

# EUROPEAN TOURS

## Collection

2024 & 2025





Let's  
**EXPLORE**  
together

Glacier Express, Switzerland

We're so lucky to have Europe on our doorstep. The sheer diversity of the continent is astounding – you could be enjoying fondue in the Swiss Alps, drifting down the canals of Venice, stopping in Bordeaux to sip world-class wine or escaping to the Mediterranean for some sunshine.

The team at Riviera are incredibly passionate about Europe. We've curated itineraries that draw out the best of each destination and ensure that your holiday includes a perfect mix of seeing the iconic sights alongside charming hidden spots, as well as giving you leisure time to relax. Your dedicated Tour Manager will be there throughout to look after you and answer any questions. Whether it's the best spot for a glass of the local tippie, or where to catch the perfect sunrise, they really do know their destinations inside out, which we believe makes all the difference.

We know that choice is important for you, which is why we've created our Signature

tour collection. This is a range of tours that have a smaller group size (an average of just 22 guests), as well as some extra special experiences included to enhance your holiday.

Our 2025 European tour collection is the most exciting one yet! As well as our ever-popular favourites, there's also new Grand Tours, new Signature tours and a new Walk and Discover tour to choose from.

From 2025, we've also reduced the group size on our Classic tours to just 36 people maximum.

I very much hope you enjoy browsing through our brochure and that we can inspire you to join us very soon.

We look forward to welcoming you.

*Phil Hullah*

Chief Executive Officer



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

# Our European Tours collection

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

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# The Riviera difference

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



Cinque Terre, Italy

## Unrivalled holidays, created by our Masters of Travel

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

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

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

## We'll look after you like family

When you book with Riviera Travel, you are not just booking a holiday, you are joining our family. That may seem extreme for a travel company, but we really mean it - we'll take care of you as one of our own. But the proof is in the pudding. That's why we've been awarded the esteemed 'Recommended Provider' accreditation by Which? for 12 years, and why 96% of our customers would book with us again. Our knowledgeable and friendly team are committed to making every step easy and enjoyable - from the moment you first contact us, to the very end of your journey when you arrive home happy and with a camera full of memories.

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

## Luxury travel, without the price tag

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

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

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

## You make the choices, we do the hard work

Variety is the spice of life, and there's no 'one size fits all' when it comes to the perfect travel experience. To make sure you can tailor your holiday to suit you, we've built choice into every aspect of our holidays, putting you in control. Choose from our extensive collection of holidays, then customise your experience to your exact requirements. Whether you want to upgrade your travel, extend your trip, or add special excursions or visits to suit your interests, 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.

Holidays should be all about you enjoying yourself, without having to worry about the little details.

That's where we shine. Here are just a few of the ways we look after you so that you can feel completely confident that we're the right choice for your next adventure.

Lake Bled, Slovenia



### **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**

We have 40 years' experience creating holidays and nurture exceptional relationships with our suppliers across the globe, so rest assured that 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](https://rivieratravel.co.uk/holiday-happiness)



# Extraordinary adventures are our speciality

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

Colosseum, Rome

# Don't just take our word for it



*An excellent tour to Sicily, the holiday was perfect from start to finish. The hotels were great, the tours really well organised and the tour manager Agnes was outstanding.*

**Anthony - Sicily** October 2023

**Feefo** ★★★★★

*This is the 2nd time we've booked with Riviera travel and we weren't disappointed.*

*The trips to Verona, Venice and the Dolomites were excellent. The hotel Europa is in a lovely position right on the lake, food excellent. All in all a lovely holiday.*

**Christine -Lake Garda,  
Venice and Verona** July 2023

**Feefo** ★★★★★

*Our repeat tour to Bruges was excellent, we met and made great new friends. The hotel was top rate and a perfect central location. What made it one of our best tours with Riviera was Meryl, the Tour Manager. Her knowledge and experience was outstanding.*

**Jeffrey & Hilary - Bruges** September 2023

**Feefo** ★★★★★

*Excellent value for money with a well chosen itinerary. All needs catered for on the day trips with radios available to hear the commentary from a distance. Plus a lovely hotel in the centre of everything. I have already bought my next trip!*

**Lynda - Pompeii, Capri and the Bay of  
Naples** September 2023

**Feefo** ★★★★★



*Our tours 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 Product - Cruising  
& Long Haul



*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 Product -  
Short Haul



*For me as a former teacher it is always a privilege and a pleasure to be able to share with others the sights, history and culture of places I love.*

*Frank*

Tour Manager

# Explore with our experts

Our Tour Managers and local guides really do elevate our holidays to a whole new level. We've curated some truly incredible trips (if we do say so ourselves) but once you're out there, our Tour Managers and local guides bring each destination to life with their experience, knowledge and passion. They share their expertise and help you make your own discoveries too. Whether it's the best place for a glass of wine with a view, or insights into the history of ancient ruins, their sole mission is to ensure you enjoy every moment.

Krakow, Poland

## Experienced Tour Managers

Every Riviera Travel holiday is accompanied by an experienced Tour Manager. They play several roles most adeptly; a group leader who works tirelessly to oversee every single detail and a destination expert able to offer revealing insights into local life.

Knowledgeable, kind, well organised and resourceful - this is how our customers describe our Tour Managers. As well as a great sense of humour they all share a genuine interest in the places that we visit.

Many have been with us for more than a decade, some even two. For them, being a Tour Manager is not just a job - it's a passion, and you'll learn far more from them than you would any guidebook.

*The Tour Manager and the specialist guides throughout were knowledgeable, considerate, and helpful. Hotels were well chosen and very conveniently located. The transport was via a new luxury and comfortable coach.*

**Timothy - Madrid, Salamanca and Toledo** November 2023

**Feefo** ★★★★★

## Informative local guides

The company of welcoming local guides is also included on many of our holidays. They are on hand to share their in-depth knowledge on art and architecture, history, local culture and so much more. Personal stories and anecdotes are sure to broaden your perspective and enrich your experience of the places our local guides call home.



*As I live in Italy and have a passion for all things Italian, I love leading Italian tours. I really enjoy sharing my travel knowledge and experiences with the guests.*

*Bernadette*

Tour Manager



*One becomes a curious traveller day by day exploring the new, the different and the very other. This is the gift I wish to offer in the palm of my hand at departure, wishing each and every person to take home with them into their heart.*

*Carlo*

Tour Manager



*A charming square, a superb view or perhaps the best ice cream in town - I am always on the lookout for new tips and hidden gems, they can make all the difference to a holiday.*

*Kate*

Tour Manager

# Flexibility and choice

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



## Before you travel

Pre-book your insurance and airport extras through our partner, Holiday Extras, at [rivieraextras.co.uk](http://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.

## 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 an unforgettable Flamenco show or enjoy breakfast at the Vatican - 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.

**Our friendly team of travel advisers** will be happy to help you customise your holiday to your requirements - give them a call on **01283 901237** to discuss the options.

## Let someone else carry the load

If you find carrying your own luggage a stressful way to start and end your holiday, then we can help, on a selection of our European tours. **The Baggage Man** will arrange a luggage collection and delivery service between your home and your hotel, on both your outbound and return journeys. This is a fully insured and independent service.

We have negotiated exclusive prices for Riviera Travel customers from **£185 return for one case** or from **£265 return for two cases**. Early booking recommended.

Further details can be found on their website [thebaggageman.com](http://thebaggageman.com) • **01844 264890**

# More ways to travel

We know there's no 'one size that fits all' when it comes to your ideal holiday. That's why you can choose between a Classic and Signature tour on a lot of our itineraries.



Lake Maggiore, Italy

## Classic Tours

Best for: An immersive tour at excellent value. With Classic tours, you'll always get to the heart of your destination on carefully planned visits and expertly guided tours.

## Signature Tours

Best for: Adding a little something special. Signature tours have smaller groups for a more intimate experience, as well as enhanced Signature experiences which take your holiday to the next level.

## Solo Holidays

Best for: Solo travellers who want to travel with like-minded people. We've got dedicated solo departures on a number of tours, with extras designed for the single traveller. Visit [rivieratravel.co.uk/solo](http://rivieratravel.co.uk/solo) to view our solo holiday collection.



Rome



Enjoy a truly authentic performance of flamenco in Seville

## Group holidays

Best for: Groups of 10 or more, whether you're an organised club, a society or even just an adventurous set of friends. We have a dedicated team who really understand the intricacies of booking as a group to look after you from start to finish.

Plus, when you book as a group of 10 or more, you will also receive either a free place or money back after you've travelled, as a thank you from us.

- Any group of 10 or more people travelling together can book through our dedicated Groups Department.
- Our team are ready to help you every step of the way - they'll take care of all your arrangements to ensure your holiday is exactly what you are looking for.

Find out more at

[rivieratravel.co.uk/group-bookings](http://rivieratravel.co.uk/group-bookings)

or call **01283 742322**





Discover our new  
**SIGNATURE**  
collection

Small group tours enhanced with  
bespoke Signature experiences

Provence, France

## Our Signature Experiences

If you want to take your Riviera holiday up a notch, our Signature tours are just the ticket. This range of holidays have an average group size of just 22 guests, with a maximum of 25. Also there are two knowledgeable local guides on most included experiences, so you'll have a more intimate and personalised experience.

They also include some extra special additional experiences, such as taking the cable car to admire the views from Glacier 3000 in Switzerland, the highest point of the Vaudois Alps, or step into some of art's most iconic pieces on an immersive visit at Bassin des Lumières in Bordeaux.

The aim of our Signature tours is to give you those 'wow' moments – the ones that give you goosebumps – and to help you really get under the skin of a destination. We know that it's these moments that make a holiday extra special.

If you haven't guessed by now, we're really obsessed with travel, and so have made sure that every detail has been carefully curated – you'll stay in excellent hand-picked hotels and enjoy the same fascinating included visits and guided tours as on our standard tours, but with the added benefit of some extra-special additions too.



Wonderful wines and fresh local cuisine



Drift along the canals of Venice on a gondola ride



Enjoy a ride on the Dubrovnik cable car

Foodie, nature-lover, wine-buff – whatever floats your holiday boat, we've got thoughtfully planned experiences you'll love, with a few surprises along the way too. Imagine sitting down for an unforgettable Michelin star dinner, sipping a chilled aperitivo at the top of Lake Maggiore's only Skybar or relaxing on a gondola ride in Venice. Wherever you decide to go, our Signature tours will ensure you've not just visited a destination but lived it too.

# Unbeatable value which includes so much...

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

Burgundy, France



### **Return flights from the UK**

On our European tours, enjoy flights from a wide selection of regional UK airports, or travel by Eurostar on select tours, with a regional rail connection to London. Transfers are also included.



### **Travel in comfort**

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



### **Hand-picked hotels in the best locations**

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.



### **Local taxes**

Unlike most other tour operators local city/tourist taxes are included in the price that you pay on the majority of our European tours.



### **Breakfast each morning, plus other meals**

Daily breakfast is included on the majority of our tours. Our tours include some lunches and dinners, either in your hotel or at carefully chosen restaurants. In destinations renowned for their cuisine we also offer you options, so you can dine at your hotel or seek out a restaurant of your choice.



### **Experienced Riviera Tour Manager**

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



### **Insightful excursions and visits with local guides**

Experiences are included, accompanied by expert local guides to share eye-opening insights and really take you under the skin of your destination.



### **Free time to explore**

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

When a regular tour  
just won't do,

GO GRAND



## Our Grand Tours

Relive a golden age of travel on a 9 to 13-day European Grand Tour in search of art, culture and the roots of Western civilisation.

Europe is brimming with history, unique architecture and scenic countryside that has inspired artists like Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet. Our European Grand Tours show you more about your chosen destination - from the most popular cities to the best-hidden gems. There'll be more time to embrace a new culture - and savour even more of each destination's delicious food!

History lovers will enjoy three days in Rome, marvelling at the Baroque monuments and ancient ruins, before travelling south to the Bay of Naples, exploring the stunning Sorrento countryside and visiting the poignant remains of Pompeii.



Camara de Lobos



Milan



Venice



Bernina Pass

You could wander along the breathtaking shores of the Italian Lakes - Lake Como and Lake Maggiore - before taking a once-in-a-lifetime rail journey through the Swiss Alps. (You'll want to keep your camera handy here).

Perhaps you'd prefer to visit two of France's greatest cities of culture, experiencing fine art, fine wine, and everything in between. Go on a Grand Tour and explore more of Europe with Riviera.



NEW  
FOR 2025

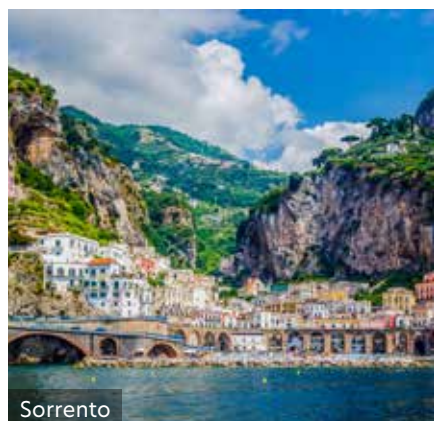
# Grand Tour from Rome to Pompeii & the Bay of Naples

SIGNATURE  
tour

Attracting visitors for centuries, Italy's Sorrento Peninsula and the Bay of Naples are one of the most beautiful corners of Europe. Combine that with the grandeur of Rome and you have an exciting Grand Tour.



Pompeii



Sorrento

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Rome

On arrival in Rome, we'll transfer by coach and check into our hotel.

### DAY 2 - Baroque Rome & Villa Borghese

After breakfast, we'll start to get to know this fabulous city in earnest on a sightseeing tour. The monuments are legendary: there is the Trevi fountain, the Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps. This afternoon, we'll enjoy a timed visit to the Villa Borghese, whose delightful gardens form the city's largest park. Most famously, it houses one of the world's greatest collections of fine art, including works by Raphael, with another pavilion housing the National Modern Art Museum. There's no need to decide where to dine this evening as we'll eat together at a hand-picked local restaurant (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Sightseeing tour of Rome and visit to Villa Borghese**

### DAY 3 - Vatican

Spend the morning at the very epicentre of the Roman Catholic Church on a guided tour of the Vatican. This UNESCO

World Heritage Site encompasses a bucket list of wonders from historic architecture to phenomenal art, sculptures and frescoes. And, of course, who could forget the magnificent Sistine Chapel and its intricately decorated ceiling which took Michelangelo over four years to complete. The result? A masterwork of the Italian Renaissance and the art world. This afternoon enjoy free time exploring one of the most captivating cities in the world, Rome. (B)  
**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of the Vatican**

### DAY 4 - Palace of Caserta

This morning, we'll leave ancient Rome behind and begin the journey towards Sorrento, stopping en route to visit the Royal Palace of Caserta. Explore parts of the Royal Palace, stopping to marvel at the riches on display in the Royal Apartments and the surrounding gardens. Then continue to our hotel in Sorrento for a seven-night stay. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of the Royal Palace of Caserta**

### DAY 5 - Walking tour of Sorrento

Our first day in this centuries-old coastal town will be at a suitably relaxed pace, beginning with a short walking tour through the winding streets of Sorrento, dotted with remains of opulent Roman villas, before time at leisure. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experiences - Walking tour of Sorrento**

We stay 3 nights in Rome & 7 nights in Sorrento. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Pompeii

Our guided tour of the ill-fated Pompeii highlights its astonishing state of preservation - streets, temples, baths and the amphitheatre remain largely intact.

Although fascinating it's also eerie, particularly when you see the pained facial expressions of Vesuvius's victims preserved for eternity. After a morning rich in history, we later visit a local winery on the slopes of Vesuvio.

Here we'll taste wine produced from grapes grown on the vineyards, followed by a delicious light lunch with locally-sourced ingredients whilst enjoying views fantastic views of the volcano. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Pompeii, wine tasting and lunch**

### DAY 7 - Free day

Spend time at leisure in Sorrento browsing the boutiques, exploring the Old Town or visiting the picture-postcard fishing village of Marina Grande or join our optional visit to Herculaneum.

Tonight, we'll enjoy an evening of opera and Neapolitan songs inspired by the 'Three Tenors' - Pavarotti, Plácido Domingo and Jose Carreras in the magnificent halls of the Correale Museum in Sorrento's centre. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - An evening of opera inspired by the Three Tenors**

### DAY 8 - Capri

We'll take a short boat ride to the glamorous Capri. Here, you could peruse shops and restaurants lining the quayside or take a walk past vineyards, lemon groves and fragrant pines, for coastal views.

Sit back as we take to the glistening waters off Capri's spectacular coast for a special cruise aboard a private boat. You'll enjoy Capri from a different perspective and take in the most

magical of views of the island. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experiences - Visit Capri & relax onboard a private boat cruise**

### DAY 9 - Amalfi Coast & Rufolo Gardens

Today you'll have a chance to experience the beautiful Amalfi coast first-hand, winding around pine-clad cliffs that tumble down into the Mediterranean.

Our coastal drive takes us above the exclusive resort of Positano, haunt of celebrities. We visit the village of Ravello with its awe-inspiring location perched like an eagle's nest on a shelf above Amalfi, affording amazing views. We'll visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo to see its abundant displays of flowers - a gardener's paradise. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Scenic drive along the Amalfi Coast and visit to Rufolo Gardens**

### DAY 10 - Authentic farm lunch & Sorrento countryside

Venture into the countryside surrounding Sorrento. We'll stop for an authentic farm lunch using locally produced ingredients in a rustic working farm. Learn how mozzarella is made and enjoy a tasting of local olive oil and limoncello. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Farm lunch in Sorrento countryside**

### DAY 11 - Return Flight

Our Grand Tour comes to an end as we transfer to the airport and fly home.

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

#### Personalise your holiday

Optional guided tour of Herculaneum



**Multi-centre tour**

Find this tour at [rivieratravel.co.uk/cno](http://rivieratravel.co.uk/cno) 01283 901237

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Explore two historic Italian cities with guided tours of Rome and Pompeii

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Marvel at the Grandeur of the Royal Palace of Caserta on a guided tour

Take in sweeping views of the Amalfi Coast on a scenic drive

Get to know Sorrento with a gentle walking tour

Experience a guided visit of the Vatican with an expert and admire its trove of artworks and sculptures

Relax aboard a private boat cruise to experience Capri's glamorous shores from a different perspective

Enjoy a wine tasting and light lunch at a local winery

Listen to the enchanting sounds of the Three Tenors in Sorrento, with a music selection inspired by the original trio



# Grand Tour of Lake Garda, Venice & the Best of the Veneto

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Relax on the picture-perfect shores of Lake Garda, visit the floating city of Venice and ancient Verona, ascend to new heights in the craggy Dolomites and discover the hidden gems of the Veneto - our Grand Tour proves Northeastern Italy has it all.



Vineyards near Lake Garda



Venice

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Castelfranco Veneto

Arrive at the airport in either Venice or Verona and transfer to your hotel in Castelfranco Veneto.

### DAY 2 - Padua

Today we'll travel south to Padua for time at leisure to explore the fine piazzas of the historic centre and the diverse architectural styles of Italy's second oldest second oldest university city. On our visit, you could take a look at the exotic Basilica di Sant'Antonio, one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Italy. Beneath its distinctive Byzantine domes rests the tomb of Padua's patron saint - it's particularly outstanding. It's impossible to visit Padua without a stop at the most exclusive venue in the centre, Caffé Pedrocchi which has remained an important part of the city's culture. Caffé Pedrocchi prides itself on its speciality coffee - which you shouldn't add sugar to or stir - which we'll enjoy today, alongside a delicious slice of cake. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Padua & enjoy coffee and cake in Padua's famous Caffé Pedrocchi**

### DAY 3 - Bassano & Villa Sandi

After breakfast, we'll visit the enchanting town of Bassano del Grappa. Nestled in the foothills of Monte Grappa, the source of the Brenta River, which slices through the town.

After our visit, there'll be time for a quick bite to eat in one of the town's many restaurants before we continue to Valdobbiadene. Here, we'll take a guided tour of the distillery and underground cellars of Villa Sandi, home to some of the best Prosecco, which we'll sample afterwards. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Bassano del Grappa and guided visit to a local artisan distillery**

### DAY 4 - Free day

Today is free for you to explore the historic streets of Castelfranco. (B)

### DAY 5 - Vicenza

Today we'll travel to nearby Vicenza, situated at the northern base of the cypress-clad Monte Berico. We'll see the Piazza dei Signori, which is dominated by the Basilica with its lofty clock tower and distinctive, green roof surrounded by statues of Greek and Roman gods. We'll also see Teatro Olimpico, Europe's oldest surviving indoor theatre, and the Palladian mansions that line Vicenza's streets. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Vicenza, including Teatro Olimpico**





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## Grand Tour of Slovenia & Italy's Friuli region

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Discover a lesser-explored area of Italy with visits to charming towns and cities to uncover an enchanting culture. And venture across the border into Slovenia to see the best this Balkan beauty has to offer, including the picturesque Lake Bled. Storybook scenery, manicured vineyards and Roman ruins await on our Grand Tour.



Udine



Basilica of Aquileia

### Your 2025 Itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Udine

On arrival in Italy, we'll transfer to our hotel in Udine.

#### DAY 2 - Udine

This morning, you'll be introduced to the city in which we'll spend the beginning of our tour, Udine. There's plenty to explore in this compact city including its hilltop castle, which houses a collection of excellent museums, including an art gallery with works by Caravaggio and Tiepolo. This afternoon is free to explore at leisure. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Udine**

#### DAY 3 - Trieste

After breakfast, we'll drive through rolling countryside to the region's cosmopolitan capital, Trieste, with the snowy peaks of the Julian Alps never too far off in the distance. During our tour, our local guide will introduce us to Trieste's highlights and a splendid mix of architectural styles in its largely pedestrianised old town. Next, we'll follow the coastal road to Miramare

Castle, built in 1860 for the Archduke Maximilian of Habsburg and his wife, Charlotte of Belgium. Entrance is included to the castle, so take a closer look at Habsburg life in the eclectic interiors or stroll through its immaculately landscaped park to admire the impressive variety of plants. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Trieste and visit to Miramare Castle**

#### DAY 4 - Mosaic School of Friuli

Take this morning to relax or explore the delights of Udine further. This afternoon, we'll drive through lush countryside to visit the Mosaic School of Friuli in Spilimbergo. During our guided tour, we'll dive into the nitty-gritty of this intricate art form and the various techniques used. We'll walk the halls of the school's gallery to admire the talented students' finished works, creatively expressed in a kaleidoscope of colours, motifs and styles. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Spilimbergo and guided tour of the Friuli Mosaic School**

#### DAY 5 - Aquileia & rustic lunch

In Aquileia, one of the largest cities of the Roman Empire, we'll have a guided tour of the Patriarchal Basilica and visit a rustic restaurant for lunch, before returning to Udine for time at leisure. (B,L)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Aquileia and a rustic lunch**

We stay 5 nights in Udine & 5 nights in Ljubljana. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Cividale & wine-tasting

We'll drive to Cividale to visit the Santa Maria in Valle Monastery to see the unique Lombard Temple. After time exploring Cividale, we'll continue to the critically acclaimed wine region of Collio Goriziano. This enchanting landscape of gentle hills is marked by hypnotic rows of verdant vines and dotted with grand villas and wine estates. The unique microclimate, created by the area's equidistance from the Adriatic Sea and the Austrian Alps, works perfectly with the marlstone soil to yield exceptionally fragrant grapes. Unsurprisingly, some of the world's best white wines are produced here, so we'll visit one of Collio's celebrated vineyards for a tasting of local wine and accompaniments before hopping over the border to our second hotel in Ljubljana, Slovenia. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit the Lombard Temple and wine tasting**

### DAY 7 - Ljubljana

Enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia's picturesque capital with a local guide sharing the stories behind the main sights. You'll have free time this afternoon to explore the city. We've taken the hassle out of finding the perfect place to eat this evening with dinner at a historic restaurant at the foot of Ljubljana Castle. Share a drink with your fellow explorers and savour the unique flavours of Slovenia in a laid-back, homely atmosphere. (B, D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided walking tour of Ljubljana**

### DAY 8 - Lake Bled

Enchanting, heavenly, romantic - take your pick of adjectives to describe Slovenia's best-known natural wonder. Pictures simply can't compare to seeing the lake in person. A tear-shaped island sits almost at the lake's centre, topped with a fairytale church. On reaching Bled Island by boat, you can climb the

99 steps of the South Staircase, visit the church and see the remains of the 15th-century frescoes and the gold altar, or stroll the circumference of the island, soaking up a full 360 degrees of jaw-dropping views. After a morning exploring, we'll stop for a well-earned break at the home of the bled cake, enjoying a coffee and taste of the local delicacy whilst taking in the views of the lake. The rest of day is at leisure. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Lake Bled with included boat ride and sample the local bled cake**

### DAY 9 - Piran & Lipica

Visit Piran with free time to explore its Venetian Gothic architecture, climb the bell tower of St George's Cathedral or walk along the 15th and 16th-century town wall. After lunch we'll visit the Lipica Stud Farm for a presentation of dressage routines by the Classical Riding School and guided tour. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Piran and guided tour of the Lipica Stud Farm with performance**

### DAY 10 - Free day in Ljubljana

Today is free to explore Ljubljana. You could stroll along the banks of the Ljubljanica River, peruse the bustling Central Market or take a relaxing river cruise. Alternatively, join our optional excursion to Postojna Cave, a fascinating subterranean paradise. (B)

### DAY 11 - Return Flight

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

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

#### Personalise your holiday

Optional visit to Postojna Caves



Cividale del Friuli



Multi-centre tour

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#### included experiences

Follow local guides through Udine, Trieste, Aquileia and Ljubljana as well as time at leisure in most cities to explore as you wish

Experience the beauty of Lake Bled, Slovenia's number one attraction, and visit fairy-tale Bled Island in a traditional Pletna boat

Tour the Lipica Classical Riding School grounds with a guide to learn about the famous Lipizzaner horses at a presentation and see this prestigious breed in action

Visit the coastal city of Piran, Spilimbergo's Mosaic School of Friuli and Cividale's Santa Maria in Valle Monastery

See Miramare, Archduke Maximilian's castle and botanical park

Tuck into a traditional Slovenian meal at a local restaurant in Ljubljana

Sample the famous bled cake whilst admiring views of Lake Bled

Enjoy a tour and tasting of wines and local produce in the Collio region

# Grand Tour of Lake Como, Milan & the Bernina Express

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Combining the beautiful Lake Como and Lake Maggiore with chic Milan, this Grand Tour explores some of the highlights of northern Italy and Switzerland, including a jaw-dropping journey on the Bernina Express.



Bernina Express



Lake Como

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Milan

Arrive in Milan and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 - Milan

We'll begin with a guided tour of the city to take in the main sights of Milan, starting with the mammoth cathedral - the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, the beautiful Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and the La Scala Theatre - one of the world's most prestigious opera houses. A highlight for any lover of art, history or religion, with a timed entrance ticket to admire one of the most famous artworks in the world, Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper. Although almost destroyed during the French Revolutionary War, this incredible masterpiece has survived in situ since it was completed in 1498. Located in the atmospheric refectory of the Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie, it's now a protected UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering a glimpse into Da Vinci's multifaceted genius. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Milan & timed entry to see Da Vinci's Last Supper**

### DAY 3 - Free day in Milan

Spend the day at leisure exploring Milan. You could take a wander past the luxurious boutiques in the city's Quadrilatero della Moda. Or, if fashion isn't your thing, perhaps head to the buzzing Navigli canal district - the perfect place for informal drinking, dining or simply strolling by the water. (B)

### DAY 4 - Monza

This morning, we'll travel to Monza, a hidden gem north of Milan. Here, we'll enjoy time at leisure. You could see the Gothic cathedral, explore the town and park or perhaps just experience this typically Italian town like a local would, by enjoying a pleasant stroll, followed by a coffee in one of the pavement cafes dotted around its pedestrianised centre. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Monza**

### DAY 5 - Balbianello & Bellagio

Lake Como, one of the deepest lakes in Europe, has been beloved by romantics since the famous Roman chronicler Pliny wrote of its luxuriant beauty. This morning, you can enjoy one of its many highlights on a private boat ride and tour of the beautiful 18th-century Villa del Balbianello, one of the finest villas surrounding the lake. The boat will then take us to the elegant resort of Bellagio which, is often described as the

We stay 3 nights in Milan & 7 nights on Lake Como. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



most beautiful town in Italy. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace before returning to your resort by boat when you wish. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Private boat trip and guided tour of Villa Balbianello and a visit to Bellagio

#### DAY 6 - The Bernina Express

We'll appreciate alpine scenery and Swiss engineering on the famous Bernina Express. From Tirano settle into your upgraded first-class seat in a spacious carriage, sit back and soak up the dazzling mountain views as you ride the legendary Bernina Express in style and comfort. This world-famous journey will be something special so stretch out and relax whilst admiring the landscapes through the train's panoramic windows. Twisting upwards in a sequence of spirals, loops and tunnels to the summit of Ospizio Bernina, we'll then descend through pretty pastures and pine forests into the ostentatious resort of St Moritz. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Journey on the Bernina Express with a first-class upgrade and a visit to St Moritz

#### DAY 7 - Free day

Today you're free to explore Lake Como at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a boat trip to one of the picturesque villages dotted around the lake, or simply relax at the hotel. (B,D)

#### DAY 8 - Lake Maggiore

Today we'll visit nearby Lake Maggiore and its most attractive lakeside town, Stresa. The resort town owes its origin to the days of the 'Grand Tour' when Europe's 19th-century aristocracy, having crossed the border from Switzerland, experienced their first taste of Italy. We'll also enjoy a guided tour

of the Baroque Palazzo on Isola Bella. Its resplendent rooms feature refined furniture, sculptures and paintings while outside exquisite terraces are planted with citrus trees and magnolias. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experiences** - Visit to Stresa on Lake Maggiore and guided tour of Isola Bella

#### DAY 9 - Lugano

Visit Lugano, the capital of the Italian-speaking Swiss canton of Ticino, to see its fascinating, eclectic mix of traditional Swiss values and the more laid-back Latin influences from across the border. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Visit to Lugano

#### DAY 10 - Villa Carlotta

Discover a true Italian treasure with a visit to the 17th-century Villa Carlotta with its majestic views over the lake. From world-famous azaleas, heavenly camellias and exotic orchids, you can wander its magnificent gardens, enjoying the displays of colourful and fragrant plants from around the world. You'll feel like you've stepped back in time as you explore the villa's impressive interior and view its superb artwork, sculptures and antique furniture collected over three centuries. As we soak up the spectacular views enjoy a refreshing local aperitivo and nibbles at Villa Carlotta's panoramic terrace. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Discover a true Italian treasure with a visit to the 17th-century Villa Carlotta followed by a local aperitivo and nibbles on the panoramic terrace

#### DAY 11 - Return Flight

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

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Take a boat ride to visit the beautiful Villa del Balbianello and idyllic Bellagio on Lake Como

Enjoy a journey on the Bernina Express, one of the world's most picturesque alpine railway journeys and travel in style with a first-class upgrade

Explore Stresa on Lake Maggiore and enjoy a guided tour of Isola Bella

Take a guided tour of Milan, Italy's chic second city, seeing the city's highlights

Visit the Swiss lakeside town of Lugano  
Marvel at Da Vinci's Last Supper with a timed entrance ticket

Explore Villa Carlotta with its stunning formal gardens

Enjoy an aperitif with a view in the charming ambiance of Villa Carlotta's panoramic terrace



# Grand Tour of Italy from Venice to Rome

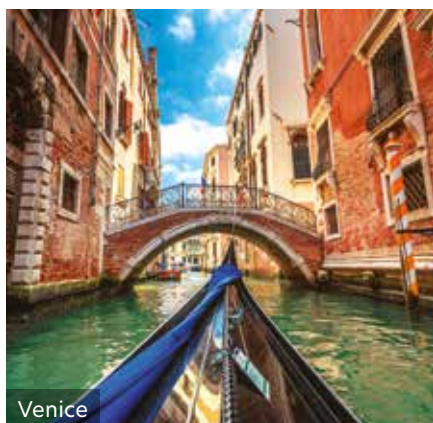
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An epic Grand Tour of some of Italy's most iconic sights. Discover its unique combination of centuries-old architecture, culture, art and style and experience a slice of 'La Dolce Vita' the country is so famous for.



San Gimignano



Venice

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Italy

Arrive at Venice Airport or Treviso Airport and transfer to our hotel in Venice.

### DAY 2 - Venice

Explore Venice on foot with a guided walking tour revealing many famous sights, including Doge's Palace - built in the Venetian Gothic style - and the legendary St Mark's Basilica. After our guided tour, uncover one of the world's most romantic and inspiring locations, as you drift along Venice's iconic waterways aboard a traditional gondola. Here, the mesmerising views revealed by every turn have inspired countless artists, poets, and writers through the ages. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided walking tour of Venice with a visit to St Mark's Basilica. Experience the City of Canals from the water**

### DAY 3 - Free day

Enjoy a day at leisure sightseeing in Venice, perhaps you'll see outstanding works of art at the local galleries and museums or stroll through the vibrant Jewish Quarter. (B)

### DAY 4 - Bologna

Follow a guide through Bologna, seeing the main historic sites, including its 12 medieval gates, the main square - Piazza Maggiore, Piazza Nettuno and Europe's oldest university. We'll explore the maze of tiny alleys and historic streets of Bologna, tasting the gastronomic delights of the city along the way. Join the city's locals as we wander past artisan shops bursting with regional produce, from tangy parmesan to cured meats, fine olive oil and hand-made pasta, and browse in the markets where the rich colours of globe artichokes and cavolo nero contrast with glistening displays of the freshest fish. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Bologna including the gastronomic delights of Bologna**

### DAY 5 - Tuscan countryside

Travelling through the undulating hillsides, vineyards and ochre-coloured valleys of Tuscany, we visit Volterra - an imposing town with stone ramparts and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. We'll visit a beautifully restored, family-owned farmhouse for a delicious lunch. Located in a medieval hamlet, this is the perfect place to experience authentic Tuscany, including sampling some delicious local produce. The Fenzi family have owned the farmhouse since the 1930s and are extremely proud of their selection

We stay 3 nights in Venice, 3 nights in Tuscany, 2 nights in Perugia & 3 nights in Rome. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



- justifiably so! We continue to San Gimignano for free time in one of Italy's most beautiful villages. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Volterra and San Gimignano**

**DAY 6 - Florence**

This morning we'll drive to Florence where we'll have a guided walking tour to discover why Florence is indeed the 'Pearl of the Renaissance'. The sights are legendary and you'll enjoy the best of them: the cathedral - or Duomo - which can house a congregation of thousands, and the Baptistry, one of the oldest buildings in the city. We will explore the goldsmiths' shops on the Ponte Vecchio, the landmark bridge over the Arno River and a symbol of the city itself. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Florence**

**DAY 7 - Siena**

We'll take a short drive to Siena for a guided tour. One of the finest medieval cities in the world, during the 12th and 13th centuries Siena was also one of its richest and a similar size to Paris. Perhaps the finest place to visit in Siena is its outstanding cathedral, one of Italy's greatest. Built from black and white marble it has some of the most intricate carvings imaginable, some of which are by the great master himself, Michelangelo. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Siena**

**DAY 8 - Perugia**

After breakfast, we'll embark on a tour of this bustling university city, which uses an escalator system to connect the lower town to the historical core above. Discover the Piazza IV Novembre - the centrepiece of the city - with a gothic cathedral, 13th-century Palazzo dei Priori and the intricately carved Maggiore fountain. This afternoon will be free for you to explore more of what Perugia has to offer. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Perugia**

**DAY 9 - Orvieto**

On our journey to Rome, we'll stop to discover Orvieto, whose ancient ruins lie in the eerie underground caves. Built on a chunk of volcanic rock, Orvieto looks almost at one with the red-hued rock. Here, we'll ride the funicular to get a better look at its impressive Gothic cathedral. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Orvieto**

**DAY 10 - Rome and Frascati**

Take a sightseeing tour of 'the Eternal City' with a local guide. The monuments are legendary: the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps to name just a few. This afternoon, we'll visit one of the most historic wine estates in the Frascati area to learn about the artisanal winemaking traditions that have been kept alive in this region. We tour a Frascati vineyard producing a selection of local wines, which we will enjoy along with some delicious local delicacies. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Sightseeing tour of Rome & visit a historic wine estate in the Frascati area for a tour and tasting**

**DAY 11 - Free day in Rome**

Spend the day at leisure exploring the heart of the Roman Empire - there's lots to see! Perhaps you'll visit the Vatican Museum, the Roman Forum or the Colosseum. (B)

**DAY 12 - Return Flight**

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

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



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Discover the famous landmarks of Venice and Rome on guided sightseeing tours

Enjoy introductions to Florence - cradle of the Renaissance - and Bologna - Italy's culinary capital - on guided tours

Explore Siena - one of Europe's finest medieval cities - and Perugia - a bustling University city - on walking tours

See Orvieto and its magnificent cathedral

Tour of the famous Tuscan countryside and two of its most iconic towns

Sample some delicious local produce at a family-owned farmhouse in the Tuscan countryside

Enjoy an afternoon in Frascati, away from Rome's city centre, sampling a selection of Frascati wines and local delicacies

Follow your stomach - and a local guide - through the streets of Bologna sampling some of the region's finest delicacies and gastronomic delights

Cruise Venice's iconic canals in the style and elegance of yesteryear, aboard a traditional gondola



# Grand Tour of Sicily

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tour

From ancient Greek temples to incredibly well-preserved Roman mosaics, not to mention rocky coastlines, sandy beaches and ornate Baroque architecture, Sicily has it all.



