timbered houses. Upon returning to Lisieux, you may wish to visit the basilica of Ste-Therese, one of the most popular 19th century Catholic saints, whose short life and works are commemorated by pilgrims who flock from around the world to pay their respects. (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 fascinating 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. Immortalised in several paintings by Monet, the cathedral is simply stunning - marvel at the epic scale of the four-storey nave and the famous cobalt-blue stained glass, and see the tombs of kings and dukes, as well as a recumbent statue of Richard the Lionheart containing his heart. 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 - it is today a popular pilgrimage site.

There's free time after to explore more of this intriguing city. Perhaps have lunch in the local market or visit one of its superb museums, such as the excellent 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. Many of these have been converted into seafood restaurants or traditional shops selling all sorts of items. Away from the harbour, Honfleur's intricate maze of streets is a delight to wander through and offers an authentic flavour of this wonderfully provincial old port.

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. In many places, the two types of agriculture have become almost symbiotic, with the grazing cows in apple orchards fertilising the soil in a virtuous cycle. We stop to visit an organic cider producer to learn about the cider-making process, as well as the various other apple-based drinks, such as pommeau and calvados, followed by a tasting paired with a variety of classic Normandy cheeses. (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, and to witness firsthand the spectacular displays of colour at the artist's house and garden at Giverny is an unforgettable experience. 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 Nymphaes (Water Lilies) series. Little surprise he referred to the garden as 'my most beautiful masterpiece'. 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.



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- Return rail connections available on selected dates from over 50 regional stations*, and return reserved Eurostar seat from London St Pancras International
 - All hotel transfers, plus portage of one item of luggage
 - 4 nights in three-star accommodation inclusive of all local taxes
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a guided historic walk of Rouen
- Visit to a local cider producer and enjoy tastings paired with cheese
- 5 visits including Arromanches, Gold Beach, Honfleur, Claude Monet's home and garden and the Bayeux Tapestry



Bayeux Tapestry



Rouen Cathedral

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Bruges

Your tour includes

- Return standard-class reserved Eurostar seats from London St. Pancras, plus all hotel transfers
- Return rail connections available on selected dates from over 50 regional stations
- 3 nights in three-star superior accommodation inclusive of all local taxes, plus portorage of one piece of luggage
- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout

(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Guided walking tour of Bruges
- Visit Ypres and Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Learn how the world's finest chocolates are made

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. We will return to Bruges, where there will be an opportunity to gather with our travelling companions for a final evening sampling some of the wonderful Flemish food. 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

Our hand-picked hotel

Martins, Bruges ★★★★★

This hotel is ideally located opposite the Belfry in the heart of the historic centre. The hotel has a welcoming atmosphere with a stylish interior, bar and courtyard terrace.



Single-centre tour

Your tour includes

- Return flights from a selection of regional airports with hotel transfers, plus portorage of one item of luggage
- 4 nights in four-star superior accommodation inclusive of all local taxes with daily breakfast
- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout

(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including Berlin and Dresden
- 2 visits including Colditz Castle and exhibition, and medieval Meissen with a tour of the world-famous porcelain studio

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

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; 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)

Please note: On some dates, this tour operates in reverse order. The use of air-conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.

Our hand-picked hotels

We stay in hand-picked hotels in Berlin (2 nights) and Dresden (2 nights).

Park Inn by Radisson Berlin Alexanderplatz ★★★★★

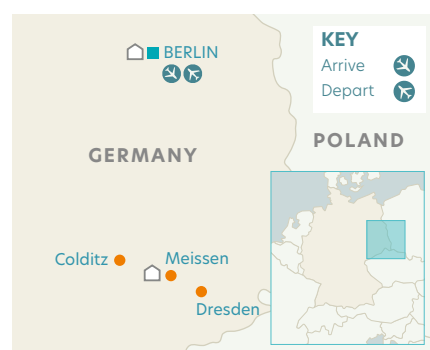
Situated in the centre of the city, and is the highest hotel in Berlin offering unique views over the capital from the rooftop terrace. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, spa and fitness centre.

Courtyard by Marriott Berlin ★★★★★

Within easy walking distance of Museum Island, the magnificent Gendarmenmarkt and Checkpoint Charlie, this chic and modern hotel provides the perfect base to explore Berlin's sights.

Maritim, Dresden ★★★★★ Superior

A four-star superior rated hotel, situated on the banks of the Elbe, housed in a building that is a protected monument.



Two-centre tour



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'.



Dubrovnik



Cavtat



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 Šipčanik 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,

Our hand-picked hotels

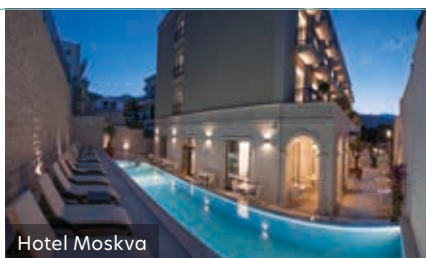
As this is a multi-centre tour, we stay at the Hotel Moskva in Budva for six nights, followed by one night at the City Hotel in Dubrovnik.

Hotel Moskva, Budva ★★★★★

Set in an ideal location in visitor-friendly Budva, this elegant hotel offers all the modern comforts you would expect from accommodation of this rating.

City Hotel, Dubrovnik ★★★★★

This newly built hotel is situated on the Lapad Peninsula and a short stroll from the Lapad Bay itself and its Marina. All the stylish rooms offer air conditioning and free Wi-Fi, and the hotel has both a bar and a restaurant.



Hotel Moskva



City Hotel, Dubrovnik

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

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 all 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)



Twin centre tour

+ Included Experiences - Tasting of locally produced delicacies; 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

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.

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- 7 nights' accommodation in four-star hotels, inclusive of local taxes
- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager

(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners including 3 in local restaurants

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 3 guided tours including Dubrovnik, Cetinje royal palace and Kotor
- Tour & tasting at Montenegro's most unusual wine cellars
- 3 visits including Stari Bar, Perast and Cavtat
- Tasting of locally produced delicacies in Cetinje
- 2 boats trips including a visit to our Lady of the Rocks and Lake Skadar



Budva

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; evening dinner and folklore show

DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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Helsinki, Tallinn & Riga

Discover the heritage of the Baltic 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.



Suomenlinna Fortress



Tallinn



Riga

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

Our hand-picked hotels

We stay 3 nights in Helsinki, 2 nights in Tallinn and 2 nights in Riga.

Scandic Grand Marina, Helsinki ★★★★★

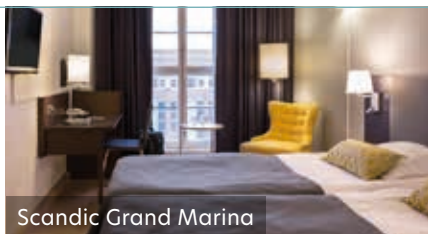
Situated by the waterfront of Katajanokka and housed in an Art Nouveau building, this environmentally friendly hotel has modern rooms, while large, arched windows and high ceilings in the restaurant and bar create a bright atmosphere.

Nordic Forum Hotel, Tallinn ★★★★★

This four-star hotel is located at the geographical centre point of Tallinn and just moments away from the Old Town, offering great views from the top floor pool.

Radisson Blu Elizabete, Riga ★★★★★

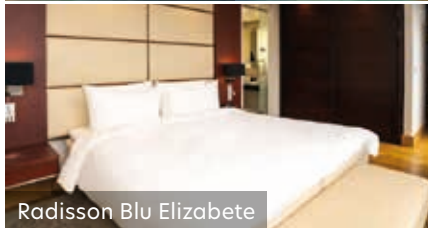
Facing one of the city's most famous parks, the Radisson Blu Elizabete is a contemporary hotel conveniently located in central Riga, just a couple minutes' walk from the Old Town.



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Nordic Forum Hotel



Radisson Blu Elizabete

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 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)



Multi-centre tour

+ 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 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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- Return flights from a selection of regional airports with hotel transfers
- 7 nights in four-star accommodation, inclusive of all local taxes
- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- Ferry crossing from Helsinki to Tallinn
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager

(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 3 Dinners including 1 in a local restaurant

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 5 guided tours including Helsinki, Suomenlinna Fortress, Kadriorg Palace and gardens, Tallinn and Riga, and visit Tartu



Tallinn



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Kwazulu Natal • Isandlwana & Rorke's
Drift • Mossel Bay • Cango Caves &
Oudtshoorn • Hermanus • Winelands
• Cape Town • Cape of Good Hope



South Africa

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Your tour includes

- Return scheduled flights from the UK with Premium Economy upgrades
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 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Breakfast, (L) 2 Lunches, (D) 5 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including the Zulu War battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift
- Full-day guided safari in the Kruger National Park
- Enjoying a cellar tour and tasting at a 300-year-old wine estate
- Explore legendary Cape of Good Hope and Cape Town's Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- 6 visits including the Blyde River canyon, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Boulders Beach, Featherbed Nature reserve, Hermanus and the Winelands



Cape of Good Hope



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 Pigg's 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. Dinner included tonight. (B)

+ 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 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 - Mossel Bay

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 Mossel Bay. 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



Winelands

Our hand-picked hotels

Johannesburg: Indaba Hotel (1 night)
★★★★

Kruger: Hippo Hollow Country Estate (3 nights) ★★★ Superior

Kwazulu Natal: Battlefields Lodge (2 nights)★★★

Mossel Bay: Diaz Hotel & Resort (2 nights) ★★★ Superior

Winelands: Pearl Valley Hotel (2 nights)★★★★

Cape Town: Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel (3 nights)★★★★



Hippo Hollow Country Estate

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 Franschhoek, set at the head of a valley and tonight enjoy an included typical South African BBQ or Cape Malay buffet dinner at our hotel. (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 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



Isandlwana



Stellenbosch



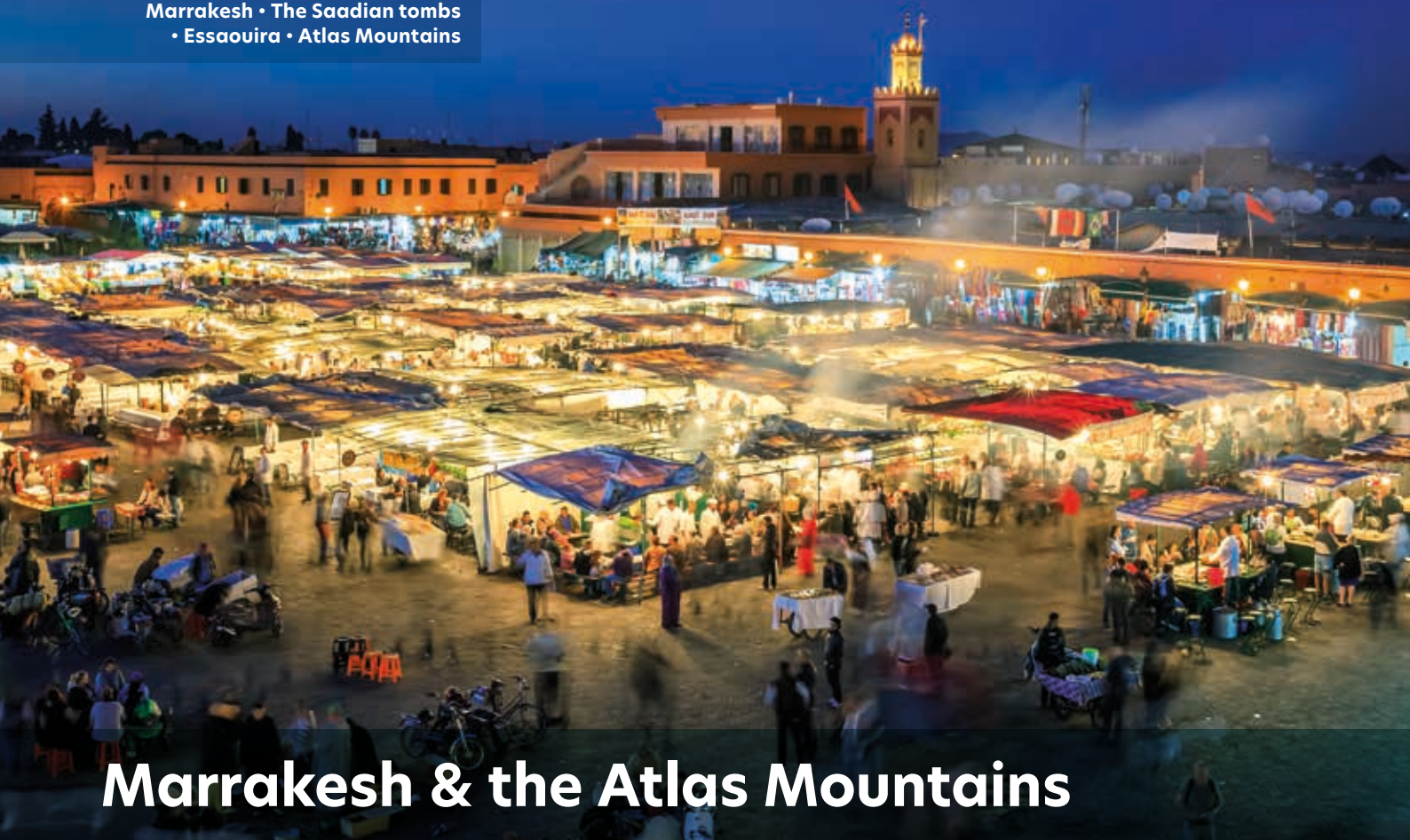
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Marrakesh • The Saadian tombs
• Essaouira • Atlas Mountains



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.



Essaouira



Jardin Majorelle Gardens



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

Our hand-picked hotels

Hotel Opera Plaza, Marrakesh ★★★★ Superior

Set in its own private grounds, this hotel is ideally located, allowing easy access to the sights of the old city. There are three restaurants and dinner is included in the main restaurant which serves international cuisine; you may wish to upgrade to either the Italian or Moroccan 'à la carte' restaurants.



Hotel Opera Plaza

spectacle of musicians, dancers, fortune-tellers and snake charmers 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 Jema 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

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

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)

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



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 - 5 nights in four-star superior accommodation inclusive of all local taxes
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 5 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Guided tour of Marrakesh
- 5 visits including the Jardin Majorelle Gardens, the spectacular Atlas Mountains, the Saadian Tombs and Essaouira



Atlas Mountains

Your options

Personalise your holiday

Enjoy a Moroccan gastronomic experience in Marrakesh. From **£39** per person

Attend La Maison Arabe's world renowned cooking workshop, where a professional chef will teach you how to create a delicious and authentic Moroccan dish. Then you'll feast on your culinary creations with your fellow cooks.

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Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra King's highway & Mount Nebo • Jerash



Jordan & Petra

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. (D)

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 Wadi Rum Space Village, a Bedouin-style tented camp.

This afternoon, you have the opportunity to experience an optional camel ride in the desert before enjoying a traditional 'zarb' dinner – a delicious barbecue cooked for hours under the hot desert sand. (B,D)



Jerash



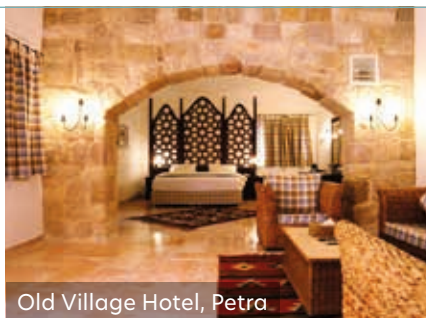
Our hand-picked hotels

Amman: AlQasr Metropole Hotel (1 night) ★★★★★

Wadi Rum: Space Village (1 night)

Petra: Old Village Hotel & Resort (2 nights) ★★★★★

Dead Sea: Holiday Inn Dead Sea (2 nights) ★★★★★



Old Village Hotel, Petra

+ 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 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 per cent, 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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- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 6 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 3 guided tours including the 'Rose-Red City' of Petra, Wadi Rum desert and Jerash
- 3 visits including Shobak, Mount Nebo and Mabada



Wadi Rum



Delhi • Old Delhi • Taj Mahal
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India with Shimla

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- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout

(B) Daily Breakfast, (L) 4 Lunches, (D) 6 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 5 guided tours including Old and New Delhi, Jaipur, the Amber Fort and Alisar
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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 Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques. We leave Delhi in the afternoon for our drive to Agra, arriving in the late afternoon. (B)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Old Delhi

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.

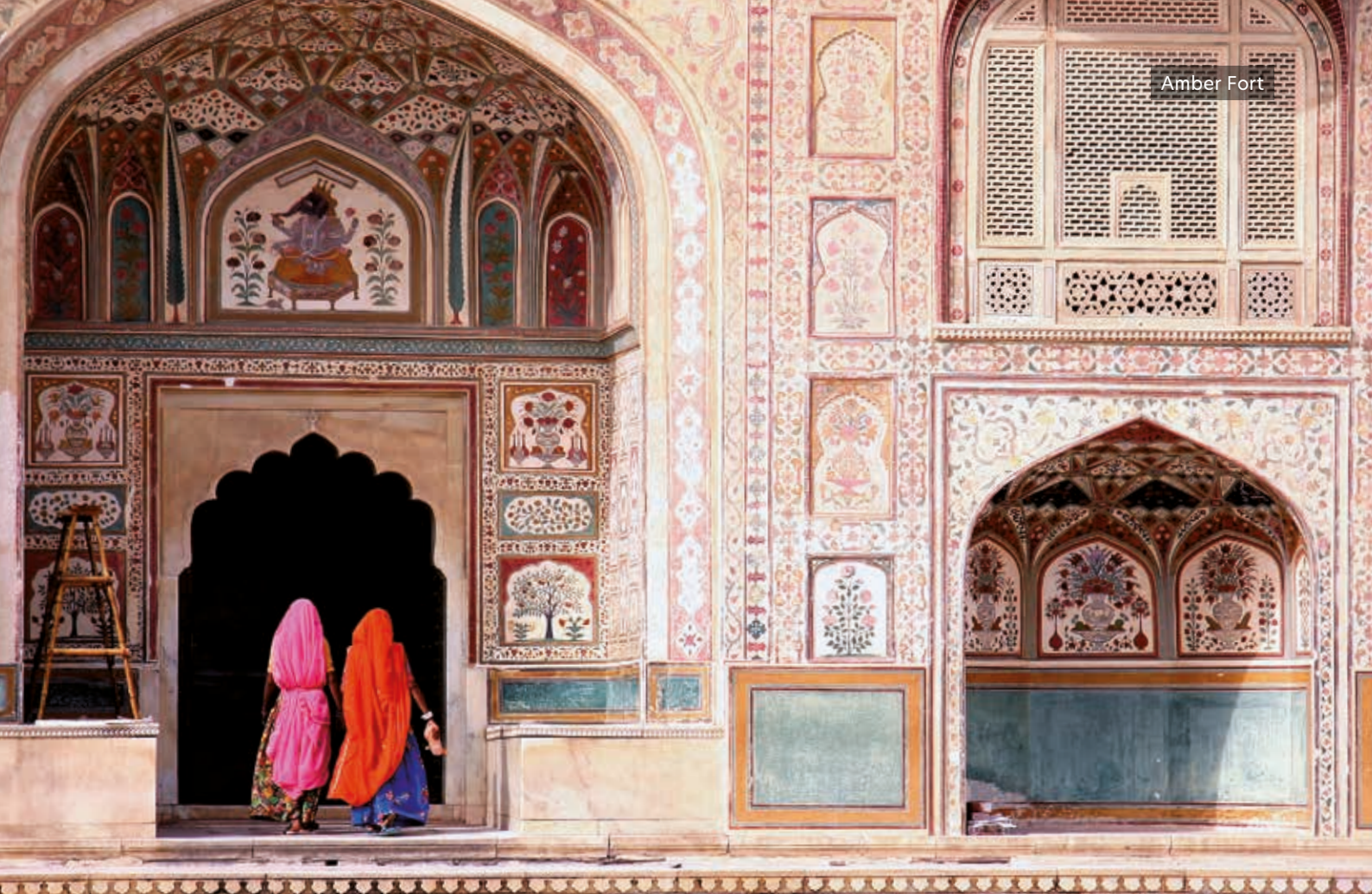
We continue our tour with a visit to the vast red sandstone Agra Fort. Completed in 1573, it was the headquarters of the Moghul Empire, boasting vast size and opulence, its buildings make it more of a walled palace than a fort. In the evening you



India Gate



Fatehpur Sikri



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'. After many years of conservation, 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



Viceregal Lodge, Shimla

Our hand-picked hotels

Delhi: Hyatt New Delhi (1 night)

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Agra: Oberoi Trident (2 nights) ★★★★★

Ranthambore: Ranthambore Regency (2 nights) ★★★

Jaipur: Marriott (2 nights) ★★★★★

Rajasthan: Vanaashrya Resort (1 night) ★★★★★

Delhi: Le Meridien New Delhi (1 night)

★★★★★

Shimla: Oberoi Cecil Shimla (3 nights)

★★★★★

Delhi: Hyatt New Delhi (1 night)

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Oberoi Cecil Shimla



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, stopping at the historical site of Bhangarth Fort. We will arrive at our hotel in time for lunch and the rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the surrounding nature or perhaps relax by the pool. This evening we will enjoy a cooking demonstration and some local music and dancing, before our included dinner. (B,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Alsisar

DAY 10 - Delhi

After breakfast we head back to Delhi and the last night of our tour at the Le Meridien New 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



Palace of the Winds

buffet dinner at the Oberoi is included tonight. (B,D)

DAY 14 - Train to Delhi

Today we say goodbye to Shimla and the Oberoi 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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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 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

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Brihadeeswara Temple, Tanjore



Kerala Houseboat

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

Our hand-picked hotels

Chennai: Taj Connemara (2 nights) ★★★★★
Pondicherry: Atithi TGI Grand (1 night) ★★★★★
Thanjavur: River View Resort by GRT (2 nights) ★★★★★ Superior
Karaikudi: Chidambara Vilas (1 night) ★★★★★
Madurai: The Heritage (1 night) ★★★★★

Kumily: Spice Village by CGH Earth (2 nights) ★★★★★
Alleppey: Kerala Houseboat (1 night) ★★★★★
Kumarakom: Coconut Lagoon by CGH Earth (2 nights) ★★★★★
Cochin: Oberoi Trident (1 night) ★★★★★

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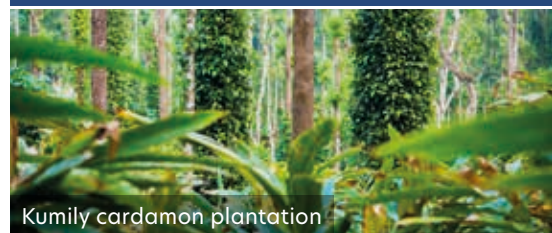
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- Visits including Chennai's Fort St George, Cochin, the Meenakshi Amman Temple, Brihadeeswara Temple, a Chettinad trade mansion and a 500-acre spice plantation
- Tours including Pondicherry, Madurai tuk tuk tour and Periyar National Park
- Cruise the picturesque backwaters and canals of Kerala on a houseboat



Kumily cardamom plantation

Pondicherry where we spend 1 night. (B,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 Experiences - Visit the Brihadeeswara Temple

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 Experiences - 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 Experience - 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 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)



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- 3 guided tours including Kyoto, Nara and Tokyo



Tokyo



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Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Departure

Arrive at the airport for your overnight flight to Tokyo.

DAY 2 - Arrival in Tokyo

On our arrival, we transfer to our hotel. Perfectly located in the heart of Tokyo, close to the Japanese parliament, the nearest metro stop is just a couple of minutes' walk, allowing you to explore at ease (all station names are given in English). This afternoon we have our first taste of Tokyo with a short orientation walk in the surrounding area, after which you are free to relax. This evening we will have a welcome evening meal to get to know each other better. (D)

+ Included Experience - Guided walk around Tokyo

DAY 3 - Tokyo

We commence the exploration of Japan's capital and largest city. At first glance, Tokyo might seem similar to other great Asian cities like Singapore or Shanghai, with its gleaming glass skyscrapers and busy, fashionable shops. But you'll soon begin to notice some of the many fascinating differences - like the spotlessly clean and surprisingly quiet streets.

Our first stop is the famous Shinto Meiji

shrine, dedicated to one of its past emperors. Set in outstandingly lush parkland, this is a working religious site where you may be lucky enough to see a typical Japanese marriage underway. Then we move on to some of Tokyo's most renowned quarters, including Omotesando Street, Tokyo's 'Rodeo Drive', full of luxury brand shops. Then there's the Harajuku area where teenagers sport the latest outrageous fashions and the Akihabara electronic town, home to one of the first stores devoted to personal robots. We savour some Japanese cuisine at our included lunch. (B,L)

+ Included Experiences - Visit the Shinto Meiji shrine, Omotesando Street and Harajuku

DAY 4 - Tokyo

This morning we visit Tokyo's Asakusa district. Full of traditional small houses and shops, it's a unique insight into the Tokyo of a hundred years ago. We will then transfer by boat down the Sumida River to Ginza, widely recognised as one of the world's most luxurious shopping destinations. It's brimming with ultra-modern department stores, boutiques, restaurants and coffee houses and your afternoon is free to shop.



Bullet train





Another option is to head to the Tokyo National Museum, where you'll find the world's largest collection of Japanese art, with pottery, painting and prints, textiles, fashion and oriental antiquities.

Japanese food is increasingly being rightfully recognised as one of the world's great cuisines and it goes way beyond sushi with teppanyaki, teriyaki, sashimi, yakitori, udon noodles, and a huge variety of sake rice wine. Utilising the freshest possible ingredients cooked without oils, fats or butter, it is a revelation. Even the famous "bento box" packed lunches, available at any railway station, are wonderful to look at, very tasty and excellent value. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit Tokyo's Asakusa district

DAY 5 - Mount Fuji & Hakone

Saying goodbye to Tokyo we drive towards Mount Fuji, probably Japan's most instantly recognisable sight, fringed by thick forests and a crescent-shaped ring of shimmering lakes. We visit two of these beautiful lakes to give you the best chance to enjoy the stunning panorama from two different angles. Our first stop is at Lake Kawaguchi, well known to the Japanese but still undiscovered by most foreign visitors. Next, we head south to explore the fascinating mountain resort of Hakone. Descending to the smooth dark blue waters of Lake Ashi, we take a cruise on a rather unusual Japanese version of an early 19th-century pirate

ship. From here, especially on a clear day, the views of Mount Fuji are one of the world's greatest panoramas.

The entire area is geo-thermally active, and provides the perfect opportunity to try one of Japan's unmissable experiences - bathing in an 'onsen', a hot spring at our very own hotel. (B,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit Lake Kawaguchi, Hakone and Lake Ashi

DAY 6 - Bullet train

This morning we travel to Hiroshima on Japan's iconic gleaming white bullet train. With reclining seats, plenty of legroom, air-conditioned comfort and speeds up to 189 mph, this is an incomparable way to travel. Arriving at

lunchtime there's a sobering reminder of the horrors of war this afternoon as

we visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and museum, displaying the remains of the only building to survive the atomic bomb blast of August 1945. The city has been completely rebuilt and there are no signs left of the devastation of that fateful day. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Travel on the Bullet Train and visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and museum

DAY 7 - Miyajima

Today we make our way to one of the country's most distinctive views on the nearby small island of Miyajima. A huge red 'Torii' gate sits just offshore;



Kyoto

Our hand-picked hotels

Tokyo: New Otani Garden Tower
(3 nights) ★★★★★

Hakone: Hakone Hotel (1 night) ★★★★★

Hiroshima: Rihga Royal Hotel
(2 nights) ★★★★★

Kyoto: Century Hotel (4 nights) ★★★★★

Tokyo: Haneda Excel (1 night) ★★★★★



New Otani Hotel, Tokyo



widely celebrated, at high tide it appears to float between the sea and sky. This popular little island is easy to explore on foot. It has a relaxed holiday atmosphere, lots of interesting shops and a covered market. Your afternoon is at leisure to experience this charming city, home to two UNESCO World Heritage Site Genbaku (the Atomic Bomb Dome) and Itsukushima Shrine. (B,L)

+ Included Experience - Visit Miyajima

DAY 8 - Kyoto

Leaving Hiroshima by coach, we head towards the old imperial capital of Kyoto. En route we'll visit the superb Korakuen garden at Okayama - built in 1700 and renowned as one of Japan's most exquisite gardens, with lawns, lakes, wooden bridges, shrines and tea houses!

We have four nights in Kyoto and a whole day free in the city, so you'll have plenty of time to explore. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit Korakuen garden

DAY 9 - Kyoto & Tea Ceremony

This morning is one of the real highlights of the tour as we discover some of the overwhelming treasures of Japan's most revered city. First is the spectacular and beautiful Golden Pavilion, dating from the classical Muromachi age of Japanese temple design, perfectly overlooking its lake and garden. Nearby is the Ryoan-ji temple, or the Temple of the Dragon at Peace, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. We then visit the amazing Arashiyama bamboo forest - experiencing an almost other-worldly feel as the light streams through the tall green columns of bamboo, up to 30 feet high!

Yet another iconic Kyoto monument is next - Nijo Castle. Set at the heart of the city and built in the 17th century, it's

famous for its wooden floors remarkably designed to creak like a nightingale's song, thus warning its occupants of any impending stealthy attack!

Finally, we take a walking tour through Kyoto's Gion district. Here is the classic image of Japan - streets of wooden houses, the unmistakable sound of wooden sandals reverberating on the pavements, bright, silk-clad geishas, cherry trees and a host of traditional restaurants. Enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Kyoto and the Gion district; enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony

DAY 10 - Nara

Capital city before Kyoto, Nara is just a few miles south. Here, traditional culture first took root and it is famous for its great Buddhist monuments and time-honoured festivals. We see one of the country's most iconic shrines, made from thousands of red Torii gates. Arriving at Nara you'll be greeted by the dozens of tame deer considered for centuries to be messengers of the gods. The main

sight though is the amazing Todai-ji temple, astonishingly the world's largest wooden structure housing a huge bronze Buddha. We also get an insight into the traditional Japanese Sake drink, visiting a museum with a tasting. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Nara and Sake museum with tasting

DAY 11 - Free day in Kyoto

You're free today to explore and discover the many delights and attractions of Kyoto. There are still more enchanting temples to see - the 15th century Silver Pavilion and the even older Eikando temple, marvels of architectural and garden design within an easy walk of each other. (B)

DAY 12 - Bullet train

After a last free morning at leisure, we take our bullet train to Tokyo staying overnight near the airport. (B)

+ Included Experience - Travel on the Bullet Train

DAY 13 - Return flight

We fly back to the UK, arriving later the same day. (B)



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Hydrangea Temple



Kinkakuji Temple, Kyoto

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

Our hand-picked hotels

Mishima: Fujisan Mishima
Tokyu Hotel ★★★★★

Tokyo: Shiba Park Hotel

Kyoto: The Hotel Higashiyama ★★★★★



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YOUR CLASSIC TOUR EXPERIENCES

- 3 guided tours including the highlights of Kyoto and the Gion district and Tokyo's highlights
- 4 visits including Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine and a ride on the Bullet Train, Lake Yamanaka, Lake Kawaguchi and Ichiku Kubota Museum and a ride on the Kachi Kachi Ropeway cable cars



Zozoji Temple

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 delicious traditional foods. Enjoy free time to visit the Great Buddha that dominates the town's Buddhist temple or 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 Experiences - Trip to Kamakura

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 Experiences - 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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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**

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

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- Return scheduled flights with premium economy flight upgrades available at a supplement
 - Stay in hand-picked five-star and four-star accommodation
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (L) 5 Lunches, (D) 1 Dinner

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 4 guided tours including Hanoi, the Citadel and Forbidden City, Phnom Penh and Saigon
- Take a leisurely cruise aboard a converted Chinese junk boat in UNESCO-listed Halong Bay
- 8 visits including the Royal Palace of Phnom Penh, the National Museum, the Tuol Sleng Museum, Cu Chi tunnels, Kompong Thom, the Temples of Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Ta Prohm
- Enjoy a full-day trip on the mighty Mekong delta



Thien Mu Pagoda

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reviews



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

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 Experiences - 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



Ho Chi Minh City Hall

Our hand-picked hotels

Hanoi: Melia Hotel (3 nights) ★★★★★

Hue: Senna Hotel (2 nights) ★★★★★

Ho Chi Minh City: Equatorial Hotel (3 nights) ★★★★★

Phnom Penh: Palace Gate (2 nights) ★★★★★

Siem Reap: Borei Angkor Hotel (3 nights) ★★★★★ Superior



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 Experiences - 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 Experiences - 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 Experiences - 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 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

DAY 14 - Free day in Siem Reap

Today we have left free for you to return to the many monuments of Angkor, explore Siem Reap or relax around the pool at the hotel. Alternatively, you could take an interesting tour to the nearby lake of Tonle Sap to visit a floating village (subject to season and water levels) or test your culinary skills by taking an optional half-day cooking class. (B)

DAY 15 - Return flight

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

DAY 16 - Arrive home



Your options

Personalise your holiday

Phare, The Cambodian Circus. From **£49.** (category A seats)

Phare, The Cambodian Circus tells of Cambodian folklore, historic and modern society stories through modern circus arts, dance, live music and theatre. More than just a circus, the young performing artists will enthral you with their talent incorporating emotion, enthusiasm and energy. This unique acrobat performance lasts for approximately 1 hour and is located in the very heart of the civilization of Cambodia, Siem Reap.