Taormina

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sicily

Our Grand Tour begins with a flight to Catania. We'll transfer from the airport to historic Agrigento for a two-night stay. (D)

### DAY 2 - Valley of the Temples

We'll visit the Greek remains in the Valley of the Temples - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - for a guided tour including Concordia, which is similar to the Parthenon in Athens. Later, we'll enjoy free time in Agrigento, one of Sicily's oldest cities. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of the Valley of the Temples**

### DAY 3 - Cefalù

After driving to Cefalù, where we'll stay for three nights, we'll take a short orientation walk before time at leisure. You could head to its medieval centre to see the temple dedicated to the goddess Diana and the fortress-like cathedral or while away the hours in a bar overlooking the quaint fishing port. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Cefalù**



Valley of the Temples

### DAY 4 - Palermo

This morning, we'll drive to Palermo, the capital city of Sicily, for a guided tour and free time exploring its intricately decorated churches, timeless piazzas and impressive Norman Palace. Experience Palermo's aristocratic and culinary culture on a visit to an 18th-century palazzo on the seafloor, owned by a Sicilian Duchess. We will find out more about the history of the palace, where writer Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa - author of the famous novel *The Leopard* - once resided. Afterwards, we will enjoy a drink and canapes in the mesmerising surroundings of the palazzo looking out of the twelve windows of its façade and the lush terrace, a real hanging garden rich of Mediterranean and sub-tropical essence before returning to our hotel in Cefalù. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Palermo, including the Norman Palace & visit to an 18th-century palazzo with drinks and canapes**

### DAY 5 - Free day in Cefalù

Today is free for you to explore Cefalù, perhaps relax by the pool or just spend an afternoon at the beach. (B,D)

### DAY 6 - Villa Romana del Casale

On our way to Giardini Naxos, we'll visit the Villa Romana del Casale. On our guided tour of the UNESCO-protected archaeological site, we'll see



# Grand Tour of Spain's Andalucía: Seville, Granada & Malaga

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With sights like Granada's Alhambra, the Mezquita mosque in Córdoba plus a chance to explore the historic port city of Malaga, our Grand Journey is designed to showcase Andalucía's magical fusion of Spanish and Moorish cultures.



Mijas



Bridge of Córdoba

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malaga

Arrive in Malaga and transfer to our hotel near the village of Mijas.

### 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. After our visit, we'll continue to Seville where we'll enjoy delicious tapas. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Ronda and a traditional tapas experience**

### DAY 3 - Seville

Seville, city of Figaro and home of flamenco, is one of the most beautiful and charismatic cities in the world. Little has changed in 500 years in its tiny twisting streets and hidden squares. Here, we'll have a sightseeing tour before our timed entry to the Alcázar Palace. One of the world's oldest palaces still in use as a royal house. The Alcázar Palace's origins can be traced back to the early 10th century and the palace now serves as a record of its history with a fascinating blend

of architectural styles and rich décor. This afternoon, you'll enjoy a visit to this magnificent palace with the opportunity to explore at your own pace. So, why not lose yourself amid the cool patio courtyards, elaborate gardens and fragrant orange trees and soak up the unique atmosphere of one of Europe's oldest palaces? You'll feel like you have the best seats in the house early this evening, high above the rooftops of Seville as you relax with an aperitif and a mini tapas selection. Make sure you have your camera ready to capture every perfect moment as the late afternoon sun lights up the city. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Seville, entry to Alcázar Palace and a rooftop aperitivo**

### DAY 4 - Free day in Seville

Today you'll have a free day to explore or relax at leisure. There are the 'musts' to revisit if you wish, such as the Plaza de España, but you could also wander around the Barrio Santa Cruz, or the former Jewish quarter and browse the shops along Calle Sierpes. This evening step away from the tourist trail to experience a truly authentic performance of flamenco in an intimate venue. Gain an insight into the meaning, style and rhythm of the dances - the proximity of the stage will allow you to see every mesmerising detail, and sip on a complimentary drink whilst admiring the superb artistry of the musicians and

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dancers. For them, flamenco is not just a job, it is a way of life. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Authentic flamenco performance**

**DAY 5 - Córdoba**

We head to Córdoba for a guided walking tour which includes the Mezquita, the grandest and most beautiful mosque constructed in the Moorish world. We then continue our journey to the city of Granada. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Córdoba**

**DAY 6 - Granada and Alhambra**

Today we visit Granada's exquisitely designed Alhambra. So individual in its setting, so rich in its history and so exquisite in its design, this iconic building was the high point in Moorish culture. It is not just a palace, though. Some of it is a fortress, and much is given over to formal gardens full of roses and fountains, giving an incredible impression of peace and tranquillity. You can also explore the city with its twisting streets, the old Moorish quarter and the traditional gypsy area or perhaps frequent some of the most distinctive old bars in Spain. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided visit to the Alhambra**

**DAY 7 - Competa and Sayalonga**

On our journey to Malaga, we'll stop at Competa for time at leisure to explore the labyrinth of narrow streets dating back to Moorish times or sip a coffee



Malaga

in the bustling square. Competa is well known for its production of wines and today we'll get to sample some of them. We'll learn about the history and production process of these wines loved by locals before sampling some for ourselves at a local winery all whilst admiring the wonderful views. We'll then head to Sayalonga, take time to enjoy a leisurely lunch or soak up some of the religious architecture this village has to offer from the Santa Catalina Church built on top of an old mosque to the Moorish Museum of Sayalonga before proceeding to Malaga. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visits to Competa and Sayalonga plus wine tasting**

**DAY 8 - Malaga**

A guided tour of Malaga allows you to experience the atmosphere of this enriching city including 'The One-Armed' cathedral and the streets of the Old Town. We'll then sample the authentic tastes and traditions of Malaga with a tapas experience. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Malaga and tapas tasting tour**

**DAY 9 - Botanical Gardens**

Today will be a highlight for any budding gardeners as we visit La Concepción Historical Botanical Garden, one of the few gardens with plants from a subtropical climate in Europe. We'll then spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Malaga's Botanical Gardens**

**DAY 10 - Return Flight**

Our Grand tour ends with a flight back to the UK.

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



Seville



**Multi-centre tour**

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Experience beautiful Seville's vibrant streets and tranquil parks on a tour led by a local guide

Visit medieval Ronda - one of Spain's most spectacularly situated cities.

Explore Malaga with a guided tour of this historic port city and a visit to the lush Botanical Gardens

Fall under the spell of the Alhambra, seeing one of the most romantic places ever built, with exquisite formal gardens of roses and fountains, set against the dramatic mountains of Granada

Visit Córdoba with a guided tour of the Mezquita, possibly the most beautiful mosque ever constructed

Experience the majesty of the Alcázar Palace, one of the oldest palaces in Europe

Soak up views of Seville as you relax with an aperitif and selection of tapas

Enjoy an intoxicating flamenco performance

Savour locally produced wines in Competa with a wine tasting





NEW  
FOR 2025

# Grand Tour of Portugal Lisbon, Porto & the Douro Valley

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tour

Spend longer in one of Europe's oldest countries on a Grand Tour of Portugal. Discover its fascinating cities with tiny, cobbled streets full of history and appeal. Visit its majestic palaces, taste Portuguese port and wine and explore the UNESCO-protected Douro Valley.



Porto



Douro Valley



## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lisbon

Arrive at Lisbon airport and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 - Lisbon tour & Fado show

This morning on our guided tour, we'll set out to discover Lisbon's highlights, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We'll see the modern Monument to the Discoveries and its 16th century fortified counterpart, the Belém Tower, the church of the Monastery of Jerónimos and much, much more. The delicious finale to our morning's guided tour is a chance to taste the world-famous Pastel de Nata - the city's devilishly moreish custard tart - accompanied by a glass of port. And, together, we'll discover some of the closely guarded secrets of this legendary delicacy in the open kitchens of a traditional bakery. Tonight, we will soak up the unique atmosphere at a traditional Fado, experiencing the haunting sounds whilst tasting a selection of typical Portuguese dishes. These expressive melodies are thought to date back to the 19th century and reflect the dangerous sea voyages so

many took in search of new worlds. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Lisbon, pastel de nata tasting and Fado show**

### DAY 3 - Free day in Lisbon

Choose your own adventure in Portugal's capital city with a whole day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 4 - Fatima & Coimbra University

Leaving Lisbon behind this morning, we'll drive north through olive groves and wheat fields to Fatima. An unremarkable small town until three children experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary, it suddenly became one of the most important Catholic pilgrimages and a national shrine. Whatever your religious views, the extraordinary sanctuary complex is certainly impressive and well worth the visit. This afternoon, we'll enjoy a visit to Coimbra university, a wonderful seat of learning, with entrance fees included. Situated on a hill, the views are stunning but the real jewel in its crown is the library - rich in baroque gilt work, it houses a staggering 300,000 volumes. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit the shrine of Fátima and Coimbra**

### DAY 5 - Porto

Our guided tour of Porto unveils some of the city's major and more surprising sights, including the medieval quarter, Praça da Ribeira square and the

We stay 3 nights in Lisbon, 4 nights in Porto & 3 nights in Cascais. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



Dom Luis Bridge. Of course, Porto is synonymous with port wine, so we'll also head to Taylor's for a tour and tasting. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Porto and an enhanced tour and tasting at Taylor's port lodge**

#### DAY 6 - Porto Boat Cruise

What better way to see Porto than from the water? This morning, we'll cruise down the peaceful waters of the Douro River by boat. See Porto on one side and Gaia on the other connected by a series of six bridges, each with its own architecture and personality - the perfect backdrop for a relaxing morning followed by an afternoon at your leisure. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experiences - Sightseeing river cruise along the Douro**

#### DAY 7 - The Douro Valley

Today we'll leave the busy city to explore the sinuous and scenic Douro River - the river of Gold - spending a leisurely day exploring its peaceful villages and terraced valley sides. Eventually, we'll reach the small town of Pinhão, the heart of the port wine-producing region. We'll visit one of the local quintas and sample some of the wines that are produced in this region. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experiences - Tour the Douro Valley, visit Pinhão and local quinta**

#### DAY 8 - Óbidos & Cascais

Bidding a fond farewell to Porto, we'll head south to Óbidos, a fortified town surrounded by imposing medieval walls. It's a maze of narrow streets and alleys, lined with flower-bedecked, whitewashed houses and splashes of bright paint - the perfect place to just lose yourself and perhaps stop for Portugal's favourite sour cherry liqueur, served in a chocolate cup. Continuing to Cascais, our final stay is in one of Portugal's classic hotels, within the

impressive walls of a 16th-century coastal citadel overlooking the famous marina in a coast town near Lisbon. (B) **+ Included Experiences - Visit Óbidos**

#### DAY 9 - Sintra & Cabo da Roca

We'll drive to Sintra, where we visit the National Palace, a former residence of the Portuguese monarchy. Before we return to Cascais, we'll drive to Cabo de Roca, the most westerly point of mainland Europe where you can appreciate views of the coastline atop 100 metres high cliffs. They're home to a lighthouse which can be seen from 46km away. We'll return to Cascais on a panoramic drive back via Guincho Beach, which lies at the foot of Sintra hills. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Sintra and Cabo de Roca**

#### DAY 10 - Free day in Cascais

Today is yours to explore Cascais at leisure. This evening, savour the flavours of typical Portuguese cuisine and regional products at a local restaurant. Socialise with newfound friends and soak up the atmosphere in a cosy restaurant, the perfect end to your stay. (B,D)

#### DAY 11 - Return Flight

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

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



Sintra



**Multi-centre tour**



**11**  
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#### **included experiences**

See the highlights of Portugal's most prominent cities, Lisbon and Porto, on guided tours

Savour the taste of Portuguese wine with a wine tasting at a local quinta and upgraded port tasting at Taylor's Port Wine Lodge, accompanied with local delicacies

Explore one of Europe's most dramatically beautiful river valleys on a tour of the Douro Valley, including a visit to Pinhão

Unearth more of Portugal's rich history with visits to the fortified town of Óbidos, Coimbra University, The Sanctuary of Our Lady in Fatima and Sintra's Royal Palace and Pena Palace

Cruise down the Douro to explore Porto from a new perspective on a river cruise

Try the world-famous Pastel de Nata with a glass of port, and discover the secrets of this delicious pastry at an open kitchen

Experience the unique musical sounds of traditional Fado and dine on typical Portuguese dishes at an atmospheric local restaurant

Socialise with newfound friends and soak up the atmosphere in a cosy hand-picked restaurant in Cascais, the perfect end to your stay



NEW  
FOR 2025

# Grand Tour of Madeira The Pearl of the Atlantic

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tour

Madeira - a tiny island with so much to offer, from its maritime heritage and architectural charm to world-renowned gardens. Together we'll see spectacular coastlines and uncover the Valley of the Nuns.



Monte Palace



Funchal

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Funchal

Arrive in Funchal and transfer to our hotel. Spend time settling into your hotel before joining your fellow explorers on the hotel's terrace. Here, we'll enjoy an aperitif and canapés as you soak up views of the intoxicating turquoise waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

**+ Included Experiences** - Enjoy an aperitif and canapés as you admire views of the Atlantic Ocean

### DAY 2 - Funchal

We enjoy a guided walking tour of Funchal, which overlooks a lovely harbour. We stop for a tasting of the famous Madeira wine. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided walking tour of Funchal and a tasting of Madeiran wine

### DAY 3 - Western Madeira

Our first stop is Cabo Girão, the island's highest sea cliff. Next, explore charming Ribeira Brava before heading to Madalena do Mar to see life on a plantation. Turning inland, we ascend nearly 5,000 feet to the Paúl da Serra plateau and travel via the village

of Seixal to the Bridal Veil waterfall. Our final stop is the village of São Vicente, known as the island's volcanic birthplace. (B,D)

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

### DAY 4 - Free day

Today is yours to spend at leisure in Funchal and the surrounding area. (B,D)

### DAY 5 - Monte Gardens & cable car

Travelling by cable car, we'll visit Monte Palace Tropical Gardens for a guided tour. These oriental gardens are exquisite, complete with Asian-style bridges and a koi carp pond. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Cable car ride and guided tour of Monte Palace Tropical Garden

### DAY 6 - Curral des Freiras & free afternoon

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 Curral des Freiras (the Valley of the Nuns) and sample the sweet chestnuts cultivated here. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Visit to Curral das Freiras

### DAY 7 - Câmara de Lobos & Fajã dos Padres

Our morning begins with a short drive to Câmara de Lobos, a fishing village built around a bay with Europe's highest cliffs forming a breathtaking backdrop. This

We stay for 11 nights in Funchal Lido area. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotel**.



afternoon, we'll visit Fajã dos Padres, a unique location in Madeira which is often described as Madeira's Eden. Descend to the pebble beach of this narrow strip of land by cable car with views of the sea and turquoise waters that are clear enough to see to the bottom. The area's tropical fruit trees - mango, banana and avocado - provide lush natural beauty all year round. On our visit, we'll take a guided tour of the organic plantations and taste the delicious produce grown here. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Câmara de Lobos & guided tour of Fajã dos Padres plantations**

#### DAY 8 - Palheiro Gardens

This morning, we'll visit the Palheiro Gardens, world famous for its variety of flora and its beautiful setting in the hills overlooking Funchal. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore at leisure. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Palheiro Gardens**

#### DAY 9 - Free day & afternoon tea

Spend time at leisure in Funchal to relax and explore. Enjoy an afternoon of luxury and nostalgia at Reid's Palace. This iconic luxury hotel has been welcoming guests for 130 years and its setting, in beautiful subtropical gardens overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, is magnificent. Here we'll indulge in a delicious afternoon tea - freshly baked scones, dainty sandwiches and mouth-watering cakes and pastries are all served with your choice of the Reids signature blend tea or coffee. (B,AT,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Enjoy afternoon tea at Reid's Palace**

#### DAY 10 - Eastern Madeira & lunch at a winery

Today we'll explore the east coast, passing diverse landscapes from craggy coastlines to ancient forests. Following the northern coast, we call at sleepy Porto da Cruz, before heading to

Santana, a town notable for its A-frame thatched houses. At a renowned island winery discover the remarkable hillside terraces, overlooking the Atlantic and taste a selection of superb wines. Then take in more glorious views over lunch as we dine on typical Madeiran cuisine at the winery. We end our tour in the UNESCO-listed Ribeiro Frio National Park, ascending slopes cloaked in fragrant eucalyptus, we'll emerge at Pico do Arieiro at 5,930 feet. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Enjoy afternoon tea at Reid's Palace**

#### DAY 11 - Funchal Botanical Gardens

Gardeners, who are already spoiled by Madeira's brilliant blooms, will enjoy our visit to the Madeira Botanical Gardens today. Enjoy time to peruse the orchids, lawns and ornamental shrubs on display at the Funchal Botanical Gardens. This afternoon, we'll visit Quinta do Lago situated on one of the hills surrounding Funchal, just a mile from the city centre. The 18th-century manor-house-turned-hotel oozes colonial charm, but the real jewel in its crown is the extensive gardens. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit the Funchal Botanical Gardens & guided tour of Quinta do Lago with wine and canapés**

#### DAY 12 - Return Flight

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

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (AT) Afternoon tea, (D) Dinner



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**included experiences**

Guided tour of Funchal and a wine tasting of Madeira wine

Tours of Western and Eastern Madeira

Explore the flora of Madeira's subtropical paradise on visits to Palheiro Gardens, guided tour of Monte Palace Tropical Garden and the Funchal Botanical Gardens

Visit the villages of Câmara das Lobos and Curral das Freiras

Enjoy an aperitif and canapés while admiring views of the Atlantic Ocean

Taste a selection of wines at an island winery with lunch

Savour afternoon tea at the historic Reid's Palace Hotel

Tour fruit plantations in natural haven of Fajã dos Padre, with a tasting of local produce

Take a guided tour of the historic Quinta do Lago with a glass of wine and canapés



## Grand tour of Paris, Bordeaux & Saint-Émilion

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tour

Bordeaux and Paris, two of France's greatest cities for culture, from fine art to fine wine, and everything in between. Visit some of Europe's most famous landmarks and delve deeper into the country's history.



Porte Cailhau



Place de la Concorde

### Your 2025 Itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Bordeaux

Arrive in Bordeaux by TGV train, via Paris, settle into your hotel and enjoy time at leisure in the city.

#### DAY 2 - Bordeaux city tour

This morning, we'll tour the city - by foot and coach - stopping at the riverside to admire the grandeur of Place de la Bourse and the famous Miroir d'Eau. We'll also see the quayside which is considered one of the most magnificent waterfronts in the world. After our guided tour of Bordeaux, we'll enjoy a wine-tasting at an organic, biodynamic wine merchant. We'll taste wine at its purest - no chemical pesticides or herbicides - and learn more about the organic farming techniques that make this possible. Will this be the future of winemaking? You decide. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Bordeaux. Enjoy a wine-tasting at an organic, biodynamic wine-merchant**

#### DAY 3 - Saint-Émilion

On a guided tour of a local chateau in Saint-Émilion, we'll learn about its history, the terroirs and the grape

variety, and taste the final product. Next, we'll visit the cloisters of Les Cordeliers to find out more about the ageing processes. We'll finish in the restored 15th-century church where you can taste their bubbly crémant. In the beautiful surroundings of a typical Saint-Émilion chateau, enjoy a delicious lunch made with fresh, locally grown ingredients and seasonal produce - along with a glass of their famous wine, of course. (B,L)

**+ Included Experiences - Tour of Saint-Émilion winery with a wine-tasting and guided tour of Les Cordeliers with a crémant tasting. Enjoy lunch at a traditional chateau in the Saint-Émilion region, accompanied by wine**

#### DAY 4 - City of Wine

On today's visit to the City of Wine, you can learn about the history of wine through the ages and digitally tour vineyards in far-flung destinations. There are even bell jars full of seemingly random items to teach you about the tastes and textures of wine with hands-on - or rather nose-on - examples. To end the visit, we'll head to the top floor to taste wine from a wide range of local and international options. Hidden in Bordeaux's former submarine base is Bassins des Lumières - a mesmerising digital art centre featuring high-quality visual and audio exhibitions. Projected onto the concrete wall - and reflected in the tranquil water of the wet dock

We stay 4 nights in Bordeaux & 4 nights in Paris. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



- are some of art's most iconic pieces. It surrounds you. You'll really feel like you've stepped into the painting. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to the City of Wine Museum. View some of the world's most famous works of art in an unconventional, immersive setting on a visit to Bassin des Lumières**

#### DAY 5 - Train to Paris

Travel to Paris on the TGV and spend the afternoon at leisure in Paris. (B)

#### DAY 6 - Paris

After breakfast, the coach will take you on a comprehensive sightseeing tour of the city. From the iconic Eiffel Tower to the romantic banks of the Seine, the bustling Champs Élysées and the world-famous Louvre, today we'll see almost every Parisian landmark you have ever heard of. Then, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Sightseeing guided coach tour of Paris**

#### DAY 7 - Versailles

This morning, we'll leave Paris, taking a short drive to Versailles. The majestic palace of the 'Sun King' Louis XIV is a must-see, and we've arranged timed tickets so you can skip the queues and explore the palace and gardens at your own pace. An audio guide is included which will bring the five centuries of the palace's history to life. You'll discover the magnificent Royal Apartments with their sweeping ceilings, view some of the 60,000 remarkable works of art and stroll through the glittering Hall of Mirrors - the historic spot where the famous Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending the First World War. It is also a pleasure to wander around the manicured Versailles Gardens where you can admire the numerous



ornate fountains, exquisite sculptures and splendid baroque garden designs. Paris is nicknamed 'City of Light' and, tonight, we'll find out why. Our coach will take us on a tour of Paris 'By Night'. The whole city's a work of art with monuments and buildings elegantly illuminated, their reflections dancing on the River Seine with the majestic Eiffel Tower dominating the skyline: it looks so delicate it could almost be made of lace. The tour won't take up the whole evening, so you'll also have time to sample some of the famous Parisian nightlife, should you wish. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Tour of Paris by night. See the Versailles, the palace of the 'Sun King', with timed entry**

#### DAY 8 - Montmartre

We visit the most atmospheric quarter of Paris, Montmartre - dominated by the white dome of the Sacré-Coeur basilica. Wander among Montmartre's charming lanes and streets, seeing the Moulin Rouge and the former houses of Van Gogh and Renoir. The afternoon is for you to experience Paris as you wish. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Montmartre**

#### DAY 9 - Return home

Return to the Gare du Nord station and board the Eurostar service back to the UK. (B)

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

#### Personalise your holiday

Optional Paradis Latin caberet or boat cruise along the Seine



Bassin des Lumières



Bordeaux

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#### included experiences

Journey around the world, throughout the ages and across countless civilisations to discover more about wine at Bordeaux's City of Wine Museum

Tour a quintessential chateau and winery in world-renowned Saint-Émilion for a tour and tasting

Venture underground in Les Cordeliers in Saint-Émilion to see the impressive tunnels where their sparkling wine has been aged for centuries and taste their crémant wine

Explore Paris and Bordeaux on guided tours of their most popular sights and experience Paris 'By Night' seeing some of the world's most tastefully illuminated buildings

Visit picturesque Montmartre in Paris, home of the artists' quarter and the beautiful Sacré-Coeur with its stunning views of the city

Enjoy lunch at a chateau in the Saint-Émilion region

Visit Bassin des Lumières, a fascinating art exhibit in an ex-submarine base

Taste the future of winemaking on a visit to an organic, biodynamic winery

Step back through five centuries of history at the Palace of Versailles

# Grand Tour of the Austrian Tyrol, Innsbruck & Lake Constance

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From lush meadows to quaint villages and dramatic alpine summits, our Grand Tour shows you there's so much more to Austria than ski slopes. Get ready to uncover its rich history and enjoy delicious, locally sourced food.



Bregenzerwald



Neuschwanstein Castle



Seefeld

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Seefeld

Arrive in Austria, transfer to the hotel and settle in. (D)

### DAY 2 - Innsbruck

A visit to the city is delightful - you can wander its medieval streets, absorb the genteel ambience or just listen to the talented street musicians. In the afternoon, we'll head out of Innsbruck to visit the Olympic Ski Jump Bergisel. Instead of attempting a death-defying jump, we will ascend to the top of the Ski Jump Tower to visit the Sky restaurant. There, we'll enjoy Austria's traditional coffee, cake, and a glass of sparkling wine while taking in the stunning panoramic views of the mountains and Innsbruck, returning to Seefeld in the late afternoon. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - A guided tour of Innsbruck. Enjoy Coffee, cake and a glass of sparkling wine at the top of the Olympic Ski Jump Bergisel**

### DAY 3 - Merano & Bolzano

We'll travel through the Südtirol to Merano to see its belle-époque buildings. Next, we visit Bolzano where

you have the choice of a guided walking tour or entrance to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, home of Otzi the Iceman. We'll return to Seefeld along the famous Brenner Pass. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Merano and choose between a guided walking tour of Bolzano or visit to the South Tyrol Museum**

### DAY 4 - Neuschwanstein

Today's drive takes us into nearby Bavaria seeing the might of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze. Some of our journey will be on the fabled 'Romantic Road' and the beautiful 'Deutsche Alpenstrasse' - the Alpine Road. It leads to one of Germany's most famous monuments and one which seems to typify an image of the country, the castle of the instantly recognisable, and equally unpronounceable, Neuschwanstein! Allegedly the inspiration for the castle in Disney's Sleeping Beauty, we'll take a guided tour of its marbled halls, seeing extravagant tapestries and murals. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle**

### DAY 5 - Oetztal Glacier Road & Stams Monastery

A spectacular drive up the Oetztal Valley and along the Oetztal Glacier Road at almost 9,300 feet. We'll descend to enjoy a guided tour of the Cistercian monastery at Stams. (B,D)

We stay 7 nights in Seefeld, then 4 nights in Feldkirch. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



**+ Included Experiences** - Scenic drive along the Oetztaler Glacier Road and guided tour of the Cistercian monastery at Stams

#### DAY 6 - Seefeld

After a morning wandering around Seefeld at leisure, we'll head to a local microbrewery. The brewery combines modern facilities with Austria's long-standing brewing traditions. We'll enjoy a tour of the brewery and a chance to taste their unique beers, accompanied by a selection of locally made cheese and charcuterie, locally known as Jauseplatte. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Discover the authentic taste of Austrian beer at one of Seefeld's micro-breweries

#### DAY 7 - Achenseebahn

We'll head to Jenbach to ride the Achenseebahn, a metre-gauge steam railway ascending from the Inn Valley using a cog system to Achensee Lake. Then we'll visit medieval Rattenberg which is renowned for glassmaking. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Visit to Lake Achensee on the Achenseebahn railway and visit Rattenberg

#### DAY 8 - Feldkirch

Leaving Seefeld this morning, we'll enjoy a scenic journey to Feldkirch. After our Signature lunch, we'll take a guided walking tour unveiling the city's architectural treasures and vibrant markets. We couldn't possibly visit Austria without trying a traditional schnitzel so, on arrival at Feldkirch, we'll take the opportunity to sample the delicious dish for ourselves in a rather unusual venue - the town's castle! Now a museum and restaurant, Schattensburg Castle sits high above the city and dates back to the Middle Ages as the former residence of the Duke of Montfort. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided walking tour of Feldkirch. Enjoy a traditional schnitzel lunch in Schattensburg Castle

#### DAY 9 - Lindau & Bregenz

Take a guided tour of Lindau, a town on Lake Constance, before heading to Bregenz by boat. Here we'll enjoy time at leisure to explore the narrow streets of the Upper Town. Bregenz's favourite attraction isn't a museum, monument or building, it's a cable car. And as we take the short trip up to the top of the beautiful Pfänder Mountain - some 1,060 metres high - you won't find it hard to see why. Thoughts come to rest as you take in the panoramic views of Lake Constance and Bregenz. This is the most famous lookout point in the region, where the sight of the Alpine peaks is said to be its most majestic. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided tour of Lindau and a boat ride to Bregenz. Take a cable car up to the top of Pfänder Mountain for impressive alpine views

#### DAY 10 - Bregenzerwald & local cheese tasting

Today, we'll take a scenic drive through Bregenzerwald and travel along the Cheese Road, stopping to sample some locally produced cheeses. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Scenic drive through Bregenzerwald and cheese-tasting

#### DAY 11 - The Garden Island of Mainau

Take a scenic journey to Lake Constance's Mainau Island to explore this gardener's paradise and take a peek inside the castle before returning to Felkirch. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Visit to Mainau Island

#### DAY 12 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for our flight home.

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



Lake Constance



**Two-centre tour**

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Take scenic drives through the Austrian countryside along Oetztaler Glacier Road and through Bregenzerwald

Choose between a guided walking tour of Bolzano or visit Oetzi the 5,300-year-old mummified iceman at the museum of Archaeology

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# Grand Tour of Northern Croatia - from Split to Istria

## SIGNATURE tour

Famed for its iconic Dalmatian coast, myriad of picturesque islands and fascinating history, Croatia is simply one of Europe's 'must see' destinations. Our Grand Tour is ideal for travellers who want to get under the skin of Croatia at a leisurely pace.



Krk Island

### Your 2025 Itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Split

Arriving in Croatia, we'll transfer to the hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Opatija

This morning, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the elegant resort town of Opatija on the Opatijan Riviera. We'll see the fine villas and residences built for the wealthy and fashionable who summered

here. During time at leisure in the beautiful town, you could explore the parks and churches, walk along the Franz-Joesf Promenade or perhaps stop for a swim in the warm blue waters of the Adriatic. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Opatija**

#### DAY 3 - Krk Island

Over 1,000 islands punctuate the Adriatic off the coast of Croatia and, today, we'll visit one of the largest. Located in the Bay of Kvarner, Krk - named "the Golden Island" during ancient times - offers an abundance of natural and cultural beauty. Later this afternoon, we'll drive across the island to Vrbinik, a pretty village set on a rocky hill overlooking the sea, stopping at a local winery to taste the golden-hued Žlahtina wine paired with delicious homemade cheese and prosciutto. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Krk and wine-tasting at a winery in Vrbinik**

#### DAY 4 - Trieste & Slovenian wine tasting

We'll drive to the Italian town of Trieste for our guided tour, where we'll be

introduced to the city's highlights, including the interesting blend of architectural styles in the Old Town and the well-situated Miramare Castle, located on a hill overlooking the harbour. On our way back to Opatija, we'll visit a local winery in Slovenia for a tour and tasting. Slovenia is home to some of the oldest vines in the world, so you can bet these exceptional winemakers know their stuff! (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Trieste. Visit a local winery in Slovenia for a tour and tasting**

#### DAY 5 - Plitviče Lakes

Today, be prepared to be mesmerised by the beautiful lakes and waterfalls of the Republic of Croatia's oldest and largest national park, Plitviče Lakes. Here, we'll enjoy a boat ride out for some awe-inspiring views - keep your cameras at the ready! Should you prefer, you can also take the panoramic land train ride around the lakes or follow some of the wooden footpaths at your own pace. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Plitviče Lakes**

#### DAY 6 - Istrian coast & Rovinj

From the 13th - 18th century, Istrian coastal towns came under Venetian rule, and today we'll visit one of the most intriguing, Rovinj, known as Istria's most picturesque fishing harbour. After our time in Rovinj, we'll head to the countryside to Bani where we'll visit a

We stay 6 nights in Opatija & 5 nights in Omis. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



restaurant that serves dishes prepared with a local delicacy - truffles! Istrian truffles only grow in a very small area on the peninsular and are highly sought after - trained dogs are used to sniff out this delectable treat. (B,L)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Rovinj.** Savour a local delicacy, truffles, during lunch at a local restaurant

#### DAY 7 - Zadar

After a scenic journey along the coast this morning, we'll arrive in the ancient capital of Dalmatia, Zadar. Centuries under Venetian rule give the city an Italian feel with its old ivory buildings with gently sloping roofs and deep overhanging eaves. Streets paved with marble that's been polished with centuries of wear lead to a Venetian fortress, turned public park, partly hidden by a canopy of trees. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Zadar**

#### DAY 8 - Split

We'll drive along the Dalmatian coastline on our way to Split. Croatia's second-largest city is most famous for a single building, the colossal palace of Emperor Diocletian, which makes up much of the city's Old Town. This morning our guided walking tour of the fascinating complex will bring its stories history to life. We'll also see the pieces by Croatia's most famous sculptor, Ivan Meštrović, at the Mestrovic Gallery. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided walking tour of Split and visit to the Mestrovic Gallery**

#### DAY 9 - Free day in Omiš

Enjoy exploring Old Town, head to the beach or venture to the Omiš Riviera with a day at leisure. (B,D)

#### DAY 10 - Island of Brač

Today, we'll take the ferry to the Croatian island of Brač and head to Bol, for time at leisure. Explore its winding lanes, unchanged by time, and stop to admire the colourful blooms cascading from balconies. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Bol on the island of Brač**

#### DAY 11 - Trogir

Visiting the nearby medieval citadel of Trogir, today we'll explore this beguiling little port. In the Old Town, a wealth of Renaissance and Romanesque buildings line a maze of charmingly chaotic lanes. This afternoon we'll visit a local producer that has been farming in the area for generations and now shares this heritage with visitors. Here, we'll explore the gardens to understand how local delicacies are produced. Exciting all our senses, we will end our visit with tastings of the cheeses, cured meats and olive tapenades produced by the family in the same way for generations. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit to Trogir & a local producer, ending our visit with tastings**

#### DAY 12 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for our flight home.

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



**Two-centre tour**

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- 20kg+ luggage allowance



**included experiences**

Guided walking tour of Split including Emperor Diocletian's monumental Palace - one of the greatest ancient Roman structures - and see the sculptures at the Mestrovic Gallery.

Visit to medieval Trogir, one of Dalmatia's most seductive old ports.

Spend time at leisure exploring Rovinj, Zadar, Bol and Trogir.

Enjoy a guided tour of Opatija and Trieste, home to Europe's largest seafront square.

Discover the breathtaking scenery and powerful waterfalls of Plitvice Lakes National Park, the largest and oldest national park in Croatia.

Stop in the Slovenian countryside for a visit to a local winery tasting

Savour a Croatian delicacy in Bani with lunch at a truffle restaurant

Visit a local farm and olive grower for a tasting of locally produced cheese, meats and olive tapenades



Brač

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*We had a fabulous time!  
Everything was well-organised.  
Our Riviera rep was wonderful  
and brought Italy to life for us;  
nothing was too much trouble.*

Jayne, June 2022  
Feefo ★★★★★

## Pompeii, Capri & the Bay of Naples

Discover one of the most beautiful corners of Europe, whilst staying in the picturesque Italian town of Sorrento. The natural and historic riches surrounding the Bay of Naples and the Sorrento peninsula are amazing – Sorrento, the island of Capri, the Amalfi coastline and, of course, Pompeii.