Enjoy a late check-out with afternoon tea. From **£65.**

Relax and enjoy a late check-out (until 4pm) with afternoon tea at the Borei Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap. Served in the Tropicana Bar, the afternoon tea will include tea, coffee, soft drinks, a selection of sandwiches, cakes and cookies.



Sri Lanka

Discover old Ceylon with its sacred caves, ancient temples, palaces, lost cities and a unique cuisine blended with excellent game viewing and finishing with a relaxing few days on a tropical beach.



Sigiriya Rock

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

Our hand-picked hotels

Colombo: Arie Lagoon Hotel (1 night) ★★★★★

Habarana: Cinnamon Habarana Village (2 nights) ★★★

Kandy: Cinnamon Citadel Hotel (2 nights) ★★★★★

Nuwara Eliya: Golden Ridge Hotel ★★★★★ or The Grand Nuwara Eliya ★★★★★ (1 night)

Yala National Park: Chaarya Resort and Spa (2 nights) ★★★ Superior

Kalutara: Anantara Kalutara Resort (3 nights) ★★★★★



Anantara Kalutara Resort

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DAYS

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Your tour includes

- Return scheduled flights from London Heathrow
 - Stay in hand-picked three-star superior, four and five-star hotels
 - A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 8 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 8 visits including Dambulla, Sigiriya Rock, Kandy, the Royal Botanical Gardens, a tea estate and spice plantation, Galle and the Elephant Transit Home
- Enjoy a 4x4 drive in Yala National Park, famed for its wildlife
- Spend three nights relaxing on one of Sri Lanka's idyllic tropical coastal locations

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. Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens

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

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)



Multi-centre tour



Kandy Botanical Gardens

Your options

Upgrade your stay

Upgrade your room at the 5-star Anantara Kalutara Resort. From £309.

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Singapore • Auckland • Bay of
Islands • Hamilton • Rotorua • Napier
• Wellington • Abel Tasman National
Park • Christchurch • Tranzalpine train
• Queenstown • Milford Sound
• Omarama • Mount Cook



New Zealand

Land of the Long White Cloud



Milford Sound



Wellington



Its mountains and rivers, fiords and glaciers are breathtaking. Experience magnificent National Parks, charming towns and pristine landscapes plus wonder at its volcanic geysers and mud pools. Experience a trip on the TransAlpine train, a helicopter flight over the staggering Franz Josef glacier and a visit to Mt Cook.

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 see the Bay of Islands in the best way possible - via boat. If you're lucky, you may see wild dolphins

which are common in the Bay of Islands. Continue on to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', through which the boat will sail slowly, conditions permitting, before we disembark at the historic small town of Russell, an ideal place for a spot of lunch or a relaxing walk along the waterfront. The rest of the afternoon is free. (B)

+ Included Experiences - 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

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- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout

(B) Daily Breakfast, (L) 2 Picnic Lunches, (D) 2 Dinners

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Bay of Islands, Abel
- Tasman and Milford Sound on day cruises and experience the passage from the North Island to the South Island - known as Cook Strait - on the Inter Islander ferry ride.
- Spend time in some of New Zealand's most famous cities: Christchurch, Auckland and Queenstown.
- Enjoy once-in-a-lifetime views weaving through the Southern Alps on the TransAlpine train, flying over Franz Josef Glacier in a helicopter and walking through Hooker Valley in the shadow of Mt Cook.
- Stay for two nights in Rotorua where we see the spectacular Waitomo Caves and journey to Middle Earth with a visit the Hobbiton Movie Sets.
- Savour the delicious taste of New Zealand wine in the famous wine-producing region of Marlborough at a local vineyard



Wai-O-Tapu, Rotorua



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.

This evening, you'll enjoy a visit to a recreation of a typical Maori forest community village, where we'll be treated to an evening of ceremonial rituals, storytelling, and intriguing insights into Maori life. It ends with a powerful cultural performance in a fully wooden carved Te Aronui-a-Rua meeting house before a traditional Hangi buffet dinner (Maori feast) cooked the traditional Maori way in an earth oven. (B,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Waitomo Caves and Rotorua, enjoy a Maori feast

DAY 8 - Free day or Hobbiton

Today you can have a free day exploring Rotorua, or visit the Hobbiton Movie

Set for a guided tour. Plucked from the pages of JRR Tolkien's famous novels and transformed for the big screen by Peter Jackson, we'll follow our guide around the ten-acre site. We'll see structures made for both the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films including the Old Mill, the Green Dragon Inn and, of course, we won't leave without seeing the Hobbit Holes. After exploring, we'll enjoy a complimentary drink in the Green Dragon Inn and return to the Shires Rest before departing to Rotorua for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

+ Included Experiences - 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

You continue south to Wellington for one night in New Zealand's capital. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with free time to explore the vibrant waterfront and beautiful gardens. We also visit Te Papa, New Zealand's outstanding National

Museum, to learn about the shaping of its land, the spirit of its diverse peoples, its unique wildlife and landscapes. (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 take 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

Our hand-picked hotels

Auckland: Grand Millennium
(2 nights) ★★★★★

Bay of Islands: Scenic Hotel ★★★★★
or **Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia**
(2 nights) ★★

Rotorua: Sudima Hotel (2 nights) ★★★★★

Napier: Scenic Hotel Te Pania
(1 night) ★★★★★

Wellington: James Cook
Chancellor Hotel (1 night) ★★★★★

Nelson: Rutherford Hotel (1 night) ★★★★★

Christchurch: Distinction Hotel
(2 nights) ★★★★★

Franz Josef Glacier: Scenic Hotel
(1 night) ★★★★★

Queenstown: Copthorne Lakefront
Resort (2 nights) ★★★★★

Te Anau: Distinction Hotel Luxmore
(1 night) ★★★★★

Omarama: Heritage Gateway
(1 night) ★★★



Christchurch

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 - Lunch in 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

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. Late in the afternoon enjoy an optional visit to the unique Glowworm caves. (B,L)

+ Included Experience - Cruise around



Mount Cook

Milford Sound

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

Please note: this is the itinerary which will be applicable for departures from September 2024 onwards. Please see our website for the itinerary for departures up to April 2024.



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The French Quarter, New Orleans

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NASA Johnson Space Centre

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 Daniels 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. Nearby Music Row is lined with studios and record company offices and we visit RCA Studio B, where Elvis recorded. 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

Experience a guided tour around the birthplace of Rock n' Roll - Sun Studio, where Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison started out. (B)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Sun Studios

DAY 5 - Graceland & National

Our hand-picked hotels

Atlanta: Courtland Grand Hotel by Wyndham (1 night) ★★★★★

Nashville: Hyatt Place Opryland (2 nights) ★★★

Memphis: Holiday Inn Downtown (2 nights) ★★★★★

New Orleans: Sheraton New Orleans (3 nights) ★★★

Houston: Hampton Inn & Suites Houston/ Clear Lake (1 night) ★★★

San Antonio: Menger Hotel (1 night) ★★★ Superior

Fort Worth: Courtyard Fortworth Downtown / Blackstone (2 nights) ★★★★★

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Your tour includes

- Return scheduled flights from the UK
- Stay in hand-picked four-star and three-star accommodation with daily breakfast, including a hotel near the French Quarter in New Orleans
- A welcome dinner to meet your fellow travellers
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout (B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner

YOUR INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 9 visits including the Country Music Hall of Fame, Studio B, RCA Studio B, Graceland, the Stockyard District, Dealey Plaza, the Alamo, Lynchburg and the Jack Daniels Distillery
- Enjoy Amtrak's renowned train service from Memphis to New Orleans
- 5 guided tours including Houston's NASA Johnson Space Centre, the National Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studio, the French Quarter and the 6th floor Museum

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. This evening, sample the music scene at Memphis' famous Beale Street. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Graceland and tour the National Civil Rights Museum

DAY 6 - Amtrak train to New Orleans

Catch the double-decker 'City of New Orleans' train, travelling through forests, farms and towns and across Lake Pontchartrain to New Orleans. Later, why not try Cajun cuisine in the fantastic restaurants? (B)

+ Included Experience - Travel on the Amtrak Train

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. 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 some of the Antebellum Plantations, 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

DAY 10 - San Antonio

We stay near the famous mission station, the Alamo and we're within walking distance of the Riverwalk area with its bars and restaurants. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Alamo

DAY 11 - Fort Worth

On our way to Dallas, we stop in Austin. In Fort Worth, we visit the historical Stockyard District. You can opt to attend the year-round rodeo in the Cowtown Coliseum. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Stockyard District

DAY 12 - Dallas

Take in the Dealey Plaza, where President John F Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald and explore Dallas. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Dealey Plaza with tour of Museum

DAY 13 - Return flight

Your return flight via Atlanta. (B)

DAY 14 - Arrive home



Nashville



Multi-centre tour

Your options

Personalise your holiday

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

Oak Alley Plantation & Louisiana Swamp. From **£65**.

Stockyards Rodeo VIP seats, Fort Worth. From **£50**.

Steamboat City of New Orleans Dinner Jazz Cruise, New Orleans. From **£82**.

ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS

Quito • Equator line • Mindo cloud forest
• Pululahua Crater • Cotopaxi • Riobamba
• Cuenca • Galapagos Islands • San
Cristobal • Isla Lobos • Santa Cruz
• El Chato Reserve



Ecuador & the Galapagos

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

An aerial photograph of a wide river flowing through a lush, green landscape. The river is the central focus, with its surface reflecting the sky. On either side, there are dense forests and rolling green hills. In the foreground, a large, vibrant green field with distinct rows of crops is visible, sloping down towards the river. The overall scene is bright and scenic, capturing the beauty of a European countryside.

Our European river cruise collection

Just imagine embarking on a voyage along Europe's greatest waterways, flowing through some of the world's most postcard-worthy countryside and past its legendary landmarks. Prepare to be awestruck as you discover Europe's best bits from a new perspective - all served up with a generous helping of style and luxury.

Thoughtful inclusions

Everything you need for an unforgettable holiday is included on our European river cruises. Because holidays are all about taking things easy right?

Return travel & transfers

Return flights from a choice of regional airports at no extra cost or travel by Eurostar. Transfers, on-board portorage, airport taxes and port charges.

Spacious suites & cabins

Luxurious suites and cabins with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms and river views.

Exceptional dining

Buffet breakfasts, superb lunches and delicious four-course fine-dining dinners - impeccably presented and featuring our 'Local Flavours' choices.

Insightful tours & visits

Thoughtfully balanced itineraries including guided tours in every port in the company of knowledgeable guides - who'll show you places only a local might know.

Riviera Cruise Director

Experienced Riviera Travel Cruise Directors and Concierges on hand to share their knowledge and ensure everything runs smoothly on board and ashore.

Professional & friendly crew

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

Complimentary tea & 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.

Inclusive drinks packages

New for 2024, enjoy a Superior drinks package for free - cheers to you!

See page 84.

NEW



Flexibility and choice

We know how much you look forward to your holiday and we pride ourselves on the choice and flexibility that we offer to enhance your experience. To make it second to none and perfect for you.

Your options

Everyone likes something a little bit different. We offer you more ways than ever to add those extra special touches. Because it's your holiday after all.

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.

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.

Additional experiences

To make your holiday truly memorable we also offer a range of additional experiences. Enjoy Phare - the Cambodian Circus in Siem Reap, visit the intriguing Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet in Rüdeshheim or wander amongst the priceless artworks hanging in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum.



The perfect balance on board and ashore

We give you ample time to explore at your own pace (who wants to feel rushed on holiday?) and our experienced Riviera Cruise Directors, Concierges and the friendly crew are always on hand to ensure everything runs smoothly, from start to finish.

The Travel Concierge - taking care of your individual travel arrangements

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.

Your choice of departure date, UK airport or Eurostar

Convenience is key. 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.

Your choice of Tour Extensions

Stay just a little bit longer and make the very most of your time away. After your river cruise discover more on our range of fully escorted Tour Extensions. Hotels have been carefully selected and daily tours, accompanied by experienced Tour Managers, allow you to uncover each destination.



Fly with your preferred airline and choice of airport



Travel in the UK by rail



Enjoy door to door transfer service



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

**SUPERIOR
DRINKS
PACKAGE**
now included

Inclusive drinks packages

At the end of a busy day exploring, nothing beats sinking into a comfy chair in the lounge and reflecting on all you have seen over a chilled glass of your favourite tippie. The convenience of our inclusive drinks package means you've got one less thing to worry about. During a leisurely lunch soak up the views over a glass of local wine or discuss the highlights of the day with your fellow travellers over evening drinks in the bar.

Say cheers, sant , salude, sa de and prost with our drinks packages

We designed our drinks packages to allow you to focus on the important things – like enjoying yourself.

Savour the views along the riverbank and toast your holiday with like-minded explorers after another fascinating adventure ashore. Over a leisurely meal on board, complement your delicious food with a glass (or three) of cool, crisp wine or a refreshing beer.

Our drinks packages are perfect for travellers looking to enjoy a luxurious river cruise hassle-free.



NOW INCLUDED

SUPERIOR

Enjoy a free Superior drinks package worth £400pp per week on all European river cruises.

Our Superior drinks package includes:

Over lunch in our restaurants

- Red, white, ros  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

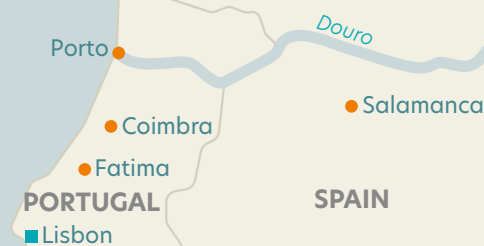
- Our cocktail and mocktail of the day
- House spirits and mixers (gin, vodka, rum and whisky)
- A recommended regional wine during dinner
- Martini and sherry pre-dinner
- Port and brandy after dinner

See our website for more details – rivieratravel.co.uk/superior

Value of our Superior drinks package (pp) according to cruise length:			
4 nights	£230	10 nights	£570
5 nights.....	£285	14 nights.....	£800
7 nights.....	£400		

Rivers of Europe

From the Douro Valley to the majestic Danube, or the Seine to the romantic Rhône, there's a good reason that river cruising is known as the most relaxing way to travel. Glide along Europe's most incredible waterways on our inspiring range of luxury river cruises.



The Douro

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



The Seine

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



The Saône

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



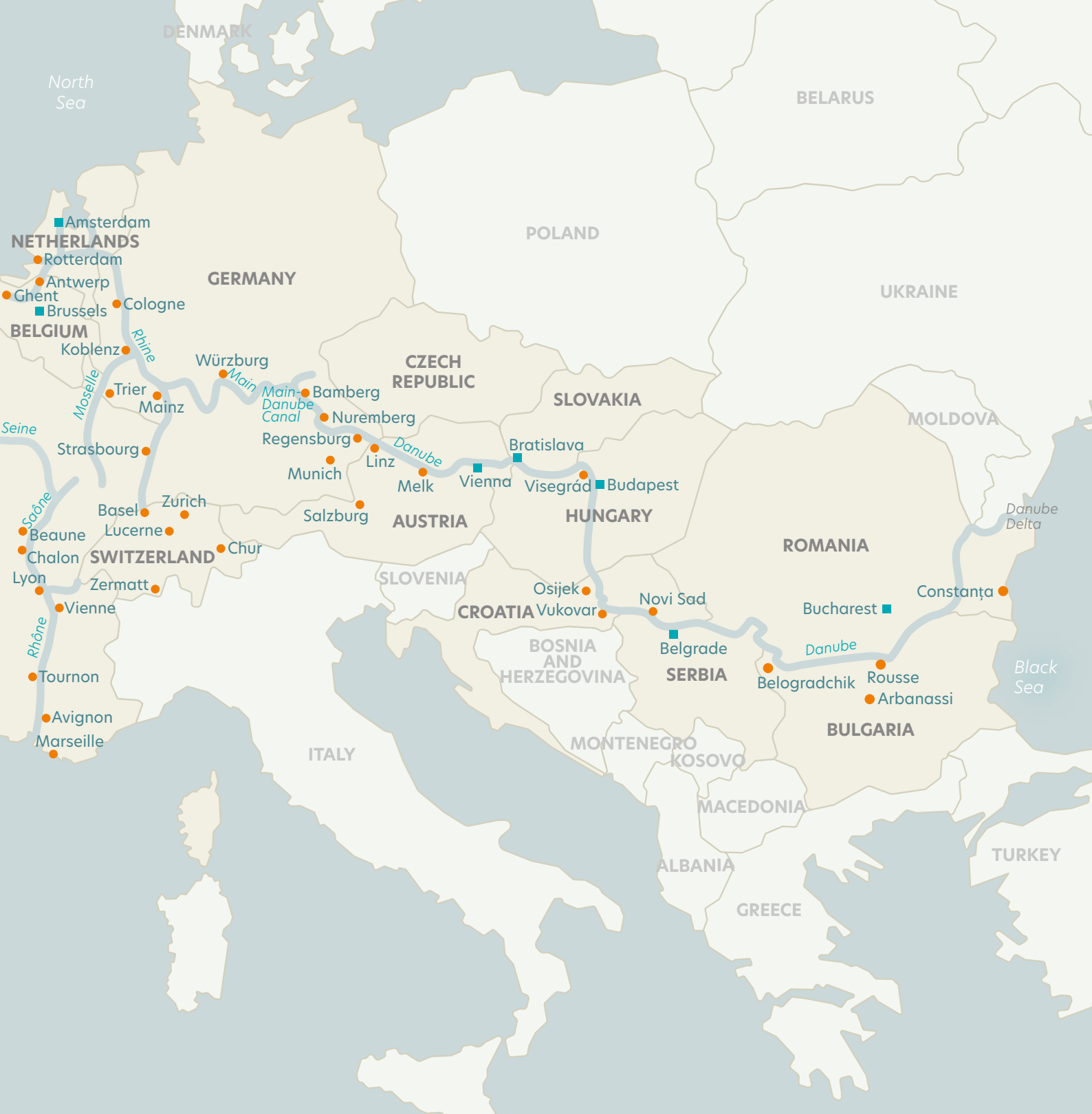
The Rhône

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.

Amsterdam • Enkhuizen • Rotterdam
• Kinderdijk • Keukenhof



Amsterdam, Kinderdijk & the Dutch Bulbfields

SUPERIOR DRINKS PACKAGE
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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.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 - Enkhuizen

As dawn breaks, you're greeted by views of historic Enkhuizen, a picturesque port nestling at the edge of the former Zuiderzee. During the Dutch Golden Age of the 17th-century, the Netherlands dominated world maritime trade and Enkhuizen flourished. Wealthy merchants created this town of gabled houses, bridges and waterways and it's a delight to explore. Enkhuizen is also home to the superb Zuiderzee Museum which recreates the 19th-century heritage of Holland's inland bay. A visit to the museum is included.

This afternoon we cruise along the Markermeer, the southwestern part of the IJsselmeer, the great freshwater lake created when the Zuiderzee was separated from the North Sea by a series of dams and dykes built during the 1920s and '30s. Overnight sailing to Rotterdam. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Entry to Zuiderzee Museum

DAY 3 - Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

Wake up in historic Rotterdam, situated



Rotterdam cube houses



Keukenhof garden



Enkhuizen



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Your cruise includes

- 4 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 109 for details
- All meals on board, including the Captain's dinner, a Superior drinks package (2024) and farewell drinks
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or seats on Eurostar/Thalys from London St Pancras International
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

6 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including iconic Kinderdijk and innovative Rotterdam
- 2 visits including spectacular Keukenhof and the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen
- Classic Amsterdam canal cruise
- Live on-board guitar performance

where the Rhine flows into the North Sea. This morning we embark on a guided tour of this captivating city, known as the 'Gateway to Europe'. Unsurprisingly, Rotterdam's logistical significance made it a target during the Second World War and its old town was destroyed, with only the Church of Saint Lawrence left standing. During the following decades Rotterdam was reconstructed and now boasts an abundance of innovative and imaginative architecture.

A significant part of the Netherlands lies below sea level, but an intricate network of dykes and polders has kept the seawater at bay, allowing land reclamation. At the very heart of this region is Kinderdijk, our next port of

call. Here, you can witness a truly iconic scene - a series of 19 authentic windmills lining the canal banks. Wrapping up a memorable day is the lavish Captain's Dinner in the ship's restaurant, whilst sailing to Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

DAY 4 - Keukenhof & Amsterdam

This morning we drive to Keukenhof. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling colours of the world's largest flower garden which covers nearly 80 acres.

We return to Amsterdam to explore this beautiful city on a classic glass-topped canal cruise through the network of canals that infuse every aspect of life here. You'll see a fascinating variety of gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges. After dinner this evening, retire to the lounge to enjoy some well-known melodies performed on a classical guitar. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to Keukenhof, canal cruise in Amsterdam & live guitar performance

DAY 5 - Return home

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



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Koblenz • Rudesheim • Speyer
 Strasbourg • Breisach • Black Forest
 Lucerne • Bernese Oberland



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Rhine Cruise to Switzerland

Take in breathtaking views of the spectacular Rhine Gorge, gliding past romantic ruined castles, steep vineyards and pretty towns and villages. Then immerse yourself amidst the fragrant pine forests of the Black Forest and the majestic splendours of the Swiss alpine peaks.



Mountain railway



Speyer

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. (D)

DAY 2 - Koblenz

After our first morning of sailing we reach Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Our tour will take us through Koblenz's patchwork of narrow streets, lined with exquisitely restored houses and cosy cafés. Later you will have time to explore at leisure. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Koblenz

DAY 3 - Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim

This morning we cruise through the most famous of all river reaches and a real highlight of the cruise, the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. An afternoon walking tour will take us through the charming streets of Rudesheim which lead down to the sweeping river. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Cruise through Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rudesheim

DAY 4 - Speyer

Sailing upstream, we make our way to Speyer. Our afternoon tour will take in the highlights of this historic city

Cologne • Cochem • Bernkastel
Trier • Koblenz • Boppard
Rhine Gorge • Rudesheim



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Rhine & Moselle

Experience the contrast between the bustling Rhine and the serene Moselle, lined with castle ruins, steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages. Sail some of Europe's most romantic waterways to the cobbled streets of Bernkastel, ancient Koblenz and, of course, the 'Pearl of the Rhine'.



The Rhine near Boppard



Porta Nigra, Trier



Bernkastel

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London. Panaras 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 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 & Rudesheim

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 Rudesheim which lead down to the sweeping river. Tonight, we enjoy the Captain's Dinner featuring a range of local specialities. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Cruise through Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rudesheim

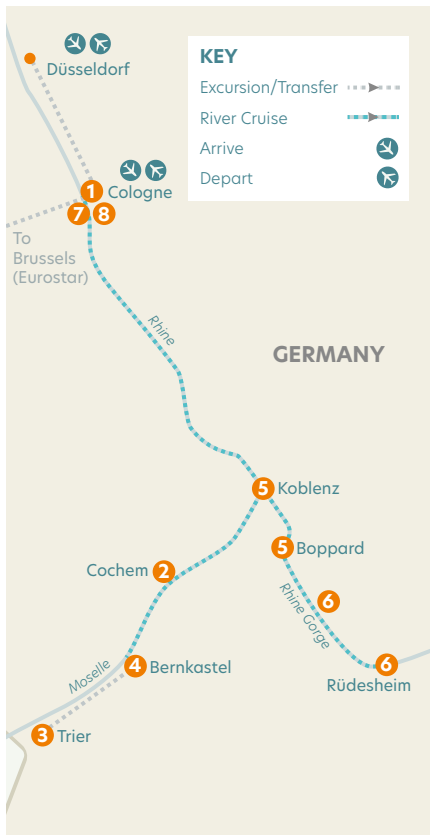
DAY 7 - Cologne

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)



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Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
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- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails, the Captain's dinner, a Superior drinks package (2024) and farewell drinks
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or seat on Eurostar from London St Pancras International with regional rail connections available*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner
*A supplement may apply.

9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 guided tours including captivating Cochem, fascinating Trier, timeless Bernkastel, charming Koblenz, beautiful Boppard, magical Rudesheim and magnificent Cologne
- Cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge
- Live on-board Rhenish folklore show
- On-board presentation & chocolate tasting from the Lindt Chocolate Museum



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Cologne • Koblenz • Rudesheim
Rhine Gorge • Boppard • Colmar
Heidelberg • Strasbourg • Mainz



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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.

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 pass the vine-covered valleys of the Rhine as we cruise to Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Our tour will take us through Koblenz's patchwork of narrow streets, many lined with exquisitely restored houses and cosy cafés. We continue upstream to Boppard, the 'Pearl of the Rhine', where highlights include the charming marketplace and the old town. This evening delight in the upbeat sounds of Rhenish folk music with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Koblenz, Boppard & live folk music performance

DAY 3 - Rhine Gorge & Mainz

This morning we cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing numerous ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. Sheer valley walls soar 600 feet and magnificent birds of prey glide above. Your next port of call is Mainz, whose most famous son was Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the



Colmar



Strasbourg



Cologne Cathedral

Budapest • Esztergom • Bratislava • Melk
• Dürnstein • Salzburg or Linz • Vienna

The Blue Danube

Vienna, Budapest & Salzburg

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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.



Salzburg



Melk Abbey



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)



YOUR LUXURY SHIP



- MS William Wordsworth
- MS Thomas Hardy

+ 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

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

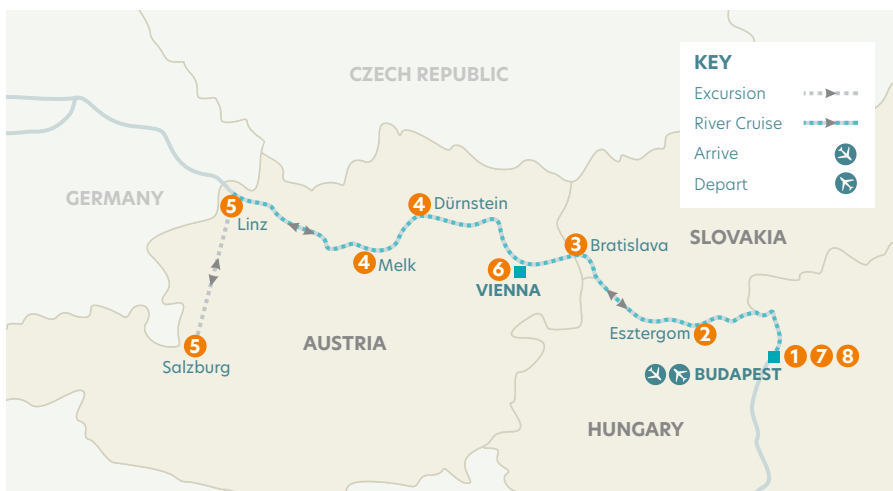
DAY 7 - Budapest

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, 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)



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Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERA PLUS - see page 109 for details
- All meals on board (except one lunch if choosing the Salzburg excursion), including welcome cocktails, the Captain's dinner, a Superior drinks package (2024) and farewell drinks
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 guided tours including the neoclassical Esztergom Basilica, charming Bratislava, historic Dürnstein, remarkable Melk Abbey, baroque Linz or magnificent Salzburg, elegant Vienna and captivating Budapest
- Live classical quartet recital on board
- Hungarian folklore show on board



Dürnstein

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Lyon • Beaune • Burgundy
Vienne • Ardèche Gorges • Arles
Pont du Gard • Avignon

Burgundy, the River Rhône & Provence

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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.



Lyon



Beaune



Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Lyon

Arrive for your flight to Lyon, Marseille or Montpellier, or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras, where you will be met by a guide and escorted on a coach transfer to Gare de Lyon to board a high-speed TGV to Lyon. On arrival we transfer by coach to our ship moored in Lyon. (D)

DAY 2 - Lyon

Enjoy a guided tour of Lyon, one of France's most fascinating cities, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, and generally acknowledged as France's gastronomic capital. The Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is crammed with antique shops and intriguing covered passageways known as traboules.

As we cruise upstream during lunch, catching the first glimpses of the vine-clad slopes of the Beaujolais hills, why not savour a cool, crisp glass of the region's famed white wines. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Lyon

DAY 3 - Chalon & Beaune

We're berthed in Chalon, gateway to Burgundy and home of Nicéphore Niépce, the inventor of photography. On our tour we see some of the pretty villages that produce some of the world's most sublime wines. Nearby



SUPERIOR DRINKS PACKAGE
now included
See page 84

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 the laid-back tones of a guitarist singing traditional French melodies. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Rouen, visit to Caudebec-en-Caux & French guitarist performance

DAY 4 - Bayeux & Arromanches

Our first visit is to the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry which tells the story



Old mill at Vernon



Honfleur



Monet's Garden



• MS Jane Austen

of the 1066 Norman invasion of Britain. At Arromanches we visit the museum dedicated to the 'longest day' and then we continue to the British Normandy Memorial. From here you have best point of view to Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-Day. (B,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to the Bayeux Tapestry & the D-Day Normandy Beaches

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 Captain'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

We have arrived in Paris and this morning we take a sightseeing tour of this amazing capital. The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées, Sacré-Coeur - you'll see all these and much more. 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 - Guided tour of Paris & accordionist performance

DAY 8 - Return home

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



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2024/2025				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERAPLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2024 from	£2,399	£2,949	£3,199	£3,699
2025 from	£2,299	£2,899	£3,149	£3,649

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8 DAYS

FROM £2,299^{PP}

2024	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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2025	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 109 for details
- All meals on board (except one lunch), including welcome drinks, the Captain's dinner, a Superior drinks package (2024) and farewell drinks
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or Eurostar seat from London St Pancras International with regional rail connections available*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

*A supplement may apply.

10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 4 guided tours of Paris, Honfleur, Rouen, the Bayeux Tapestry and the D-Day Normandy Beaches
- 4 visits including Les Andelys, charming Caudebec-en-Caux, Claude Monet's house and garden, and quaint Vernon
- Live on-board guitarist
- Live on-board accordionist show



Paris

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Based on 277 reviews

★★★★★

Porto • Mateus Palace Gardens
 • Castelo Rodrigo • Salamanca
 • Peso da Régua • Lamego



SUPERIOR DRINKS PACKAGE
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 See page 84

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'.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Porto

Fly to Lisbon or Porto, where we'll meet and transfer you to your five-star cruise ship in Porto. (D)

DAY 2 - Mateus Palace Gardens

Relax on board as we commence our cruise. After lunch we arrive in Peso da Régua, from where we visit the grounds of the splendid Mateus Palace where Mateus Rosé and its characteristic 'squashed' bottle is produced. This evening we take the short drive to the 126-acre 18th-century Quinta da Pacheca for dinner with its exquisite views. We are moored in Régua overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to Mateus Palace gardens & dinner at a typical quinta

DAY 3 - Castelo Rodrigo

Relax over a leisurely breakfast as we cruise towards the Spanish border. Take a refreshing dip in the Sun Deck pool or catch up on some reading, perhaps with a cool pre-lunch glass of local vinho verde.

This afternoon we visit Castelo Rodrigo, a delightful 12th-century walled village tucked away in the picturesque highland ranges, on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. The views are simply stupendous, stretching across almost-deserted ochre hillsides.



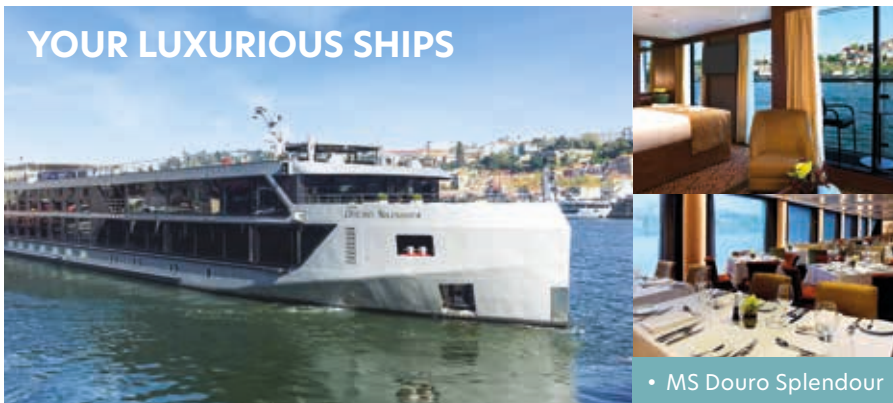
Lamego



Salamanca



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS



• MS Douro Splendour

This evening after dinner we will see a celebratory vintage port wine opened in the traditional way. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Castelo Rodrigo

DAY 4 - Salamanca

Today we visit historic Salamanca perched on a hill on a bend in the serene River Tormes. 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.