Positano



Ravello

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sorrento

Arrive at Naples airport and transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Walking Tour of Sorrento

This morning we explore the charming town of Sorrento, dotted with remains of opulent Roman villas. You'll be enchanted as we wander the maze of narrow, winding streets, past the luxury shops, cosy restaurants and tall buildings with faded facades in Mediterranean shades of ochre, yellow and magenta. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Walking tour of Sorrento**

#### DAY 3 - Pompeii

Most people know the story of Pompeii and its fate, and our guided tour of the Roman town highlights its astonishing state of preservation. Much of our knowledge about the Roman way of life, their habits, social structure, class system and domestic arrangements has come from Pompeii. Although endlessly fascinating it's also eerie, particularly when you see the pained

facial expressions of Vesuvius's victims preserved for eternity. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Pompeii**

#### DAY 4 - Free day

Today is free to spend at leisure in Sorrento. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Capri

We take a short boat ride to this enchanting island. You'll see small fishing boats bobbing on the water, with whitewashed shops and restaurants lining the busy quayside against a backdrop of towering cliffs. A short walk from the harbour and the bustling main square you'll find yourself in near-deserted lanes that pass terraced vineyards, lemon groves and fragrant pines, with spectacular views of the rugged coastline and cobalt-blue sea below. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Capri**

#### DAY 6 - Amalfi Coast & Rufolo Gardens

Experience the sublimely beautiful Amalfi coast as we wind around spectacular pine-clad cliffs that tumble down into the turquoise Mediterranean. Our coastal drive takes us above the exclusive resort of Positano, haunt of celebrities. We visit the stunning village of Ravello with its enchanting main square, 13th-century cathedral and the medieval Villa Rufolo. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Tour the Amalfi Coast & Rufolo Gardens, Ravello**

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**DAY 7 - Authentic farm lunch and the Sorrento countryside**

Escape the hustle and bustle of Sorrento town and enjoy an immersive day exploring the surrounding countryside, rich in olive and lemon groves. Today you will be able to enjoy the tranquil countryside setting and take in the views looking down towards the Mediterranean sea and the Bay

of Naples, before experiencing an authentic farm lunch using delicious locally produced ingredients in a rustic, family-owned working farm. Here you will also learn how mozzarella is made using traditional techniques, you will also be able to enjoy a tasting of locally produced olive oil, plus of course the local limoncello. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Explore the Sorrento countryside & enjoy a rustic farm lunch

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 2 guided tours including Pompeii and Sorrento
- 2 visits including Villa Rufolo Gardens and Ravello
- Take a boat trip to the island of Capri
- Travel along the Amalfi Coast



**8**  
DAYS

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Our 3 additional Signature experiences will ensure you're fully immersed in the culture for the most exceptional holiday.

**Private boat cruise around Capri**

On day 5, spend time exploring the beautiful island of Capri before taking to the glistening waters off Capri's spectacular coast for an extra special cruise aboard a private boat.

**Listen to the enchanting sounds of Three Tenors in Sorrento**

Inspired by the 'Three Tenors', Pavarotti, Placido Domingo & José Carreras, enjoy an evening of opera and Neapolitan songs on day 4, in the magnificent halls of the Correale Museum in Sorrento centre.

**Wine tasting & lunch**

After a fascinating tour of Pompeii on day 3, enjoy a wine tasting on the slopes of Vesuvius followed by a light lunch.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £200PP**

Signature tours depart April to June & August to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price is based on a Classic tour in April 2025 compared to a Signature tour in May 2025.*



Riviera Travel did not disappoint. The places were stunning and beautiful, the trip so well organised and so well looked after by our Tour Manager.

Tracy, June 2022

Feefo ★★★★★

## Lake Garda, Venice & Verona

Spectacular mountain scenery and pastel-coloured villages reflecting in tranquil Lake Garda are complemented by the architectural jewels of Venice and the romantic ambience of Verona. Marvel at the Dolomite Mountains and the contrast of the lake's harmonious mosaic against a backdrop of snow-capped Alps.



Venice



Verona

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lake Garda

Arrive at Verona, Venice, Milan or Treviso airports for your transfer to your hotel in either Malcesine or Riva del Garda. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Tour of Lake Garda

Lake Garda is loved for its beauty, its clean mountain air, lush groves of olive and citrus trees and for its Bardolino wines. On today's tour we pass through typically Italian villages, with tiny harbours clinging to the shoreline with the mountains behind. We call at Salò, with 15th-century buildings and a cathedral, before continuing to Sirmione and its captivating bridge and moat leading to a fortress and the Old Town. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Explore a selection of villages on Lake Garda

#### DAY 3 - The Dolomites

After breakfast, we head north into the Dolomites, with its gorgeous pink and lime-green hues, where the houses resemble Swiss- or Austrian-style chalets, with window boxes bursting with flowers. We have plenty of stops

to savour the scenery, as well as the opportunity to ascend on a cable car (subject to seasonal operation) to enjoy wonderful views. The splendour of this rugged landscape and its clean, crisp and invigorating mountain air really take your breath away. Its remoteness means it's home to a huge variety of rare wildlife. If you're lucky, you could see chamois, ibex, golden eagles and deer. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Tour the Dolomites

#### DAY 4 - Free day

At the top of the lake, Riva del Garda is surrounded by pine-swathed peaks and the delightful Old Town is full of twisting streets, which you can explore today. Those staying in Malcesine can enjoy fabulous views from the 12th-century Castello Scaligero, which houses a natural-history museum, while the Palazzo dei Capitani was a base for Malcesine's Venetian rulers. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Venice: Classic or Undiscovered

Today we visit Venice, where you will discover Saint Mark's Square, its exotic Basilica, the Campanile and the Doge's Palace, with its paintings, frescoes and gold leaf, on a guided walking tour. Plus, of course, the magnificent Pala d'Oro. If you've been to Venice before, join our 'undiscovered' tour of lesser-known sights, led by an expert guide.

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Later, perhaps enjoy a drink in Saint Mark's Square or experience a trip on a gondola. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Choose between the 'classic' and 'undiscovered' tours of Venice

**DAY 6 - Free morning & vineyard visit**

This afternoon we visit a family-run wine estate in the fertile valley of the Trentino region, for a guided tour and wine tasting. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Tour and tasting at a local vineyard



**DAY 7 - Verona: Classic or Undiscovered**

Enjoy our guided walking tour of Verona, setting of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. Inside Verona's centuries-old walls, you'll see pink-hued buildings with stunning frescos. If you've been to Verona before, our 'undiscovered' tour will reveal many hidden cultural and architectural gems. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Choose between the 'classic' and 'undiscovered' tours of Verona

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 2 guided tours including Venice and Verona
- Visits include a selection of villages on Lake Garda, the Dolomites and a local vineyard

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**Wine tasting experience & lunch**  
On day 6, delve into the history of the region's wine production, on a very special upgraded wine tasting; sample the winemaker's very best produce before sitting down to a rustic lunch created from locally sourced ingredients, in the delightful ambience of their family-owned traditional restaurant.

**Aperitivo in Verona**  
After our guided tour of Verona on day 7, take stock and reflect on this legendary city's ethereal beauty over a refreshing aperitivo just like a local. Soak up the atmosphere and views of its magnificent architecture and Roman amphitheatre as the echoes of history ring out over the exquisite domes and spires.

**Traditional gondola canal cruise**  
No visit to this city of canals is complete without experiencing it from the water. After our guided tour on day 5, immerse yourself in one of the world's most romantic and inspiring locations, as you drift along Venice's iconic waterways aboard a traditional gondola, capturing the mesmerising views at every turn that so inspired countless artists, poets, and writers through the ages.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £180PP**

Signature tours depart April to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in September 2025.*

# Parma, Bologna & Ravenna

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Discover historic Parma, home to the frescoed Parma Cathedral, delightful Bologna and the famous Byzantine mosaics of Ravenna.



Neptune fountain



Bologna

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Italy

After arriving in Bologna or Milan, we'll be transferred to our hotel in the centre of Parma, for our four-night stay, with breakfast included. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2 - Parma City Tour

This morning we'll take a sightseeing tour of Parma to fully admire this wonderfully underrated city, synonymous the world over with wonderful Prosciutto and parmigiano reggiano (parmesan) cheese. But Parma has so much more to offer than the - admittedly delicious - world-famous cheese. On our tour we'll learn more about the city's eminent history from the medieval times, through the Renaissance and Austrian control through its architecture and culinary heritage. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**+ Included Experience - A guided tour of Parma**

### DAY 3 - Bologna

After breakfast, we'll visit another of Emilia-Romagna's wonderfully attractive cities: Bologna. Twelve medieval gates encircled the historic centre and at Bologna's heart is the

majestic main square - the Piazza Maggiore. Adjacent is another beautiful square, Piazza del Nettuno, with a splendid statue and fountain dedicated to Neptune and surrounded by grandiose medieval civic buildings. Of course, one of Bologna's 'must sees' is Europe's oldest University - founded in 1068, its illustrious alumni include Dante, Copernicus and Marconi. Perched on a hilltop with splendid views across the city and the surrounding region, Sanctuary of the Madonna di San Luca is renowned for its extraordinary claim to fame, the world's longest portico supported by no less than 666 arches leading to the edge of the historic city itself! Bologna is one of Italy's most prized culinary bastions - one of its many nicknames is "La Grassa" (the fat one) - and time at leisure here is the perfect opportunity to explore its many gastronomic delights in the local restaurants during a late lunch. (B)

**+ Included Experience - A guided tour of Bologna**

### DAY 4 - Ravenna

Today we'll take a drive east towards the Adriatic coast, exploring the little visited - yet amazingly historic - Ravenna, city of mosaics. Despite its turbulent history, Ravenna's compact centre retains unique buildings spanning a period of 1500 years with no less than eight UNESCO World Heritage sites. To understand what makes Ravenna

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so special, we have a guided walking tour bringing these amazing buildings, their intricate mosaics and stories to life - elsewhere in Europe similar quality art was created about 1,000 years later, making them even more astonishing. After discovering the city's historic past, a treat awaits just outside Modena. We'll visit Acetaia Villa San Donnino, where the art of producing traditional balsamic vinegar - a craft as scientific as winemaking and noted across the globe - is still undertaken by local artisans.



Here the passion of present-day masters displays great pride in upholding this magnificent tradition. It's enthralling and of course, we wouldn't leave without tasting the vinegar which really is superb! (B)

**+ Included Experience - A guided tour of Ravenna and a visit to a balsamic vinegar producer**

#### DAY 5 - Return flight

Today we'll say Ciao to Italy and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

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



**Please note:** The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.

#### Included experiences

- 3 guided city tours in Parma, Bologna and Ravenna
- A visit to a balsamic vinegar producer

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Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional 2 unique signature experiences.

#### Visit a local Parmigiano Reggiano dairy

After a guided tour of Parma on day 2, we head to a local Parmigiano Reggiano dairy and enjoy an all-encompassing sensory experience combining history, traditions, flavours and aromas of the famous cheese which has been manufactured for almost a thousand years. You cannot leave a Parmigiano Reggiano dairy without tasting it! Therefore, after the tour, you will taste the cheese and discover the differences between the various degrees of maturation.

#### Discover Bologna's authentic gourmet foods

We'll explore the maze of tiny alleys and historic streets of Bologna with a local guide on day 3, tasting the gastronomic delights of the city along the way. Join the city natives



as we wander past artisan shops bursting with regional produce, from tangy parmesan to cured meats, fine olive oil and hand-made pasta, and browse in the markets where the rich colours of globe artichokes and cavolo nero contrast with glistening displays of the freshest fish.

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Signature tours depart June, September and October 2024.

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## Secret Italy – Trieste & Udine

Few places in Italy remain undiscovered, but the tiny region of Friuli is a treasure trove of historic and artistic gems. Discover a less-explored side of Italy!



Cividale



Trieste

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Udine

Fly to Italy and transfer by coach to your four-star hotel in Udine, the historic capital of Friuli.

#### DAY 2 – Trieste

After breakfast we drive through rolling countryside to the region's cosmopolitan capital, Trieste with the snowy peaks of the Julian Alps never too far off in the distance. We arrive in Trieste, beautifully situated on the gulf of Trieste overlooking the Adriatic Sea. We will partake in a walking tour of the area, which has a reputation as 'the city of cafés'. Notably the seafront Piazza Unità d'Italia – Europe's largest sea-facing square, features the smart cafés, with their inspiring sea views which were once frequented by literary figures, such as James Joyce and Sigmund Freud. During our tour, your local guide will introduce you to Trieste's highlights and splendid mix of architectural styles in its largely pedestrianised old town. Up above the hill overlooking the harbour stands a medieval fortified castle, which remains remarkably preserved as it has been miraculously spared any significant military activity. After our tour, you have free time to wander at your own pace and soak up the café culture for yourself. Next, we follow the coastal road to Miramare Castle, built in 1860 for the Archduke Maximilian of Habsburg

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and his wife, Charlotte of Belgium. Set dramatically on a rocky promontory above the sea, this fairy-tale castle is a fine example of an aristocratic residence with remarkably preserved furnishings. Entrance is included to the castle, so take a closer look at Habsburg life in the eclectic interiors or stroll through its immaculately landscaped park to admire the impressive variety of plants. If the beauty and serenity of the location haven't taken your breath away, the stunning views over the gulf will surely do the trick. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Trieste and visit Miramare Castle**

### DAY 3 - Mosaic School of Friuli

This morning we drive through lush countryside to visit the Mosaic School of Friuli in Spilimbergo. Founded in 1922, this renowned training centre attracts students from all over the world. During our guided tour, we'll dive into the nitty-gritty of this intricate artform and the various techniques used. We'll walk the halls of the school's gallery to admire the talented students' finished works, creatively expressed in a kaleidoscope of colours, motifs and styles. There's free time after to discover the pretty little town of Spilimbergo. As you walk along cobbled streets between elegant buildings, you'll feel as though you've stepped back in time. The town's medieval castle comprises magnificent buildings in a fascinating combination of architectural styles - some buildings were set ablaze during upheavals in 1511, but fortunately much of its wonderfully painted façades were saved. There is also a 13th-century cathedral with frescoes, paintings and sculptures adorning its interior. After time to explore, we return to Udine for the remainder of the afternoon. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of the Friuli Mosaic School, visit Spilimbergo**



Single-centre tour

### DAY 4 - Cividale, Gorizia & wine-tasting

Cividale was founded by Julius Caesar as 'Forum Iulii' - from where Friuli gets its name - and grew in significance as the capital of the first Lombard duchy in Italy. To discover its fascinating history, we visit the Santa Maria in Valle monastery to see the unique Lombard Temple, an outstanding example of art and architecture from the High Middle Ages. The well-preserved walls and ceilings of this hidden gem are intricately adorned with Byzantine frescoes and stucco decorations, and its 8th-century sculptures are some of the finest to survive in Europe. Then we drive to Gorizia, a unique town at the border with Slovenia once well-loved by the Habsburg bourgeoisie. Its red-roofed buildings are crowned by a medieval castle, and there are sweeping views over the beautiful countryside. Today Gorizia is a lovely place to wander, with elegant arcades and Baroque buildings. After time for lunch at your leisure, we continue to the critically acclaimed wine region of Collio Goriziano. This enchanting landscape of gentle hills is marked by hypnotic rows of verdant vines and dotted with grand villas and wine estates. The unique microclimate, created by the area's equidistance from the Adriatic Sea and the Austrian Alps, works perfectly with the marlstone soil to yield exceptionally fragrant grapes. Unsurprisingly, some of the world's best white wines are produced here, so our tour would not be complete without a visit and tasting at one of Collio's celebrated vineyards. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit the Lombard Temple, Gorizia, and wine tasting**

### DAY 5 - Aquileia & rustic lunch

This morning we discover Aquileia, one of the largest and wealthiest cities of the Roman Empire. At its peak the population exceeded 100,000, but today it's a sleepy rural town peppered with ancient ruins - the most complete example of an early Roman city in the Mediterranean world. We have a guided tour of Aquileia's early medieval Patriarchal Basilica, a World Heritage site recognised for its significance as a Christian hub in central Europe. The excitement builds as we descend to the subterranean depths of the basilica to unearth its treasures. Its Crypt of Frescoes boasts a 9th-century vault beautifully painted with 19 biblical scenes, while the Crypt of Excavations houses an astonishing collection of excavated gems from three different periods, including the remains of intricate mosaics, columns and a baptismal font. After a fascinating morning, we drive to a rustic restaurant in order to sample authentic Friulan fare made with fresh local ingredients. Later we return to Udine with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

6 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM £969 PP

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- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 lunch
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Aquileia's Patriarchal Basilica, and a rustic lunch**

### DAY 6 - Return home

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

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Trieste, the Mosaic School of Friuli and Aquileia's UNESCO-listed Basilica
- 4 visits including Miramare Castle, Gorizia, Lombard Temple of Cividale and Spilimbergo
- Wine tasting in Collio region



Collio Wine Tasting

A thoroughly enjoyable holiday.  
The Tour Manager was excellent.  
Very knowledgeable, informative  
and efficient.

Michael, June 2022  
Feefo ★★★★★

## Lake Como, St Moritz & the Bernina Express

Towering Alpine peaks are the backdrop to this glorious tour of northern Italy and Switzerland. We'll discover Lake Como and its stunning village of Bellagio, Lakes Maggiore and Lugano. A thrilling train ride to St Moritz aboard the Bernina Express completes this spellbinding adventure.



Bernina Express



Lugano

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival on Lake Como

Arrive at Milan Linate, Malpensa or Bergamo airports for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Lake Como & Bellagio

Experience a private boat ride and tour of the 18th-century Villa del Balbianello. Its gardens are simply stunning, a series of manicured terraces full of fragrant roses and colourful borders dominated by a classic three-arch loggia. We also sail to the elegant resort of Bellagio where pastel-coloured houses faded by decades of sunshine adorn the lakefront and narrow cobbled streets and lanes await exploration. Spend the afternoon there before returning by boat when you wish. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Private boat trip and guided tour of Villa Balbianello and visit to Bellagio

#### DAY 3 - The Bernina Express

Spectacular scenery and extraordinary Swiss engineering blend on a full day tour. Firstly we ascend up the Valtellina, a classic alpine valley with soaring

peaks rising steeply on both sides to Tirano, where we board the famous Bernina Express. One of the slowest 'express' trains in the world, it twists upwards in an amazing sequence of spirals, loops and tunnels to the summit at Ospizio Bernina, the highest through station in Europe. We descend through pretty pastures and dense pine forests to the chic resort of St Moritz, home of the infamous Cresta Run toboggan track. Here there is time for a spot of window shopping or perhaps a stroll around Lake St Moritz. We return via the Maloja Pass and yet more spectacular scenery to Lake Como. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Enjoy a journey on the Bernina Express and visit St Moritz

#### DAY 4 - Lake Maggiore & Stresa

We visit Lake Maggiore and its most attractive lakeside town, Stresa. Its shores are lined with oleanders and palms, backed by classic belle époque hotels. Take a stroll along the promenade and enjoy the fine views across the lake to the Borromean Islands, before enjoying a guided tour of the Baroque Palazzo in Isola Bella - its resplendent rooms feature refined furniture, sculptures and paintings while outside exquisite terraces are planted with citrus trees and magnolias. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Stresa on Lake Maggiore and guided tour of Isola Bella

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### DAY 5 - Free day

Enjoy a refreshing gelato or a delicious lunch in a pleasant café, or relax by the hotel pool. Perhaps take the boat to the lakeside town of Como or visit the Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo. (B,D)



### DAY 6 - Lugano

We travel to Lugano, savour a coffee in the café-lined main square or wander by Lake Lugano. For riveting 360-degree views over the lake, take the funicular to the summit of Monte San Salvatore. We return to our hotel in the afternoon. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experience - Visit to Lugano**

### DAY 7 - Free day

Today, you are free to explore Lake Como at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a boat trip to one of the picturesque villages dotted around the lake, or simply relax at the hotel and enjoy the stunning scenery. (B,D)

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- 4 visits including Bellagio, St Moritz, Stresa on Lake Maggiore and Lugano
- Guided tour of Villa del Balbianello
- Journey on the Bernina Express and boat trip to Bellagio on Lake Como

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£1,579 PP**



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- All additional hotel taxes

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...

- Average group size of 22
- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



Create unique lasting memories to treasure with an additional 3 extra special included Signature experiences.

### Bernina Express Upgrade

From Tirano settle into your upgraded first-class seat in a spacious carriage, sit back and soak up the dazzling mountain views as you ride the legendary Bernina Express in style and comfort on day 3 of your tour. This world-famous journey will be something special as you recline in luxury in extra spacious leather seats to stretch out and relax whilst admiring the stunning landscapes through the train's panoramic windows.

### Visit to the 17th-century Villa Carlotta

On day 5, discover a true Italian treasure with an included visit to the 17th-century Villa Carlotta with its majestic views over the lake. From world-famous azaleas, heavenly

camellias and exotic orchids, wander its magnificent gardens. Step back in time as you explore the villa's impressive interior with an included entrance to view its superb artworks, sculpture and antique furniture collected over three centuries.

### Local aperitif at Villa Carlotta

After this morning's Signature experience, savour an inspirational view unchanged in centuries, over a refreshing local aperitivo and nibbles at Villa Carlotta's panoramic terrace.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £220PP

Signature tours depart April to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in May 2025.*



# Lake Maggiore, Orta & the Matterhorn



Take in the spectacular villages and islands of Lake Maggiore, with visits to Lake Como and lesser-known Lake Orta, the chic Swiss resort of Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn. A heady mix of serene waters, forest-clad hillsides, medieval villages and orange-blossom-scented air make the lakes an irresistible destination.



Zermatt



Lake Orta

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Stresa

Arrive at Milan Linate, Malpensa or Bergamo airports for your transfer to your hotel in Stresa. (D)

### DAY 2 - Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

Lake Maggiore is lined with oleanders, palms and aromatic verbena, and just offshore are the fascinating Borromean Islands. Amongst the highlights is the Baroque Palazzo on Isola Bella, which we visit on a guided tour - its resplendent rooms feature refined furniture, sculptures and paintings while outside exquisite terraces are planted with citrus trees and magnolias. Isola dei Pescatori is a complete contrast, with its narrow cobbled streets, picturesque harbour and charming buildings reflecting 10th-century fishing origins. Perhaps savour a relaxing fish lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Stresa. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Isola Bella and cruise Lake Maggiore**

### DAY 3 - Centovalli Railway

Lake Maggiore straddles the Swiss-

Italian border and this morning we take a private boat to Cannobio for some free time in this lakeside town before driving to Locarno in Switzerland, with its twisting lanes and mighty medieval castle. Next, we board the narrow-gauge Centovalli train to Domodossola. Enjoy amazing views of cascading waterfalls, deep ravines, chestnut forests and romantic hillside villages, before returning to Stresa by coach from Domodossola. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Cannobio and Locarno. Travel on the Centovalli Railway**

### DAY 4 - Lake Como

This morning we head to Lake Como, one of Italy's most famous lakes. Como's shore is lined by attractive pastel-painted villas, faded by decades of sunshine. The town is renowned for its imposing cathedral, delightful parks, grand hotels and the majestic Villa Olmo. You can take the funicular railway up the hill to Brunate for breathtaking views. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Lake Como**

### DAY 5 - Free day

Choose to relax in your hotel, swim in the pool or explore. Enjoy a coffee in the Piazza Cadorna or take a boat trip to Isola Madre with its ravishing botanical gardens, or Pallanza, a charming town with Roman origins. (B,D)

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### DAY 6 - Zermatt & The Matterhorn

We head into the high Alps on the Simplon Pass, an ancient traders' and smugglers' route. Marvel at lush wildflower meadows and dense forests crowned by snowy peaks. Nestling at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn, Zermatt chalets stretch along a valley floor of pastures alive with the sound of cowbells, while cable cars and footpaths



weave to lofty summits. For a closer view of the Matterhorn, take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experience** - Visit Zermatt and see the Matterhorn

### DAY 7 - Lake Orta

The romantic lakeside village of Orta San Giulio has avoided the tourist hordes and it is still a hidden gem - you'll adore the village's medieval architecture. A boat trip takes you to the island of San Giulio, which features an enchanting basilica. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experience** - Visit Orta San Giulio and enjoy a boat trip to San Giulio island

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- Guided tour of the Baroque Palace on Isola Bella
- 5 visits including Lake Como, Zermatt, Cannobio, Locarno and Orta San Giulio
- Journey on the Centovalli railway through spectacular alpine scenery

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,399** PP

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Isola Bella Gardens

Encounter jaw-dropping vistas, sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional unique signature experiences.

### Skybar on the lake

After our guided tour of Isola Bella on day 2, you'll be on top of the world as you sip a deliciously chilled glass of fizz in the one and only Skybar on the lake. With dazzling views at every turn - the exquisite Borromean Islands taking centre stage against a backdrop of lush, forested slopes sweeping down to the glistening water's edge, encased by a phenomenal mountain backdrop.

### Isola Madre Botanical Gardens

On day 5, cruise to Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromean Islands and said to be the most authentic of the islands, with its verdant English-style garden. Wander the botanical gardens, home to an exotic mix of

plants, birds and flowers, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake while taking in spectacular views of Lake Maggiore.

### Evening cruise on Lake Maggiore

After dinner, end the evening in style with an atmospheric cruise around the magnificent Borromean Islands, absorbing the breathtaking views of their elegant, illuminated buildings, as the lights of Stresa twinkle in the starry night sky against a magnificent mountain silhouette.

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## Discover Italy - Turin, Venice & Rome

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An epic Grand Tour of some of Italy's most iconic sights. Discover its unique combination of centuries-old architecture, culture, art and style and experience a slice of 'La Dolce Vita' the country is so famous for.



St Mark's Basilica, Venice



Spanish Steps, Rome

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Journey to Turin

On arrival at Milan airport, a coach will take us to the hotel in the centre of Turin, where we stay for two nights with breakfast.

#### DAY 2 - Turin

This morning, we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Turin, exploring the history and architecture in the heart of the city. And dominating the skyline is the Mole Antonelliana, with a distinctive aluminium spire that appears on the Italian two-cent coin.

Turin is one of Europe's great chocolate-making cities, home to famous chocolatiers and Italian chocolate brands like Ferrero Rocher. It is known for its patisserie and chocolate shops, many of which haven't changed since the 18th century.

While exploring the tree-lined boulevards and fascinating architecture, we'll enjoy some chocolate tastings and learn more about the history of chocolate making.

In the afternoon, you can enjoy time exploring Turin at leisure. Boasting the largest pedestrian area in Europe, the city centre is a walker's paradise: its arcades are beautifully decorated with coffered ceilings and impressive columns, which makes exploring the city an absolute pleasure. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Walking tour of Turin and chocolate tasting**

#### DAY 3 - Turin to Venice

After breakfast, we travel across Italy's northern regions of Piedmont, Lombardy and the Veneto on the high-speed train. This afternoon, enjoy an introduction to Venice on a gondola ride taking in the city's style and elegance. Marvel at the architecture as you glide along the iconic canals and under a plethora of bridges. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Venetian Gondola**

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#### DAY 4 - Venice

Today, explore Venice on foot with a guided walking tour revealing many famous sights, including Doge's Palace, built in the Venetian Gothic style, and the legendary Bridge of Sighs. On our tour, we'll visit one of the world's most opulent cathedrals, St Mark's, the final resting place of St Mark the Apostle.

This afternoon is free for you to explore as you wish, perhaps take a trip to the island of Murano, famous for its exquisite, coloured glass. For art lovers, visit the Gallerie dell'Accademia with world-class masterpieces or the Guggenheim for modern art. Alternatively, climb the Campanile bell tower for unrivalled views of the city, the lagoon and the Alps in the distance. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided walking tour of Venice**

#### DAY 5 - Journey to Rome

This morning, we'll leave Venice, taking the high-speed train to Rome. Enjoy the scenery as it transitions from flat terrain to long tunnels cut through the hills and mountains of the mighty Apennines Mountain range, and marvel at the views as we follow the Tiber Valley.

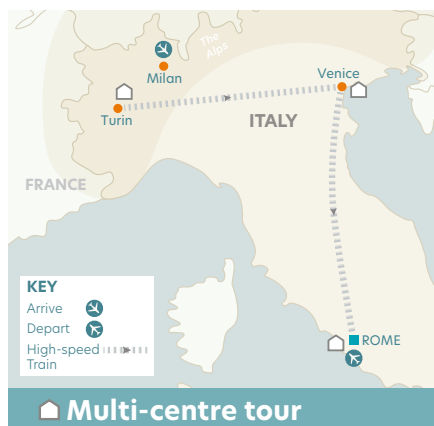
In Rome, spend the afternoon settling into the four-star hotel, where we'll stay for three nights, before enjoying the gastronomic delights of Trastevere, Rome's vibrant Jewish quarter filled with exciting nightlife and the locals' favourite restaurants.

Our evening stroll includes a tasting of local wines and cheeses, iconic Roman pasta dishes, modern street food and gelato while listening to lesser-known stories from the Eternal City. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Rome's Trastevere area**

#### DAY 6 - Rome

After breakfast, we take a sightseeing tour of this fascinating city. The monuments here are legendary, like the Trevi Fountain, built onto the side of a Renaissance palace, where - legend has



it - you must toss a coin into it to ensure a return visit to Rome.

Next, we visit the picturesque Piazza Navona, Rome's most famous square, lined with cafes and restaurants. We'll stroll down the 18th-century Spanish Steps; once the haunt of artists and models, it is now simply the place to be seen. At the bottom is the Piazza di Spagna, home to the poet Keats and visited by Milton, Byron and Shelley, who all drew inspiration from the unique capital city. This afternoon will be free for you to explore at leisure. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Rome**

#### DAY 7 - Colosseum & Frascati

Holding sway over much of the ancient world for 500 years, Rome was the greatest empire of its time. Ruled first by a series of consuls, then by Julius Caesar and a series of other emperors. Between them, they created a unique legacy, the remains of which we see today, including one of the most famous centres of entertainment the world has ever seen: the Colosseum. We'll find out more about Ancient Rome on a guided tour of the Colosseum this morning.

This afternoon, we'll visit one of the most historic wine estates in the area to learn about the artisanal winemaking traditions that have been kept alive in this region. We tour a Frascati vineyard producing a selection of Frascati wines, which we will enjoy along with some delicious local delicacies. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of the Colosseum and Frascati Vineyard**

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

We return to the airport at the appropriate time for our flight home after a memorable week in Italy. (B)

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

8  
DAYS

SIGNATURE  
TOUR FROM  
**£2,299** PP

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included experiences

Admire Turin's historic centre on a walking tour and indulge your sweet tooth with a chocolate tasting

Discover the famous sights of Venice on a guided walking tour

Sightsee in the Eternal City, stopping at Rome's Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and the Spanish steps

Embark on a guided tour of the Colosseum, learning more about one of the most famous centres of entertainment the world has ever seen

Meander through the iconic canals of Venice, experiencing the romance and charm of the city in a traditional Venetian gondola

Get to know the Roman neighbourhood of Trastevere through its food and wine, including a tasting of local wines and cheeses and best-loved Roman pasta dishes

Enjoy an afternoon in Frascati, away from Rome's city centre, sampling a selection of Frascati wines and local delicacies

Enjoyable experience, a lovely part of Italy and successful all round.  
James, May 2022  
Feefo ★★★★★



## Puglia, Lecce & Vieste Undiscovered Italy

Puglia, little-known and ruggedly beautiful – where the architecture of Lecce and Bari, coastal charm of Vieste and conical trulli offer a different Italian experience.



Alberobello



Bari

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Lecce

Arrive at Bari or Brindisi for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Tour of Lecce

Lecce is known as the 'Florence of the South' for its outstanding architecture. Our walking tour begins at the imposing Porta Napoli gate and on to the vibrant Jewish quarter before the Basilica di Santa Croce, the picturesque Piazza Sant'Oronzo and the elegant Piazza Duomo, where Lecce's 12th-century cathedral awaits. Later, enjoy free time to explore. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Lecce

#### DAY 3 – Alberobello

Puglia is renowned for its olive oil production, and this morning we'll visit a family run olive oil mill for a tasting (Classic tours only). On our drive you'll notice whitewashed stone huts with conical roofs called trulli, Puglia's signature dwellings. We arrive in Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with parts almost exclusively composed of trulli. We discover their intriguing origins and why many are adorned with Christian, pagan or

celestial symbols. Then we continue to Matera to stay for two nights. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** – Tasting at olive oil mill (Classic tours only) and visit Alberobello

#### DAY 4 – Matera

This morning we have a guided tour of Matera, another fabulous UNESCO World Heritage site. At its heart are the original troglodyte cave dwellings dating back over 9,000 years; astonishingly, people still live in them today. This afternoon you can return to the hotel to relax or if you wish you can explore Matera further and take advantage of our later shuttle service back to your hotel. This evening, we savour regional dishes at a restaurant in the Old Town. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** – Guided tour of Matera

#### DAY 5 – Bari

Bari was a thriving walled port even before the Romans arrived and was briefly the capital of Byzantine Italy. Witness the imposing medieval fortress and the massive Romanesque cathedral with its 11th-century frescoes on a guided tour of the Old Town. Also, the Basilica di San Nicola, where St Nicholas (Father Christmas) rests in the 900-year-old vaulted crypt. Stroll past shops displaying freshly caught sea bass, cuttlefish or lobster and stalls of locally grown olives, tomatoes and peppers.

We stay 2 nights in Lecce, 2 nights in Matera and 3 nights in Vieste. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



Later, we call at a historic town before continuing on the Gargano peninsula coastal road to Vieste. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Bari**

**DAY 6 - Free day in Vieste**

Phoenician in origin, Vieste is one of Italy's most attractive coastal towns, it's an ideal place to unwind. (B,D)



**DAY 7 - Peschici & Rustic Lunch**

Before heading to a rustic agriturismo restaurant for lunch, we call at Peschici, a small fishing village. The walled old town, with its whitewashed buildings, is a maze of narrow streets lined with small shops, perfect for a leisurely stroll. We then continue to a rural agriturismo where we will enjoy a rustic lunch, as well as discover the art of hand-making pasta in a short demonstration, before returning to Vieste. (B,L)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Peschici and learn the art of hand making pasta**

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 3 guided tours including Lecce, Matera and Bari
- 2 visits including the trulli village of Alberobello and an olive oil mill (Classic tours only)
- Learn the fascinating craft of pasta-making and enjoy a light lunch at a family-run osteria

**8**  
DAYS

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**£1,349** PP



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By choosing a Signature tour, you can get under the skin of this spectacular and charismatic region and enjoy an additional 3 unique experiences..

**Explore Lecce like a local**

On the second day of your tour, experience the real Lecce on a morning's walking tour with a local guide who will provide a fascinating insight into local life, customs and history. Plus, you'll sample some of Lecce's very best local delicacies, with our tour culminating in an authentic coffee shop.

**Traditional farmhouse lunch**

After our visit to Alberobello, on day 3, we call at a historic masseria, one of Puglia's traditional farmhouses, once a stable, and after the history of this beautifully restored ancient building is revealed, you'll be served a selection of delicious local dishes, all created with ingredients produced directly on the farm. This visit replaces the olive oil tasting.

**Gargano National Park coast cruise**

On day 6, sit back and soak up the dazzling seascapes, glistening water and bracing air as we cruise along the scenic coastline of the Gargano National Park, home to magnificent UNESCO-protected ancient pine forests. Explore the spectacular caves nestled amongst sheer white limestone cliffs and golden sands and savour the views as we enjoy some locally made refreshments and antipasti.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £280pp**

Signature tours depart April to June & August to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in May 2025..*

It was fantastic. The Tour Manager was very knowledgeable and approachable. Tour guides in resort were interesting. All excursions were superb with adequate free time as well.

Suzanne, June 2022  
Feefo ★★★★★

## Florence & Tuscany

Experience the very heart and soul of Italy through the exquisite art, architecture and majesty of Florence, Pisa and Siena, the undulating biscuit-coloured hills of the picturesque Tuscan countryside and fine food and wine. Be captivated by San Gimignano, famous for its immense stone towers and dramatic skyline.