With its UNESCO status, Salamanca is dominated by its two cathedrals and 13th-century university, the oldest in Spain. You are free to explore as you wish and during lunch you enjoy a traditional flamenco show. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the city seeing the main sights. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Salamanca with lunch & flamenco show

DAY 5 - Peso da Régua

This morning find a cosy seat in the lounge to take in the views of this port-wine territory with lush hillsides draped in terraced vineyards.

We arrive later in the pretty town of Peso da Régua and visit a local historic quinta to learn all about the stages

of wine production. No visit would be complete without sampling some of their excellent produce of course, so we enjoy a tasting before returning to the ship. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to a quinta with New£ wine-tasting

DAY 6 - Lamego

We take a short drive to historic Lamego, home of Portugal's sparkling wine, Raposeira, and one of the first places to be reclaimed from the Moors in the 12th century. Situated atop the hill overlooking this lovely town is the ancient Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies church, its stairways adorned with attractive azulejos, the country's characteristic painted ceramic tiles.

Lunch is served on board after which enjoy an afternoon's scenic cruising. This evening the Captain's Dinner is followed by a colourful performance of traditional Portuguese folk music. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to Lamego & traditional Portuguese folk music show

DAY 7 - Porto

We arrive in Porto once more, passing under the city's spectacular bridges. Synonymous with port wine, we'll enjoy a tour of one of the famous producers to learn about its fascinating history and sample various port wine styles.



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- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
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- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director

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

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 4 visits including Mateus Palace Gardens, Castelo Rodrigo, Lamego and a typical quinta with wine tasting
- Guided tour, lunch and flamenco show in historic Salamanca
- Dinner at Quinta da Pacheca with a selection of their wines
- Traditional Portuguese folk music show
- Guided tour of charming Porto and visit to a port wine cellar

After lunch we enjoy a guided tour of Porto, originally a Roman town, strategically overlooking the Douro. Portugal's second largest city, our tour unveils some of its best sights. You'll have the rest of the afternoon to explore and soak up the ambience of the old town with its winding, cobbled alleyways, fine baroque churches and ceramic tiled buildings.

This evening, enjoy a final dinner on board. (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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OUR SUPERB SHIPS

Expect only the best - surprisingly spacious cabins and suites and everything you would want from a superbly appointed boutique hotel: panoramic lounges and extensive sun decks, stylish restaurants serving the finest cuisine, and first-class service from a crew ready to tend to your every need.



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.

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

As you glide between towns and cities, relax in the privacy of your spacious cabin, unwind on deck with a refreshing drink, or enjoy the finest cuisine in a choice of wonderful restaurants on board. What better way is there to discover Europe's most awe-inspiring landscapes?

Dramatic terraced vineyards, gentle, rolling countryside or fairy-tale castles - wake up to a different view every morning from the comfort of your luxurious cabin. On a Riviera Travel river cruise everything is carefully choreographed to ensure your journey will always be a memorable one.



MS William Wordsworth

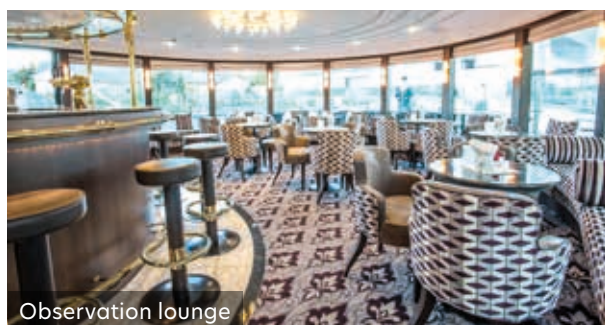
World-class facilities

Sustainable hardwoods, gleaming brass, polished copper, intricate wrought iron and sparkling glass combine harmoniously with soft leather furnishings and tasteful colour palettes. Immediately striking is just how remarkably spacious and illuminated these vessels are.

Fully air-conditioned decks, all easily accessed via lift or stairs, offer different vantage points of the surrounding 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 shaded sun lounge. Many of our vessels feature a pool, library, sauna and steam room, fitness suite, or hair salon and treatment room. Please refer to the ship information pages.

World-class crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before a friendly crew welcomes you on board. From ship to shore the professional crew ensure our customers receive unparalleled standards of service and comfort. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed personal attention. Working closely with the Riviera Travel Cruise Director, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.



Observation lounge

Exclusive cruises

All our European river cruises are exclusive to customers 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.

Indulgent comforts, because average just won't do

Step beyond the wooden door into a beautifully designed room, complete with comfortable hotel-style bed (which can be configured as double or twin) and cotton linen. You'll find an en-suite bathroom with walk-in shower, fluffy towels, slippers and complimentary toiletries.

All cabins are equipped with adjustable air conditioning or heating, a small desk, flatscreen TV with satellite channels, hairdryer,

telephone and complimentary Wi-Fi. You'll also find a wardrobe with ample storage space and a safe for your valuables. To make you feel at home, there are facilities for making coffee and tea, and our thoughtful planning means we can offer you well-loved 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.



Deluxe Balcony Suite bathroom - MS Emily Brontë

Suite treats! Your choice of suites & cabins

You can choose from a range of spacious, well-appointed and elegantly decorated standard or superior suites and cabins, all with a river view window. For the ultimate in luxury, picture yourself lounging in a deluxe suite with floor-to-ceiling doors that open up to a French balcony or lead to a superb private balcony where you can sit watching the ever-changing landscape idling by.

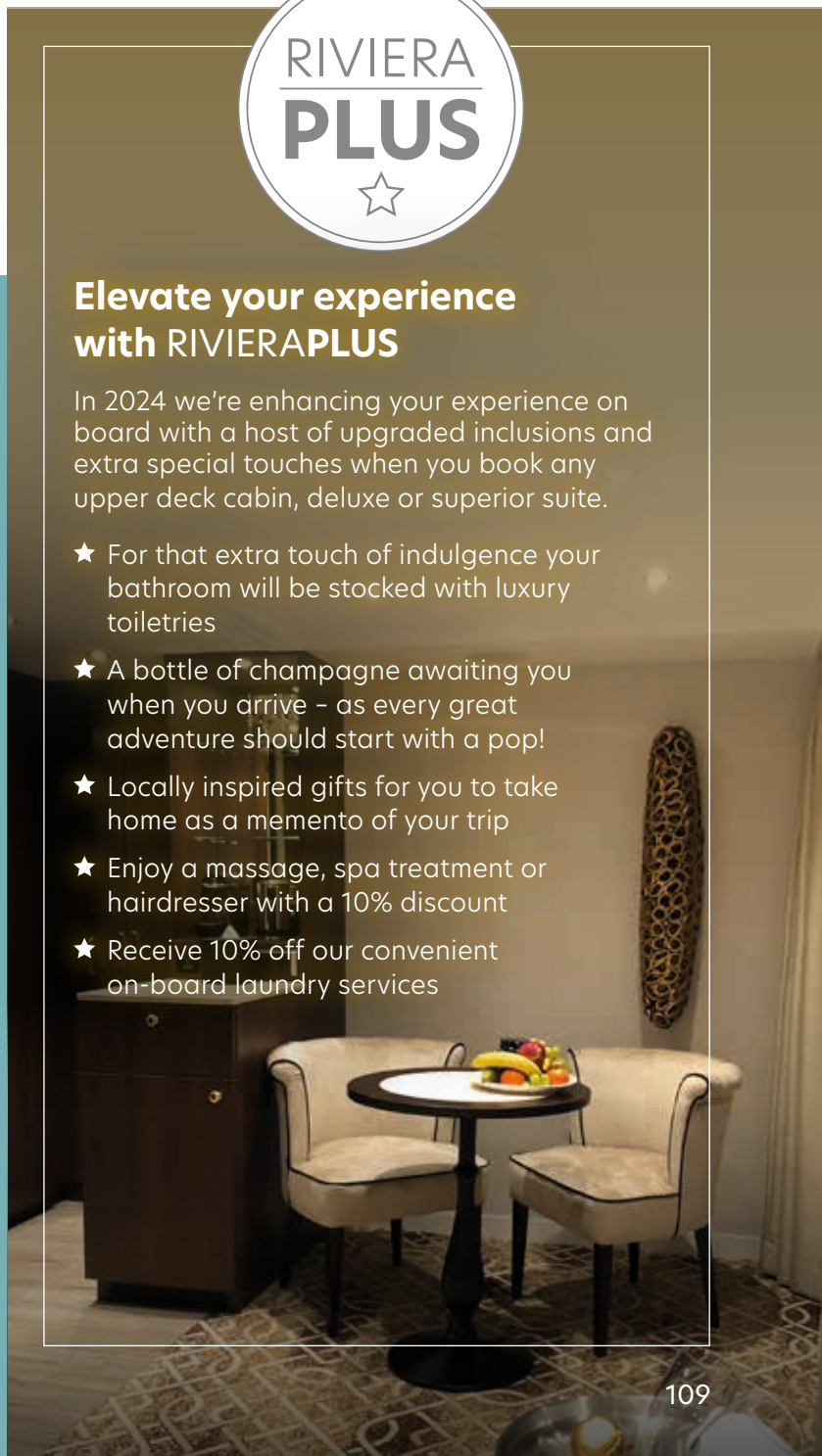
For an unrivalled level of luxury, our largest suite measuring a generous 25 square metres (269 square feet) provides a blissful haven to relax in style and comfort. Sounds appealing?



Elevate your experience with RIVIERA PLUS

In 2024 we're enhancing 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
- ★ A bottle of champagne awaiting 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



Fine culinary experiences

We offer a wide variety of fine dining experiences which are waiting to be savoured. From splendid breakfasts with over 60 options to deliciously varied lunches and classic four course dinners, our menus feature regional and international specialities.



First-class flexible dining

Enjoy classic cuisine in the ship's excellent main restaurant. A magnificent buffet breakfast including healthy options and your choice of eggs made to order is the perfect start to the day. For lunch enjoy salads from the buffet or a tasty dish from the pasta station. A hearty bowl of soup and your choice of main course, including delicious local dishes, will be served to your table and then a tempting choice of desserts awaits at the buffet. Classic four course à la carte dinners will include a selection of superb regional and international specialities.

Vegetarian, vegan and many other special dietary requests are catered for by our experienced team of chefs.

Informal dining in La Brasserie and Riverview Kitchen

For a more informal setting with wonderful views and seating for no more than 28 guests you can choose to dine in La Brasserie on our French cruises and Riverview Kitchen on our Rhine and Danube Cruises. Lighter fare including sandwiches, burgers and pasta dishes will be on the menu at lunchtime and your chef will prepare a selection of locally inspired dishes which you can enjoy with your fellow guests at dinner. Your friendly waiter will be on hand with recommendations from the menu.

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

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 be a traditional Hungarian soup flavoured with smoky paprika, a French cassoulet bursting with flavour or indulgent Dutch desserts, you are sure to feel connected to the places we visit through delicious and varied cuisine.

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 from your floating restaurant.

Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu every evening.



Upgrade to
RIVIERA
PLUS
See page 109



**MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë,
MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde
& MS William Wordsworth**

**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
- Fitness centre
- 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

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 'Crabtree & Evelyn' cosmetics. All suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

RIVIERAPLUS Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks feature a French balcony and panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors.

RIVIERAPLUS Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

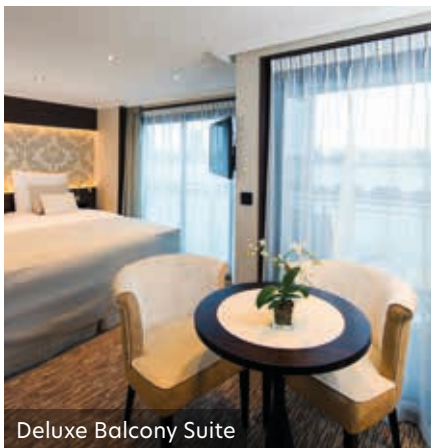
Standard Suites on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.



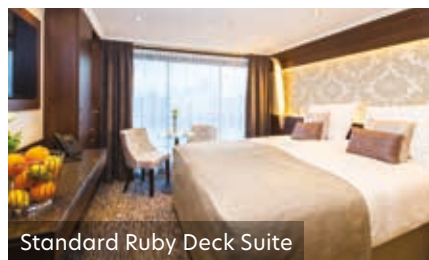
Restaurant

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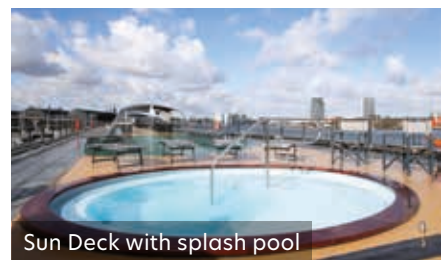
Length:	135m
Crew:	44
Guests:	169
Decks:	4
Suites:	88
Launch years:	2017-2020



Deluxe Balcony Suite

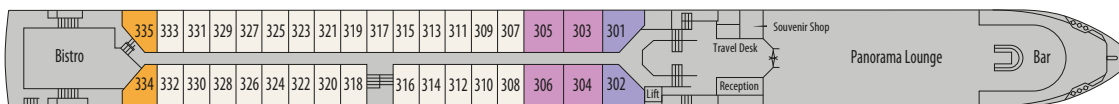


Standard Ruby Deck Suite

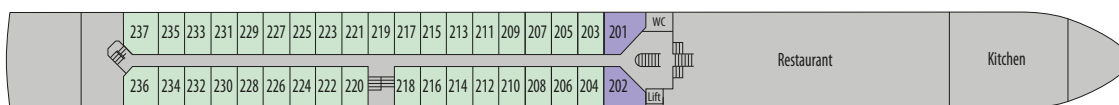


Sun Deck with splash pool

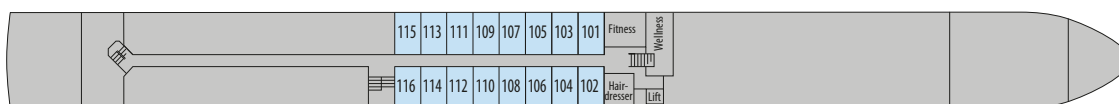
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)





- RIVIERAPLUS DELUXE BALCONY SUITE**
25sq.m/269sq.ft
- RIVIERAPLUS SUPERIOR SUITE**
23sq.m/247sq.ft
- RIVIERAPLUS SUPERIOR STERN SUITE**
23sq.m/247sq.ft
- RIVIERAPLUS DIAMOND DECK SUITE**
17sq.m/183sq.ft
- RUBY DECK SUITE**
17sq.m/183sq.ft
- EMERALD DECK SUITE**
16sq.m/172sq.ft

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Your ship's facilities

-  Panoramic observation lounge and bar
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-  24hr self-service tea and coffee
-  Boutique gift shop
-  Free Wi-Fi
-  Lift between middle and upper 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.

RIVIERAPLUS Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck, are 50% larger than standard cabins, beautifully appointed and feature sliding floor-to-ceiling glass doors.

RIVIERAPLUS Superior Suites 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.

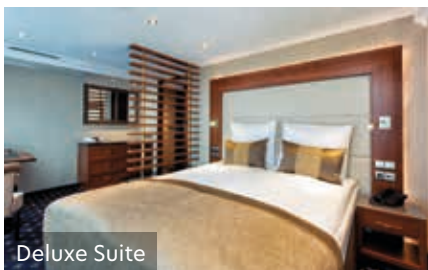
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Lido Bar - MS Lord Byron

FIGURES	Length:	110m
	Crew:	36
	Guests:	140
	Decks:	4
	Cabins / Suites:	74
Launch years:	2013 & 2015	



Deluxe Suite

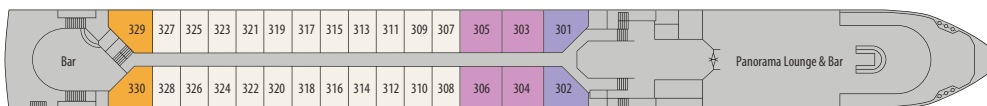


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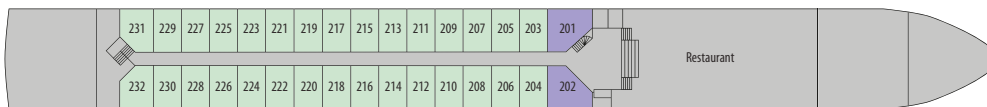


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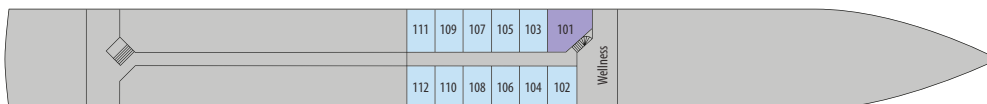
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)



RIVIERAPLUS
DELUXE SUITE
22.5sq.m/242sq.ft

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SUPERIOR SUITE
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS
SUPERIOR STERN SUITE
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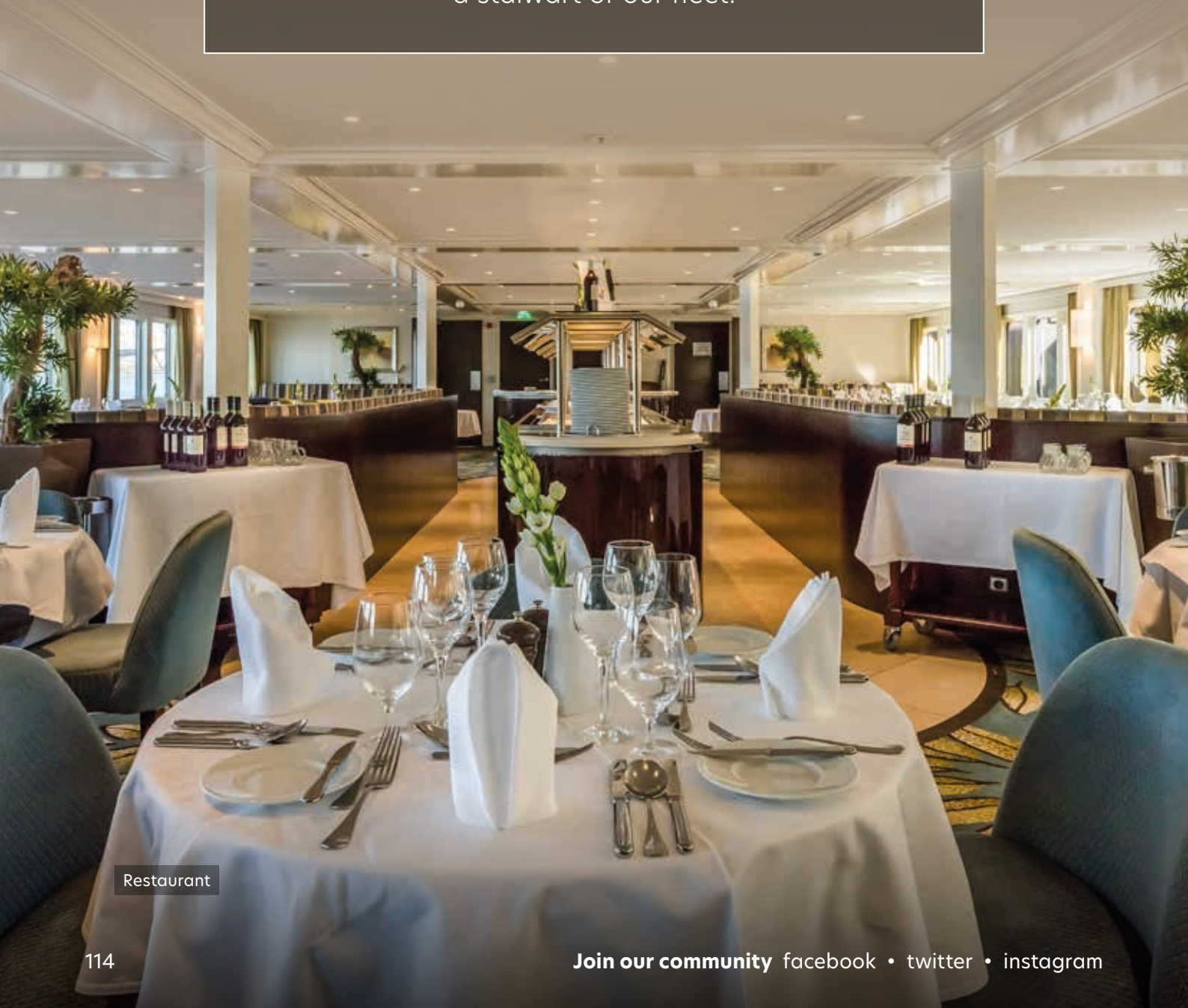
RIVIERAPLUS
DIAMOND DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

RUBY DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

EMERALD DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

Our Starling Fleet ship

Our long history with the MS William Shakespeare dates back to 2015. Now operated by Starling Fleet, a member of the long-established River Advice alliance, one of the leading companies operating on all European rivers for both the UK and international markets, this much-loved ship is a stalwart of our fleet.



Restaurant



MS William Shakespeare

Upgrade to
**RIVIERA
PLUS**
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Our boutique hotel style cabins ensure the most luxurious holiday awaits. Why not treat yourself to something special with an upgraded cabin featuring either a French or superb outside balcony for soaking up the views.

Feel at home in your spacious elegant cabins - they're some of the largest on European river cruise ships. The hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a fully glazed shower.

All cabins and suites have air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.

RIVIERAPLUS Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Upper Deck, enjoy extra living space and an outside balcony with table and chairs, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer.

RIVIERAPLUS Upper Deck Cabins have French balconies with glazed floor-to-ceiling doors that slide away to create a true panoramic extension to your already spacious cabin area.

Middle Deck Cabins have French balconies with glazed floor-to-ceiling doors that slide away to create a true panoramic extension to your already spacious cabin area.

Lower Deck Cabins have smaller fixed windows.

Your ship's facilities

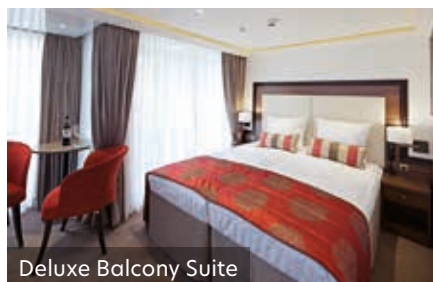
- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant and the informal La Brasserie
- Small gym
- Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between upper and middle decks
- Laundry service



Sun Deck

FIGURES

Length:	110m
Crew:	35
Guests:	142
Decks:	4
Cabins / Suites:	76
Launch years:	2015



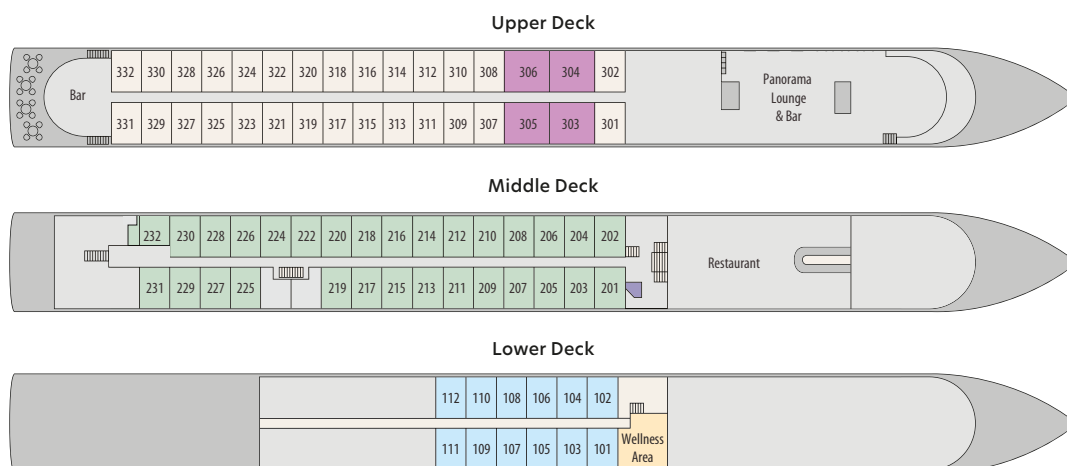
Deluxe Balcony Suite



Bar



Panorama Lounge



RIVIERAPLUS
UPPER DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS
DELUXE BALCONY SUITE
22.8sq.m/245sq.ft

MIDDLE DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

LOWER DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.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. Innovative and professional, its Portuguese heritage, so evident in imaginative cuisine and the expert crew, shines through on board its exceptional fleet of ships.

Life on board our Douro cruise ships

Smaller ships

Our exceptional river cruisers 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.



MS Douro Splendour

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.



Deluxe Suite - Douro Elegance

Stunning restaurant

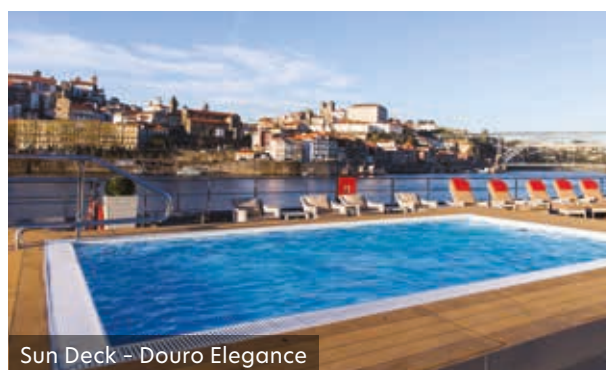
Experience authentic dining at the chic restaurant, serving delicious Portuguese, Mediterranean and International cuisine and enjoy wonderful vistas from the large panoramic windows. A glass of ruby red port in the beautifully appointed lounge bar is the perfect way to round off your evening.

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.

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.



Sun Deck - Douro Elegance

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 Travel 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 escorts will also be on hand to guide all shore excursions.

Dining experiences

First-class dining

Enjoy traditional cuisine in the ship's excellent 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 for 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 - Douro Splendour

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.

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" and sautéed vegetables

Pork cheek, sautéed potatoes with oregano and 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 - Douro Splendour

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Your ship's facilities

- Sun deck with sun loungers and swimming pool
- Main restaurant
- Fitness centre
- Spa and wellness area
- 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.

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

RIVIERAPLUS Upper Deck Cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

Main Deck Cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

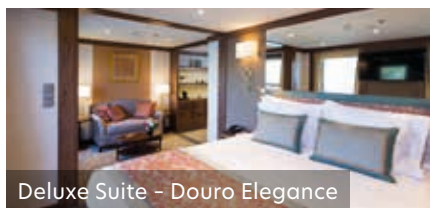
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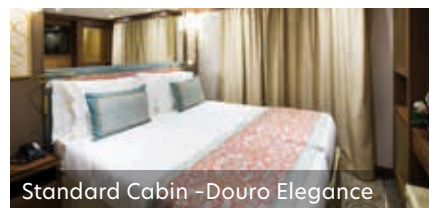
Sun Deck - Douro Elegance

FIGURES

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Crew:	36
Guests:	121
Decks:	4
Cabins / Suites:	63
Launch years:	2017 & 2018



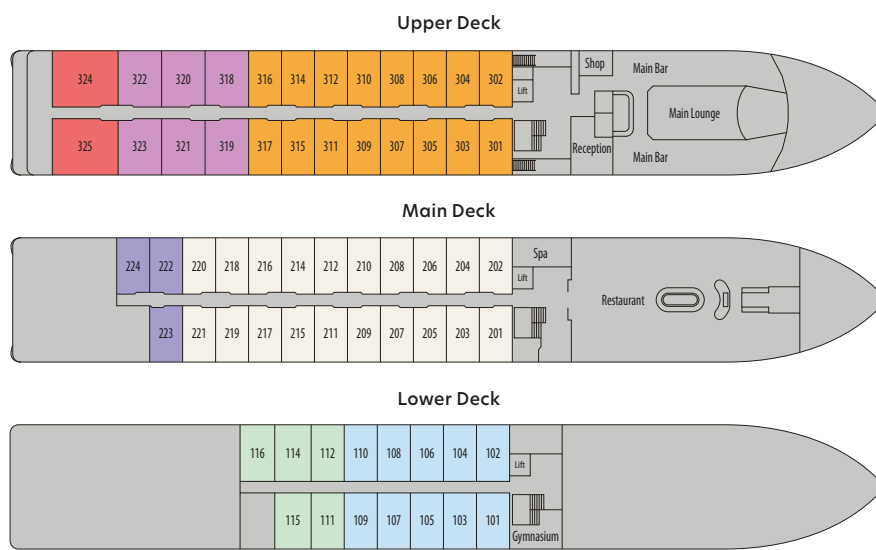
Deluxe Suite - Douro Elegance



Standard Cabin - Douro Elegance



Restaurant - Douro Elegance



RIVIERAPLUS

DELUXE SUITE (DOURO ELEGANCE) & DELUXE BALCONY SUITE (DOURO SPLENDOUR)
29sq.m/312sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

SUPERIOR SUITE (DOURO ELEGANCE) & SUPERIOR BALCONY SUITE (DOURO SPLENDOUR)
19sq.m/205sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

UPPER DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

MAIN DECK STERN CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

MAIN DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

LOWER DECK STERN CABIN (SOLE OCCUPANCY)
12sq.m/129sq.ft

LOWER DECK CABIN
12 sq.m/129 sq.ft

Yacht cruises

Stay on board or step ashore to explore. Imagine yourself reclining under an azure sky as the polished teak deck moves imperceptibly with the rhythm of the sea and a refreshing breeze ruffles the air. You're relaxed aboard your very own luxury yacht, as it glides through the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic.



Thoughtful inclusions

Everything you need for an unforgettable holiday

Return travel and transfers

Return flights from a choice of regional airports at no extra cost. Overseas transfers, on-board portorage, airport taxes and port charges.

Spacious cabins

Spacious cabins full of natural daylight and beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms.

Excellent on-board dining

Delicious breakfasts, with hot and cold options, some lunches and dinners featuring locally inspired cuisine.

Dining choices ashore

The freedom to dine independently at a restaurant of your choice when lunch or dinner is not served on board; immerse yourself in the local culture and enjoy authentic local flavours for an unforgettable experience.

Fascinating tours and excursions

Thoughtfully balanced itineraries including many guided tours in the company of knowledgeable local guides.

Professional and friendly crew

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

Experienced Tour Manager

A knowledgeable and professional Riviera Travel Tour Manager throughout the cruise to ensure your experience is unforgettable.

Complimentary drinking water

We provide a supply of drinking water on board.

Free Wi-Fi

Stay in touch throughout your cruise.

Free time to relax or explore

Our yacht cruises are planned so you have plenty of time to relax and enjoy life on board and when ashore, wander at your own pace - the perfect balance.

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 in crystal clear water!

Exclusive cruises

All our Adriatic yacht cruises are exclusive to Riviera Travel and we personally select every aspect of the cruise itinerary.

Life on board

Stylish, informal and all at a leisurely pace. With this fantastic 4:1 guest to crew ratio, you'll receive exceptional service from the friendly and professional crew.

A typical day

After a delicious breakfast we'll spend the morning sailing through the glistening, turquoise waters of the Adriatic. Take in the glorious coastal vistas from the comfort of your sun lounger on the fabulous sun deck and whilst you listen to the soothing lapping of the waves against the hull, enjoy a glass of something chilled.



We drop anchor in a tranquil deserted bay where you can enjoy a swim off the back of the ship – as if it were your own! Relax back on board, enjoying the wonderful views over a delicious lunch, chatting with your fellow passengers about what lies in store before we moor in our next fascinating port of call.

Step ashore for our included excursion and then enjoy some free time to make your own discoveries. Enjoy an aperitif as the sun goes down before sampling regional dishes of the Adriatic at a restaurant of your choice. End the evening with your favourite nightcap on the ship's terrace and contemplate all the wonderful sights you've seen during the course of the day.



Relaxed dining

Wake up each day to an excellent breakfast, featuring a selection of hot and cold options, while lunch and dinner feature mouth-watering menus, 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, a real cruise highlight, when the chef serves a truly sensational menu, with influences from both Croatia and the Mediterranean.

There is little formality on board – shorts and t-shirts are the order of the day, and there is no seating plan, you choose your own table and dining companions. The consummately professional crew create a warm and friendly ambience to ensure you'll be on first name terms with them and indeed many of your fellow guests in a matter of days. This is exactly how holidays should be.



Restaurant – MS Il Mare

Your choice of restaurants ashore

Our itineraries are carefully balanced so that you can enjoy dining out independently too. When lunch or dinner is not served on board you will have the opportunity to dine at the local restaurants ashore. The ships are moored overnight so every evening you can step straight off the vessel with ease for an evening stroll and further exploration of the unspoilt ports along the Adriatic coast.

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.

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.



Main Deck cabin - MS Il Mare



Bathroom - MS Adriatic Sun

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.

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.

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 customers 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 Travel Tour Manager, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.