Siena



### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Florence

Arrive at Pisa airport for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Florence & Uffizi

Our guided walking tour of incredible Florence includes legendary sights like the cathedral - or Duomo - and the Baptistery. Explore the goldsmiths' shops on the Ponte Vecchio, the landmark bridge over the Arno River. In the afternoon bypass the queues with a reserved visit to the Uffizi. Built up over hundreds of years, this originally private collection belonging to the all-powerful Medici family was subsequently bequeathed to the people of Florence (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Florence and timed visit to the Uffizi**

#### DAY 3 - Free day in Florence

You're free to explore the many Renaissance wonders of Florence. (B)

#### DAY 4 - Lucca & Pisa

Explore the delightful city of Lucca, wandering its ancient streets, tiny

piazas and ramparts, or perhaps visit the charming 1000 year old cathedral. We then drive to Pisa to encounter the familiar yet unnerving sight of its Leaning Tower. This afternoon we head to our hotel in the Tuscan countryside. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visits to Lucca and Pisa**

#### DAY 5 - Volterra, San Gimignano & farmhouse lunch

We travel through Tuscany, an extraordinary landscape of undulating hillsides, vineyards, ochre-coloured valleys, terracotta-tiled farmhouses and pencil pines. Volterra is an imposing town with immense stone ramparts, perched on a hill and affording panoramic views. It grew prosperous in the Middle Ages from mining and alabaster carving, which remains the traditional Volterranean craft. We'll also visit a family-owned farmhouse, in a medieval village set amongst the hills, for lunch based on Tuscan recipes. We then continue to San Gimignano, one of Italy's most beautiful villages, and its spectacular skyline with 14 medieval towers is one that will stay with you forever. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visits to Volterra, San Gimignano and lunch in a family-owned farmhouse**

#### DAY 6 - Siena

Today we enjoy a guided tour of Siena, a jewel of Italian Gothic and medieval

We stay 3 nights in Florence, and 4 nights in the Tuscan countryside. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city centres on the main square, the Piazza del Campo, an architectural work of art. Siena is also famous for the Duomo, one of Italy's most intricate cathedrals, built from black and white marble. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish, before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Siena



**DAY 7 - Free day**

Enjoy exploring further, perhaps savouring a meal in the main square, or simply taking a dip in the pool - the choice is yours. (B,D)

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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



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

**Included experiences**

- 2 guided tours including beautiful Florence and medieval Siena
- 5 visits including San Gimignano, Pisa, Lucca, Volterra and a timed visit to the Uffizi
- Enjoy authentic Tuscan food at a rural Italian farmhouse

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,479** PP

2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	
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**UNBEATABLE VALUE**

**which always includes:**

- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
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- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 lunch and 4 dinners
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- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
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**Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...**

- Average group size of 22
- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience
- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 lunch and 5 dinners



Enjoy a new perspective on some of the world's most magical destinations with our additional 3 brand new Signature experiences.

**Relax over a delicious local aperitivo**

We take a well earned break from our sightseeing on day 6 to sit back and relax over a delicious local aperitivo while absorbing the most mesmerising views of Siena, its unique medieval architecture and magnificent Gothic treasures from a different perspective.

**Boboli Gardens & Pitti Palace**

On day 3, immerse yourself in the rich history of the powerful Medici family. Stroll the historic Boboli Gardens, one of the finest examples of an Italian Garden, soaking up the colours and fragrance of a myriad of plants and flowers in striking bloom.

You'll have a window into their world of opulence too as you explore the extraordinary Pitti Palace.

**Tuscan dinner**

On day 2, savour the flavours of some of Tuscany's most delicious dishes with freshly sourced local ingredients in a traditional restaurant located near to Florence.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £300PP**

Signature tours depart April to July & September to October 2024. April to June & September to October 2025.

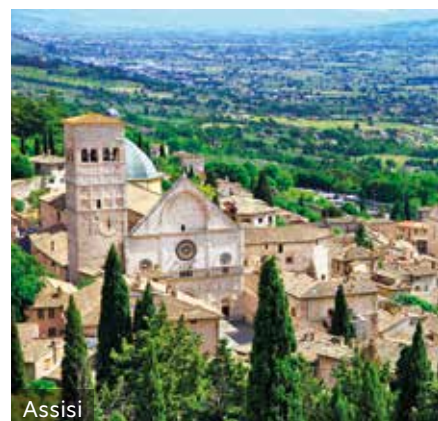
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# Classical Italy

## 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.



Assisi

### 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. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Siena

We drive to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site, for a guided tour, which includes its stunning square - the Piazza del Campo. Fashioned from black and white marble, Siena's cathedral, or Duomo, features delicate and intricate carvings, some by Michelangelo himself. (B,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. In your free time, perhaps experience the buzz of the Piazza della Signoria or a crossing of the Arno River over the Ponte Vecchio. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 4 - Arezzo

Arezzo is a wonderful old town and, on this morning's walking tour, we see Romanesque churches juxtaposed with timber-beamed shops, linked by intimate cobbled squares. This afternoon is free for you to explore Arezzo further, perhaps visit the city's Piazza Grande, one of Europe's most evocative and atmospheric main squares, or step inside the Basilica di San Francesco to see the Legends of the True Cross frescoes by Piero della Francesca. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Arezzo**

#### DAY 5 - Assisi

We drive to another romantically beautiful region - Umbria. Assisi is famous as the birthplace of Saint Francis, and as part of our guided tour with a local 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. 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. After settling into the hotel, we head out to sample some local cuisine. (B,D)

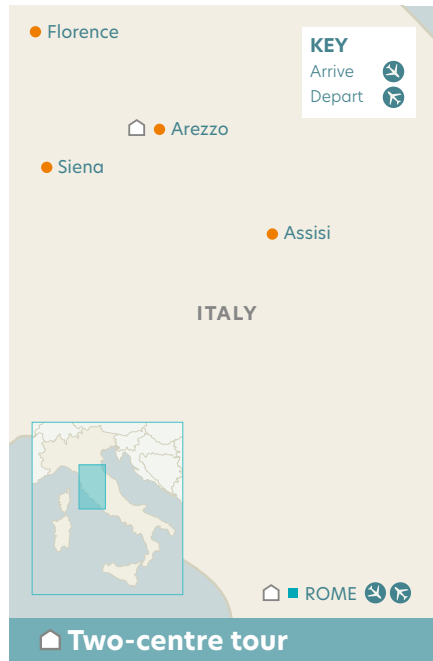
**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Assisi**

We stay for 4 nights in Arezzo, followed by 3 nights in Rome. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Rome & Tivoli

This morning we have a guided tour of Rome with its incredible ancient sights.



In the afternoon we visit the historic town of Tivoli, home to luxe residences, splendid villas, and two famous UNESCO World Heritage sites. Choose to visit either the Renaissance Palace of Villa d'Este or the ruins of Hadrian's Villa. (B) **+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Rome and visits to Villa d'Este or the ruins of Hadrian's Villa**

### DAY 7 - Free day

Today you are free to explore and immerse yourself further in the Eternal City, perhaps viewing the Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the Pantheon. Stroll around the Piazza Navona, Rome's most picturesque square lined with luxurious cafés, and visit the Spanish Steps. (B)

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

### Included experiences

- 5 guided tours including Rome, Florence, Siena, Assisi and Arezzo
- Timed entry to the Uffizi
- Choose an included visit to Hadrian's Villa, or Villa d'Este

8  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£1,439** PP

2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○
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## UNBEATABLE VALUE

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- ✈️ Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 🏨 7 nights in four-star hotels
- 🗺️ Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- 🍽️ Breakfast each morning, plus 5 dinners
- 👤 Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 🧳 20kg+ luggage allowance
- 📶 Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- 📄 All additional hotel taxes

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...

- 👤 Average group size of 22
- 🗺️ 3 additional Signature experiences
- 👤 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



Our additional Signature experiences will ensure you're fully immersed in the culture for the most exceptional holiday.

### Tour the Vatican

On the final day of your tour, experience the wonder of the Vatican with a guided tour of this world-famous attraction. You'll enjoy a visit with time to immerse yourself in the majesty of its phenomenal art, architecture, sculpture and frescoes and of course, the extraordinary Sistine Chapel.

### Rome gastronomic tour

After exploring the Vatican on your earlier Signature experience, we'll partake in one of Rome's most-treasured pre-dinner rituals - the aperitivo. Stroll through the Trastevere region enjoying a light drink paired with delicious nibbles, such as speciality pizzas, arancini or Rome's most famous pastry, the Maritozzo.

### Enjoy an aperitif in Siena

After our guided tour of Siena on day 2, unwind and reflect on all that you have seen in this spectacular city over a refreshing local aperitivo, whilst admiring its unique medieval skyline and absorbing the wonderful colours and lines of its striking architecture from a stunning viewpoint.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £460PP

Signature tours depart April to June & August to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in June 2025.*

Well looked after all the time,  
this was a very good tour  
and well worth the money.

Alan, May 2022

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## Umbria, Perugia & Assisi The Heart of Italy

Journey to the green heart of Italy to discover unspoilt Umbria, with its archaeological treasures, fine art, hearty cuisine and Mediterranean landscape. Experience rolling countryside, as we go up soaring hills topped with time-warp towns, down into the magical Frasassi Caves and onto the sparkling waters of Lake Trasimeno.



Frasassi caves



Umbria

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Perugia

Arrive at Rome or Perugia airports for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Perugia & free afternoon

We take a guided tour of this university city, along the Corso Pietro Vannucci to the Piazza IV Novembre. From the Piazza Italia you can take an escalator down to the streets of medieval Perugia, an underground world hidden within the 16th-century Rocca Paolina fortress. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Perugia**

#### DAY 3 - Assisi

This morning we head for Assisi, dominated by the vast Basilica of St Francis complex, which includes a Franciscan monastery and two churches. Wander the flower-hung streets with our local guide and learn how St Francis came to be so highly revered in Italy. We have some free time to explore the old-world town centre. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Assisi**

#### DAY 4 - Cortona & Lake Trasimeno

This morning we travel towards Lake Trasimeno and from Passignano, we take the ferry across the languid waters to Isola Maggiore. As we approach, the 19th-century Guglielmi Castel can be seen nestled into the wooden hillside. We take the ferry back to Casiglione del Lago, enjoying the view of the Castello del Leone or 'fortress of the lion', before continuing to Cortona. Cortona clutters the hillside with a tight muddle of terracotta rooftops, which hide a maze of narrow alleyways and wide piazzas. The spectacular view from the Piazza del Duomo is a must, leading the eye over the city walls and across the Tuscan countryside. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Cortona and cruise across Lake Trasimeno**

#### DAY 5 - Spoleto & wine tasting

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of Spoleto. The desolate ruins of the ancient Roman amphitheatre are a contrast to the Romanesque cathedral that dazzles in the palest stone on the Piazza del Duomo. Then we set out into the rich tapestry of Umbrian countryside once again to visit a leading producer of Sagrantino di Montefalco wine, made from the black sagrantino grapes indigenous to the region, for a tasting. We'll also sample the olive oil that this region is revered for worldwide, to complete an afternoon full of the true tastes of Umbria. (B)

We stay in one of two hotels. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Spoleto and wine tasting

**DAY 6 - Frasassi Caves**

This morning we explore the Frasassi Caves, considered to be among the most impressive in Europe. Our tour of these stunning karst caves, which can easily trick the eye with their glistening snow-



white walls and icicle-like stalactites and stalagmites, takes us into the Great Cave of the Wind. This afternoon we return to Perugia to allow you more time to explore this beautiful city. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of the Frasassi Caves

**DAY 7 - Orvieto & Agriturismo lunch**

This morning we end our journey of Etruscan discovery at another of this mysterious civilisation's 12 key cities, Orvieto, whose ancient ruins lie in eerie underground caves. After our discovery of Orvieto we stop at a rural restaurant, known locally as an agriturismo, to sample a menu of traditional fare. (B,L)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Orvieto and enjoy lunch at an agriturismo

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 4 guided tours including Perugia, Assisi, Spoleto & Frasassi Caves
- 3 visits including Cortona, Lake Trasimeno and Orvieto
- Taste traditional fare at a rural restaurant and sample Sagrantino di Montefalco wine

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,379** PP

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**UNBEATABLE VALUE**

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- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 7 nights in a choice of four-star hand-picked hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning plus 1 lunch (3 or 6 night dining option available at Sangallo Palace Hotel)
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
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- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 lunch and 1 dinner



Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional 3 unique signature experiences.

**Upgraded wine tasting experience**

On day 5, enjoy an enhanced wine tasting at our winery in the heart of the Umbrian countryside, sampling additional Sagrantino di Montefalco wines accompanied by typical local products - delicious cheeses and cold cuts.

**Visit a traditional olive mill**

After our visit to the Frasassi Caves on day 6, we'll stop at a local olive mill in Bevagna to learn more about the production of this centuries-old tradition. While we're here we'll taste some of the oil produced at the mill alongside some delectable, local accompaniments.

**Dine in a family-run restaurant**

On day 4 our evening will be a

real treat for truffle lovers and non-truffle lovers alike. We'll dine in the heart of Perugia at a family-owned restaurant specialising in the local delicacy prized for its unique and intense aroma. Socialise with your fellow explorers admiring the passion of the local family whilst sampling a truffle-based menu. For those who are not fond of the taste, the restaurant will gladly provide an alternative.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £250PP**

Signature tours depart May to June & September to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in September 2025.*



## Lucca, Portofino & the Cinque Terre

No distance at all separates Lucca and Pisa from Portofino, the Cinque Terre & Genoa, but the treasures they offer make for a diverse experience.



Cinque Terre



Genoa

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lucca

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Pisa from where you will be taken to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Lucca & free afternoon

After breakfast we take a tour with a local guide who will bring the story of Lucca to life. As we explore the centre, you'll notice the rectangular grid pattern which originated with the street plan of Roman times, while the oval Roman amphitheatre is another evocative reminder of millennia past. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Lucca

#### DAY 3 - Pisa

After breakfast, it's just a short drive to Pisa for a guided tour. You'll marvel at how such a relatively small space can accommodate such magnificence. The Leaning Tower - one of the world's most instantly recognisable silhouettes - is your iconic introduction to the rest of the piazza. We conclude our visit with the Camposanto, a huge cemetery reputed to contain soil from Golgotha - the site of Jesus's crucifixion. In the afternoon we return to Lucca. This evening we dine at a local restaurant serving traditional

Tuscan cuisine. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Pisa

#### DAY 4 - Porto Venere

Our exploration of the extraordinarily arresting coast of Liguria brings us to the Gulf of the Poets, an evocative name for an inspiring area. One of its highlights is the picturesque village of Porto Venere, its fortress high on the hillside overlooking an array of colourful multi-storeyed houses lining the harbour. A stroll along the promenade reveals a network of narrow medieval lanes leading to the church and castle. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to Genoa, where we stay for the rest of the tour. (B,L)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Porto Venere and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant

#### DAY 5 - Genoa & free afternoon

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of Genoa, followed by free time in the afternoon. We start by exploring the heart of Medieval Genoa, famous for its narrow lanes called 'caruggi', interspersed with imposing late-Renaissance palaces built by Genoa's wealthiest families in the 16th and 17th century. Today, it is a vibrant and eclectic city with so much to offer, which you can explore in your free time. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Genoa

We stay 3 nights in Lucca, and 4 nights in Genoa. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Cinque Terre

We spend the next two days exploring the splendours of the surrounding coastline in the manner to which local people have been accustomed for millennia - by boat. Drive from Genoa to the Ligurian coast, where our private charter takes us to the Cinque Terre, which translates as 'Five Lands'. Visit a selection of villages cut off from the landward side by rugged terrain and steep coastline, almost unreachable by car. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit the Cinque Terre by boat**



### DAY 7 - Portofino

After our morning drive from Genoa to the Italian Riviera, you can watch fine watercraft quietly going about their business on the shimmering waters as we sail the short distance to Portofino. A walk to the headland offers a life-affirming view and the scents of thyme, pine and wildflowers hanging heavy in the air. We return to Genoa in the afternoon, where you will have a bit more free time to enjoy this intriguing coastal town. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Sail to Portofino**

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Lucca, Pisa and Genoa
- Visits to Porto Venere, Portofino and the Cinque Terre
- Take a private boat cruise along the Cinque Terre and sail to Portofino

8  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM

£1,419<sup>PP</sup>



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By choosing a Signature tour, you can get under the skin of this spectacular and charismatic region and enjoy an additional 3 unique experiences.

### Enhanced dining experience

On day 3, enjoy an upgraded dinner at a local restaurant in Lucca. Indulge in delicious dining at one of the city's authentic restaurants, where you can enjoy some of the region's local delicacies paired with a glass of Tuscan wine.

### Genoese pesto experience

Discover the secrets of traditional pesto recipes from Genoa by visiting the basil greenhouses where Genoese basil has been cultivated for centuries. On day 5, we'll learn why this region produces the best basil before learning how pesto is traditionally made with a mortar and

pestle and enjoy a tasting of pesto and focaccia paired with local wine.

### Portofino aperitif

Unwind and enjoy a delightful Italian aperitif while gazing at the charming harbour view of Portofino's Piazzetta. You can relax in the serene surroundings and catch a glimpse of the harbour where boats are moored.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £420<sup>PP</sup>

Signature tours depart April to June & September to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price is based on a Classic tour in September 2025 compared to a Signature tour in October 2025.*



# Hidden Italy

## Padova, Vicenza & Mantova

2024  
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Uncover the unseen gems of the breathtaking Veneto and beyond: astonishing architecture, cities steeped in history with deep cultural connections, and some of Italy's best wines. Join us on our eye-opening tour of spectacular northeastern Italy and experience all the wonders this tremendous region has to offer.

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Castelfranco Veneto

Arrive at Venice or Treviso airports for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Padova

This morning we journey to Padova, a dynamic city which deserves to be recognised for more than its remarkable university, founded in 1222. Explore the fine piazzas of the historic centre and be amazed by the diverse architectural styles: the Baptistry of the Duomo contains one of the country's most complete medieval fresco cycles; the Renaissance Loggia della Gran Guardia once housed the Council of Nobles; and bustling Caffè Pedrocchi, ever-popular with students and intellectuals, was built to resemble a Classical temple. We return to Castelfranco Veneto in the afternoon for time to explore at your leisure (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Padova**

#### DAY 3 - Vicenza

Today we head southwest to Vicenza, situated at the northern base of the cypress-clad Monte Berico astride the Bacchiglione river. This spectacularly sophisticated city is wonderfully cosmopolitan yet doubles as an open-air museum dedicated to the legacy of Palladio, a miller's son who became the most prominent architect of the Italian High Renaissance and gave rise to the Classical style of Palladianism. The local



Mantova



Castelfranco Veneto

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hand-picked hotel



gentry, eager to decorate their city with grand new buildings, gave him plenty of opportunities to realise his vision; as a result, many of central Vicenza's streets are graced by a Palladian mansion.

We'll see many of these on our guided tour this morning through the historic centre. At the heart of Vicenza is the Piazza dei Signori, dominated by the Basilica with its marvellous clock tower and distinctive, green roof surrounded by statues of Greek and Roman gods. The astounding nearby Teatro Olimpico, together with the Palladian Villas of the Veneto in the surrounding area, is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is time to explore these wonderful sights this afternoon should you wish. You will receive a complimentary museum card, granting free entry to the city's various world-class attractions. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Vicenza**

#### DAY 4 - Mantova & Palazzo Ducale or Parco Sigurtà

Our journey today takes us west and back in time to the sleepy yet achingly beautiful Mantova, a medieval city often overlooked despite its proximity to Lake Garda. As the dramatic skyline of ancient towers, domes and cupolas comes into view, it's easy to see why the city features in two well-loved tragedies: it is the setting for Verdi's Rigoletto and Shakespeare had an impassioned Romeo exiled here. During our guided tour of the old town, the reasons for its UNESCO World Heritage status become strikingly evident. Although compact in size, Mantova has more than its share of artistic, cultural and architectural treasures. This afternoon, you will have some free time before our included visit. Choose to stay in Mantova and visit the Palazzo Ducale or take the coach and visit the Parco Sigurtà Gardens. The Ducal Palace was the principal

residence of the Gonzagas, lords, marquises and finally dukes of the city of Mantua. It took the name of Palazzo Reale during the Austrian domination starting from the reigning Maria Theresa of Austria. Alternatively, see the Italian interpretation of a romantic English garden with its neo-Gothic temple and rustic grotto. Throughout the park are 18 ornamental ponds and lakes, as well as a medicinal herb garden and even an award-winning maze. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Mantova and choose to visit Palazzo Ducale, or Sigurtà Garden Park**

#### DAY 5 - Bassano del Grappa & Villa Sandi

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

**+ Included Experience - Guided visit to a local artisan distillery and tour of Villa Sandi with wine tasting**

#### DAY 6 - Return flight

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

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



6  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£909** PP

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- 5 nights in a four-star hand-picked hotel
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

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#### Included experiences

- 2 guided tours including Vicenza and Mantova
- 2 visits including Padova and Bassano del Grappa
- Tour and tasting at Grappa distillery and Prosecco producer

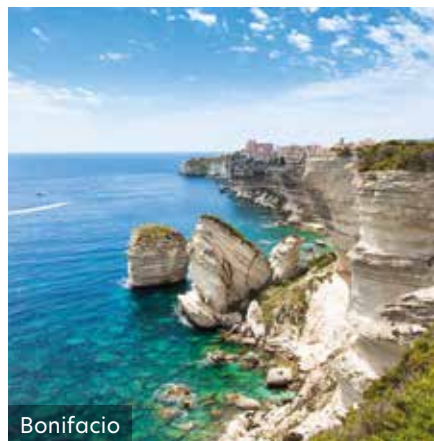




# Sardinia

## Alghero, Costa Smeralda & Corsica

Experience another side of Italy that's vastly different, where pristine beaches nestle on dazzling coastlines and all across the unspoilt hinterland are prehistoric settlements, as well as traditional villages inhabited by fiercely independent yet wonderfully warm locals - even the cuisine has its own identity.



Bonifacio



Porto Cervo

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Cannigione

Arrive at the airport for your flight, on arrival transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Costa Smeralda

We explore the Costa Smeralda, calling at its most charming towns and villages, filled with attractive squares and green spaces. Later this afternoon, there will be time to explore Cannigione or relax at the hotel. (B,D)

**+ Included experience - Costa Smeralda's picturesque coastal villages**

#### DAY 3 - Bonifacio

We drive to Santa Teresa di Gallura to take the ferry ride to Bonifacio in Corsica, perched atop a limestone promontory over the glittering harbour and chic marina. We have a guided tour through Bonifacio's old town to learn about Corsican history and culture, then free time to admire the splendid views before returning to Sardinia. NB: ferries don't run in adverse weather, so in this case, an alternative itinerary will be offered. (B,D)

**+ Included experiences - Guided tour**

**of Bonifacio's old town**

#### DAY 4 - Inland Sardinia & Cork Region

We head inland, where we visit a cork museum, as well as a typical Sardinian town, with free time for lunch before continuing to Alghero on the Coral Riviera. This evening we enjoy dinner at a family-run agriturismo. The rustic surroundings, ancient farming equipment and crackling open fires are perfect for enjoying Sardinian dishes made with local ingredients. (B,D)

**+ Included experience - Visit a Cork Museum and enjoy a typical Sardinian dinner**

#### DAY 5 - Alghero & wine tasting

Alghero is a medieval jewel; much of the old town's handsome architecture bears a Spanish appearance and a dialect of Catalan is still spoken. Our guided tour takes us through the labyrinthine alleys of remarkably preserved old Alghero, defended by robust walls and four bastions. You have free time afterwards to wander and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we drive along the beautiful Alghero coastline, before heading inland to one of the finest wine-growing areas in Sardinia, producing the prestigious Cannonau and Vermentino wines. We visit a family-owned wine estate for a vineyard tour and, naturally, enjoy a tasting. (B)

**+ Included experience - Guided tour of Alghero and wine tasting**

We stay 3 nights in Cannigione, and 4 nights in Alghero. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Free day in Alghero

Today, you are free to explore Alghero at leisure. (B)

### DAY 7 - Nuraghe & Bosa

We drive through the Valley of the Nuraghi where conical stone structures, left by the Nuragic civilisation, dot the countryside. We stop to examine



the Nuraghe Santu Antine with its 17-metre high tower, followed by Bosa, a hillside town at the mouth of the Temo, Sardinia's only navigable river. You have free time to discover this quintessential Sardinian town, which exudes great charm with its colourful houses and cobbled alleys. We return to the hotel in the early afternoon for our final evening on this incredible island. (B)

**+ Included experience - Visit the Nuraghe Santu Antine and Bosa**

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Alghero, Bonifacio & Santu Antine Nuraghe
- Visit the Costa Smeralda's picturesque villages, inland Sardinia and Bosa
- Visit a family-owned agriturismo for a traditional Sardinian dinner
- Enjoy a wine tasting in one of the finest wine-growing areas in Sardinia

8  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£1,429** PP

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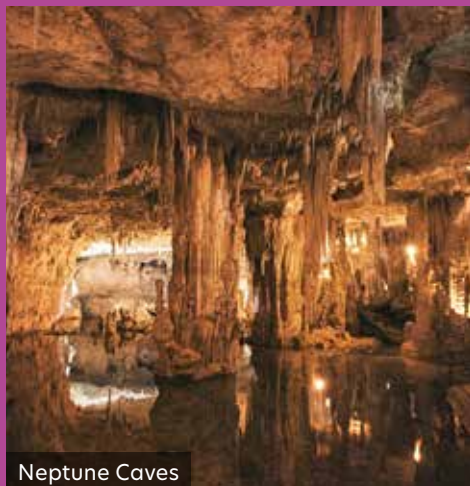
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Neptune Caves

By choosing a Signature tour, you can get under the skin of this spectacular and charismatic region and enjoy an additional 3 unique experiences.

### Cruise the Neptune Caves

Early on day 6, we cruise to the magnificent Neptune Caves, one of the largest marine caves in Italy. On arrival at this historic natural phenomenon, join a fascinating guided tour of the impressive grotto, formed an incredible two million years ago.

### Enjoy an aperitivo at a Skybar

As day 6 comes to an end, experience the magical ambience of Alghero from a spectacular perspective as you absorb the panoramic views of its enchanting old town and the sparkling bay from the heady heights of a superb skybar.

### Drinks and canapes at Vigneti Surrau

After a day exploring the sophisticated Costa Smeralda on day 2, we call at the stunning Vigneti Surrau, encased by regiments of carefully tended vines, and a breathtaking landscape of gently rolling hills draped in rich forest. Feel like a VIP as you relax and unwind in this elegant place; admire its chic, contemporary architecture and enjoy a deliciously chilled glass of

wine accompanied by some typical Sardinian specialities whilst admiring the views – simply out of this world!



Alghero

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £310PP**

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# Sicily

Discover the Mediterranean's largest island, with its own distinct history, culture and cuisine. Citrus and olive groves stretch into the distance and abundant pine forests lend the air that unmistakable aroma, contrasting with sweeping bays, red volcanic rocks and the dramatic backdrop of snow-capped Mount Etna.



Mount Etna



Valley of the Temples

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sicily

Arrive at Catania airport for your transfer to your hotel in Agrigento. (D)

### DAY 2 - Valley of the Temples

We visit the stunning Greek remains in the Valley of the Temples - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The best of them, Concordia, is similar to the Parthenon in Athens. We enjoy a guided tour and you can also enter the excellent museum. Later we visit Agrigento, where the medieval atmosphere seeps into the tiny streets and shady piazzas. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of the Valley of the Temples**

### DAY 3 - Piazza Armerina & rural restaurant lunch

A drive to the small town of Piazza Armerina brings us to an extraordinary archaeological site only discovered in the last century: the Villa Romana del Casale. On our guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site you'll see the remains of pastel-coloured frescoes on the walls and stunning mosaics. For lunch we'll call at a traditional

'agriturismo' restaurant in the hilly countryside. We'll enjoy authentic Sicilian food from the farm on-site, including antipasti and homemade before continuing to the Taormina area. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of the Roman Villa at Piazza Armerina and lunch at a traditional 'agriturismo'**

### DAY 4 - Taormina

Today, we'll visit Taormina with time to explore as you wish. It's one of the smartest and most exclusive small towns in Italy - it has everything! Retaining much of its medieval charm, wonderfully situated on a high balcony, it offers panoramic views of the sea to one side and Mount Etna to the other. Taormina is renowned for its beautiful gardens and charming atmosphere but its greatest claim to fame is the ancient theatre. It's a legacy of the ancient Greeks and still in use today, playing host to a wide array of performances from musicals to gladiatorial battles. (B, D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Taormina**

### DAY 5 - Mount Etna

Dominating eastern Sicily is Europe's highest volcano, Etna. This morning we'll take the drive as near to the snow-capped summit as possible. Ascending the winding road, the landscape becomes increasingly eerie and alien, with razor-sharp black rocks in contorted formations. As we near the cable car station itself you can enjoy extensive

We stay 2 nights in Agrigento, and 5 nights in the Taormina area. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



views over the whole area. Subject to regulations, there's the opportunity to take the cable car to explore even higher levels. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Mount Etna**

#### DAY 6 - Free day

Today is at leisure to relax by the pool (open in the summer months, weather permitting) or perhaps head into Taormina for a spot of shopping and even more sightseeing. (B,D)



#### DAY 7 - Siracusa

Siracusa was an immensely powerful and influential city in ancient times, whose most famous resident was Archimedes. The old port area is of small fishing boats unloading their catch. Siracusa's historic core is called Ortigia and is located on an island connected to the mainland by three bridges. You're free to explore here and discover its extraordinary Baroque cathedral containing the remains of a temple to Apollo. Opposite is the Bosco Palace, another opulent expression of Baroque style. You can also take a boat trip around the bay. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to Siracusa**

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

**Please note:** The 2024 itinerary is different to the 2025 itinerary.

#### Included experiences

- 2 guided tours including the Valley of the Temples, the Roman Villa in Piazza Armerina
- 3 visits including Taormina, Mount Etna and Siracusa
- Enjoy authentic Sicilian food at a local agriturismo restaurant

8  
DAYS

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Toormina



Enjoy a new perspective on some of the world's most magical destinations with our additional 3 brand new Signature experiences.

#### Ortigia boat trip

On day 3, see Ortigia from a different angle as we enjoy a boat trip today. We sail towards the golden-hued limestone cliffs and explore some of the most impressive caves before heading towards Ortigia seafront for a closer view. Ortigia is renowned for its historic architecture, and there is no better place to take it all in than by enjoying a view of it from the sea as we sip a refreshing drink and enjoy a local delicacy onboard.

#### Taormina aperitivo

A great way to unwind after spending day 5 exploring Taormina, relax with a drink in style with a delicious array of delicacies and sensational views over Taormina and the stunning surrounding coastline.

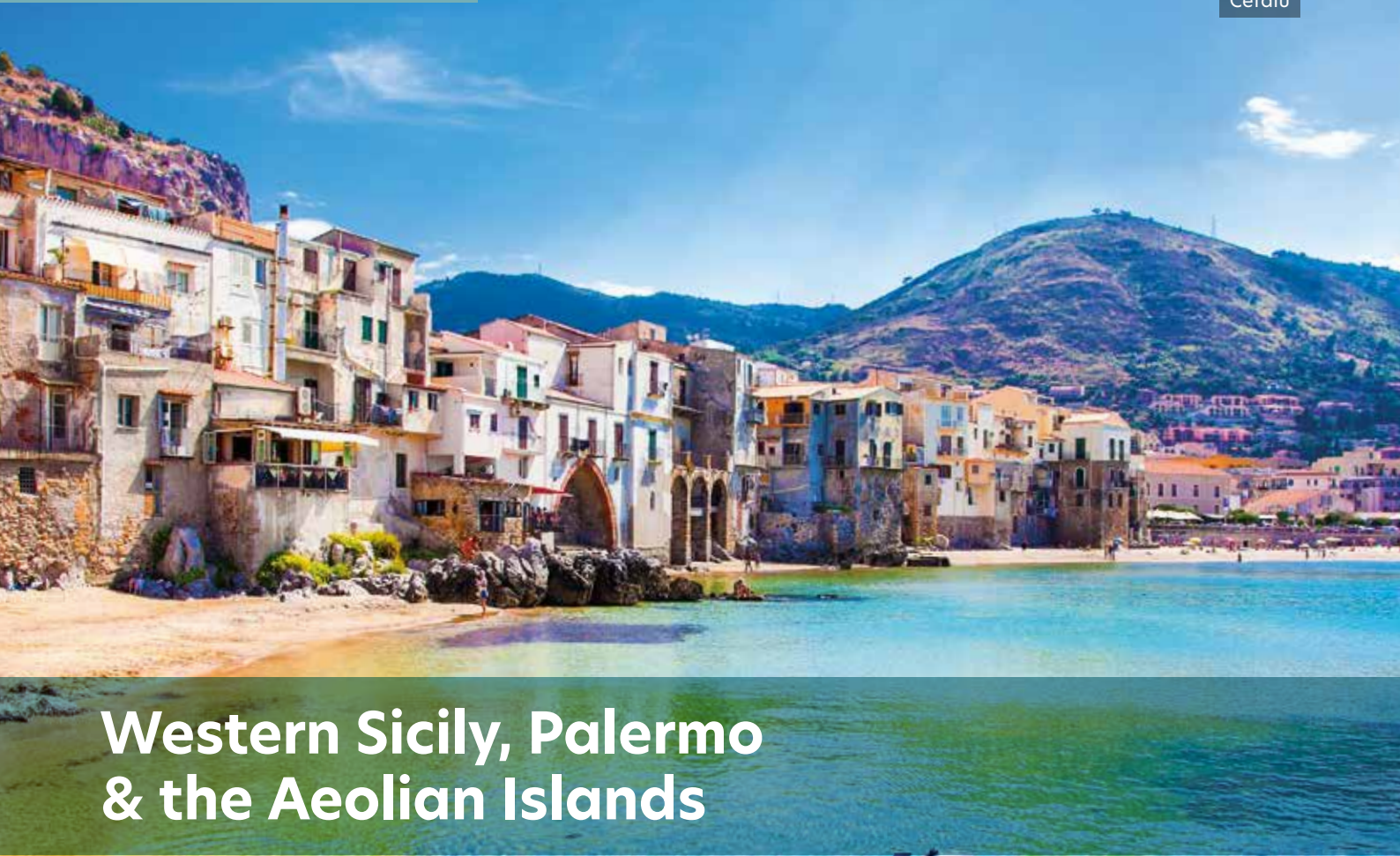
#### Mount Etna winery

End your morning on day 7 on the fertile lower slopes of Mount Etna, in these stunning surroundings with breathtaking views over the lush vineyards, you'll gain an insight into the unique conditions that produce such interesting organic wines. A wonderful lunch will follow and tempting local dishes will be paired with a perfect selection of robust red and fragrant white wine.

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# Western Sicily, Palermo & the Aeolian Islands

Explore the little-known cultural legacies and natural beauty of Western Sicily, visiting prehistoric cave dwellings, Greek ruins, bustling Palermo and beachfront Cefalù. Plus, the volcanic Aeolian Island of Lipari, with its captivating waterfront and acclaimed museum and a tasting of the dessert wine, Marsala.



Marsala



Erice

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Trapani

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Palermo from where you will be taken to your hotel.

### DAY 2 - Erice & Grotta Mangiapane

Erice, today is a stunning microcosm of the entire island, which we explore on a guided tour. There's time to explore here as you wish before lunch. This afternoon we visit Grotta Mangiapane, which was the site of an unusual archaeological site. Rather than discovering resources to contribute to the Kingdom of Italy, what emerged were the most incredible cave dwellings containing ancient artefacts. We return to Trapani with the remainder of the afternoon free. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Erice and visit to Grotta Mangiapane's cave dwellings

### DAY 3 - Segesta & Marsala

This morning we take the short drive to Segesta, an outstanding archaeological site where much of its magical history remains unexcavated, its highlights include an incredibly well preserved

Greek Doric temple, which we see on a guided tour. In Marsala we learn all about the creation of the fortified wine bearing the town's name. We're guests of one of Marsala's foremost producers and, naturally, after the visit we enjoy a tasting. Another lesser-known product associated with Marsala is sea salt, which has been extracted by evaporation and salt-panning here since Phoenician times. At a fascinating family-run museum, we learn about this ancient craft and the proprietor, explains this arduous lifestyle. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Segesta, learn about salt-panning and a tasting of Marsala

### DAY 4 - Palermo

Driving eastwards along the scenic coast to Palermo affords captivating views of the bright blue sea and the mountainous interior. In Sicily's capital we have a guided tour unlocking the mysteries of its past and revealing what makes this enchanting island 'tick'. During our visit we will also see the Norman Palace, Palermo's undisputed artistic gem. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Palermo and visit the Norman Palace

### DAY 5 - Free day in Cefalù

This morning, after a short orientation walk of Cefalù, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy. Whatever your choice, you're assured an idyllic day before dinner in the hotel's restaurant. (B,D)

We stay 3 nights in Trapani and 4 nights in Cefalù. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - The Aeolian Islands

A morning drive takes us along the scenic road along Sicily's north coast, then we cruise across to the astonishing Aeolian Islands. First we pass the island of Vulcano, before we arrive at Lipari, the largest island. There's free time to explore the island before returning to our hotel. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Cruise the Aeolian Islands and visit Lipari



### DAY 7- Madonie Natural Park & Castelbuono

In Cefalù's lofty hinterland is the Madonie Regional Natural Park, a wild and rugged mountain range. We then visit the stunning hilltop village of Castelbuono dominated by a 14th-century castle. Descending to the coast we catch sight of the glittering Tyrrhenian Sea, heralding our return to delightful Cefalù for a final dinner. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit to Madonie Natural Park and Castelbuono

### Day 8 - Return flight

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

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

### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Erice, Segesta and Palermo
- 5 visits including Grotta Mangiapane cave dwellings, Palermo's Norman Palace, Madonie Regional Natural Park, Castelbuono and Lipari
- Cruise the Aeolian Islands
- Enjoy a tasting of Marsala and learn about the ancient craft of salt-panning

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM

£1,399 PP

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- Breakfast each morning, plus 5 dinners



Trapani

Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with 3 additional unique signature experiences

### Dine in an authentic Sicilian restaurant

On the evening of day 2, we'll dine in an authentic Sicilian restaurant in the ancient fishing port of Trapani. You'd better bring your appetite, as we will be sampling some of the region's scrumptious pasta dishes.

### Upgraded wine tasting experience

At the winery in Marsala, we'll have an upgraded tasting with food on day 3. Whilst the wine is often used for cooking, it's fine enough to be sipped like Madeira or sherry, It's the perfect way to wash down our specially prepared light lunch.

### Tour an 18th century aristocratic palazzo

After a guided tour of Palermo on day 4, a widely different experience awaits us with a visit to an 18th century aristocratic Palazzo, owned by a Sicilian Duchess. Located along Palermo's seafront, we will be welcomed into the palace to learn about its rich history. Afterwards, drinks and canapes in the stunning surroundings of the Palazzo.



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# Malta Uncovered

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



Blue Grotto



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. (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. 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. We also visit the Malta Experience, which tells the story of the island. 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. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Valletta and visit the Malta Experience

### DAY 3 - Gozo

Gozo is just a short ferry ride away, and today we explore this sleepy island

and its capital, Victoria (also known as Rabat). We drive through a landscape of terraced fields, fragrant wildflowers and thyme to Dwejra Bay. 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. (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. Next, we head to beautiful Mdina, one of the finest ancient walled cities in Europe. 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. This afternoon we visit a prestigious

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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. 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. Later we visit Citta 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 Citta Vittoriosa

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 3 guided tours including Valletta, Gozo and Citta 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

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM £1,299 PP

2024	○	○	○	○	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	
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**Unwind at the rooftop bar**  
Savour the taste of a traditional Maltese drink at the hotel's rooftop bar on day 2 of your tour. Take a moment to unwind with your fellow travellers and gaze out at the stunning panoramic vistas of Mellieha and the surrounding terraced hillsides.

**Afternoon tea at Palazzo Parisio**  
Take a break from the busy city life of Old Valletta by visiting the breath-taking gardens of 18th-century Palazzo Parisio. The palazzo draws inspiration from the English aristocracy and has become a popular spot for afternoon tea on the island. On day 5, enjoy an exquisite range of traditional delicacies amidst the picturesque Italian gardens, including an



assortment of cakes and pastries made in-house by their talented pastry chefs.

**Maltese winery and lunch**  
On day 7, experience an elevated wine tasting at one of Malta's premier wine producers. Indulge in a delectable assortment of local wines paired with a light lunch that features Maltese delicacies and fresh salads perfectly crafted to enhance the intricate flavour profiles of the wine.

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*We had a great time. Our Tour Manager was fantastic. Everything ran like clockwork. His knowledge and humour keep us all on schedule, so we missed nothing and had ample time at each location.*

Richard, June 2022

Feefo ★★★★★

## 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.



Alhambra, Granada



Ronda

#### Your itinerary

##### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malaga

Arrive at Malaga airport for your transfer to your hotel.

##### 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 Experience - 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. 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 (included with Signature tours), 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. We have a guided tour of 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

We stay 1 night in Mijas, 3 nights in Seville and 2 nights in Granada. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



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)

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

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**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

**7**  
DAYS

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Discover Andalucía like a local - our 3 additional Signature experiences will ensure you're fully immersed in the culture for the most exceptional holiday.

**Entrance to the Alcázar Palace**

The magnificent Alcázar Palace is one of the world's oldest palaces still in use as a royal house. On day 3 we have included entrance to the palace this afternoon, giving you the opportunity to explore at your own pace. So, why not lose yourself amid the cool patio courtyards, elaborate gardens and fragrant orange trees and soak up the unique atmosphere of one of Europe's oldest palaces.

**Stunning Seville rooftop aperitif**

You'll feel like you have the best seats in the house, high above the rooftops of Seville. Relax with an aperitif and a mini tapas selection and make sure you have your camera ready to capture every perfect moment as the late afternoon sun lights up the city.

**Authentic flamenco performance**

After spending day 4 at leisure, this evening experience a truly authentic performance of flamenco in an intimate venue. Gain an insight into the meaning, style and rhythm of the dances - the proximity of the stage will allow you to see every mesmerising detail, whilst admiring the superb artistry of the musicians and dancers.



**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £200PP**

Signature tours depart April to June & September to November 2024 & 2025.

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A very enjoyable experience, as it was my first organised holiday.

Allan, May 2022

Feefo ★★★★★

# Spain's Basque Country, La Rioja & Burgos

RAIL OPTION AVAILABLE

Experience Basque culture, captivating towns and cities along the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route, spectacular scenery, Rioja wines, an inspired and gastronomic heritage. From northern Spain to southwestern France, it is a region of beauty and diversity, crowned by the dramatic peaks of the Pyrenees.



Guggenheim, Bilbao

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Bilbao

Fly to Bilbao or Santander airports or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International via Paris and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 - San Sebastián & free afternoon

The Bay of Biscay is framed by fine white-sand beaches, San Sebastián is one of the most enchanting coastal resorts. It's flanked by two hills - Monte

Igueldo and Monte Urgull and this morning we explore the bay between them. As we walk through the old town we'll see its highlights, such as Constitución Square, which was once a bullring. The tour concludes at a traditional family-run bar, giving you the opportunity to sample pintxos. The rest of the day is free to explore. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of San Sebastián and sample traditional pintxos**

### DAY 3 - Bayonne & La Rhune Railway

Situated where the River Nive meets the Adour, Bayonne was once a fortified Roman town. During our guided walking tour, we'll see colourful half-timbered buildings and the stunning Gothic cathedral, seat of the former Bishops of Bayonne. We then journey inland to La Rhune, an imposing mountain sacred in Basque mythology. The La Rhune cog railway takes us past typical Basque villages, from the summit, we are treated to breathtaking views of the majestic Pyrenees and the Bay of Biscay. After a wonderful day of sightseeing, we return to the hotel. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Bayonne and journey on the La Rhune cog railway**

### DAY 4 - Pamplona & Rioja Winery

Today we travel to the wooded foothills of the mighty Pyrenees to Pamplona for a guided walking tour and we'll see its cathedral, a fine example of High Gothic architecture, as well as the 16th-century citadel. This afternoon we follow part of the pilgrimage route through La Rioja, Spain's legendary wine region, for a guided tour and tasting at one of the traditional wineries. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Pamplona and guided tour and tasting at a traditional winery**

### DAY 5 - Burgos & free afternoon

The 9th-century city of Burgos was founded as a fortress to defend the Kingdom of Navarra from the Moors and it became the capital of Castile and León for five centuries. During our guided tour, we explore the old quarter's twisting streets and 13th-century cathedral and there's free time to explore further. This evening we dine at an excellent restaurant specialising in Castilian dishes. (B,D)**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Burgos**

### DAY 6 - Bilbao

Today we journey to Bilbao, the largest city of the Basque Country and one of its great treasures. We enjoy a visit to the

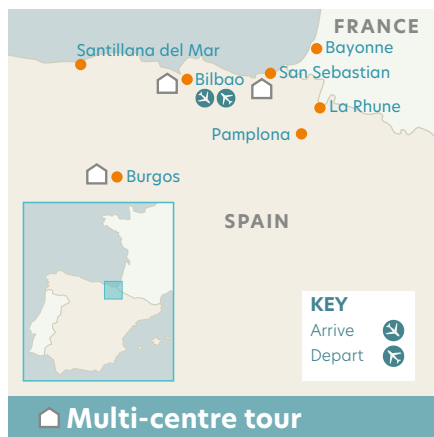
We stay 3 nights in San Sebastian, 2 nights in Burgos & 2 nights in Bilbao. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



Guggenheim to see an array of works by modern Spanish and international artists, with free time to admire the art. (B)  
**+ Included Experience** - Visit the Guggenheim Museum

### DAY 7 - Santillana Del Mar & Altamira Cave Museum

We drive through the stunning Cantabria region stopping at the medieval town of Santillana del Mar to wander its well-preserved cobbled streets and



admire the charming ensemble of 15th- to 17th-century houses. Then we head to Altamira caves, we visit the cave museum nearby to see its replica, which is every bit as astonishing as the original. *On some departures it may not be possible to visit the Altamira Cave museum and/or La Rhune Railway therefore an alternative itinerary will be offered.*

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Santillana del Mar and Altamira cave Museum

### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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

*The use of air conditioning and outdoor pool opening is at the discretion of the hotel.*

### Included experiences

- 4 guided tours including Bayonne, Burgos, Pamplona and San Sebastián
- Ascend to the peak of La Rhune mountain by vintage cog railway
- 4 visits including the Guggenheim Museum, Santillana del Mar, Altamira cave Museum and one of Rioja's traditional vineyards with tasting
- Sample delicious pintxos at a traditional bar in San Sebastián

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£1,419** PP

2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2025	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	

## UNBEATABLE VALUE

which always includes:

- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements or Eurostar/TGV, plus transfers
- 7 nights in four-star hand-picked hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 dinner
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...

- Average group size of 22
- 2 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



Rioja Winery

Our additional Signature experiences will ensure you're fully immersed in the culture for the most exceptional holiday.

### Savour the flavours of the Basque region

Experience the best of Basque food culture with our upgraded pintxos selection on day 2 of your tour. The family-owned restaurant has been perfecting its menu for over 70 years, allowing you to indulge in a variety of pintxos made with the freshest, locally sourced ingredients. From ibericos to fish, each type of pintxos has been carefully chosen based on its origin and freshness, ensuring a truly delicious dining experience. Eat like a local and savour the flavours that define Basque cuisine.

### Wine-tasting & lunch experience

After our captivating tour on day 4, of the traditional Rioja winery, we'll enjoy a delicious late lunch. Indulge in a mouth-watering menu of Spanish cuisine, perfectly paired with the world-famous wine created at the winery, offering an authentic and memorable tasting experience..

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £240pp

Signature tours depart April to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in June 2025.*



## Madrid, Salamanca & Toledo

Travel to the heart of Spain to discover the culture, history and cuisine of some of its most stunning cities, from striking Salamanca to Roman Segovia, and from medieval Toledo to the marvellous Madrid. Discover beautiful terrain, varying from rugged hills crowned with sleepy villages to arid plains and lush valleys.



Toledo



Madrid

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Salamanca

Arrive at Madrid airport for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Salamanca & free afternoon

The entire Old City of Salamanca is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has an exquisite setting – perched on a hill on the banks of the serene Tormes River – and is mostly built of local sandstone, giving the buildings a gorgeous rose-coloured hue, especially at sunset when they seem almost to glow.

The Romanesque Old Cathedral was completed in the 14th century, while the Gothic-Baroque New Cathedral is mainly 16th century. Another impressive building is Salamanca's celebrated university – founded in 1218, it's the oldest in Spain and has been one of the world's most important seats of learning ever since. You'll see all this on our guided walking tour. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Salamanca

#### DAY 3 - Segovia

Dating back over 2,000 years, Segovia features an old quarter with an enchanting skyline of towers and cupolas, plus one of the best-preserved Roman aqueducts in the world. At over half a mile long and close to 100 feet high, it's an UNESCO-listed wonder. Segovia was the home of Isabella, Queen of Castile, who commissioned Christopher Columbus to discover the New World. They met in the fairy-tale Alcázar fortress, believed to be one of the inspirations for the Disney logo. As well as opulent rooms, an armoury and impressive courtyards, the castle has striking turrets and fortifications offering panoramic views.(B)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit to Segovia

#### DAY 4 - Madrid & free afternoon

We enjoy a tour of Madrid by coach and on foot, seeing famous landmarks like the Plaza Mayor, the vast central square; the Prado Museum, housing one of the world's finest European art collections, the resplendent Royal Palace, used for state ceremonies; Plaza de España, home to a statue of the legendary Don Quixote and his creator, Miguel de Cervantes; and the Puerta del Sol, the city gate from which all distances in Spain are measured. This afternoon will be free for you to explore. (B)

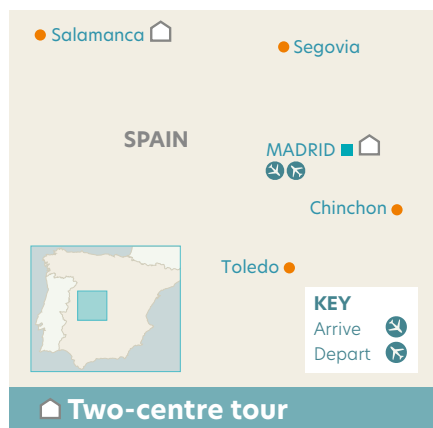
**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Madrid

We stay 2 nights in Salamanca and 4 nights in Madrid. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**



### DAY 5 - El Escorial & Free Afternoon

Today we head out of Madrid towards the Sierra de Guadarrama, a mountain range of oak forests, pine and juniper groves and granite escarpments. Our destination is the monastery and former royal residence of San Lorenzo de El Escorial. Once considered the eighth wonder of the world - and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site - this vast complex was commissioned by King



Philip II in 1563. View its lavish frescoes, altarpieces and paintings. Then we return to Madrid. The afternoon will be free for you to continue exploring Madrid. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to El Escorial monastery**

### DAY 6 - Toledo

Today's highlight is a guided tour of Toledo, Spain's enchanting former capital. We explore the monasteries, bridges and gates of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's best known for the Alcázar, a medieval former royal residence - and the striking Gothic cathedral. We leave Toledo late afternoon and return to our hotel. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Toledo**

### DAY 7 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Salamanca, Toledo and Madrid
- 2 visits including Segovia, El Escorial

**7**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,179** PP



## UNBEATABLE VALUE

**which always includes:**

- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 6 nights in three-star and four-star hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

**Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...**

- Average group size of 22
- 2 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



Encounter jaw-dropping vistas, sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional 3 unique Signature experiences.

### Aperitif and Tapas on the terrace

After a guided walking tour of Salamanca on day 2, enjoy an aperitif and soak up the unique atmosphere as you sample the authentic flavours of popular tapas such as jamon tostada and deliciously rich croquetas. At the end of the day the terrace of our hotel is the perfect location for spectacular views of the cathedral.

### Prado Museum & Tapas

Enjoy a morning tour of Madrid on day 4, before wandering through the splendid galleries of the magnificent Prado Museum, home to one of the world's greatest European art collections. Your ticket also includes an audio guide, allowing you to enjoy this special experience at your

own pace. After our captivating signature experience, mingle with the locals at one of Madrid's most renowned restaurants and soak up the unique atmosphere as you sip on a glass of local wine. Delve into a selection of authentic and delicious tapas in these alluring surroundings - a classic Spanish dessert will be the perfect conclusion to a wonderful evening of food and wine in the heart of this vibrant city.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £280PP

Signature tours depart April to June & September 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in September 2025.*



# Lisbon, Porto & the Douro Valley

Experience the maritime heritage of Lisbon, the National Palace of Sintra and Coimbra's ancient university. Plus Porto's port lodges, the beautiful Douro Valley and chic Cascais.



Lisbon



Cascais

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lisbon

Arrive at Lisbon airport for your transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to settle in or start exploring.

### DAY 2 - Lisbon Tour & free afternoon

This morning on our guided tour, we set out to discover Lisbon's highlights, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We'll see the strikingly modern Monument to the Discoveries and its 16th century fortified counterpart, the Belém Tower, then see the church of the Monastery of Jerónimos. One of the most magnificent buildings in Europe, the Monastery is a symbol of Portuguese wealth and power during the Age of Discoveries. We also see the impressive Terreiro do Paço square facing out to sea. Then there's Alfama, the Moorish quarter of timeless cobbled streets, and the wonderful garden at São Pedro de Alcântara with its expansive views across the rooftops. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Lisbon

### DAY 3 - Sintra

We take a short drive to the hillside town of Sintra. The narrow streets of the Old

Town wind their way to the main square, where we visit the National Palace. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Sintra and its National Palace

### DAY 4 - Coimbra University

We journey through olive groves and wheat fields to Fátima where, in 1917, three children experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary. It has been an important Catholic pilgrimage site and shrine since. We continue to Coimbra, renowned for the impressive Roman aqueduct and the university, one of Europe's oldest and an UNESCO World Heritage Site, which we'll visit. Later this afternoon, we continue to Porto where we stay for three nights. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit the shrine of Fátima and Coimbra

### DAY 5 - Porto

Set on the Douro estuary and once a Roman settlement, our guided tour of Porto unveils some of the city's major and more surprising sights. Of course, Porto is synonymous with port wine. All the famous producers are here and we are guests of Taylor's for a tour and tasting. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Porto and tour and tasting at Taylor's port lodge

### DAY 6 - The Douro Valley

We explore the Douro River, passing through pretty waterside villages and vine-clad terraces before we arrive in

We stay 3 nights in Lisbon, 3 nights in Porto and 1 night in Cascais. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.

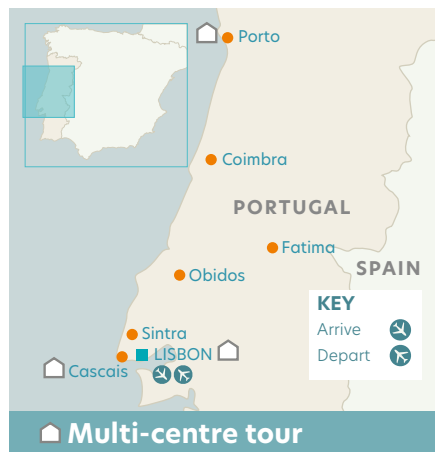


the delightful small town of Pinhão, the heart of the port-producing region. We visit one of the local port estates – or quintas – to sample some of its wines. (B,D\*)

**+ Included Experience** – Tour the Douro Valley, visit Pinhão and local quinta

#### DAY 7 – Óbidos & Cascais

We head through rolling countryside and past olive groves to Óbidos, one



of Portugal's most picturesque towns, with narrow streets and alleyways entirely surrounded by medieval walls. You can walk around the crenellated fortifications. Stop for Portugal's favourite sour cherry liqueur – ginjinha – served in a chocolate cup! We continue to Cascais, on the Tagus River, which was developed into a chic resort with grand 19th-century buildings, seafront promenades and fine parks. The attractive Old Town boasts a wide range of restaurants and bars, many specialising in local seafood. (B)

**+ Included Experience** – Visit Óbidos and Cascais

#### DAY 8 – Return flight

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

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

#### Included experiences

- 2 guided tours including Lisbon and Porto
- 8 visits including Sintra and its National Palace, the holy shrine of Fátima, Pinhão, Coimbra University, Cascais, Óbidos and the Douro Valley
- Port and wine tasting experiences

8  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£1,439** PP

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

## UNBEATABLE VALUE

**which always includes:**

- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 7 nights in a choice of three-star superior and four-star hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 3 dinners\*
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

\*Number of meals varies by hotel, see website for more details.

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

**Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...**

- Average group size of 22
- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience
- Breakfast each morning, plus 4 dinners\*



Enjoy a new perspective on some of Portugal's most magical destinations with our additional 3 brand new Signature experiences.

#### Traditional bakery visit

After a guided tour of Lisbon on day 2, the morning concludes as you seek out the world-famous Pastel de Nata, the city's devilishly moreish custard tart. A glass of port will be served as an accompaniment to this delicious pastry and you'll discover some of the closely guarded secrets of this legendary delicacy in the open kitchens of a traditional bakery.

#### Fado performance with dinner

After this morning's immersive signature experience, this evening you'll encounter the haunting sounds of traditional Fado, during which you'll be served a selection of typical dishes at one of one of Lisbon's traditional restaurants where you can savour the rich flavours of the

Portuguese kitchen and soak up the unique atmosphere.

#### Port wine tasting

Gain greater insight into the unique characteristics of port wine with an enhanced and more exclusive tasting on day 5. These superb wines will be accompanied with a selection of local delicacies and our location, overlooking the splendours of Porto and its iconic bridges will be rather special too.

#### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £280PP

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Hotel, tours, service, weather,  
meeting new people and  
making new friends all excellent.  
The most enjoyable holiday  
I have had for years.  
David, May 2022  
Feefo ★★★★★



# 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.

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 birthplace. (B,D)

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

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Funchal

Arrive at Funchal airport for transfer to your hotel. (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 Experience** - Guided walking tour of Funchal and visit to Palheiro Gardens. Wine tasting of Madeiran wine

#### DAY 3 - Western Madeira

Our first stop is Cabo Girão, the island's highest sea cliff, with a sheer drop of 1,980 feet. 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

#### 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 Experience** - 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, famous for its beautiful A frame houses before continuing on our 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.



Santana



Funchal

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You may spot Madeira's highest summit - the 6,100-foot Pico Ruivo. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Ponta do Rosto, Porto da Santana 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? You could climb the steep path leading to São João do Pico, the impressive 17th-century fortress or perhaps opt for afternoon tea at Reid's Palace. (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 Experience** - Visit Curral das Freiras and Câmara de Lobos

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

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

**Personalise your holiday**

Optional afternoon tea at Reid's Palace (2024 only)

**Included experiences**

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

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,549** PP

2024	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	✓	✓	✓	○
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- Breakfast each morning, plus 7 dinners
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By choosing a Signature tour, you can get under the skin of this spectacular and charismatic region and enjoy an additional unique experiences.

**Aperitif and canapés**

Reflect on a wonderful day as you relax on day 2 with an aperitif and a delicious selection of canapés on the terrace of your hotel - the views to the Atlantic Ocean are sublime.

**Vineyard visit with lunch**

After our visit to Santana on day 5, we take a visit to a renowned local winery. Discover the remarkable hillside terraces, overlooking the Atlantic and taste a selection of superb wines. Then take in more glorious views over lunch as you dine on typical Madeiran cuisine at a traditional restaurant.

**Afternoon tea at Reid's Palace**

Enjoy an afternoon of luxury and nostalgia at Reid's Palace on day 6. This iconic luxury hotel has been

welcoming guests for 130 years and its setting, in beautiful subtropical gardens overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, is magnificent. Here we'll indulge in a delicious afternoon tea - freshly baked scones, dainty sandwiches and mouth-watering cakes and pastries are all served with your choice of either Reids signature blend tea or coffee.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £360PP**

Signature tours depart March to June & September to November 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in September 2025.*

Overall a very enjoyable week,  
with a lot packed into the 6 days.  
Sheila, May 2022  
Feefo ★★★★★

## 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.



Aix-En-Provence



### 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.

#### DAY 2 - Tour of Aix-En-Provence

Aix-en-Provence was founded as a spa town by the Romans and is known. 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. We take a guided boat trip to explore this wetland environment - bring your binoculars! We then visit Arles, a prosperous Roman regional capital

from the 1st century AD. Marvel at the impressive UNESCO-listed monuments on a walking tour, including the Roman amphitheatre and the Place du Forum, now a square with vibrant cafés and restaurants. There's free time, perhaps to seek out locations associated with Vincent Van Gogh. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Boat trip with commentary through the Camargue and a guided tour of Arles

#### DAY 4 - Luberon Mountains

We travel to the stunning Luberon Mountains. 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)

**+ 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

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**hand-picked hotels**



Aix via the Pont du Gard, an aqueduct constructed in the 1st century AD, considered a wonder of the ancient world. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to Avignon and the Pont du Gard**

**DAY 6 - Free day**

Enjoy a free day to explore as you wish. (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 in Cassis**

**DAY 8 - Return home**

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

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

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

**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

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,429** PP



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**Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...**

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Aix-En-Provence

Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional signature experiences.

**Traditional French aperitif**

On the 1st evening of your tour enjoy a traditional French aperitif, known as 'Apero time' in France with canapés on the terrace of your hotel, while you soak up the atmosphere of the elegant city of Aix en Provence.

**Wine tasting**

Sample amazing wines on day 2 at one of Provence's leading organic wineries. Discover how these crisp, delicately perfumed wines are produced and then enjoy a glass or two with lunch against the delightful backdrop of this charming wine estate.

**Aperitif and dinner**

On day 6, we dine at a renowned local restaurant which proudly

holds the accreditation of 'Maître Restaurateur'. Begin the evening with a refreshing aperitif in the delightful gardens before savouring the exquisite flavours of the gourmet menu in enchanting surroundings. Freshly prepared seasonal ingredients promise a truly memorable Provencal feast and our gastronomic experience will be completed with a selection of local wines.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £300PP**

Signature tours depart April to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in June 2025.*

# Dordogne, Albi & Carcassonne

## SIGNATURE tour

An epic Grand Tour of some of Italy's most iconic sights. Discover its unique combination of centuries-old architecture, culture, art and style and experience a slice of 'La Dolce Vita' the country is so famous for.



### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sarlat

Arrive at Toulouse or Carcassonne airports, or take a train via Paris to Souillac station, for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Sarlat & Lascaux

On our walking tour of this ancient market town we'll discover how Sarlat was shaped by the conflicts in the Middle Ages. This afternoon we travel back around 17,000 years to prehistoric France and the famous cave of Lascaux. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is an

elaborate cave system where chambers, galleries and shafts are adorned with almost 2,000 Upper Paleolithic paintings and engraved figures.

We also visit the International Centre for Cave Art - a replica of the caverns, for an unforgettable experience of the muffled sounds, eerie light, cool temperatures and detailed drawings. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Sarlat and visit the International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux**

#### DAY 3 - Rocamadour & Marqueyssac

We journey to the dramatic medieval cliffside village of Rocamadour. This near-vertical settlement with its buildings hewn into a canyon overlooking the Alzou River is breathtaking. Wander Rocamadour's pretty cobbled streets and see the Saint-Sauveur Basilica, the Palace of the Bishops and the Chapel of Notre Dame.

Our next stop is Marqueyssac and its spectacular 'hanging gardens' where you can meander through a display of 150,000 hand-clipped box hedges, passing dry-stone huts and water features, cypresses and pines. The Belvedere balcony offers a jaw-dropping panoramic view of the beautiful Dordogne Valley. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visits to Rocamadour & Marqueyssac**

We stay for 4 nights in Sarlat, then 3 nights in Carcassonne. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



**8**  
DAYS

**SIGNATURE**  
TOUR FROM  
**£1,899** PP

2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○
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**DAY 4 - Beynac, Domme & La Roque-Gageac**

Stop at Beynac and the imposing chateau that towers above this medieval village before continuing to the magnificent walled town of Domme. You can stroll around its impressive fortifications and the handsome dwellings and delightful covered market of the Place de la Halle. At pictureperfect La Roque-Gageac we board a gabare, a traditional river boat, for a relaxing trip along the Dordogne. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visits to Beynac, Domme and La Roque-Gageac for a boat trip along the Dordogne**

**DAY 5 - Cahors**

This morning we bid farewell to the Dordogne travelling south to delightful Cahors, with its splendid 14th century fortified Valentré Bridge majestically spanning the River Lot. Continuing, the countryside gradually changes from rolling wooded slopes of lush green to the paler yellows, ochres and endless fields of the instantly recognisable sunflowers so typical of southern France. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Cahors**

**DAY 6 - Carcassonne & Chateau de Pennautier**

Situated on a rocky outcrop on the banks of the Aude River, Carcassonne's magnificent UNESCO-listed La Cité is surrounded by 52 roofed towers and serrated battlements that top almost two miles of double-enclosure walls. Our morning's guided tour includes the Castle of the Counts, Basilica Saint-Nazaire Saint-Selse and La Cité's two imposing gates, one of which incorporates a drawbridge.

After our guided tour of Carcassonne, take a scenic drive into the heart of the Languedoc to one of the region's most famous wineries in the Cabardès appellation. The impressive 17th-century

Chateau de Pennautier, affectionately referred to as a mini-Versailles, has remained in the same family for twelve generations. A private tour of the cellars will reveal more of this magnificent chateau's rich history and the art of wine production, after which there will be the opportunity to sample some of the very best vintages with an expert sommelier. Relax over a late lunch in the lovely ambience of the restaurant, during which you will be served local specialities, paired with their excellent wine. (B,L)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Carcassonne and visit to Chateau de Pennautier with lunch**

**DAY 7 - Albi**

Today, on approaching Albi, you will see the stunning brick-built city, dominated by one of the finest gothic cathedrals you will ever see. The overall ambience here is different from the Dordogne, more Mediterranean in character and during our guided tour we will learn all about this once independent state featuring a visit to the cathedral, arguably the largest brick building in the world. Its sumptuous interior is breathtaking in its detail and boasts one of Europe's most important medieval works, an enormous mural of the Last Judgement.

This afternoon you are free to explore as you wish. The renowned artist Toulouse-Lautrec was born here, and a museum houses a rich collection of his most famous works. It is just lovely though to amble around Albi's old town, one of France's largest conservation areas. This evening enjoy an exceptional dining experience at the Michelin star restaurant La Barbacane, located in one of Carcassonne's finest five-star hotels. In the atmospheric heart of the medieval old town on the site of the former Bishop's Palace, the chef - hailing from Bourg-en-Bresse northeast of Lyon, takes enormous pride in showcasing his culinary talents using Mediterranean as well as typical Lyonnaise ingredients. Impeccable service and the finest wines complement a creative, seasonal menu delivered with flair and imagination, ensuring an evening to remember. (B, D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Albi**

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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



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- Breakfast each morning, plus 4 dinners (5 dinners for 2024)
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience
- Free Wi-Fi
- 20kg+ luggage allowance



**included experiences**

- Guided walking tour of Albi with its remarkable Gothic cathedral, home town of Toulouse-Lautrec
- Tour of the astonishing prehistoric replica cave paintings, perfectly reproduced at Lascaux - with entrance fees included
- Walking tour of delightfully medieval Sarlat and the dramatic 13th century fortress city of Carcassonne
- Travel by traditional flat-bottomed boat through the river Dordogne valley
- Stroll around the typically formal gardens of Marqueyssac with their amazing panoramic views - entrance fees included
- Visit Beynac, the formidable fortress of Richard the Lionheart
- See Cahors' fine examples of medieval military architecture
- Tour the cellars of the 17th-century family-owned Chateau de Pennautier, followed by a delicious late lunch with local specialities
- Dine in style with an exceptional gourmet meal at the Michelin star restaurant La Barbacane



## Highlights of Normandy Monet's Garden, Rouen & Honfleur

Discover the essence of Normandy with echoes of William the Conqueror and D-Day, medieval Rouen and Bayeux, plus the delightful port of Honfleur, rural landscapes and delicious local produce. The region is lush and green, its countryside is a patchwork of emerald-green fields, apple orchards and ivy-clad farmhouses.



Rouen



Honfleur

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Rouen

Take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Paris Gare du Nord. We transfer by coach to the lovely old city of Rouen, staying for four nights.

#### DAY 2 - Walking tour of Rouen

Rouen really does defy description - it is one of the most beautifully preserved medieval towns in Europe despite its often turbulent past. This morning we step back in time on a guided walking tour. We'll visit Rouen's remarkable Notre-Dame Cathedral, which over the centuries has been built, destroyed by fire, rebuilt, damaged in the Wars of Religion and embellished to create the fantastic Gothic edifice we see today. This afternoon is free to explore, maybe visit the museum of fine art, the Jeanne d'Arc exhibition or the Jardin des plantes. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Rouen**

#### DAY 3 - Honfleur

Today we take the drive to perhaps the most picturesque spot on the northern French coast - delightful Honfleur. Exquisitely preserved, its old harbour with its fishing boats and luxurious pleasure craft is surrounded by tall pastel-coloured houses dating from the 16th to 18th centuries. Pull up a chair at one of the quayside restaurants, order a plate of fruits de mer and watch talented artists capturing the views on canvas. Honfleur's intricate maze of streets is a delight to wander through too. We return to Rouen in the late afternoon. (B)

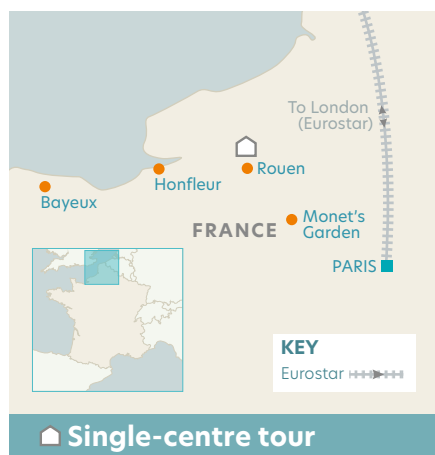
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#### DAY 4 - Bayeux, Gold Beach

Today we have a full day out visiting places for which Normandy is perhaps more famous. Our first stop is Bayeux, home of the world-famous tapestry which tells the story of the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066 in glorious detail. After lunch we drive to nearby Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-Day. At Arromanches you'll have the opportunity to visit a superb



museum dedicated to the 'longest day'. Please note: *From September 2025 Bayeux tapestry will be closed so an alternative visit will be arranged.* (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit the Bayeux Tapestry, Arromanches and Gold Beach

#### 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 you will witness first-hand the spectacular displays of colour at the artist's house and garden at Giverny. The interior of the house, including the artist's studio, is also outstanding. Later we continue to Paris for our return Eurostar. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Claude Monet's house and garden

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

#### Included experiences

- Enjoy a guided tour of Rouen, Normandy's capital
- 2 visits including Gold Beach, Arromanches, Bayeux, Honfleur, and Claude Monet's delightful house and gardens

**5**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£769** PP



## UNBEATABLE VALUE

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- 2 additional Signature experiences



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#### Local Bistro lunch

Normandy is considered one of France's most famous regions for gastronomy - famous for its cheese, cream and apples. With an emphasis on fresh, locally sourced produce, the menus here offer an authentic taste of the region.

Today, we'll take a bite out of Normandy for ourselves with lunch at a traditional, family-run restaurant that holds true to the heritage of the region and keeps its favourite dishes at the forefront of its cooking. It's the perfect way to end our walking tour on day 2.

#### Local cider producer visit & tasting

Around 750 different apple varieties are grown within the regions, some of which are ideal for making cider, so we couldn't truly say we've visited Normandy without a visit to a local, family-run cider maker.

Here, they combine traditional and modern methods to produce organic cider, free from chemicals and pesticides. On day 3 we'll enjoy a tasting of cider - or as the French say "cidre" - paired with a selection of



expertly chosen local cheeses. And we'll end our experience with a glass of Calvados - Normandy's famous apple brandy.

#### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £120PP

Signature tours depart April to June & September to October 2025.

*Additional price is based on a Classic tour in June 2025 compared to a Signature tour in April 2025.*

# Monet's Garden, the Loire Valley & Fontainebleau

Take in the beauty of Claude Monet's garden, the royal opulence of Fontainebleau and the splendour of the Loire's châteaux, with exquisite landscapes, an unhurried pace of life and incomparable wines. The Loire is known as the 'Garden of France' - producing golden colours of plums, apples and grapes.



Chinon



Amboise Castle

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Vernon

We arrive in Paris and transfer to our hotel in Vernon for one night with dinner. (D)

### DAY 2 - Monet's Garden & Chartres

Today you visit Monet's house and garden. You have all seen Monet's paintings reproduced in calendars and birthday cards, but to be here, in this spectacular display of colour, is simply an unforgettable experience.