Split • Korčula • Mljet • Dubrovnik
• Trstenik or Lumbarda • Hvar • Bol

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.



Split



Mljet



Dubrovnik

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 - Korčula - 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

YOUR LUXURY YACHT



MS Adriatic Sun

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Your cruise includes

- Return flights from a choice of regional airports
- 7 nights on the four-star MS Adriatic Sun, cruising the southern Dalmatian coast
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 dinners plus the Captain's Dinner
- Services of our experienced Tour Manager
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers

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

7 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 guided tours and visits, including guided tours of Dubrovnik, Split and the Emperor Diocletian's palace, Hvar and Korčula, and visits to Mljet and the islet of St Mary's, Bol and Trstenik or Lumbarda
- Swim stops in secluded, idyllic island locations

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

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. You can enjoy dinner in this charming spot. (B,L)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Trstenik or Lumbarda

DAY 6 - Trstenik or Lumbarda - Hvar

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, dine out and experience the local cuisine. (B,L)

+ Included Experiences - Swim stop & walking tour of Hvar

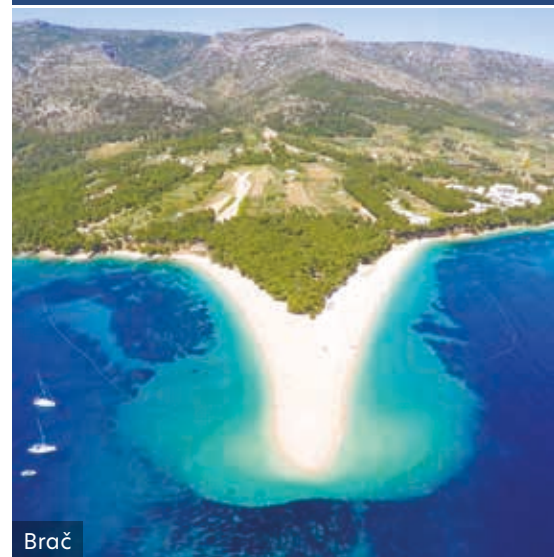
DAY 7 - Hvar - Bol - Split

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'. 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 Experiences - Swim stop & guided tour of Split

DAY 8 - Return flight

After breakfast we disembark and return to the airport. (B)



Brač



Korčula

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DECK:	LOWER DECK	MAIN DECK	UPPER DECK
CABIN:	CAT B	CAT A	CAT A+
2024 from:	£2,899	£3,099	£3,399

For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.

Split, Rab & Undiscovered Islands of the North

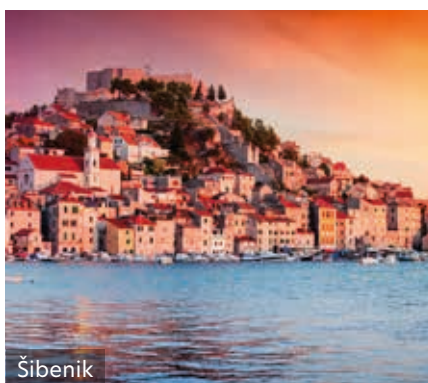
Discover the historic capital of Split, as well as the amazing Kornati archipelago, Kornati National Park and the natural harbour of Telašćica. As you island hop through the breathtaking Adriatic, embrace the chance to go swimming by the tranquil Kvarner Gulf.



Trogir



Rab



Šibenik

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

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MS Il Mare

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

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. 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 - Telašćica, Kornati & Šibenik

This morning, you'll have the opportunity to visit the shores of salty Lake Mir,

with its supposedly therapeutic water. Later, 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)



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2024

DECK:	LOWER DECK	MAIN DECK	MAIN/UPPER DECK
CABIN:	CAT B	CAT A	CAT A+
2024 from:	£3,099	£3,349	£3,499

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Your cruise includes

- Return flights from a choice of regional airports
- 7 nights on board the four-star MS Il Mare in your choice of cabin
- Daily breakfast, six lunches, one dinner plus the Captain's Dinner
- Services of our experienced Tour Manager
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- All port charges, airport taxes and overseas transfers

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

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 8 guided tours and visits, including guided tours of Trogir, Split and the Emperor Diocletian's Palace, Zadar and Šibenik, and visits to Rab, Vodice and Telašćica, plus cruise through the Kornati National Park
- Swim stops in unspoilt, idyllic island locations



Zadar



Kornati National Park

Celestyal Ocean Cruises

After a day of exploring the wonders of Greece and the East Mediterranean, imagine retreating to the Celestyal Journey - an extensively refurbished ship offering uncompromised comfort and a memorable cruising experience. Enjoy an extensive selection of onboard facilities, restaurants and bars before slipping peacefully off to sleep in the cosy sanctuary of your private cabin.

Thoughtful inclusions

We've thought of everything, so all you have to do is relax and enjoy a wonderful cruise experience aboard our Celestyal cruise ship.

Returns and transfers

Return flights, overseas transfers, on-board portorage, airport taxes and port charges are all included.

Spacious cabins

Spacious, newly renovated cabins, superbly appointed with en-suite bathrooms.

Exceptional dining options

A wide variety of tantalising restaurants from casual eateries to more formal dining options.

Complimentary drinks

Complimentary house wine, draft beer, soft drinks, teas and coffees whilst dining in our onboard restaurants and buffet areas.*

Onboard entertainment

Spectacular shows from the onboard entertainment team and daily schedule of organised activities and events.

Leisure facilities

Our vessel features a spa, fitness centre, sauna, Jacuzzis and swimming pools.

First-class crew

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

Experienced Tour Manager

A knowledgeable and professional Riviera Travel Tour Manager throughout the cruise to ensure your experience is unforgettable.

Gratuities

All onboard gratuities are included in the price of the fare.

**Speciality restaurants excluded.*

Life on board

Our first-class vessel delivers the highest quality of service and onboard experience - it's spacious and engaging with a wide range of onboard facilities and entertainment.

Amphitheatre Show Lounge

The adventure doesn't end when you leave dry land. With first-class restaurants on your doorstep and the spa and pools a stroll away, life on board a Celestyal cruise ship is not just about exploring the mysteries of the Mediterranean.



Chef's Table



Ocean Bar & Pool

World-class dining

On board, you can enjoy dining inspired by international and Greek cuisine freshly prepared in our restaurants. In our main dining rooms and buffet areas, choose between a wide array of breakfast foods - including plenty of healthy options. Lunch and evening meals are also available in a choice of restaurants with fantastic dishes that reflect the local flavours.

You'll also want to make the most of the world-class dining options aboard Celestyal Journey - with seven new restaurants, you can eat somewhere new every evening. Enjoy the VIP treatment with an exclusive dining experience at Chef's Table, enjoy a taste of our destinations with Greek grazing in Fig & Honey, Mediterranean options at the Smoked Olive restaurant, or venture further afield with delicious south-Asian inspired dishes in the Pink Moon.

As for watering holes, there are eight bars on board. They serve everything from signature cocktails - made with fresh ingredients plucked from the islands we visit - to a wine list of specially selected vintages in The Grapevine Wine Cellar.



World-class crew

Our friendly crew are committed to ensuring every guest enjoys their on board experience. Every detail is meticulously inspected before they welcome you on board. From ship to shore the professional, English-speaking crew go out of their way to ensure an unparalleled standard of service and comfort, anticipating your every need. And our expert Riviera Travel Tour Manager will be with you every step of the way.

Athens & Greek Islands Cruise aboard Celestyal Journey

NEW
FOR 2024

Board Celestyal Journey and cruise across the Aegean Sea – where myth and history intertwine. Discover Ephesus and Knossos, the birthplace of civilisation. Visit stunning Greek islands with epic legacies – Mykonos, Milos and Santorini – and end your holiday with a relaxing two-night stay on the Athenian Riviera.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens and spend the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring this ancient city.

DAY 2 - Athens

Journey through time back to Ancient Greece on our tour of Athens, including a visit to the legendary Acropolis. There's so much to see from the Parthenon to the Porch of Maidens and the Odeon of Herodes Atticus. Later, we'll say goodbye to Athens and hello to the Celestyal Journey, our home for the next seven nights. (B,D)

+ Included Experience - A Guided tour of Athens

DAY 3 - Thessaloniki

We'll wander through the ancient ruins in Thessaloniki – there are 15 UNESCO World Heritage sites and 29 museums to explore – and enjoy the city's bustling atmosphere. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - A visit to Thessaloniki

DAY 4 - Kusadasi & Ephesus

Walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans and uncover the secrets of the ancient city of Ephesus on a guided tour. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - A guided tour of Ephesus



Santorini



Thessaloniki



Celestyal Journey

BOOKING CONDITIONS

These booking conditions set out the terms of your contract with Riviera Tours Limited trading as Riviera Travel (Riviera). Please read them carefully as you will be bound by them. References to "you" and "your" and "passenger(s)" means all persons named on the booking (Booking Party) (including those added at a later date) "We", "us", "our" means Riviera. For cruises, we will be the contracting carrier.

1 MAKING A BOOKING

We will confirm your holiday by issuing a confirmation invoice to the party leader who confirms they have authority on behalf of the party including minors (under the age of 18) to make the booking and accept these conditions on behalf of everyone in the booking party. You are responsible for obtaining and providing information and payments required by us in accordance with these conditions. A binding contract comes into existence after we have issued the confirmation invoice. If a flight is purchased through us, we will provide an ATOL certificate with your confirmation. Please check your documents carefully and contact us immediately if any information on any document is incorrect. We cannot accept liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). You may contact us by e-mail at info@rivieratravel.co.uk or call us on 01283 742317.

2 PAYMENT

The relevant deposit must be paid to confirm your booking. The balance of the holiday cost is due 75 days* prior to the departure. If full payment is not made on time, we will cancel your booking and keep all payments paid at that date and levy cancellation charges shown in clause 8. If booking within 75 days* of departure full payment must be made at the time of booking.

A binding contract comes into existence when we issue the confirmation invoice.

*75 days for Worldwide and European tours, and 101 days for all Cruises, River, Yachts and Ocean.

At the time of booking, we will ask for your consent to arrange for the balance payment to be taken from the debit/credit card with which you paid your deposit, and this will be automatically taken on the balance due date. Should you wish to pay by an alternative method you will need to advise us at the time.

3 YOUR FINANCIAL PROTECTION

We are Riviera Tours Ltd, New Manor, 328 Wetmore Road, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire DE14 1SP.

We hold an Air Travel Organisers license issued by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 3430). When you buy ATOL protected flights or a flight inclusive package from us you will receive an ATOL certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get the information on what this means to you and where to contact if things go wrong. We or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases where neither we or the suppliers are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to the alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer) where applicable. If we or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The Civil Aviation Authority can be contacted at [Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK tel +44 \(0\)333 103 6350, e-mail claims@caa.co.uk](mailto:Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK tel +44 (0)333 103 6350, e-mail claims@caa.co.uk)

If our holiday does not include flights, we provide full financial protection for your holiday by way of a bond held by ABTA - The Travel Association, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ, www.abta.com. You agree to accept that in the event of our insolvency ABTA may arrange for services you have bought to continue, or a suitable alternative to be provided at the same cost as your original booking. You also agree to accept that in circumstances where the travel service supplier provides the services you have bought, you agree to pay any outstanding sum under your contract with us to that alternative travel service provider. However, you also agree that in some cases the services will not be provided, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under ABTA's Scheme of Protection (or payment card issuer where applicable) for a refund of the monies you have paid.

4 THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

Please note, advertised prices may have changed by the time you book your holiday and errors may occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. We reserve the right to change prices and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before or after your holiday is confirmed. Subject to the correction of errors or amendment costs once booking is confirmed we can change your holiday price only in certain circumstances.

Changes in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from changes to the cost of fuel or other power services, the level of taxes or fees imposed by third parties including tourist taxes, landing taxes, embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or exchange rates mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. However, there will be no change within 20 days of your departure.

We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges. You will be charged for the amount over and above that. If this results in an increase equivalent to more than 8% of the price of the travel arrangements you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one. Any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value can be used towards an optional excursion, towards a future Riviera holiday or refunded. Or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid except for any amendment charges.

5 SPECIAL REQUESTS

Special requests must be advised at the time of booking. Unless specifically confirmed by us in writing all special requests are subject to availability and may incur an additional charge at your hotel. Please note that any special requests will not be binding and do not form part of your contract.

6 TOUR OR CRUISE ONLY BOOKINGS - YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Sometimes we may be able to offer tour or cruise only holidays subject

to availability, please call for details. If you choose one of these holidays your tour or cruise will begin at the hotel or ship stated in the itinerary. You must make your own travel arrangements including your flight or rail travel plus transfers to the first hotel or ship and onwards from the final hotel or ship. We will not be liable for the cost of any travel arrangements you put in place if the tour or cruise is cancelled or the starting point of your cruise or tour destination has changed. You must send us details of your travel arrangements at least 8 weeks prior to your departure.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you arrive at the stated embarkation point at the required time for any ship that forms part of your holiday. If you are late, whilst we will make reasonable efforts to assist you in joining the ship, this may not be possible and in such circumstances your holiday will be treated as cancelled and you will not be entitled to any price reduction, refund or any other compensation.

7 CHANGES BY YOU

You can transfer your booking to another person who satisfies all the conditions applicable to the contract by giving us notice as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Such a transfer may incur fees, charges or other costs and we will inform you of these before the transfer is confirmed. You and the person to whom your booking is being transferred will be responsible for paying any fees, costs and/or charges we incur in making the transfer.

Any amendment other than name changes and transfer of your booking to another person are discretionary and we may not be able to agree to them. Any amendments we agree after issue of the confirmation invoice will incur an administration fee of at least £40 per person plus any costs incurred by us and/or charged by our suppliers. Some amendments may be treated as a cancellation of the original booking which will require payment of the applicable cancellation fee which could be up to 100% charges. A change of holiday dates is a cancellation of the original booking and the cancellation charges in clause 8 apply. Name changes are allowed 7 days or more prior to travel. All costs must be paid before the amendment can be affected.

8 CANCELLATION/CURTALMENT BY YOU

You can cancel your holiday at any time by contacting our office. The cancellation of your holiday will be effective once we have heard from you. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements you will have to pay cancellation charges as set out below. Where a percentage is shown this is a percentage of the total holiday cost. Please note that if you cancel, any insurance premiums you have paid may be non-refundable as they do not form part of the holiday contract.

Worldwide and European Tours

Period before departure within which notification of cancellations is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 75 days	Deposit
74 - 61 days	50%
60 - 31 days	70%
30 - 15 days	90%
14 days or less	100%

All Cruises, River, Yacht and Ocean

Period before departure within which notification of cancellations is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 101 days	Deposit
100 - 61 days	50%
60 - 31 days	70%
30 - 15 days	90%
15 days or less	100%

In addition, a change or cancellation of flights and other transport costs can result in 100% cancellation charges irrespective of the day of cancellation. Part cancellation will require recalculation of the holiday price and we will re-invoice you accordingly. If a cancellation results in single occupancy of a cabin or hotel room, a single person supplement will be payable except when 100% cancellation charges have been paid by the person cancelling.

CURTALING YOUR HOLIDAY

If you are forced to cut short your holiday and return home due to personal reasons, we cannot refund the cost of the unused travel arrangements. Depending on the circumstances your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and a claim should be made directly with them.

9 INSURANCE

You must have valid and appropriate travel insurance for the full duration of your trip. You should ensure that your policy provides at least comparable cover to that provided by the policy of our insurance partner. We may ask you to provide evidence of your travel insurance and if you cannot do so or do not purchase any travel insurance, we will not allow you to travel and will treat your holiday as cancelled with the applicable cancellation fee due. You will be responsible for indemnifying us in full in respect of any costs we incur because of your failure to have adequate and appropriate insurance cover.

We would recommend that your policy should cover you fully for COVID-19 should you need to cancel in advance of travelling or should you contract this while you are away, and it is necessary for you to be isolated to your cabin/room and unable to participate in the holiday.

10 CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS BY US

(1) Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so in accordance with this clause. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. When an insignificant change is made before departure we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Occasionally before departure we may be constrained by circumstances beyond our control to make a significant alteration to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of the contract. Where we have to do so, clause 10 (4) and (5) will apply.

(2) All alterations which are not significant in accordance with 10 (1) will be treated as insignificant changes. Insignificant changes include but are not limited to, a flight time change of less than 12 hours, change of airline, change of departure airports between London airports, (Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton & City) change of the type of aircraft (if advised) or the destination airport, a change of accommodation for the majority of your time away, being in a new area which is less than 15 miles away from the original, a slight change to the itinerary.