In the Japanese inspired water garden, shaded by a great willow tree and surrounded by bamboo trees, rhododendrons and azaleas, is the lily pond, where the famous Les Nymphéas or Water Lilies were painted.

Inside the house is also outstanding. Your journey continues to Chartres, where the cathedral is arguably the most magnificent in France with perhaps the most intricate 13th-century-stained glass in Europe eventually arriving in the picturesque city of Tours, where you will be staying for four nights' bed and breakfast. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit to [Monet's home and Garden](#) and [Chartres Gothic Cathedral](#)

We stay 1 night in Vernon, 4 nights in Tours and 1 night in Orleans. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 3 - Tours & Chenonceau

After breakfast we enjoy a guided tour of the wonderfully preserved historic centre of Tours. The city's rich and varied history stretches back as far as the Gallo-Roman period, later becoming the medieval capital of France and seat of the French monarchy.

This afternoon we visit Chenonceau, home of Mary Queen of Scots and probably the most stately of the Loire châteaux, majestically hovering on the waters of the River Cher. Later we return to the hotel. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Tours and visit to Chenonceau**

### DAY 4 - Fontevraud Abbey & Saumur

This morning we visit the stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site, Fontevraud Abbey, for a guided tour. Arguably the greatest monastic establishment left standing in France, the Abbey was once one of the richest and most powerful royal retreats in the world.

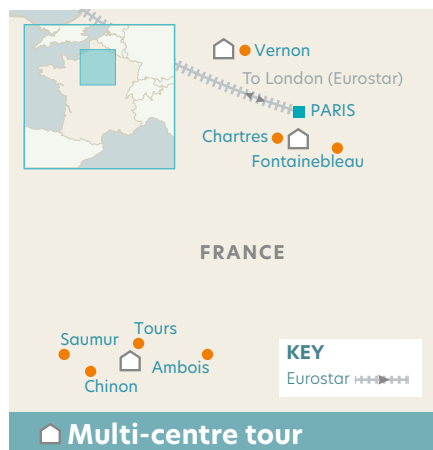
Next we head to Saumur, described as the 'pearl of Anjou', the town is a delightful spot to stop for lunch and wander amongst its magnificent architectural heritage.

No visit here would be complete without sampling some of this famous produce, so this afternoon we visit the Ackerman wine cellars for a tasting of some of their award-winning Saumur wines. Later we return to Tours. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Fontevraud Abbey and visit to Saumur with wine cellar tasting**

### DAY 5 - Chinon & Villandry

This morning we visit the charming town of Chinon, medieval in character dominated by the imposing castle where Joan of Arc first met the Dauphin. You have time to explore this lovely town.



In the afternoon, we make our way down the beautiful Loire Valley to the Château Villandry, famous for its unique gardens, consisting largely of colourful vegetables. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Chinon and Château de Villandry**

### DAY 6 - Amboise & Le Clos Luce

This morning we visit Amboise, a delightful little town nestling on the banks of the River Loire. where a royal château sits. Nearby is the Château of Clos Lucé, famous as the final abode of Leonardo da Vinci.

Today it houses the Leonardo da Vinci Museum, dedicated to his work and the region's prestigious history. On display are models of his various innovations as well as a copy of the Mona Lisa. Afterwards we continue to our final hotel, where we dine. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Amboise and Le Clos Luce**

### DAY 7 - Fontainebleau & return home

This morning we visit the beautiful Château de Fontainebleau, just south of Paris, where Napoleon departed to his exile on the island of Elba.

It is decorated in fantastic style, with intricate frescoes and parquet floors inlaid with exotic woods. Most impressive is the vast display of exquisite furniture and the formally designed, extensive grounds.

Fontainebleau encompasses everything you imagine about a French château: style, opulence, grandeur - even outrageousness.

Later you transfer to Paris to take the Eurostar service (exact time will be indicated on travel documents) to London St Pancras International. (B).

**+ Included Experience - Visit the Palace of Fontainebleau**

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

7 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM £999 PP

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UNBEATABLE VALUE

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- Return Eurostar, plus transfers
- 6 nights in three-star and four-star hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 2 dinners
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

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### Included experiences

- 9 visits including Chinon, Chenonceau, Villandry, the Palace of Fontainebleau, Claude Monet's home and garden, Chartres, Amboise and a world-renowned cellar in Saumur
- 2 guided tours including Fontevraud Abbey and Tours



Fontainebleau Chateau

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# Bordeaux & Saint-Émilion

The perfect introduction to Bordeaux for wine lovers - you don't have to be a connoisseur, but we recommend you at least *like* wine. We'll explore the city and surrounding area and visit Saint-Émilion, home of the region's best vineyards. And, of course, there'll be plenty of tastings too!



Saint-Émilion



Grosse Cloche, Bordeaux

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrive in Bordeaux

Travelling by train or plane, we'll arrive in Bordeaux and transfer to our hotel, where we stay for four nights.

### DAY 2 - Bordeaux City Tour

This morning, we'll tour the city - by foot and coach - stopping at the riverside to admire the aristocratic grandeur of Place de la Bourse and

the famous Miroir d'Eau. We will also have the opportunity to appreciate the colonnaded Opera House, the merchant's houses that line the riverside and see the quayside - it's considered one of the most magnificent waterfronts in the world. (B)

**+ Included Experience - A tour of Bordeaux**

### DAY 3 - Saint-Émilion

known for some of the most famous wines - where the rolling hills are covered in vineyards and chateaux. On a guided tour of a local chateau, we'll learn about the history of the chateau, the terroirs and the grape variety - everything that makes Saint-Émilion the best place to make merlot and cabernet franc - and taste the final product.

Next, we'll visit the old cloisters of Les Cordeliers on a guided tour. We'll venture underground to see the 3km of tunnels that run under much of Saint-Émilion citadel and the surrounding vineyards (don't worry, we won't make you walk all of it) to find out more about the ageing processes and finish in the magnificently restored 15th-century church, you can taste their bubbly crémant. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - A tour of Saint-Émilion winery with a wine-tasting and a visit to Les Cordeliers with a crémant tasting**

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#### DAY 4 - City of Wine

Inspired by the movement of wine when it's swirling in a glass, the sight of La Cité du Vin will stay with you long after you leave Bordeaux. If you love hands-on learning, you'll enjoy today's visit to the City of Wine.

You'll learn about the history of wine through the ages - in France and worldwide. You can tour vineyards in far-flung destinations - including hard-



to-reach vineyards clinging to a South American cliff-side or basking in the Australian sunshine.

There are even bell jars full of seemingly random items to teach you about the tastes and textures of wine with hands-on - or rather nose-on - examples. And to end the visit, we'll head to the top floor to taste wine from a wide range of local and international options. (B)

**+ Included Experience - A visit to the City of Wine Museum**

#### DAY 5 - Return home

Transfer to the airport or train station and raise one last glass on your train or plane as we depart for home. (B)

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

**Please note:** The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.

#### Included experiences

- 2 guided tours, including a city tour of Bordeaux and a tour of a chateau and winery in Saint-Émilion
- 2 visits, including the former monastery of Les Cordeliers and the City of Wine Museum
- 2 wine tastings

**5**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£999** PP

2024 ○ ○ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○  
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#### Organic, biodynamic wine-tasting

In the afternoon of day 2, we'll enjoy a wine-tasting like never before at an organic, biodynamic wine merchant. We'll taste wine at its purest - no chemical pesticides or herbicides - and learn more about the organic farming techniques that make this possible. Will this be the future of winemaking? You decide.

#### Lunch at a historic chateau

After touring a quintessential chateau in Saint-Émilion on day 3, take in the beautiful surroundings and enjoy a delicious lunch made with fresh, locally grown ingredients and seasonal produce - along with a glass of their famous wine, of course.

#### Visit Bassin des Lumières

On day 4 step into art, with a visit to Bassins des Lumières, hidden in Bordeaux's former submarine base is a mesmerising digital art centre featuring high-quality visual and audio exhibitions. Projected onto the concrete wall - and reflected in the tranquil water of the wet dock - are some of art's most iconic pieces. It surrounds you. You'll really feel like you've stepped into the painting.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £230PP

Signature tours depart March to June & September 2024.

*Additional price is based on a Classic tour in May 2024 compared to a Signature tour in September 2025.*



# Paris

See the iconic sights of Paris - the Eiffel Tower, Île de la Cité, the Louvre, the Champs-Élysées, the Sacré-Coeur, the Moulin Rouge - and experience the city's shopping, food and culture. With visits to the artist-lined streets of Montmartre and the town of Versailles.



L'Arc de Triomphe



Louvre



Montmartre

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Paris

You take the Eurostar service from London St Pancras International to Paris, (exact time will be indicated on travel documents), arriving at Paris, Gare du Nord approximately 2 hours 15 minutes later. Eurostar takes you to the heart of the city, a coach will then take you to your hotel

### DAY 2 - Guided City Sightseeing Tour

After breakfast, the coach will take you on a comprehensive sightseeing tour of the city, during which you will see L'Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées, River Seine, the Louvre, in fact

almost every famous landmark you will have ever heard of. You then leave Paris to take the short drive to Versailles where you can visit the majestic palace home of Louis XIV and the typically provincial French market town of Versailles itself.

This visit will end mid-afternoon after which the coach will take you back to the hotel so you can spend the remainder of the afternoon as you wish, either shopping or more sightseeing. During the evening, the coach will take you on a tour of Paris 'By Night'.

The whole city's a work of art with monuments and buildings illuminated in the most tasteful manner, their reflections dancing on the River Seine with the majestic Eiffel Tower dominating the skyline: it looks so delicate it could almost be made of lace. The tour does not take up the whole evening so you also have time to perhaps sample some of the famous Parisian nightlife. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Paris. Visit the town of Versailles**

### DAY 3 - Montmartre

This morning, after breakfast the coach will then take you to one of the most picturesque and atmospheric quarters of Paris, Montmartre, home of the artists and street entertainers, with of course the whole area dominated by the white domed basilica of the Sacré-Coeur.

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You will have time to wander among Montmartre's charming, cobbled streets and see such sights as the Moulin Rouge, where Toulouse-Lautrec found most of his models; Vincent Van Gogh's and Renoir's houses; the famous club of the Lapin Agile; the oldest vineyard in Paris and many other interesting sights.

This afternoon you are free to sightsee in this beautiful city as you wish, so what is it to be? Perhaps a trip up the Eiffel Tower, a browse amongst the antique shops, a wander around the picturesque



gardens, window shopping or take your time to visit Paris' incredible range of attractions. This evening you have the opportunity to visit one of the best cabarets in the city, the stunning Paradis Latin (full details of this excursion will be sent with your confirmation). (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Montmartre**

#### DAY 4 - Return home

After a leisurely start to the day, the coach will return you to the Gare du Nord station to take an early afternoon Eurostar service. (B)

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

#### Personalise your holiday

Optional boat cruise along the Seine, Paradis Latin cabaret or timed entry to Versailles with audio guide.

#### Included experiences

- 2 guided tours including Paris by day and Paris by night
- Visit the town of Versailles and the artists' quarter, Montmartre

**4**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£479** PP

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2025 ○ ○ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ○ ○ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

## UNBEATABLE VALUE

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Palace of Versailles



By choosing a Signature tour, you can get under the skin of this spectacular and charismatic region and enjoy an additional unique experience.

#### Palace of Versailles and the outstanding Versailles Gardens

On day 2, we leave Paris for the short drive to Versailles. The majestic palace of the 'Sun King' Louis XIV is a must-see, and we've arranged timed tickets so you can explore the palace and gardens at your own pace. An audio guide is included which will bring the five centuries of the palace's history to life. Discover the magnificent Royal Apartments with their sweeping ceilings, view some of the 60,000 remarkable works of art and stroll through the glittering Hall of Mirrors, the historic spot where

the famous Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending the First World War. It is also a pleasure to stroll around the stunning Versailles Gardens where you can admire the numerous ornate fountains, exquisite sculptures and splendid baroque garden designs

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# Bruges

Medieval buildings, romantic squares, pretty canals, world-class art; Bruges is a lavish feast for the eyes. Old-world charm and Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval city ensure that enchanting Bruges makes a superb short-break.



Ypres



Bruges

## 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.

### DAY 2 - Walking tour of Bruges

After breakfast we take a guided walk to discover the highlights of this alluring city. We begin in its medieval heart, the Markt, which has served as the main market square since the 10th century. Towering 272 feet over the colourful gabled buildings framing the square is the Belfry and its 47-bell carillon. This afternoon you'll have the opportunity to climb the 366 steps to the top, the reward being a breath-taking view of Bruges and the Flanders countryside extending beyond. We also visit two other notable buildings in the Burg, the city's second main square - the elegant Gothic Stadhuis (Town Hall) and the 18th-century law courts - plus the Basilica of the Holy Blood. Another must-see is the Church of Our Lady, which houses Michelangelo's beautiful white

marble sculpture, Madonna and Child. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore. The Groeningemuseum and Sint-Janshospitaal are home to sublime works of art and you can find museums dedicated to Belgium's holy trinity of beer, chocolate and frites. You can take a boat tour of the canals so you can see the city from a waterside perspective, or find a café and enjoy watching the world go by. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Bruges**

### DAY 3 - Ypres, Passchendaele & Tyne Cot Cemetery

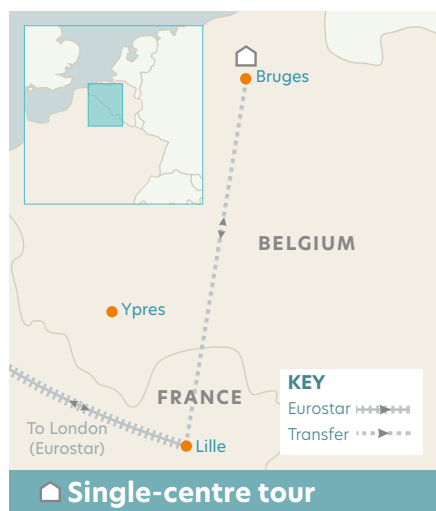
Late morning, for those interested, a coach leaves Bruges to visit Ypres and nearby Great War battlefields. The battlefield tour centres on Ypres, which was almost flattened during the First World War as Allied and German forces fought for control of this strategically important town. The countless lives lost are remembered with a moving ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial each evening at 8pm. You can also visit the Passchendaele Memorial Museum, which shines a light on some of the darkest days of the Great War. During the Third Battle of Ypres in 1917, over 500,000 troops died in just three months as the Allies attempted to take the village of Passchendaele. We visit the bunkers, craters and trench sites of this monumentally bloody battle. The day concludes with a visit to the world's

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largest Commonwealth cemetery at Tyne Cot, its sea of 11,961 graves reflecting the First World War's staggering loss of life. 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 & Tyne Cot Cemetery**



#### DAY 4 - Return home

Belgian chocolates are known as the finest in the world, and this morning we visit one of the few establishments in Bruges where they are still made by hand. During the demonstration you'll learn all about this artisanal craft, including the top-quality ingredients that are used and the techniques involved in making these delicious luxuries. Later, a coach returns you to nearby Lille for an afternoon Eurostar service back to London. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to a Chocolatier**

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



Tyne Cot Cemetery

#### Included experiences

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

**4**  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
**£479** PP

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Additional Signature experience



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Create unique lasting memories to treasure with an additional extra special included Signature experience.

#### Brewery Tour and Tasting

On day 2, get under the skin of a Belgian passion - beer. On a behind the scenes visit you'll explore a leading brewery located right in the heart of the city, De Halve Maan'. Here a unique two-mile-long pipeline to a bottling plant on the city's edge has been constructed and you'll discover more about this and the history of this 'temple of brewing' in the atmospheric cellars before ascending to the viewing platform for fantastic 360° views over Bruges.

This enlightening brewing experience concludes with a lunch of hearty Belgian specialties which is of course accompanied by a glass of the finest local beer.

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# Switzerland, the Matterhorn & the Glacier Express

RAIL OPTION  
AVAILABLE

An exhilarating tour of the Swiss and Italian Alps, exploring Lakes Geneva and Maggiore, travelling on the Glacier and Bernina Express and taking in views of the iconic Matterhorn. Spectacular scenery, awe-inspiring views of glaciers and snow-covered peaks, forested slopes and lush meadows – welcome to Switzerland.



Ospizio Bernina

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Brig

Fly to Switzerland or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International. (D)

### DAY 2 - Zermatt & The Matterhorn

Our trip takes us up the Mattertal Valley. Lush meadows covered with wildflowers and studded with tiny shepherds' shelters give way to dense forests crowned by snow-capped mountains. We traverse towering viaducts and pass streams and waterfalls before arriving at Zermatt, home of the Matterhorn mountain. To gain a better view, opt to

take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat. Relax in one of Zermatt's cosy cafés or enjoy a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to Zermatt and see the Matterhorn**

### DAY 3 - Lake Maggiore

Today we visit Lake Maggiore, where just offshore are the fascinating Borromeo Islands, of which one of the highlights is the Baroque Palazzo on Isola Bella. We cruise across the lake to the island where we have a guided tour – its resplendent rooms feature refined furniture, sculptures and paintings while outside exquisite terraces are planted with citrus trees and magnolias. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Stresa, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Maggiore and have a guided tour of Isola Bella**

### DAY 4 - Montreux

We travel to Montreux, on the shores of Lake Geneva, where you have a free day to explore. You could take a paddle steamer cruise or ride the cog railway to the 6,700 foot peak of Rochers-de-Naye. Or perhaps you'll explore the imposing 13th-century Château de Chillon? If you

prefer to stay around Brig, there are easy walks close by. Alternatively take a train, cable car and gondola up to the 8,684-foot summit of the Matterhorn, for amazing views over the Great Aletsch Glacier, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Montreux**

### DAY 5 - The Glacier Express

Today we enjoy one of the world's most legendary railway journeys – the Glacier Express. The trains feature panoramic windows so you can take in the spectacular views, and we experience several changes of locomotive to cope with the changing gradients. Covering a distance of around 75 miles, the train twists its way through ever more dramatic scenery of peaks, waterfalls, pine-clad hillsides and ravines on our four-hour ride. The highest point on our journey is the Oberalp Pass at 6,700 feet, where we're high above the treeline – snow can remain on the ground here well into June. Another highlight is the Upper Rhine Gorge – sometimes called the 'Swiss Grand Canyon', it was largely inaccessible until the railway was opened in 1903. After lunch on board (payable locally), we arrive in Chur. From here our coach takes us up to Klosters, renowned as a favourite ski resort of King Charles and other members of the Royal Family. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Travel on the Glacier Express**

We stay for 4 nights in Brig and 3 nights in Klosters. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Free Day in Klosters

Today is free for you to explore. Whilst in Klosters, you have easy access to the peaks via cable cars and chair lifts, many of which are included in your complimentary travel pass subject to the scheduled timetable - they'll transport you high into the mountains for tremendous views and walking opportunities. (B,D)



### DAY 7- The Bernina Express

Today we take the famous Bernina Express to Tirano. The railway is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the route ascends in spirals and loops through 55 tunnels and across 196 bridges past Saint Moritz to the summit at Ospizio Bernina at 7,392 feet. The train then winds down through pretty pastures and pine forests to Tirano. Enjoy the historic buildings, piazzas and riverside cafés before boarding a coach and returning to Klosters via the stunning Upper Engadine Valley over the Flüela Pass (normally open late May to mid October). (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Journey on the Bernina Express and visit Tirano**

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- 5 visits including Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn, Montreux, Stresa on Lake Maggiore and Tirano
- Enjoy 2 train journeys including the Glacier Express and the Bernina Express

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,809** PP

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- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience
- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 lunch and 7 dinners



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### Explore Chateaux Chillon with wine tasting

The wine cellar at the château dates back many centuries and on day 4 we have a guided tour concluded with a private wine tasting. Sample a selection of the unique Clos de Chillon wines, made with grapes from the vineyards which you can see along the shores of Lake Geneva. These special wines are aged in barrels in the ancient underground cellars and they can only be sampled and purchased at the château.

### Enjoy lunch on the Glacier Express

Enjoy one of the world's most legendary railway journeys - the Glacier Express on day 5 of your tour. Your ticket now includes a complimentary lunch on board. Sit back, relax, and indulge in a

delicious meal while admiring the stunning mountain views.

### Experience traditional Swiss Fondue

No visit to Switzerland is complete without sampling a fondue, a sumptuous dish with humble beginnings which date back to the 18th century. On our final evening experience all the flavours and tradition at a private fondue evening in the atmospheric surroundings of your hotel.

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2024  
ONLY

# Switzerland's Golden Pass Railway, Lake Geneva & Montreux

SIGNATURE  
tour

Journey by high-speed train through the stunning European countryside to explore Switzerland's largest body of water, Lake Geneva. Wander the lakeside cities set among gentle hills covered in vineyards, including Geneva, Montreux and Lausanne, and travel through stunning alpine scenery on the Golden Pass Railway.



Chateau du Chillon



Glacier 3000

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Travel to Geneva

Journey to Geneva on the Eurostar and TGV, enjoying the stunning scenery of France and Switzerland. (D)

### DAY 2 - Geneva

Explore the beautiful city of Geneva on a guided walking tour of its most famous landmarks with a local guide, including Geneva's Jet d'eau, St Peter's Cathedral and the nearby Flower Clock in Jardin Anglais. Enjoy lunch as we embark on a relaxing cruise across Lake Geneva, the largest Alpine Lake in Europe. (B,L)

**+ Included Experiences - A guided walking tour of Geneva and a cruise on**

## Lake Geneva

### DAY 3 - Montreux

We'll take a scenic train journey along the northern side of Lake Geneva towards Montreux, enjoying picturesque views of the vineyards of Lavaux, the lake, and the stunning Alpine panorama. This afternoon, we'll follow in the footsteps of Montreux's most famous resident, Freddie Mercury. Our guided tour will start with a visit to the Queen Studio Experience inside the renowned Casino Barrière de Montreux.

Featuring a permanent exhibit of the British group, this recording studio was formerly owned by Queen and retraces one of the most important periods in the band's life - look out for the striking bronze statue of Freddie outside! Later, we'll take the train to Lausanne, home to the International Olympic Committee headquarters. After checking in to our hotel, enjoy some free time to explore the local area. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Montreux, including a visit to the Queen Studio Experience**

### DAY 4 - Chateau du Chillon & Chexbres

After breakfast, we will take a train to Chateau du Chillon, enjoying more views of Lake Geneva. This striking medieval fortress is dramatically located on a rocky promontory, enjoying exceptional views over the crystal waters. Built in the 12th century, it was once the residence





## Lakes & Mountains of Austria

An unforgettable experience in Austria, taking in towering mountains, mighty glaciers and the country's Lake District, whilst also touring alpine villages and the architectural gems of Mozart's birthplace, Salzburg. Be inspired by pristine scenery, invigorating air, fragrant pine forests and mirror-like lakes.



St Wolfgang



Krimml Waterfalls



### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Salzburg

Arrive at Munich airport for transfer to your hotel in Salzburg.

#### DAY 2 - Salzburg

Wake up in this captivating city with its resplendent horse-drawn carriages and magnificent alpine backdrop. Our knowledgeable guide leads us through its maze of cobbled streets explaining all the hidden points of interest.

In your free afternoon you can explore further, perhaps seeing Mozart's birthplace or locations that featured in *The Sound of Music*. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Salzburg

#### DAY 3 - Salzkammergut

We leave the city for Salzkammergut, the Austrian Lake District, with over 70 lakes starting with Mondsee. Following a route alongside sparkling lakes with crystal clear waters and through velvet green hill pastures with picture postcard views, we then pass through the picturesque spa town of Bad Ischl, once a regular summer destination for Emperor Franz Joseph.

Mountains and forest stretch in all directions as we head for St Wolfgang, where there's time for lunch. And perhaps ride on the steam-hauled rack railway up the Schafberg mountain - the

We stay for 3 nights in Salzburg and 4 nights in Zell Am See. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



summit reaches almost 6,000 feet, so it offers spellbinding views! We return to Salzburg in the late afternoon. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - See **Salzkammergut** and visit **Bad Ischl**

**DAY 4 - Hellbrunn Palace**

A short drive from Salzburg is the 17th-century Hellbrunn Palace, a favoured destination for emperors with rooms decorated in a variety of themes, such as a Chinese Room with hand-painted wallpaper.

The gardens are equally unique, and a local guide takes us on a tour of their famous Wasserspiele or 'trick fountains', which stop and start to catch visitors unaware. After this remarkable tour, we ascend into the High Alps to stay four nights in the village of Zell-am-See. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of **Hellbrunn Palace and Gardens**

**Day 5 - Krimml Waterfalls**

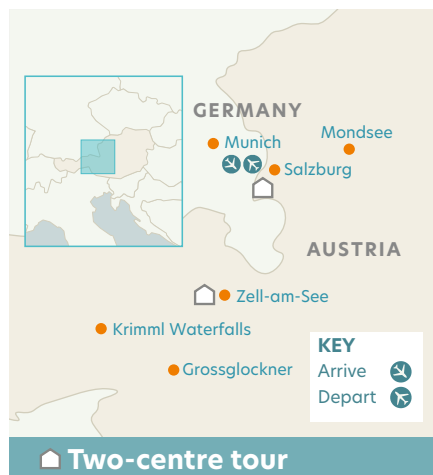
We start our exploration of some of the world's most outstanding alpine terrain, through woodland and peaceful pastures into an ever-narrowing valley, stopping at the Krimml Waterfalls. Take a gentle stroll to see this amazing three-stage series of waterfalls tumbling almost 1,300 feet. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit the **Krimml Waterfalls**

**DAY 6 - Grossglockner**

Today we pass along one of Europe's oldest and most celebrated alpine routes as another chapter in our breathtaking journey into this wonderland unfolds in front of you: Austria's highest mountain - the Grossglockner.

Gradually, the scenery changes from lush green meadow to dark pine forests. Then, above the tree line, a startling landscape of snow and ice reveals itself as we reach the Pasterze Glacier and the 'Emperor's Viewpoint'.



Gaze at the rocky crags, pure-white snowfields, tumbling waterfalls and deep-blue ice fields. You can ride the dramatic funicular railway and see Pasterze Glacier (this trip is subject to weather conditions). (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - **Tour the Alpine Road. See the Grossglockner**

**DAY 7 - Free day**

What will you do on your free day? Perhaps ride the cable car up the Kitzsteinhorn, a 10,500-foot peak in the High Tauern range. Or stroll around Kaprun or visit nearby Lake Zell for a steamer cruise.

Those with a head for heights might like to take the cable car to the summit of Zell am See's own mountain, the Schmittenhöhe, for a marvellous 360-degree panorama. (B,D)

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 2 guided tours including Salzburg and Hellbrunn Palace
- 4 visits including the Salzkammergut, St Wolfgang, the Krimml Waterfalls and the Grossglockner

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,549** PP

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Please note: During this tour we visit the Grossglockner (around 8,200 ft above sea level) and you have the opportunity to visit the Kitzsteinhorn in your free time (reaching around 11,400 ft). Whilst this altitude should pose no problems for people with good general health, we recommend that if you are joining the holiday and suffer from breathing difficulties or a heart condition, you consult your GP before travel.



## Austrian Tyrol & Innsbruck

Immerse yourself in the alpine scenery and cultural heritage of Tyrol. Be inspired by the imperial history of its beautiful capital Innsbruck, soaring summits of the Oetztal Valley, towering turrets of the Neuschwanstein, Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze and the heritage-rich towns of Merano and Bolzano.



Innsbruck



Achensee

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Seefeld

Arrive in Munich or Innsbruck for transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Innsbruck

After breakfast, we take the short drive along the Inn Valley to the Tyrolean capital, Innsbruck. Our local guide will take us on a walking tour of this delightful historic city, showing us the main highlights and offering informative insights into life here. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Innsbruck**

#### DAY 3 - Bolzano & Merano

We take the Via Claudia Augusta through the Südtirol. Our first stop is the town of Bolzano where you have the choice of two very different experiences; a walking tour with a local guide or entrance to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology home of Otzi the Iceman. Our visit to the provincial capital, Bolzano, gives you the opportunity to experience this intriguing mix - Italian coffee and traditional Tyrolean cakes

make a great match! Next, we make our way to the pretty spa town of Merano. You can really soak up the atmosphere of the region as you wander through its glorious belle-époque buildings. Our return to Seefeld takes us along the famous Brenner Pass. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Bolzano or Visit the South Tyrol Museum and visit Merano**

#### DAY 4 - Free day in Seefeld

Relax and enjoy the attractions around Seefeld. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Oetztal Glacier Road

A spectacular drive up the Oetztal Valley to remote Soelden, dwarfed by snow-capped mountains, then up the Oetztal Glacier Road at almost 9,300 feet. Watch out for chamois, eagles and marmots. We descend to enjoy a guided tour of the Cistercian monastery at Stams. Or, you can explore the village and its meadows and woodlands with an experienced local naturalist. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Travel the Oetztaler Glacier Road through the Oetztal Valley. Guided tour Cistercian monastery at Stams.**

#### DAY 6 - Neuschwanstein

Travel into Bavaria and past Germany's highest mountain, the 9,718-foot Zugspitze. Then journey along the fabled 'Romantic Road' and grand 'German Alpine Road' to Neuschwanstein castle,

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which allegedly inspired Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle. Marvel at its sumptuous marbled halls, salons and dining rooms, on our guided tour. (B,D)  
**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle

**DAY 7 - Achenseebahn**

We head to Jenbach for an unforgettable trip on the Achenseebahn, a metre-gauge steam railway ascending

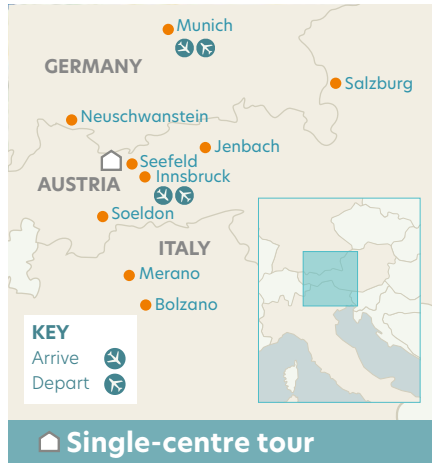
from the Inn Valley using a cog system to the beautiful Achensee Lake. Then we head to medieval Rattenberg on the River Inn, renowned for glassmaking, with its gorgeous stone buildings. Wander through the narrow cobbled streets, enjoy the views from its ruined castle or unwind with a coffee and strudel at a konditore. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Take a trip on the Achenseebahn railway, visit to Lake Achensee. Visit Rattenburg

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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



**Included experiences**

- 3 guided tours including Innsbruck, Neuschwanstein, Bolzano and the Cistercian monastery at Stams
- Travel the Oetztaler Glacier Road through the Oetztaler Valley
- Take a trip on the Achenseebahn railway
- 3 visits including Bolzano, Merano Rattenburg, Lake Achensee
- Choose between a guided walking tour of Bolzano or a visit to see Otzi at the Museum of Archaeology

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM **£1,649** PP

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Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional 2 unique signature experiences.

**Ascend the Olympic Ski Jump**  
 Head out of Innsbruck on day 2 to visit the nearby the Olympic Ski Jump Bergisel. Instead of attempting a death-defying jump, we will ascend to the top of the Ski Jump Tower to visit the Sky restaurant. There, we'll enjoy Austria's traditional coffee, cake, and a glass of sparkling wine, while taking in the stunning panoramic views of the mountains and Innsbruck.

**Austrian micro-brewery tour**  
 After a morning wandering around Seefeld at leisure on day 4, we'll head to a local micro-brewery. The

brewery combines modern facilities with Austria's long-standing brewing traditions. We'll enjoy a tour of the brewery and a chance to taste their unique beers, accompanied by a selection of locally-made cheese and charcuterie, locally known as Jauseplatte.

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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



Riga

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Helsinki

Arrive at Helsinki airport for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Helsinki & free afternoon

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

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Helsinki**

#### DAY 3 - Suomenlinna Fortress

Today we are transported back in time as we take a short ferry ride from the mainland to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Suomenlinna Fortress. With our expert guide we explore its four bastions, deep connecting tunnels, a turquoise-domed dual-use church and lighthouse, the only Second World War-era submarine remaining in Finland,

plus lakes, gardens and a beach. In the afternoon you'll have free time to explore it further or return to the city. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Suomenlinna Fortress**

#### DAY 4 - Kadriorg Palace

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

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Kadriorg Palace and gardens**

#### Day 5 - Tallinn

Estonia's capital is like stepping back in time several centuries and we enjoy a walking tour of its centre with a local guide. Tallinn's fairytale UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town is a warren of atmospheric streets and buildings situated below an impressive hilltop upper district. After the tour there's some free time. Perhaps step into one of its numerous pretty churches, visit the superb Estonian Maritime Museum or just relax in a café. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Tallinn**

We stay 3 nights in Helsinki, 2 nights in Tallinn and 2 nights in Riga. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### 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)

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

### Included experiences

- 5 guided tours including Helsinki, Suomenlinna Fortress, Kadriorg Palace, Tallinn and Riga
- Visit Tartu and enjoy a comfortable ferry crossing from Finland to Estonia

**8**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,319** PP



## UNBEATABLE VALUE

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- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 7 nights in a choice of four-star hand-picked hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 3 dinners
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

**Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...**

- Average group size of 22
- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



Enjoy a new perspective on some of the Baltic's most magical destinations with our additional Signature experiences.

### Balder Hall performance

With its perfect acoustics, the Baroque-style ballroom of Balder Hall is the perfect venue for a magical performance and we are entertained on day 2 of your tour, in these most historic surroundings. Perhaps there is no better way to fully appreciate the heritage of Finland than through the music of Jean Sibelius.

### Street food walk

As you wander through Tallinn on day 5, sample typical Estonian delicacies as you explore the atmospheric centre in the company of a local, what better way to experience the aromas and distinctive flavours which are typical to Estonia.

### Brewery visit

The craft beers of Tallinn are gaining in popularity and later this afternoon you'll visit a local brewery for a tasting. In these unique surroundings discover secrets of the brewing process which date back to the 16th century and later enjoy a delicious selection of the finest local beers as you reflect on an entertaining and insightful visit.



**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £280PP**

Signature tours depart May to September 2024 & 2025.

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# Norway

A wonderfully varied tour to Norway, highlighting its natural beauty, Viking heritage and wartime courage, plus chic cities full of Scandinavian style and the Flåm Railway, “the world’s most incredible train journey”. Then there are the majestic fjords – cruise on one of the most unforgettable, the UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord.



Bergen



Voringsfossen

## Your itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Oslo

Arrive at Oslo airport for your transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 - Oslo & free afternoon

On our panoramic tour of Oslo, we will see the city’s mix of old and new architecture and beautiful open spaces. We will also see the imposing Royal Palace, the Ibsen Museum and the famed Vigeland sculpture park. In your free afternoon you can explore the city using your Oslo Pass. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Panoramic tour of Oslo**

### DAY 3 - Telemark

Today begins with a journey to picturesque Telemark. During the Second World War the region was renowned for the heroic actions of the Norwegian resistance and Allied bombers. We visit the site of the processing plant at Rjukan that was destroyed by a team of Norwegian saboteurs in 1943, then travel to Lake Tinnsjo. We head back to Oslo via Heddal to see the country’s

largest medieval wooden stave church – a 13th-century fairy-tale structure with multiple roofs. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visits to Rjukan, Lake Tinnsjo and Heddal**

### DAY 4 - Bergen Railway

We leave Oslo on the fabled Bergen Railway. Oslo–Bergen is the highest line between any two cities in Europe, peaking at just over 4,000 feet. Passing pristine lakes and dense forests, the railway climbs to the Hardangervidda plateau, where patches of snow linger well into July. Just over five hours later we arrive at the mountain resort of Voss where this evening we dine in style in the hotel restaurant. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Travel on the Bergen railway**

### DAY 5 - Flåm Railway

We enjoy an exhilarating trip on the Flåm Railway, including a 12 1/2-mile stretch where we descend over 2,800 feet on one of the world’s steepest railway lines. 20 tunnels carved through sheer mountainsides enable us to take in the perpendicular cliffs and cascading waterfalls before the spectacular Aurlandsfjord appears. The hour-long journey ends in Flåm, where we board a ferry to Gudvangen across the UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord with its jaw-dropping vistas. Then we return to Voss by coach. Please note: This day may operate in reverse. (B,D)

We stay for 3 nights in Oslo, 2 nights in Voss and 2 nights in Bergen. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



**+ Included Experience** - Enjoy a trip on the Flåm Railway and cruise across UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord

#### DAY 6 - Voringfossen

We head to the pretty village of Eidfjord, nestled on the banks of Hardangerfjord, and also known as the 'Queen of Fjords'. Our journey takes us across Norway's longest suspension bridge and up the valley to the renowned waterfall at



Voringfossen before we continue to Bergen to stay for two nights. (B) **+ Included Experience** - Visit Voringfossen waterfall

#### DAY 7 - Bergen & free afternoon

Bergen has a long fishing heritage and on our walking tour we'll visit its fish market and the colourful wooden buildings in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bryggen. Built during the 14th century, these waterside properties have been converted into characterful shops and restaurants. There's a wealth of sightseeing opportunities, including the house of composer Edvard Grieg. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Bergen

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

#### Included experiences

- 2 guided tours; Oslo and Bergen
- 4 visits; Heddal, Voringfossen, Rjukan and Lake Tinnsjo
- Travel on the famous Oslo to Bergen railway line and the Flam railway
- Cruise across the UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM **£1,729** PP

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## UNBEATABLE VALUE

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- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 7 nights in three-star superior and four-star hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 2 dinners
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- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

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- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience
- 7 nights in a choice of four-star hotels



Create unique lasting memories to treasure with an additional 3 extra special included Signature experiences.