(3) Our holidays require a minimum number of passengers to enable us to operate them and we reserve the right to cancel any holiday where the minimum number is not achieved by notifying you not less than 20 days prior to departure. Failure to achieve the minimum does not however oblige us to cancel.

(4) If we have to significantly alter any of the main characteristics

of your confirmed arrangements we will provide you with all the following information as soon as possible (i) the proposed alteration and any impact this has on the price (ii) if you do not wish to accept this alteration, details of a substitute package we are able to offer and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost, or any price increase where this is significantly higher quality or cost (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration or any substitute package offered and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you do not do so.

(5) If you choose to cancel your booking in accordance with clause 10(4), we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your notification. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (as defined in clause 11).

(6) Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements. We reserve the right to terminate your contract for any reason, but we will not do so after the date for payment of the balance of your holiday price has passed unless this is due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. If (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (see clause 11) and we notify you of this without undue delay or (ii) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your holiday has not been achieved and we notify you of cancellation for this reason as referred to in clause 10(3), we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. We may be able to offer you comparable alternative arrangements which you may choose to book in place of those cancelled. We also have the right to cancel if you fail to make payment in accordance with the terms of your contract in which case clause 2 will apply.

(7) We will, where appropriate, pay you the compensation in the table below. This compensation will not be payable where a change is not significant, or we have to make a change or cancel as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings has not been achieved as referred to in clause 10(6).

(8) In the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity and significantly affect the performance of the contracted arrangements or the carriage of passengers to that destination, you will be entitled to cancel prior to departure without payment of cancellation charges. Please note your right to cancel under these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) has changed its advice after the date of booking and are advising against all but essential travel at the time you are planning to travel.

Period before departure a significant change or cancellation is notified to you	Compensation per person
More than 56 days	Nil
56 - 15 days	£10
14 days or less	£25

(10) We cannot guarantee that cruises will call at every port on the itinerary. Cancellation of part of the itinerary, substitution of ports or unavailability of some services will not amount to a significant alteration. View our European River Cruise Assurance on our website.

11 UNAVOIDABLE AND EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

We cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our obligations is prevented or affected as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. This means a situation which is beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures have been taken. Such situations are likely to include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, pandemic, fire, closure, restriction or congestion of air space, airports and ports, an operating ban on the carrier due to perform your flights, UK Foreign Commonwealth office advice and all other events out of our control.

12 OUR LIABILITY TO YOU

(1) We are responsible for the proper performance of the travel services included in your contract. This means we or our suppliers of services must perform those travel services with reasonable care and skill. You must inform us without undue delay of any lack of conformity to the contract which you perceive during your holiday.

(2) If any of the travel services are not performed in accordance with the contract you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. We will not be liable where any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services is due to (i) you or another member of your party, (ii) a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the holiday contract and is unforeseeable or unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances which means a situation beyond our control the consequence of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

(3) Our liability except in cases involving death, injury or illness will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

A The Contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package. These terms are incorporated into the booking and

B Any relevant international convention for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation which limit the amount of and conditions under which compensation can be claimed for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of the extent of or to the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions.

(4) Liability for incidents on any of the international sea cruises will be regulated by EC Regulation 392/2009 (hereinafter referred to as "the regulation") provided the carriage by sea satisfies the definition of the protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea 1974. A summary of the Regulation may be found at <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32009R0392>

The regulations limit the liability of the carrier in respect of passengers and their luggage in the event of accidents. In the event of death or personal injury we would be limited to a maximum of 400,000 SDR or in the event of terrorism 250,000 SDR if found liable. These damages can be reduced for any contributory negligence of a passenger. In the event of loss or damage to luggage we would be limited to a maximum of 2,250 SDR subject to a deductible of 149 SDR per person, if found liable. The provision of a safe in the cabin on the ship does not affect whether a charge is levied or not.

The daily conversion notes for Special Drawing Rights (SDR's) can be

found on the International Monetary Fund website at www.imf.org

(5) Where your contract includes carriage on inland waterways the liability of carriage to all passengers shall be determined in accordance with the Convention.

(6) Where your contract includes carriage on inland waterways the liability of the carrier to all passengers shall be determined in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims. The limit for claims involving death or personal injury is 175,000 SDR per passenger per carriage. The Strasbourg Convention as amended applies to vessels navigating on waterways located in the territory of a state party which limits passenger claims involving death or personal injury to 60,000 SDR per person subject to a maximum of 6,000,000 SDR.

(7) You can ask for copies of the travel service contractual terms, or the international conventions.

(8) Under EU Law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details will be published at EU airports and available from airlines. However, reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in these booking conditions. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline, or any other service provider will be deducted.

(9) If it is impossible to ensure your return as scheduled due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, we will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible, of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights. The limit does not apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified us of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday.

(10) This entire clause 12 does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter into for excursions or activities whilst on holiday. We are not responsible for any services which do not form part of our holiday contract with you.

(11) Please note, the travel services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract will be subject to the laws and applicable standards of the country in which they are provided. This means that on occasions, you might find standards to be lower than those you are used to in the UK.

13 COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

All complaints and any problems must be reported whilst on holiday at the time you become aware of them. If you fail to follow these procedures your right for compensation may be affected as we were not given the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem at the time. If you remain dissatisfied, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK with booking reference and full details of your complaint in accordance with the ABTA Code of Conduct. We will reply within 28 days.

In respect of cruises which commence in the EU, complaints pursuant to EU regulation 1177/2010 must be sent to us as soon as possible. We will endeavour to respond within 28 days. If you are not happy with our final decision you can refer your complaint to the Cruise Line International Association which is the voluntary complaints body authorised by the Department of Transport to deal with complaints at PassengerRights@cruising.org

14 ARBITRATION: ABTA

We are a member of ABTA membership number V4744. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we cannot resolve your complaint go to www.abta.com to use ABTA's simple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found at www.abta.com

Disputes arising out of or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration under a special independent scheme arranged by ABTA which provides for a simple arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or obtained from www.abta.com. Your application for Arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. For injury and illness claims you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this.

You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr>. The ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us. It will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

15 BEHAVIOUR AND DAMAGE

You are responsible for any damage or loss caused by you. Full payment for any such damage or loss must be made on demand as soon as possible. If in our or in the reasonable opinion of any other person in authority, you behave in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger upset or distress to any third party or damage to property we shall be entitled to terminate your holiday and/or require you to leave the accommodation or other service. We will have no further responsibility to you. No refunds will be made. You must not solicit other persons for commercial purposes or advertise goods or services without our prior written permission.

16 CONDITIONS OF SUPPLIERS

You are bound by the terms and conditions and conditions of carriage of our suppliers and independent contractors which we incorporate into these booking conditions which may limit or exclude liability to you.

17 PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

For guidance we have details on our website of general passport and visa requirements applicable to our holidays together with details of compulsory health requirements. It is however, your responsibility to ensure you have and comply with passport and visa requirements and you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions. We cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to comply with these requirements.

We cannot complete visa applications or passenger locator forms on your behalf.

18 FOREIGN OFFICE ADVICE

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which we would recommend you consult before booking and in good time before departure.

19 FLIGHTS

In accordance with the EU Directive (EC) NO 2111/2005 we are required to bring your attention the existence of a "community list" which contains the details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban

within the EU. The community list is available for inspection at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/search_en. We are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s). If the actual carrier(s) is not known the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flights at the time of booking we will inform you of the identity of the actual carrier as soon as we become aware. On occasions we may take bookings prior to the airline/rail schedules being confirmed, whilst the route will be shown on your confirmation and ATOL certificate the actual flight/rail times will be advised as soon as we have the schedules confirmed. Any change to the operating carrier/s after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier becomes subject to the operating ban as above as a result of which we/the carrier are unable to offer a suitable alternative, the provisions of clause 10 changes and cancellations by us will apply. Such a ban will constitute unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. As we are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight times which will be used in connection with your flight, the flight timings shown in the brochure, website and/or your confirmation/invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by the airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your travel documents approximately 2 weeks before departure. Please check your tickets carefully to ensure you have the correct flight times. Flight times may change even after the tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier flight timings and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements.

20 BROCHURE / WEBSITE / ADVERTISING MATERIAL ACCURACY

The information contained in our brochure, website and other advertising material is believed to be correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. However, errors may occasionally occur, and information subsequently change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen holiday (including the price) at the time of booking. On the rare occasion we may unfortunately make a genuine error in the price we quote and subsequently confirm to you, this may come to light at any time prior to your holiday. We are not obliged to honour the original price if a mistake has been made, we will ask you for the additional costs, however, should you not wish to meet these additional costs you may cancel your holiday with a full refund.

21 CHILDREN

For holidays other than cruises we are unable to accommodate children under 9 years old at the date of departure. For cruises the minimum age limit is 12 years old at the date of departure. We reserve the right to limit the number of children on any particular cruise. Any minor must be accompanied by and share a cabin with an adult aged 21 or over. If the adult is not the minors parent a "parental consent guardianship form" must be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to sailing.

22 HEALTH AND SAFETY

You must attend mandatory safety briefings and drills at the commencement of your holiday and any subsequent briefings or drills required during the holiday by any carrier and supplier.

You must at all times comply with the rules and regulations and the orders and directions of the carriers and our suppliers and warrant that your conduct will not impair the safety of others.

We, carriers, our suppliers and/or the relevant authorities are entitled to administer a public health questionnaire at any time. You must complete the questionnaire and supply accurate information regarding any symptoms of illness. We may deny boarding to any passenger with symptoms of illness and you may be required to remain in your cabin or hotel room as required by the ship's captain or hotel manager. Refusal to comply with any of these procedures may result in your holiday being terminated. We have no liability to you in the event that we cancel or curtail your holiday for the reasons referred to in this clause.

In respect of cruises which commence in an EU member state and where necessary in order to meet applicable international European and natural safety requirements and/or where the design or structure of the ship or ports infrastructure and equipment including port terminals makes it impossible to carry out the embarkation disembarkation or carriage of a passenger suffering from a disability or reduced mobility in a safe or operationally feasible manner we and the carrier are entitled to refuse a booking from the person concerned. Passengers must be fully mobile to travel on any cruise. We cannot provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, embarking or disembarking or travelling on other forms of transport. In the event you require assistance with embarking or disembarking from the ship at the first or last port as a result of your reduced mobility or disability please advise us at the time of booking but in any event no later than 48 hours before the assistance is required. Some ships may not have elevators. You must check at the time of booking. Some excursions require a good level of physical fitness and do not have vehicles and/or there are restrictions re access. Regulation 1177/2010 may be viewed at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX.32010R1177&from=ENandtheDFTGuidanceathttps://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-guidancenotes-relating-to-regulation-eu-no1177-2010>

The carrier acting via the Captain, reserves the right to refuse passage, disembark or confine to a cabin any passenger whose physical or mental condition or behaviour is considered in the sole opinion of the captain to constitute a risk to the passengers own wellbeing or that of any other passenger or crew member. The carrier and the captain reserve the right to disembark any passenger whose behaviour affects the comfort enjoyment safety and wellbeing of other passengers or of any crew.

During passage through locks or under low bridges or in the event of adverse weather conditions it may be necessary to close the sundeck to passengers. Sundeck closures are rightly enforced in the interest of safety. Ships may be required to moor alongside another in some ports. This may result in your view being blocked it may also result in your having to cross over other ships to go ashore.

Whilst we take reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on the cruise ships you acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that we will not be liable to you in relation to such noise and vibration.

23 COVID 19 REQUIREMENTS

You must advise us if during your holiday you have any symptoms of covid 19, however mild they are. The symptoms include but are not limited to high temperature or fever, a new continuous cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue.

24 FOOD ALLERGIES

If you have any food allergies which may cause significant health

issues, you must report this at the time of booking or as soon as convenient. It is your responsibility to ensure that you actively avoid any food you are allergic to and make all appropriate enquiries to establish the ingredients of any food. The supplier is not under any obligation to prepare or provide special meals.

25 SMOKING

Passengers must observe the non-smoking policy on board the ships, hotels and other transport provided. If smoke is detected in any accommodation a cleaning fee of £165 per occurrence will be billed to the passengers account. Smoking restrictions include e-cigarette smoking. If there is a violation of the non-smoking policy then passengers may be disembarked from the ship or asked to leave the hotel without refund.

26 INDEMNITY

You must indemnify us and the carrier for all penalties fines charges losses or expenses incurred or imposed upon us, the carrier or our suppliers by virtue of an act or violation of law by you and/or any breach of these terms and conditions or any carriers or suppliers' terms and conditions of conditions of carriage.

27 PREGNANCY

The river cruise ships, yachts and star clipper ships do not have doctors or facilities to deliver babies or provide natal treatment. We recommend that women who are less than 12 weeks pregnant seek medical advice prior to travel.

For safety reasons women post their 24th week of pregnancy at any stage of their cruise cannot be carried on board. Airlines also have restrictions.

Pregnant women are required to produce a fitness to travel certificate based on the proposed holiday itinerary and transport providers requirements. The carrier expressly reserves the right to refuse passage to board to any passenger who appears to be in an advanced state of pregnancy and the carrier shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of either such refusal and/or the carriage.

28 MEDICAL FACILITIES/TREATMENT ON BOARD AND ASHORE

There are no doctors on board any of the river cruise ships, yachts and star clipper ships in our programme. Should you require medical attention during your holiday then local medical services can be contacted for emergency treatment. The cost of such treatment is your sole responsibility. We are not liable for any aspect of medical treatment provided to you ashore or in resort.

If you have any medical condition which may require treatment during a cruise this must be disclosed at the time of booking in order for a risk assessment to be undertaken as to whether you can be safely carried. You may be asked to provide medical evidence for this purpose. Carriage is dependent on the nature and extent of the medical condition, the itinerary and length of cruise.

In relation to other holidays please notify us of any medical or reduced mobility needs at the resort or on transport provided by us. This includes adapted hotel rooms and assistance at airports at the time of booking.

In relation to your own medical equipment there are limited storage facilities on board and in hotels. You must check prior to booking if the equipment is allowed on board aircraft ships or hotels. Scooters cannot be carried on board ships due to space limitations and reasons of safety.

29 LIMITED MOBILITY/DISABILITY/WHEELCHAIRS AND SERVICE ANIMALS

During our holidays we visit many historical sites and often enjoy walking tours of various places of interest. Some holidays therefore may not be suitable for clients of impaired mobility. Before you make your booking we will advise you as to whether the proposed holiday arrangements are generally suitable for someone with reduced mobility. However, reduced mobility of course means different things to different individuals as we fully appreciate that individual capabilities restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. When we refer to reduced mobility this means any material reduction in mobility whether this is permanent or temporary and whether caused by age or by physical or mental disability or impairment or other cause of disability.

Our priority is always the comfort and safety of passengers as well as complying with the strict legal requirements relating to safety of life at sea and inland waterways. In order to achieve these objectives passengers with reduced mobility or disability or who need assistance dogs should at the time of booking provide as much detail as possible of the matters set out on our website at www.rivieratravel.co.uk/reducedmobilityinformation.

Passengers may be required to be accompanied or may be refused carriage. You warrant that you have considered the information to passengers for reduced mobility and disabilities and that you have made all relevant notifications to us.

Please be aware that there are no wheelchair accessible cabins on any of the river cruise ships yachts and star clipper ships used on our cruises. Disabled rooms in hotels are limited in number and so must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

30 ASSISTANCE WHILST AWAY

In the event you end up in difficulty (of any sort) during your holiday we will provide you with the appropriate assistance as soon as reasonably possible including by the provision of appropriate information on health services local authorities and consular assistance and by assisting you to make distance communications and to find alternative travel arrangements as may be applicable. Where you are in difficulty as a result of your negligence we may charge you a reasonable fee for this assistance which will not exceed the costs we actually incur.

31 SECURITY

Weapons ammunition explosives substances that are hazardous disabling or illegal or any other article that in the sole opinion of the captain may be considered dangerous are strictly prohibited aboard the ship or carried on any form of transport or hotels.

You consent to a reasonable search being made of your person, property, cabin, hotel room, and to the removal and confiscation or destruction of any object which may in our opinion or that of any carrier or supplier will impair the safety of others or of property or be illegal or inconvenient to others.

32 DATA PROTECTION

We are a data controller for the purposes of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018 (data protection laws). Personal data will be collected, processed, stored and used securely and in accordance with our privacy policy and data protection laws. Please see our data protection privacy policy.

33 LAW AND JURISDICTION

Save as provided by law and subject to the provisions of the Regulation all claims must be brought in the English Courts which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and shall be subject to English law.

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