#### Traditional dinner in Oslo

On the evening of day 2, dine on typical Norwegian cuisine at a cosy local restaurant where you'll be served dishes which showcase the unique flavours and cooking techniques which have placed Norway firmly on the food map.

#### Ride the Floibanen Funicular

On day 7, take a scenic ride on the Floibanen funicular, which starts from the centre of Bergen and reaches the summit of Mount Floyen. Soak up spectacular panoramic views over the city and follow a walking trail leading to one of the many viewpoints overlooking the magical landscape of fjords, lush green forests and mountain peaks.

#### Magic Ice Experience

This evening, a unique experience awaits with a visit to Magic Ice. Enter a sub-zero winter wonderland, constructed by renowned ice carvers. Once inside discover the ice-art gallery inspired by famous Norwegian and international artists and enjoy an icy aperitif in the Ice Bar - of course served in an ice glass.

**Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £400pp**

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## Stockholm & Copenhagen

Once two of Europe's strongest nations, rich with the footprints of the Vikings and the Hanseatic League wonderfully contrasted modern Scandinavia - you'll love their cultured atmosphere. Colourful waterfronts hark back to the great Viking traditions of yesteryear to the ultra-modern of today.



Frederiksberg Palace

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Stockholm

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Stockholm from where you will be taken to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Stockholm city tour & Vasa Museum

Stockholm is a fascinating city tumbling across an idyllic archipelago on the shores of the Baltic Sea. This morning we have a city tour when history comes to life and you can really appreciate not only its cultural and architectural highlights but the sheer atmosphere, harmony and evident love of life emanating from virtually everywhere. 'Gamla Stan' - the medieval Old Town set around some small islands is the city's heart.

We visit the Royal Palace, the King's official residence and the unmistakable jewel in Stockholm's crown. This combination of current royal residence, workplace, museums and historic monument is open to the public, making it unique amongst European regal palaces. You will also see the Royal Apartments, great corridors, historic rooms and three separate museums including the treasury's crown jewels. After our visit to the palace, there's time for lunch before we enjoy a visit to the Vasa Museum on the island of Djurgården. The most visited museum

We stay for 3 nights in Stockholm and 3 nights in Copenhagen. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



in Scandinavia, it is dedicated to the remarkable Vasa, the world's only preserved 17th-century ship and an art treasure that's one of a kind. Take a close look at the hundreds of sculptures carved into the vessel - most of the vessel is original! (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Stockholm, visit to the Royal Palace and Vasa Museum**

### DAY 3 - Free day in Stockholm

The day is at leisure for you to explore this wonderful city. Your Stockholm Travelcard gives you unlimited travel on the city's public transport for a designated period. You could discover Stadshuset (City Hall) where Nobel Prize winners enjoy their banquet. Perhaps return to Djurgården island, a calm oasis with fine park areas for a relaxing stroll. The island is also home to an amusement park and 22 world-class museums including the Nordic Museum, Sweden's largest museum of cultural history, and even one dedicated to ABBA! Why not enjoy a boat trip through the canal for waterside views of Stockholm's most well-known sights? (B)

### DAY 4 - Train to Copenhagen

Today we take the high-speed train (approximately 5 hours) to Copenhagen. You are whisked in comfort through almost deserted rolling landscapes which characterise rural Sweden. After the sea bridge and tunnel, we arrive in Copenhagen. (B)

### DAY 5 - Copenhagen

After breakfast we have a guided tour of Copenhagen, a real revelation, perhaps best known for the Little Mermaid, the statue inspired by the famous Dane - Hans Christian Andersen. You'll see the Royal Danish Theatre which played a key role in his life. Other sights include the Houses of Parliament, the Christiansborg, the magnificent

Amalienborg Palace, winter residence of the Monarchy and the world-famous Tivoli pleasure gardens famous for its street entertainers and music concerts.

The afternoon and evening are free so that you can explore the many wonders of this scrupulously clean, smart yet relaxed city as you wish. The remarkable Royal Library is worth a visit as are the National Museum and the Ny Carlsberg art collection - another cultural highlight founded by the famous brewer! On a glorious summer evening there is nowhere more pleasant than one of Copenhagen's harbour side restaurants to enjoy a leisurely dinner. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Copenhagen**

### DAY 6 - Viking Museum & Frederiksborg Palace

Today we explore a little more of Denmark commencing with historic Roskilde, the country's medieval capital. Firstly, we visit the outstanding Cathedral, one of the world's few brick-built gothic structures. Next, we visit the extraordinary Viking Museum, on the remains of an ancient harbour. It features five 11th-century Viking ships in staggering condition after being preserved in mud for centuries. There's also a vibrant community of craftsmen here perpetuating boatbuilding skills by constructing replica boats including a 30-metre-long Sea Stallion of Glendalough, which in 2007 repeated its original voyage to Dublin. Next, we head north to Frederiksborg Slot, a majestic Renaissance palace and a real Nordic Versailles. Surrounded by a stately lake and set in glorious, manicured baroque and romantic English styled gardens. Frederiksborg is now a national museum and is a fitting end to the day as we return to Copenhagen late afternoon. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visits to Roskilde and its Cathedral, the Viking Museum and Frederiksborg Palace and gardens**



**7**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£1,499** PP

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- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

### DAY 7- Return flight

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

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

### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Stockholm, Sweden's Royal Palace and Copenhagen
- 4 visits including Roskilde and its stunning Cathedral, the Viking Museum, Frederiksborg Palace and gardens and the Vasa Museum



## 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.



Brandenburg Gate



### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Berlin

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Berlin. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel for two nights.

#### DAY 2 - Berlin

Berlin is an incredible place. Originally two separate 14th-century towns, it has long been a city of contrasts and never more so than in its recent past, which makes it such a fascinating place to visit. This morning we have a guided tour taking 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 – one of Germany's most iconic landmarks – and the Reichstag, the parliament of the reunified Germany that is steeped in history and partially reconstructed by Norman Foster. We also take in Unter Den Linden, the city's most famous boulevard, the imposing cathedral and of course what remains of the Berlin Wall – now a protected historical monument. The afternoon

is free for you to explore. Visit the impressive Charlottenburg Palace and the legendary Olympiastadion stadium, or you may wish to take a short train ride to Potsdam and the Sanssouci Palace, home of the famous Prussian king Frederick the Great. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Berlin**

#### DAY 3 - Colditz & Meissen

After breakfast we drive through gentle rolling woodland and fields into Saxony, crossing the mighty River Elbe en route to somewhere synonymous with the heroic art of escape: Colditz. The supposedly escape-proof castle towers on its clifftop, looming over the town below. Next, we visit the town of Meissen, famous for producing the first porcelain to be made outside of China. We have a remarkable tour revealing how, since 1710, highly skilled artisans have created these unique works of art. Many porcelain pieces take weeks or even months to finish, and in the museum, you can enjoy many of the splendid examples from throughout the company's existence. We soon arrive in Dresden for two nights, at the centrally located four-star superior Hotel Steigenberger. On some tour dates we'll stay at the four-star superior Maritim Hotel situated on the banks of the River Elbe. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Tour of Colditz. Guided tour of Meissen porcelain studio**

We stay 2 nights in Berlin and 2 nights in Dresden. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



#### DAY 4 - Dresden

Sitting majestically astride the stately waters of the River Elbe and dating from the 12th century, Dresden is a strikingly beautiful place to visit. Its pre-eminence 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, returning Dresden to its former glory. This morning we have a walking tour around these revitalised architectural gems, and in the afternoon you're free to explore as you wish. Absorb the ambience of Dresden's many enchanting shops, seek out a cosy restaurant down one of the quaintly cobbled streets, or simply enjoy the numerous talented street musicians that keep Dresden's musical heritage alive. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Dresden**

#### DAY 5 - Return flight

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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

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

#### 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



**5**  
DAYS

**CLASSIC TOUR FROM**  
**£859** PP



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- 4 nights in a choice of four-star superior hand-picked hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
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- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

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- Average group size of 22
- Additional Signature experience
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



The Reichstag, Berlin

**2025 ONLY**

Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with an additional unique signature experience.

#### Dinner at the top of the Reichstag Building

For an experience that is truly unique to Berlin, this evening we'll dine in the world's only public restaurant that's located inside an active parliament building. As the sun sets and night falls over the German capital, we'll head to the top of the imposing Reichstag where we'll dine at the Käfer restaurant next to its famous glass dome. Enjoy a

seasonally inspired menu and take in panoramic views of the Eastern part of the cityscape at night.

#### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £140PP

Signature tours depart April to June & September to November 2025.

*Additional price is based on a Classic tour in May 2025 compared to a Signature tour in April 2025.*



## Krakow

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



Krakow Old Town



Wieliczka Salt Mine



Auschwitz

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Krakow

Arrive at Krakow airport for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Krakow

We enjoy a guided walking tour of Krakow's historic centre. Rynek Główny, the medieval main square, which is lined with grand pastel-coloured buildings. In the centre is the Cloth Hall, a splendid colonnaded building of the textile trade from the 16th-century. Overlooking the square is Saint Mary's Basilica and you'll also see the 110-foot-high Florian Gate and the remains of the fortifications built during the early 14th-century.

We visit the Wawel Royal Castle district, inhabited since the Palaeolithic period. The complex includes the cathedral, royal apartments, state rooms, crown treasury and armoury. There's free time to explore the rest of the complex, including the three-tiered Italianate Renaissance courtyard.

This afternoon there's an opportunity to tour the famous 13th-century Wieliczka Salt Mines, a spectacular subterranean attraction adorned by statues and even a chapel, all sculpted from rock salt that looks like marble. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Krakow and Wawel Royal Castle District

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### DAY 3 - Auschwitz & Birkenau

We thought long and hard about how appropriate it would be to include this morning's destination in a holiday - Auschwitz and Birkenau. These places need no introduction. As a company, our philosophy is that we try to inform our clients about all aspects of the countries we visit, which includes the history as well as visits to 'tourist musts.' Auschwitz

has been left virtually as it was when it was liberated in 1945. It is now a museum and monument. This morning's guided tour will be extremely moving. First, we visit Auschwitz and then nearby Birkenau and the notorious watchtower from where we can appreciate the sheer scale of the atrocities that happened.

We return to Krakow during the afternoon and the mood will immediately lift as we have time to explore Krakow's beautiful range of attractions. Alternatively, if you wish to stay in Krakow for the full day, you are free to do so. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tours of Auschwitz and Birkenau

### DAY 4 - Return flight

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

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

### Included experiences

- Guided tour of Krakow's Medieval Centre and Wawel Castle District
- Included but optional guided tour of Auschwitz and Birkenau



4 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM £599 PP

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- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
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- Average group size of 22
- Additional Signature experience



Create unique lasting memories to treasure with an additional extra special included Signature experience.

### Traditional Polish food tour

Learn more about Poland's gastronomic heritage while sampling some of its best dishes on a walking tour. Thanks to its turbulent history, Polish food is a delicious and varied mix of influences. On our walking tour through the historic streets of the Jewish District, we'll learn more about the city's gastronomic heritage while sampling traditional dishes, including Polish vodka and craft beers. Our friendly guide will show us the best street food Krakow

has to offer and take us to visit the places loved by the locals. You'll learn all about the cultural traditions and history of the places we visit and the foods we try. You will definitely need a healthy appetite for this tour!

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £130PP

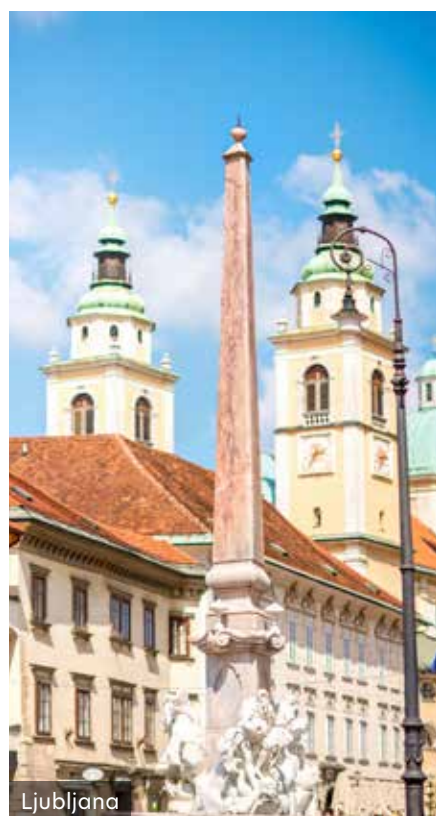
Signature tours depart March to November 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in June 2025.*



## Slovenia & Lake Bled

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



Ljubljana

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ljubljana

Arrive at Ljubljana airport for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Ljubljana

This morning we enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia's picturesque capital with a local guide sharing the stories behind the main sights. Preseren Square is where poet and national icon France Preseren has been immortalised in bronze, while the salmon-hued Franciscan Church of the Annunciation is an attractive expression of the Baroque style. Crossing the Triple Bridge we enter the pedestrianised Old Town with its many Baroque buildings, piazzas graced by attractive fountains and narrow cobbled alleys, all with a distinct Italian flavour. You have free time this afternoon. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Ljubljana**

#### DAY 3 - Piran & Lipica

The beautiful Adriatic Coast is our destination this morning with a visit to Piran, which seems to mirror Venice

across the Gulf of Trieste. The influence of 'La Serenissima' is evident in Piran's medieval cobbled streets and alleyways, often leading to unexpected squares. You have free time to explore Piran and its gems of Venetian Gothic architecture.

A short drive after lunch brings us to the Lipica Stud Farm, where the famed Lipizzaner horses have been bred for over 400 years. We enjoy a delightful presentation by the Classical Riding School explaining how the horses have been relocated during outbreaks of war. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to Piran and guided tour of the Lipica Stud Farm with performance**

#### DAY 4 - Ptuj & Maribor

We head northeast this morning to the picture-postcard town of Ptuj, nestling beneath the walls of its impressive castle. After a brief orientation you're free to explore its many treasures. Leaving Ptuj we follow the Drava to the picturesque city of Maribor. Immerse yourself in this delightful destination on a walking tour with a local guide. At its heart is the 13th-century main square with its Plague Column, a Baroque monument erected in thanks for the end of the outbreak that devastated the population in the 17th-century. In the afternoon we visit a local winery for a guided tour and tasting. Learn about the production process and then

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soak up the atmosphere whilst enjoying locally produced wine. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tours of Ptuj and Maribor, plus tour and wine tasting at Vinag

#### DAY 5 - Lake Bled

Today we enjoy a scenic drive through undulating forested hills scattered with quaint villages before arriving at Lake Bled. The first thing you'll notice are the dazzling waters, stretching over a mile in length and width. A tear-shaped island sits almost at the lake's centre, topped



with a fairytale church with a soaring spire and deep terracotta roof. Your eyes are then drawn to the surrounding tree-covered hills, where a medieval castle stands atop a craggy cliff. We take a relaxing ride to the island on a pletna, a traditional canopied gondola-like boat. Back on shore, the rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Lake Bled with boat ride to the centre island

#### DAY 6 - Return flight

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

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

*Please note: The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.*

#### Personalise your holiday

Optional Postojna Caves visit (2025 only)

#### Included experiences

- 3 guided tours including Ljubljana, Lipica Classical Riding School and Maribor
- Visit a local winery and enjoy a tasting
- Watch a performance by Lipizzaner horses
- 3 visits including Piran, Ptuj and Lake Bled with boat trip

6 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM £1,099<sup>PP</sup>



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- Breakfast each morning
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- 20kg+ luggage allowance
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## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

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- Average group size of 22
- 2 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience
- Breakfast each morning, plus 1 dinner



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Enjoy a new perspective on some of the Slovenia's most magical destinations with our additional Signature experiences.

#### Dine in a traditional Slovenian restaurant

On day 4 we've taken the hassle out of finding the perfect place to eat this evening with dinner at a historic restaurant at the foot of Ljubljana Castle. Share a drink with your fellow explorers and savour the unique flavours of Slovenia in a laid-back, homely atmosphere.

#### Taste the famous bled cake while admiring views over Lake Bled

We couldn't possibly visit Lake Bled without sampling the famous bled cake - locally known as 'kremšnita'. A local favourite since 1953, Bled

cake features layers of puff pastry, custard, whipped cream and icing sugar. After a morning exploring on day 5, we'll stop for a well-earned break at the home of the bled cake, enjoying a coffee and taste of the local delicacy whilst taking in the views of the lake.

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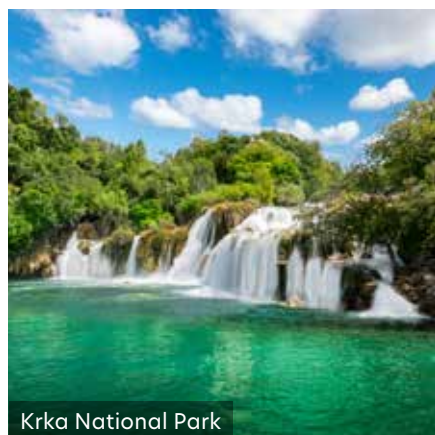


## Dubrovnik & the Dalmatian Coast

George Bernard Shaw thought Dubrovnik 'Paradise on Earth' and Lord Byron described it as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. On this tour you'll find that you can only agree with them. Witness the majesty of Diocletian's Palace in Split, cross or gaze at Krka National Park's waterfalls.



Trogir



Krka National Park

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Croatia

Arrive at Dubrovnik or Split airport for your transfer to your hotel in Omiš. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Krka Valley

Driving inland to the Krka Valley, we'll see the stunning sequence of lakes with reflections of the majestic surrounding peaks and luxuriant forests rippling on their surfaces. And witness one of the most dramatic stretches of the river as you walk past several tiers of waterfalls tumbling magnificently into a broad, shallow pool, before we take a boat trip. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Krka National Park with included boat trip

#### DAY 3 - Split & Trogir

We enjoy spectacular Dalmatian coastline on our way to Split for a guided walking tour. We'll see the colossal palace of Emperor Diocletian, one of the great structures of the Roman Empire. Later, we visit the nearby medieval citadel of Trogir. The Old Town is actually an island. A wealth of Renaissance and Romanesque buildings line a maze of charmingly chaotic

lanes and at the centre is the exquisite Cathedral of Saint Lawrence. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Split. Visit Trogir

#### DAY 4 - Mali Ston & Tasting

Today we explore the scenic Pelješac peninsula, renowned for its vineyards and seafood. The charming medieval towns of Ston and Mali Ston are famed for their salt production, with the oldest salt pans dating back over 4000 years. On arrival, we visit a traditional family-run wine cellar. Here, we'll immerse ourselves in the authentic flavours of Ston and Mali Ston. Sample a variety of flavourful cheeses, including specialities like Pag cheese, alongside thinly sliced, melt-in-your-mouth prosciutto and renowned local wines. Our hosts will guide us through a selection of delicious local wines, sharing their knowledge and stories. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visits to the Pelješac peninsula and Ston

#### DAY 5 - Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik nestles in a location of outstanding natural beauty, and our walking tour with an expert local guide highlights the city's landmarks and intriguing history. In the afternoon, you're free to explore before we return to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Dubrovnik

Stay 3 nights in Omiš and 4 nights in Dubrovnik. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - Free day in Dubrovnik

You have the day to yourselves, so what is it to be? The options are many and the choice is yours. (B,D)

### DAY 7 - Traditional Watermill & Cavtat

We drive south through the lush fields and immaculate vineyards of Konavle. The rivers that flow through the valley encouraged the construction of mills for agricultural development but today

only three remain operational. We visit one of these watermills to learn how woollen cloth was produced. Afterwards we enjoy a welcome drink made with homemade liqueurs and a selection of local cheeses, prosciutto, bread and wine for which Konavle is well known.

We then visit Cavtat, a picturesque town on the Adriatic Coast set amidst an evergreen forest of pine and cypress trees. For lunch, perhaps have the catch of the day at one of the restaurants and cafés overlooking the palm-lined harbour. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit a traditional water mill and sample local delicacies. Visit Cavtat**

### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

### Included experiences

- 2 guided tour; Dubrovnik and Split
- 5 visits including Krka National Park, Trogir, a traditional water mill with a tasting and Cavtat



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## UNBEATABLE VALUE

**which always includes:**

- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 7 nights in four-star hand-picked hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 7 dinners
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

## Upgrade to a SIGNATURE tour

**Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...**

- Average group size of 22
- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



By choosing a Signature tour, you can get under the skin of this spectacular and charismatic region and enjoy an additional 3 unique experiences.

### Toast your holiday

After some truly spectacular discoveries on day 2, share your experiences over an aperitif and canapés in the comfortable surroundings of the hotel.

### Soar high above the rooftops in Dubrovnik

On day 6, for an alternative view of Dubrovnik take the cable car ride to the top of Mount Srđ. You can enjoy this experience at any time to suit you, although watching the sun set into the sea from this spectacular vista must be a highlight. As you ride high above the rooftops of Dubrovnik the views of the old town and the Dalmatian coastline beyond will take your breath away.

### Traditional Farm lunch

For a taste of typical rural life, on

day 7, travel into the heart of the lush countryside of Konavle where your welcoming hosts, the Novaković family, will show you around the farm and their wonderful garden. You'll be served with a selection of delicious seasonal dishes, created with fresh, home cultivated ingredients. You'll also have time to discover the wine cellar and explore the small museum which provides an insight into the history and tradition of this fascinating region.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £350PP

Signature tours depart April to June & September to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in May 2025*



# Montenegro

## Budva, Cetinje & the Bay of Kotor

Let us take you on a tour of mysterious Montenegro, an unspoilt slice of the Mediterranean. With an intriguing mix of cultures and historical influences, and an incredible mountainous landscape bordered by the azure waters of the Adriatic, this tiny Balkan hidden gem has so much to offer.

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Montenegro

Arrive at Dubrovnik, Tivat or Podgorica airport for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Budva & wine tasting

This morning is spent getting acquainted with Montenegro's most popular coastal town, which makes up part of the beautiful Budva Riviera. We'll explore within the Venetian old town walls with a local guide on a

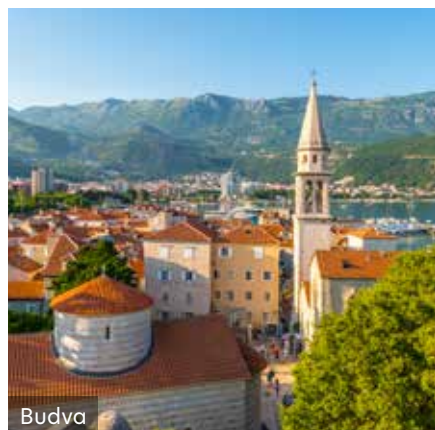
walking tour. Early afternoon we head inland to the Šipčanik wine cellar for a tour and tasting. Hidden underneath a vast vineyard, what was once a secret underground aircraft hangar operated by the Yugoslav People's Army is now a cavernous wine cellar. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Budva and wine tour and tasting**

#### DAY 3 - Njeguši & Cetinje

Today we travel from the coast and through the mountains into Lovćen National Park, where we discover Njeguši on the slopes of Mount Lovćen. After a short stop we continue to Cetinje, the old royal capital of Montenegro. A tour of the russet-red Royal Palace of King Nikola precedes free time in the city. After a tasting of local mountain produce including honey, ham, cheese and a delicious doughnut-style dish that's typical of the region, we return to our hotel. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visits to Njeguši and Cetinje. Guided tour of the Royal Palace of King Nikola. Tasting of the local produce**



Budva

#### DAY 4 - Stari Bar & Shkodër, Albania

Stari Bar or 'Old Bar' is a fortified town that now lies in overgrown ruins on the shrubby foothills of craggy Mount Rumija. A walk to the top of the ruins of the hillside fortress will reward you with enchanting mountain and countryside views. After our short stop in Stari Bar, a scenic drive past the old farming villages that sit in the green and fertile low-lying countryside takes us over the Albanian border. Shkodër, our destination in Montenegro's equally evocative next door neighbour, was founded in the 4th century by the Illyrians, making it one of the most ancient cities in the Balkans. The city's most impressive sights include St Stephen's cathedral and the striking, domed and turreted Ebu Bekr mosque. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to Stari Bar and guided tour of Shkodër**

#### DAY 5 - Kotor & Perast

Today we drive to the resplendent Bay of Kotor, the shores of this picture-perfect bay, which is a protected UNESCO World Heritage site, are dotted with sleepy fishing villages and charming old towns, and Kotor makes an ideal first stop. A little way around the bay we come to impossibly idyllic Perast which, like Kotor. Perast is renowned for its man-made island, crowned by Our Lady of the Rocks, an attractive blue-domed church. We follow a boat trip to Our Lady of the Rocks with a scenic drive

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around the beautiful bay, then a ferry brings us back across the water for our return to our hotel. (B,D)

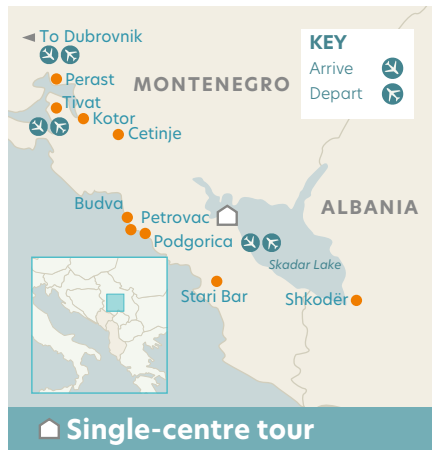
**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Kotor and visit to Perast

**DAY 6 - Free day**

Today is a free day so whats it to be?

**DAY 7 - Ostrog Monastery & Lake Skadar**

This morning we drive the mountain road to the miraculous Ostrog Monastery. Set



into a sheer elevation of the Ostroška Greda rock, the Ostrog Monastery gleams like a pearl in the craggy cliff face. From the divine to the delightful, we now depart for Lake Skadar, the vast body of water that bridges Montenegro and Albania. After time for lunch at a lakeside village, we board a boat for a relaxing cruise. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Ostrog Monastery and enjoy a boat trip on Lake Skadar

**DAY 8 - Return flight**

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

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

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

**Included experiences**

- 4 guided tours including Budva, Kotor, Shkodër and King Nikola's palace
- Boat trip on beautiful Lake Skadar
- 5 visits including Perast, Ostrog Monastery, Stari Bar, Njeguši and Cetinje
- Tour and tasting at one of Montenegro's most unusual wine cellars

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Kotor Town

Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with 3 additional unique signature experiences.

**Welcome aperitif overlooking the Adriatic**

What better way to start your holiday on the 1st evening, than with an aperitif on the terrace of our hotel? Enjoy delicious canapes made with fresh ingredients and a pre-dinner tippie.

**Lunch and a tasting at one of Montenegro's most unusual wineries**

When it comes to European wines, Montenegro wines are often overlooked, but they shouldn't be, and on day 2 of your tour we'll prove it with a visit to one of the country's wine-producers. Šipčanik winery boasts an unusual wine cellar. What was once a secret underground military aircraft hangar is now a wine cellar. After a tour of the winery, we'll enjoy an aperitif before sitting down for a private lunch.

**Take a cable car up Lovćen mountain**

After our tour of Kotor Town on day 5, you'll ascend 1300 metres up by cable car to one of Montenegro's most famous mountains, the Lovćen,



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with views of the bay below. At the top, we'll be treated to a bird's eye view of the jewel-like bay as we stop for a light lunch and a glass of wine in the restaurant.

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Signature tours depart May to June & September to October 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in October 2025.*



## Classic Greece

The crucible of civilisation, democracy, theatre, and philosophy. Its blue skies, outstanding welcome and the zest for life inside every Greek are a true revelation. Greece is synonymous with antiquity, with Athens a city of intriguing paradoxes – ancient yet modern; a capital city, yet in places as intimate as a village.



Corinth Canal



Hydra

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Athens

Arrive at Athens airport for your transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Acropolis

This morning there's a short panoramic tour of Athens including the Acropolis, one of the great 'Wonders of the Ancient World'. Explore the Parthenon with its blindingly white marble columns. We also visit the Acropolis Museum with its amazing glass floor displaying ancient houses, streets and even an olive press below.

We then head to the charming district of Plaka, crammed with neo-classical mansions, balconies overflowing with geraniums and twisting cobbled lanes lined with homely tavernas. After free time for lunch we drive north past Mt Pendeli and through Thebes, to Mt Parnassus. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Short panoramic tour of Athens, guided visit to the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum.

#### DAY 3 - Delphi

Delphi is incredible, with a unique wealth of monuments dedicated to Apollo. As we enter the sacred sanctuary you'll see the treasures which were crammed with gold and silver donated by grateful city-states for having the benefit of the god's wisdom. Overlooking it all is the superb temple itself. The adjacent museum has some of the finest exhibits, including the full-size 'Charioteer', a masterpiece of ancient bronze sculpture. In the afternoon we cross the huge spans of the new Rio bridge connecting the mainland with the Peloponnese and continue to ancient Olympia. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Delphi

#### DAY 4 - Olympia

The ancient Olympic Games took place every four years; the stadium had a staggering capacity of 45,000 and events included the discus and javelin, sprinting and wrestling. We'll experience a fascinating tour of the site, also visiting the excellent museum. This afternoon we drive through the province Arcadia and on to the small town Nafplion, our base for the next three nights. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Olympia and entrance to the Museum

#### DAY 5 - Mycenae & Epidaurus

Nafplion is one of Greece's loveliest seaside towns, crowned by two massive castles built by the Franks and

We stay 1 night in Athens, 1 night in Delphi, 1 night in Olympia, 3 nights in Nafplion and a 1 further night in Athens (at the end of the tour). Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



Venetians. This morning we visit the ancient theatre of Epidaurus and then Mycenae, entering the imposing citadel through its magnificent 3,300-year-old Lion Gate. We return to Nafplion in the afternoon, with free time to explore. (B) **+ Included Experience - Visits to Epidaurus and Mycenae**

#### DAY 6 - Nafplion free day

We offer an optional trip visiting two stunning Greek islands: Spetses and



Hydra. Spetses is the most southerly of the Saronic Islands, with pine-covered low hills leading down to an attractive main town, full of narrow alleyways, shady squares and waterfront restaurants. Hydra boasts a lovely harbour with traditional 'caiques', whilst up the hill behind them are opulent mansions, once owned by rich shipping families. Most streets are unsuitable for cars, so wander where your feet take you, enjoy a coffee.

#### DAY 7 - Athens

We return to Athens for our last night and a free afternoon. (B)

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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

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

#### Included experiences

- 4 guided tours including the Parthenon and the Acropolis Museum, Olympia and Delphi
- Cross the engineering marvel that is the Corinth Canal
- 3 visits including ancient Mycenae, Nafplion and Epidaurus

8  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
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## UNBEATABLE VALUE

### which always includes:

- Return flights from a selection of airports with no regional supplements, plus transfers
- 7 nights in three-star and four-star hand-picked hotels
- Insightful excursions, visits & guided tours
- Breakfast each morning, plus 2 dinners
- Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
- 20kg+ luggage allowance
- Free Wi-Fi in the hotels
- All additional hotel taxes

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- Average group size of 22
- 3 additional Signature experiences
- 2 local guides on most guided tours for a more personal experience



Discover new places like a local - our 3 additional Signature experiences will ensure you're fully immersed in the culture for the most exceptional holiday.

#### Pre-dinner aperitive and refreshments

After our day of discovery in Delphi on day 3, gather with fellow travelling companions before dinner to enjoy a glass or two of local wine accompanied with refreshments.

#### Vineyard tour and tasting

On day 5 journey through the seemingly endless landscape of olive groves, cypress trees and hillside vineyards to one of the renowned wineries. In these magnificent surroundings discover the different grape varieties and then sample a selection of unique wines. A sumptuous lunch will follow, and you'll dine on delicious local dishes amidst the idyllic surroundings of the winery.

#### Visit a traditional taverna

No visit to Athens would be complete without experiencing the lively atmosphere and warm hospitality of a traditional taverna. We've arranged dinner in the picturesque Plaka district, on day 7, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Athens,



which has been continuously inhabited since antiquity and known as "The Neighbourhood of the Gods" as its overlooked by the Acropolis. Tonight, we'll savour a superb menu of Greek classics to get your taste buds tingling, surely the perfect finale.

### Upgrade to our Signature tour from an additional £310PP

Signature tours depart March to June & September to October 2024 & 2025.

*Additional price comparing a Classic and a Signature tour in June 2025.*



## Istanbul, Ephesus & Troy

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



Ephesus



Troy

### Your 2025 Itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Kusadasi

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

#### DAY 2 - Ephesus

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

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Ephesus and visit House of the Virgin Mary**

#### DAY 3 - Pergamon

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

for one night. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Pergamon**

#### DAY 4 - Troy & Gallipoli

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

**+ Included Experience - Visit Troy, Gallipoli and Anzac Cove**

#### DAY 5 - Istanbul

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

**+ Included Experience - Guided walking tour of Istanbul and visit to Hagia Sophia**

We stay 2 nights in Kusadasi, 1 night in Canakkale and 4 nights in Istanbul. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 6 - The Basilica Cistern & the Blue Mosque

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



known "the Blue Mosque". (B)  
**+ Included Experience** - Visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque

### DAY 7 - Topkapi Palace

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

**+ Included Experience** - Visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque

### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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

**Please note:** 2024 departures will be one day shorter and not include visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque.

### Included experiences

- 7 visits including the mountainside site reputed to be the house of the Virgin Mary, Troy, Gallipoli, Anzac Cove and Hagia Sophia
- 4 guided tours Pergamon, Ephesus, Istanbul and Topkapi Palace
- Cross the Straits of the Dardanelles

8  
DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM  
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- 2 additional Signature experiences



Dolmabahce Place

Encounter sensational cuisine, architecture and culture which will take you deep under the skin of some of the world's most extraordinary destinations with 3 additional unique signature experiences.

After the visit to Ephesus on day 2, you call at a local producer where your welcoming hosts will serve a selection of enticing local dishes prepared with ingredients from the farm. In these most ambient surroundings of olive groves and citrus trees, sit back and savour the fresh flavours of Aegean at this unforgettable lunch.

See Istanbul from a different perspective on day 6 as you step aboard your private boat for a relaxing cruise along the Bosphorus. As we drift along this most iconic of waterways enjoy the cool breeze and soak up the glorious views - the magnificent Dolmabahce Place and the elegant Ortakoy Mosque are two of Istanbul's most famous landmarks.

Commemorate our last evening in Istanbul with dinner at a rooftop restaurant with magnificent views of the beautifully illuminated city at night. Join your fellow travellers for a dinner that includes traditional dishes carefully crafted to celebrate the flavours of Turkey - it'll be a night to remember!



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Signature tours depart March to April, September & November 2025.

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# Cappadocia, Istanbul, Ephesus & Troy

Step foot in the other worldly landscapes of Cappadocia, experience the wonder of Pamukkale's mineral-rich thermal pools and savour the mystique of the ancient Silk Road. From the spice-scented alleys of Istanbul's Grand Bazaar and the glittering Topkapi Palace, to the immense classical legacies of Troy and Ephesus, and the battlefields of Gallipoli, feel this region's extraordinary history coming alive.



Istanbul

## Your 2025 Itinerary

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ankara

Arrive at Ankara via Istanbul for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 - Ankara & the Anatolian Civilisations Museum

We explore Turkey's capital, visiting Kemal Ataturk's mausoleum. Later we drive alongside Tuz Golu, entering Cappadocia, a fertile volcanic plateau, where we stay for two nights. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided tour of Ankara and Kemal Ataturk's mausoleum

### DAY 3 - Cappadocia

Highlight of the day is Goreme, the vast monastic complex boasting some of the finest rock-cut churches and exquisite frescoes. We also visit the pottery-making village of Avanos. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Goreme and its open-air museum

### DAY 4 - Caravanserai of Sultanhani & Mevlana Rumi's Mausoleum

Travelling along the ancient Silk Road, we stop to explore the great Caravanserai of Sultanhani, essentially a camel "truck stop". Continuing to Konya where we overnight, we visit the mausoleum of Mevlana Rumi's, where the dramatic Whirling Dervish Ceremony is still performed. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided tour of Caravanserai of Sultanhani and visit to Mevlana Rumi's mausoleum

### DAY 5 - Pamukkale

Today we drive to Pamukkale, where we stay for one night, with its thermal pools

and ruined city-spa of Hierapolis, where emperors bathed two millennia ago. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Visit Pamukkale and Hierapolis

### DAY 6 - Aphrodisias

Today we visit Aphrodisias; our tour explores Greek and Roman remains and their legends, including the Temple of Aphrodite. After, we continue to Kudasi for two nights. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Aphrodisias

For more information on the below days please see pages 134-135

### DAY 7 - Ephesus

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided tour of Ephesus and visit House of the Virgin Mary

### DAY 8 - Pergamon

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Pergamon

### DAY 9 - Troy & Gallipoli

**+ Included Experiences** - Visit Troy, Gallipoli and Anzac Cove

### DAY 10 - Istanbul

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided walking tour of Istanbul and visit to Hagia Sophia

### DAY 11 - The Basilica Cistern & the Blue Mosque

**+ Included Experience** - Visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque

We stay in seven hotels across Ankara. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 12 - Topkapi Palace

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Topkapi Palace

### DAY 13 - Return home

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

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

**Please note:** 2024 departures will be one day shorter and not include visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque.

### Included experiences

- 13 visits including the Anatolian Civilisations Museum, the Goreme Open-air museum, Mevlana Rumi's Mausoleum, Pamukkale, and Hierapolis, the mountainside site reputed to be the house of the Virgin Mary, Troy, Gallipoli, Anzac Cove and Hagia Sophia
- 9 guided tours including Ankara, Ataturk's mausoleum, Seljuk caravanserais, Aphrodisias, Pergamon, Ephesus, Istanbul and Topkapi Palace



**13**  
DAYS

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There is something magical about the sunset in Cappadocia. As the sun sets on day 3, relax and unwind with an early evening aperitif whilst watching the remarkable sunset change the colours of the amazing rock formations of Cappadocia's Red Valley.

After the visit to Ephesus on day 7, you call at a traditional farmhouse where your welcoming hosts will serve a selection of enticing local dishes prepared with ingredients from the farm. In these most ambient surroundings of olive groves and citrus trees, sit back and savour the fresh flavours of Aegean at this unforgettable lunch.

See Istanbul from a different perspective on day 11 as you step aboard your private boat for a relaxing cruise along the Bosphorus. As we drift along this most iconic of waterways enjoy the cool breeze and soak up the glorious views - the magnificent Dolmabahce Place and



the elegant Ortakoy Mosque are two of Istanbul's most famous landmarks.

Commemorate our last evening in Istanbul with dinner at a rooftop restaurant with magnificent views of the beautifully illuminated city at night. Join your fellow travellers on day 12, for a dinner that includes traditional dishes carefully crafted to celebrate the flavours of Turkey - it'll be a night to remember!

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# Our Walk & Discover collection

Our Walk & Discover holidays are a blend of the classic Riviera Travel tours you've come to love, thoughtfully balanced with inspiring walks accompanied by specialist guides to enrich your experience.



## We thought you'd like to know...

### Who guides the walks?

All our walks are guided by accredited local professionals, who have intimate knowledge of the routes and will offer insightful information about the history and nature of the area.

### How difficult are the walks?

Our *Walk & Discover* holidays are designed to appeal to anyone who would typically enjoy an escorted tour but would like to incorporate a little more activity. There is often a choice between a 'green' and 'blue' option. A reasonable level of fitness is essential for all walks – while the green walk should suit most travellers, the blue option is perfect for those who prefer a bit more of a challenge. We do our best to ensure information regarding the walks is as accurate as possible, based on input from our local guides.

### What size is the average group for each walk?

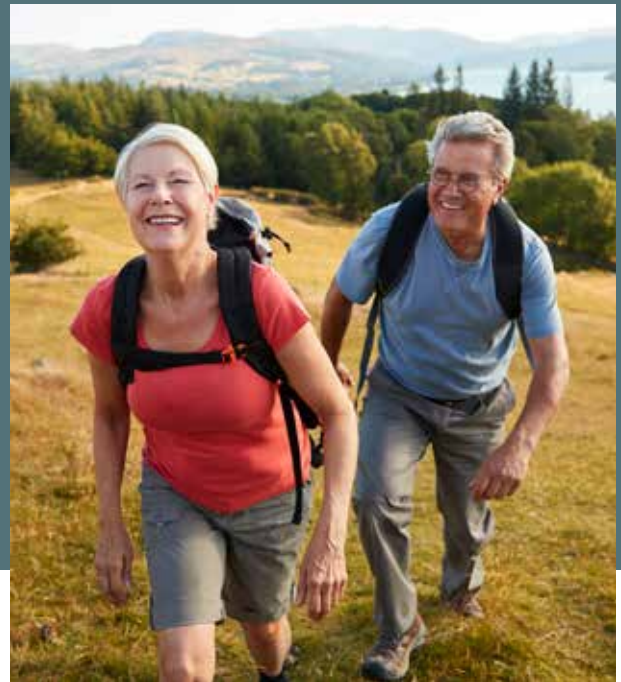
On each walk we prefer an intimate atmosphere, so you can expect only 12 to 18 people. Depending on the nature of the walk, the group may occasionally be slightly larger.

### What walking equipment do I need?

Good quality walking shoes or boots are a must. We also recommend a waterproof jacket, comfortable rucksack, hat, sunglasses, sun cream, water bottle and clothes that can be layered easily. Hiking poles are not necessary, but you may wish to take them.

### Will the routes always be as advertised?

While we will always try to adhere to the route as advertised, we may be required to modify the itinerary due to local conditions. Our guides may also make minor changes to tailor the walk to the group.





## Walk & Discover: The Italian Lakes

A wonderful tour rambling through the towns and villages of Italy's most spectacular lakes – Maggiore, Como and Orta – plus villa-crowned islands, lush alpine scenery, the chic Swiss resort of Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn.

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 – Arrival on Lake Maggiore

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Milan and transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Walk: Lake Maggiore

Your first full day includes a wonderful walk from Cannero Riviera, a charming lakeside town, following a tree-lined path past flower-filled gardens and old houses. Enjoy panoramic views of the lake and the town's legendary castles before arriving at Carmine Superior, a beautifully preserved medieval village nestled on a rocky outcrop.

*Green walk – Duration: 2 hours (2.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 541 feet / Terrain: mix of mule tracks, and earth and gravel paths*

Our green walk descends to the lakeshore and Carmine Inferiore, where our coach will transfer you to the delightful town of Cannobio to explore its maze of streets and pretty waterfront.

*Blue walk – Duration: 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 1,150 feet / Terrain: mix of mule tracks, and earth and gravel paths*

The blue walk meanders above the lake through a granite valley and chestnut and pine forests. We enjoy excellent views of the lake, and across to Switzerland, passing an old water mill and stone houses before returning to Cannobio. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** – Guided walk around Lake Maggiore



Lake Orta



Zermatt & the Matterhorn

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### DAY 3 - Discover: Borromean Islands

Unmistakably Mediterranean in character, Lake Maggiore's shores are lined with oleanders, palms and aromatic verbena and just offshore are the fascinating Borromean Islands. Pride of place goes to the amazing Baroque palazzo on Isola Bella, which we visit on a fascinating morning guided tour of its resplendent rooms and exquisite grounds.

Isola dei Pescatori is a complete contrast; its cobbled streets, picturesque harbour and charming buildings reflect its 10th-century origins and ancient fishing tradition. This is the perfect place for a relaxing fish lunch before we cruise back to Stresa. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Isola Bella and visit Isola dei Pescatori

### DAY 4 - Discover: Lake Maggiore

Today choose to relax in your hotel or explore Baveno or nearby Stresa. Enjoying a coffee in the Piazza Cadorna is a preferred pastime for many. (B,D)

### DAY 5 - Walk: Lake Como

Lake Como has a rich history as an important trade hub and an exclusive holiday destination. Strolling along the lakeside promenade, it is easy to forget that navigating the lakes was once a challenge. The many mule tracks and makeshift roads of yesteryear criss-crossing the hillside have been carefully restored, making wonderful walking paths.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (3.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 405 feet / Terrain: mix of mule tracks and tarmac roads*

We begin in Lenno, a lively town on the shores of Lake Como and walk through a string of charming hamlets and villages along cypress-lined paths, seeing medieval churches, historic buildings and grand villas.

After passing the magnificent Villa Carlotta, which is famous for its botanical gardens, our walk concludes in Cadenabbia with free time for lunch or perhaps a boat trip to Bellagio.

*Blue walk - Duration: 2 hours 45 minutes (5.4 miles) / Altitude gain: 452 feet / Terrain: mix of mule tracks and tarmac roads*

We begin in Sala Comacina, a colourful fishing village with lovely views. As we approach Cadenabbia, a favourite destination of the English in the 19th century, the striped façade of the Anglican Church of Ascension stands out against the rocky hillside. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walk around Lake Como

### DAY 6 - Walk: Lake Orta

Both walks start in the leafy village of Armeno and gently descend passing charming country houses and the villages of Carcegna and Miasino.

*Green walk - Duration: 2.5 to 3 hours (3.9 miles) / Altitude gain: 244 feet / Terrain: mix of mule tracks, woodland paths and tarmac roads*

Our walk ends in picturesque Orta San Giulio, where you have free time to wander its pebble-studded lanes, admiring the handsome medieval buildings with characterful shuttered windows.

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (6.6 miles) / Altitude gain: 558 feet / Terrain: mix of mule tracks, woodland paths and tarmac roads*

A picturesque route takes us along the river Agogna, passing small farms and alpine villages. Heading into woodlands, we cross the river Membra towards the Chiesa di San Grato, enjoying superb views of Lake Orta. We meander through the hamlets of Vacciago and Vacciaghetto, finishing at Orta San Giulio with time to explore. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walk around Lake Orta

### DAY 7 - Discover: Zermatt & the Matterhorn

Expect some truly breathtaking mountain vistas today as we climb the foothills of the Alps, cross the Swiss frontier and head into the high Alps. Taking the Simplon Pass, marvel at the engineering feats as the road traverses towering viaducts and jaw dropping precipices.

Nestled at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn, Zermatt is classic Switzerland - a car-free jumble of chalets and old wooden buildings, while cable cars and soaring footpaths weave ever upwards to the majestic amphitheatre of the surrounding lofty summits. For even better views of the Matterhorn, take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat, or alternatively take a horse-drawn carriage ride around Zermatt. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Visit Zermatt and the Matterhorn



Stresa

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6 included experiences

Guided tour of Isola Bella

3 guided walks around Lake Orta, Lake Como and Lake Maggiore

Cruise the enchanting Borromean Islands

Travel through the Simplon Pass to Zermatt and the Matterhorn

### DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

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

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## Walk & Discover: Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast & Pompeii

The natural and historic riches surrounding the Sorrento peninsula and the Bay of Naples are amazing – elegant Sorrento, the alluring island of Capri, the photogenic Amalfi coastline and the ancient towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum.



The Amalfi Coast



Sorrento



Pompeii

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sorrento

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Naples from where you will be taken to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Walk: Sorrento

Since ancient Greek and Roman times, Sorrento has been known for its fabulous olive oil and our first walk takes us through the area's legendary groves. Both easy and moderate routes begin in the pretty hilltop village of Annunziata and end in Sorrento where the rest of the day is free.

*Green walk - Duration: 3 hours / 5.3 miles / Altitude gain: 324 feet / Terrain: stone paths, tarmac and gravel*

We walk along tiny alleys and olive groves as we pass through the town of Massa Lubrense.

As we follow the winding path, we see stone houses and ancient stone walls, and catch views of the beautiful Bay of Naples, Mount Vesuvius in the distance, and then over Sorrento as our descent takes us back to the town.

*Blue walk - Duration: 4 hours / 7.2 miles / Altitude gain: 577 feet / Terrain: stone paths, tarmac and gravel*

From Termini, we make our way down to Annunziata, enjoying stunning views along the way. Our walk continues

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through olive groves following the same route as the easy walk, stopping at Massa Lubrense along the way. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walk around the Sorrento Olive Groves

### DAY 3 - Discover: Capri

We take a short boat ride to discover Capri, attracting Roman emperors, writers such as DH Lawrence, and Hollywood stars to its paradise-like shores. As we approach, we see fishing boats bobbing on the water, with whitewashed restaurants and shops lining the bustling quayside.

You have some time so perhaps join a boat trip or make your way to the famous Blue Grotto to experience its natural blue light phenomenon. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Boat ride to Capri

### DAY 4 - Discover: Sorrento

A free day so perhaps browse the numerous boutiques and sit down to a leisurely lunch in your choice of restaurant. (B,D)

### DAY 5 - Walk: The Path of Lemons

Enjoy the sublime Amalfi coast as we wind around glorious pine-clad cliffs that tumble into the Mediterranean. Just inland is stunning Ravello, perched like an eagle's nest on a shelf affording incredible views. After some free time exploring we begin our walk.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (3 miles) / Altitude gain: 422 feet / Terrain: stone steps, pavement and gravel tracks*

*Blue walk - Duration: 4 hours (4.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 819 feet / Terrain: stone steps, tracks, country roads and gravel tracks*

The green walk descends a stone stairway through narrow terraces that seem to cling to the hillside, while the blue route journeys through wooded hills before descending through the terraces. Both walks lead to Minori, a small town famous for its fresh pasta.

We follow the delightful Il Sentiero dei Limoni - the Path of Lemons - through the authentic heart of the Amalfi coast, where we get a glimpse of the relaxed pace of life here.

Both walks end in Maiori, a fishing town where we pause to take in superb views and its imposing 15th-century castle before some free time to wander along the seafront and taste a delicious lemon sorbet perhaps. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walk along the Path of Lemons

### DAY 6 - Discover: Pompeii & Herculaneum

Pompeii is so much more than a collection of ruins. Our guided tour

highlights its astonishing state of preservation - streets, temples, baths and even the amphitheatre remain largely intact. Many buildings still have murals and mosaics, while others are inscribed with graffiti describing political events, romantic entanglements and even gossip of the time.

Later our local guide will bring to life the history of Herculaneum, located in the shadow of mighty Mount Vesuvius. Like Pompeii, it was buried under mud and ash when the volcano erupted in AD79 and it wasn't until the first major excavation in the 18th century that the hidden secrets of this ancient settlement were revealed. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences** - Guided tours of Pompeii and Herculaneum

### DAY 7 - Walk: Valle delle Ferriere

Today we take the Amalfi coast road to the town of Scala, where our Valle delle Ferriere walk begins.

*Green Walk - Duration 2.5 hours (3 miles) / Altitude gain: 255 feet / Terrain: Stone steps (both uphill and downhill), tarmac and woodland paths*

*Blue Walk - Duration 4 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 984 feet / Terrain: Stone steps (both uphill and downhill), tarmac and woodland paths*

The green walk starts in the town of Minuta taking a staircase down to the hamlet of Pontone. Here we join the Valle Delle Ferriere nature reserve with its many small waterfalls and historic ruins. The blue walk starts in the town of Scala, following the nature reserve to Pontone, before continuing along the same trail as the green walk to Amalfi.

Both walks end in Amalfi where you will have some free time before returning to Sorrento. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walk along the Valle delle Ferriere

### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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

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### 6 included experiences

3 guided walks including the Valle delle Ferriere, Sorrento's renowned olive groves and the Path of Lemons

Take a boat trip to the beautiful island of Capri

2 guided tours including Pompeii and Herculaneum

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Positano



## Walk & Discover: Florence & Tuscany

Experience the very heart and soul of Italy through the exquisite majesty of Florence, the picturesque Tuscan countryside, medieval hilltop towns, fine food and wine and scenic walks to soak up the quintessential Italian atmosphere.



Florence



San Gimignano



Siena Cathedral

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Florence

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Pisa and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Walk: Florence

*Duration: 3 hours (3.5 to 4.5 miles) /  
Altitude gain: 500 feet / Terrain: urban*

Today we discover Oltrarno, a charming and less-explored side of Florence south of the Arno River. We cross the Ponte Vecchio, the landmark bridge, and walk through the remarkably preserved medieval quarter of San Niccolò.

We begin our gentle ascent up the hills, passing elegant villas with olive gardens. Before long we reach Piazzale Michelangelo, with panoramic views of Florence and continue along a cypress-lined street to the splendid church of San Miniato al Monte.

Our walk ends at Torre San Niccolò, from where you can walk back to Ponte Vecchio through Florence's bohemian district, dotted with craft shops and taverns. Perhaps visit the magnificent Pitti Palace and resplendent Boboli Gardens. Or return to the old town centre to visit the Uffizi gallery. We recommend that you purchase tickets in advance - for details, visit the official Uffizi website. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walk of Oltrarno

We stay 3 nights in Florence and 4 nights in the Tuscan countryside. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 3 - Discover: Lucca & Pisa

We leave for the delightful city of Lucca, birthplace of composer Puccini with a fine cathedral and impressive medieval ramparts. Forming a perfect ring, the thick walls have been transformed into a tree-lined park, which offers stunning views of the city and the Apuan Alps on the horizon. It's an easy walk that's just 2.5 miles long.

Then we take the short drive to Pisa, whose most famous gems are on display in the Piazza dei Miracoli - the 'Square of Miracles'. The Leaning Tower, one of the world's most recognisable silhouettes, is your introduction to the rest. The decoration in the cathedral is breathtakingly detailed and its nave is where Galileo is said to have formulated his pendulum theory. We end the day back at our hotel. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit Lucca and Pisa**

### DAY 4 - Walk: Chianti

After breakfast we explore the rural Tuscany made famous by Renaissance paintings, literature, films and travel posters. Today you have a choice of walks.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (3 miles) / Altitude gain: 490 feet / Terrain: country roads*

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 955 feet / Terrain: country roads*

We begin in medieval Greve, a jewel of Chianti and birthplace of explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano. The main square's elegant palaces are reminders of the town's illustrious past and today house restaurants, bars and food shops. Leaving Greve behind, we follow cypress-shaded country roads, which wind through vineyards and silvery olive groves set against undulating hills.

Along the way we see Monte San Michele, the highest mountain in Chianti. The moderate walk follows a similar route but continues further through the Tuscan hills, giving us more time to enjoy the atmosphere and unforgettable views. Later we visit a local winery, for a tasting of some fine Chianti wines followed by a light traditional lunch. (B,L,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk in the Chianti region**

### DAY 5 - Discover: Siena

We take the short drive to Siena for an enriching guided tour of its treasures. Once one of the richest cities in the world, it's a jewel of Italian Gothic and medieval architecture that's been preserved to a remarkable degree centred around the Piazza del Campo,

an architectural work of art.

Formed in a half-moon shape, it's lined by tall, striking buildings and with its abundance of pavement cafés, it's the perfect place to sit and enjoy a glass of wine. Siena is equally famous for its Duomo, one of Italy's most intricate and fascinating cathedrals. The exterior is built from black and white marble, and the interior is even more breath-taking, with splendid stained-glass windows and works by leading artists, including the young Michelangelo. The afternoon is free to explore before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Siena**

### DAY 6 - Walk: San Gimignano

You have a choice of walks through the picturesque area around San Gimignano.

*Green - Duration: 2 hours (3.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 847 feet / Terrain: country paths*

The green walk follows part of the ancient Via Francigena pilgrim route, which in medieval times connected Canterbury to Rome. The picture-postcard sights of sand-coloured stone buildings, vine-clad hills and vibrant flowers will delight as we ramble towards San Gimignano.

*Blue - Duration: 3 hours (5.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 820 feet / Terrain: country paths*

The longer walk takes us around San Gimignano, with its impressive skyline on the horizon. We hug the ridges of the gentle Tuscan hills, pausing to admire the spectacular views and the colours you've seen in countless oil paintings.

We reconvene in San Gimignano and perhaps enjoy a refreshing gelato. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk around San Gimignano**

### DAY 7 - Discover: Monteriggioni

Today you have a free day. Just a few miles away are two utterly charming hilltop settlements, Monteriggioni and Colle Val d'Elsa. Lovers of literature may recall Monteriggioni in the Divine Comedy and there are plenty of boutiques to browse, as well as a 13th-century church. The sleepy village of Colle Val d'Elsa is best-known as the birthplace of sculptor and architect, Arnolfo di Cambio, whose works of art include the Palazzo Vecchio and the old basilica of Florence's Duomo.

Both hilltop gems can be reached by local bus, or you can wander along pleasant paths from the hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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7 included experiences

3 guided walks including Florence, Chianti and San Gimignano

2 visits including Pisa and Lucca

Guided tour of Siena

Enjoy a wine tasting in the Chianti region





## Walk & Discover: **Majestic Provence**

Ramble through wildly beautiful Provençal landscapes that inspired countless artists, plus explore historic towns, the endless Camargue wetlands and the forested Luberon Mountains.



Senacole-Abbey



The Camargue



Cézanne's Mill

### Your itinerary

#### **DAY 1 - Arrival in Aix-en-Provence**

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Nice, Marseille or Montpellier, or at the station for your Eurostar and TGV journey to Aix-en-Provence.

#### **DAY 2 - Walk: Aix-en-Provence**

Beautiful Aix combines Parisian-style chic with village-like gentility. Founded as a spa town by the Romans, it became the capital of Provence during the Middle Ages and evolved into a major educational and artistic hub. During our guided tour this morning, you'll see what inspired the city's favourite son, Paul Cézanne, to produce his numerous paintings.

This afternoon we have our first country walk with a specialist guide.

*Green walk - Duration: 1.5 hours (3.6 miles) / Altitude gain: 613 feet / Terrain: mainly forest trails and graded tracks*

We begin in the picturesque village of Le Tholonet, home to a grand château and the remains of an ancient Roman aqueduct. Take a moment to soak up the breathtaking views over the vineyards and wildflower-filled fields. Passing Cézanne's Mill, we follow a tree-lined path with superb views of Mont Sainte-Victoire.

We continue to the Zola Dam, a lovely place to wander and admire the scenery before we return to Le Tholonet.

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*Blue walk - Duration: 2.5 hours (5.1 miles) / Altitude gain: 818 feet / Terrain: mainly forest trails and graded tracks*

Our blue walk loops past olive orchards and offers different views of Mont Sainte-Victoire. Cézanne is said to have painted this majestic mountain more than 70 times.

We follow the same path over the Zola Dam and return to Le Tholonet. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Aix-en-Provence and guided country walk**

### 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 guided boat trip to explore this wetland environment - bring your binoculars! We then visit Arles, a prosperous Roman regional capital from the 1st century AD. Marvel at the impressive UNESCO-listed monuments on a walking tour, including the Roman amphitheatre and the Place du Forum, now a square with vibrant cafés and restaurants. There's free time, perhaps to seek out locations associated with Vincent Van Gogh, who spent 14 fruitful months here. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Boat Trip with commentary through the Camargue and guided walking tour of Arles**

### DAY 4 - Walk: Luberon Mountains

This morning we head inland, to the Luberon Mountains, which inspired Peter Mayle's book 'A Year in Provence'. Once a haunt of highwaymen it is now a nature reserve. Starting in the medieval village of Cucuron, we walk through our picturesque surroundings passing through the tranquil village of Vauignes.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (2.8 miles) / Altitude gain: 340 feet / Terrain: mainly forest trails and graded tracks*

The blue option is via a longer route.

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 470 feet / Terrain: mainly*

*forest trails and graded tracks*

In the afternoon we will visit the village of Lourmarin, known to be one of the most beautiful villages in France. (B) *Please note: Lavender season varies according to weather and climate conditions, but is usually late June to August.*

**+ Included Experiences - Guided walk in the Luberon Mountains; visit to Lourmarin**

### DAY 5 - 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 Cézanne, Degas, Picasso and Monet to name a few. (B)

### DAY 6 - Walk: Les Baux & the Alpilles

We spend the morning at leisure in Les Baux, a hilltop town built into an ancient limestone outcrop. From the battlements of its crumbling castle, you can admire superb views across the Camargue and as far as the Mediterranean.

This afternoon we explore the Alpilles with a local walking guide.

*Green walk - Duration: 2.5 hours (4.3 miles) / Altitude gain: 492 feet / Terrain: mainly forest trails and graded tracks*

We leave the town and ascend briefly to a ridge, where there are excellent views of the Alpilles. Looping around, we stop to admire panoramic views over Les Baux and the curiously named Valley of Hell, renowned for its limestone features, eroded over time into fantastical shapes and grottos.

We return to Les Baux and take a walk around the town walls with spectacular views.

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 591 feet / Terrain: mainly forest trails and graded tracks*

From Les Baux to Saint-Paul de Mausole via a slightly longer and more undulating route, we'll see the Rock with Two Holes, through which you can enjoy views over the Alpilles. We'll pass the archaeological site of Glanum, where excavated baths, temples and more offer a glimpse into everyday life in Gaul. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk of Alpilles**



Zola Dam

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2 guided tours including Arles and Aix-en-Provence

4 visits including Avignon, the Camargue wetland, Lourmarin and hilltop Les Baux

### DAY 7 - Discover: Avignon

Today we visit Avignon, whose destiny changed in the 14th century when the Pope's court was relocated here. There's time to explore the incredible Palais des Papes which resembles a citadel rising from living rock, flanked by towering turrets. You could visit the Petit Palais Museum, or walk on Avignon's celebrated 12th-century bridge before we return to Aix via the Pont du Gard; stand back to absorb the beauty of this 1st-century AD aqueduct, an engineering masterpiece. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Visit to Avignon**

### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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

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



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## Walk & Discover: Dubrovnik & the Dalmatian Coast

A heady mix of historic cities, quaint villages, limestone cliffs and sapphire-blue waters studded with isolated islands awaits on our Walk and Discover tour of Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast.



Dubrovnik Old City



Split



Drvenik

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Croatia

Fly to Croatia where you'll be met by your Tour Manager and transfer to our hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Walk: Makarska Riviera

Nestled between the majestic Biokovo Mountains and the Adriatic Sea is the quaint village of Tučepi - our starting point for today's walks.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (3.2 miles) / Altitude gain: 286 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and forest tracks*

Follow the beachside promenade past pretty bays and inlets and along the cliff's edge to the beautiful Nugal Beach. From here we'll make our way to Makarska.

*Blue walk - Duration: 2.5 hours (4.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 349 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and forest tracks*

Those who choose our blue walk will continue on from Makarska, circling the Peninsula of St Peter - where we'll stop to admire views of Brač and Biokovo Mountains before returning to the harbour town.

After our walks, you can enjoy time at leisure for lunch in Makarska. (B,D)

We stay 3 nights in Florence and 4 nights in the Tuscan countryside. Visit our website to see our **hand-picked hotels**.



### DAY 3 - Discover: Split and Trogir

Our day will begin with a scenic drive along the Dalmatian coastline to Split. On arrival we'll take a guided walking tour, including the structure Split is most famous for: the Emperor Diocletian's huge palace. This was one of the greatest structures of the Roman Empire. No expense was spared in its construction - the best Italian marble, with columns and sphinxes from Egypt. But what makes this palace so astonishing is that, during medieval times, it was fully integrated into the town's fabric with a jumble of buildings grafted onto and inside it. This means, for example, the Temple of Jupiter became a baptistry. You will find surprises at every turn - tall medieval buildings lining the streets, buttressed by unmistakably Roman columns. While we wouldn't blame you for expecting to see a museum here, you'd be wrong. The palace is all the more fascinating as, today, 3,000 people still live here. This afternoon, we'll visit the medieval citadel of Trogir one of the most beguiling ports in Dalmatia. Behind its classic waterfront, an intriguing maze of winding medieval streets is revealed, tightly clasped by the imposing 15th-century city walls. At the heart of the old town, you'll find the majestic Cathedral of Saint Lawrence, a Venetian masterpiece with its richly decorated chapel. Here, you can wander at leisure or enjoy a coffee in a pavement cafe - the choice is yours. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Split and a visit to Trogir**

### DAY 4 - Walk: Baćina Lakes

Today you have the choice of two wonderful walks exploring the peaceful Baćina Lakes - a nature-lovers paradise, with an abundance of diving birds, waders and ducks to spot in the unspoiled natural beauty of the landscape.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (2.4 miles) / Altitude gain: 337 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and rocky tracks*

Our Green Walk begins by Baćina Lakes. From here, we'll follow a path around the lakes to Peračko Plaža enjoying the landscape's natural beauty. Then, take a boat ride across the lake back to our starting point.

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (5.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 433 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and rocky tracks*

Follow the Green Walk to Peračko Plaža before continuing around the lakes on a circular route passing the meadows and secluded beaches that line its shores. (B,D)

### DAY 5 - Discover: Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik, an independent city-state for much of its history, has evolved differently to the rest of Croatia. This morning, we'll take a tour with an expert local guide explaining the city's landmarks and intriguing history. The city threw off its Venetian masters in medieval times and founded a commercial empire, trading with the eastern Mediterranean, France, Spain and, later, the Ottoman Empire. The resulting economic boom made Dubrovnik the 'Pearl of the Adriatic' and you can still see evidence of its great wealth in the likes of the Rector's Palace - now a museum - and Sponza Palace, currently housing centuries of historical city documents. The main avenue, lined by enticing shops and cafés, is completely paved with marble, which strikingly reflects the midday sun. Add in a wonderful array of monasteries and monumental ramparts and you'll find this is a wonderful city, nestling in a location of outstanding natural beauty. (B,D)

**+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Dubrovnik**

### DAY 6 - Walk: Koločep Island

We'll journey to the traffic-free island of Koločep, for your choice of two walks, starting from Donje Čelo - one of only two settlements on the island.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (2.4 miles) / Altitude gain: 382 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and grassy tracks*

Follow one of the many trails that criss-cross Koločep passed hidden coves and sandy bays.

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (4 miles) / Altitude gain: 612 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and grassy tracks*

Take a steeper path across Koločep with fantastic views of the coastline and beyond.

Our walks end in Gornje Čelo, where we have time to relax before heading back to Dubrovnik by boat. (B,D)

### DAY 7 - Discover: Dubrovnik

Today is yours to spend as you please in the Pearl of the Adriatic. You could stretch out on a towel and soak up the sun at a local beach or take a leisurely stroll around the city walls and explore even more of the city's history. (B,D)

### DAY 8 - Return home

Transfer to the airport and travel home. (D)

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



The Baćina

8  
DAYS

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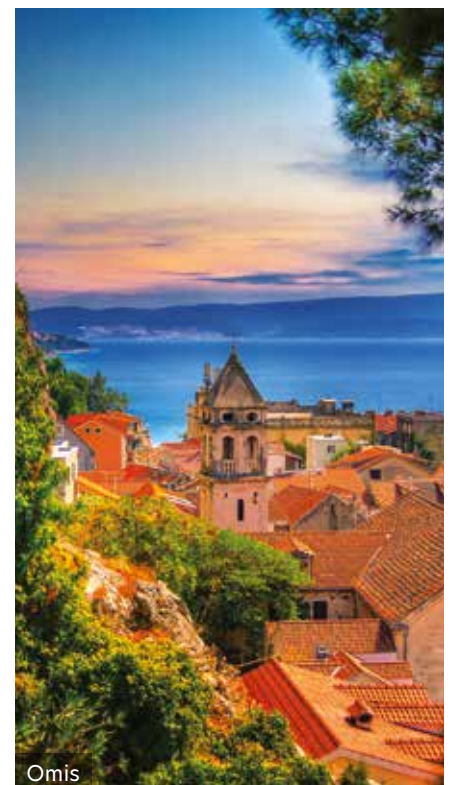
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-  Breakfast each morning, plus 7 dinners
-  Expert Riviera Tour Manager looking after you throughout
-  20kg+ luggage allowance
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### 6 included experiences

- 3 walks, including Baćina Lakes, the Makarska Riviera, and Koločep Island
- 2 guided tours including Split and Dubrovnik
- A visit to Trogir



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## Walk & Discover: **The Austrian Tyrol**

Immerse yourself in the breath-taking alpine scenery and cultural heritage of the Tyrol region, including its picturesque capital Innsbruck and the romantic castle of Neuschwanstein.



Seefeld



Lake Achensee

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Seefeld

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Munich and transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Discover: Innsbruck

After breakfast, we take the short drive along the Inn Valley to the Tyrolean capital, Innsbruck. Our local guide will take us on a tour of this delightful historic city, showing us the highlights and offering insights into life here.

Among numerous visual treats are the copper tiled 'Golden Roof', the city's Baroque cathedral and the Imperial Palace, once home of the only female Habsburg ruler, Empress Maria Theresa. Innsbruck is a truly enchanting destination, and there's ample time to wander its medieval streets and absorb the genteel ambience returning to Seefeld in the mid-afternoon. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided tour of Innsbruck

#### DAY 3 - Walk: Seefeld

After breakfast we have a choice of walks:

*Green walk* - Duration: 3 hours (3.9 miles) / Altitude gain: 628 feet / Terrain: pavement and forest trail

We exit the town of Seefeld through the city park that hugs the shores of Wildsee, a sparkling lake surrounded by forests. Following a forest trail, we make our way through a small hamlet

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and as we ascend the pine scented trail, we catch glimpses of Seefeld below and pass under the Hochangerbahn chairlift before descending back to town.

*Blue walk - Duration: 4 hours (6.8 miles) / Altitude gain: 949 feet / Terrain: forest trail and meadows*

From Seefeld we follow a lovely trail through the pines, catching glimpses of the surrounding mountains before arriving at Lake Wildmoos. A short, sharp forest track with views over Lottensee, then descends to picture-perfect Möserersee. After a refreshment stop, we begin our gentle descent through forests and meadows to Seefeld. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk around the Seefeld Plateau**

#### DAY 4 - Discover: Seefeld

You have a free day to relax and enjoy the attractions in and around Seefeld. Wander among the quaint shops and cafés or take a horse-drawn carriage around Lake Wildsee. Various chairlifts, cable cars or a funicular railway will whisk you to the top of Seefeld Joch and Härmelekkopf for fantastic views before another superb meal at the hotel this evening. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Walk: Lake Achensee

We drive to Achensee, Tyrol's largest lake flanked by the scenic peaks of the Karwendel and Rofan mountains. We arrive at the picturesque village of Pertisau for some free time before setting off.

*Green walk - Duration: 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 390 feet / Terrain: lakeside trail and forest tracks*

*Blue walk - Duration: 4 hours (6.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 508 feet / Terrain: lakeside trail and forest tracks*

Both green and blue walks follow a delightful trail along Achensee with fantastic views across to the Rofan

mountains. As we make our gradual ascent, we are rewarded with superb views before the path leads into the forest and a traditional Austrian inn at Gaisalm serving food and drinks. Both the green and blue walks will return to Pertisau where we will take a scenic boat ride on lake Achensee to Scholastika where there are restaurants and a pretty park. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk around Achensee**

#### DAY 6 - Neuschwanstein Castle

Today we drive across the border into nearby Bavaria where we pass Germany's highest mountain, the 9,718-foot Zugspitze. The journey includes two of Germany's most iconic routes - the fabled 'Romantic Road' and the 'German Alpine Road' which leads to the instantly recognisable Neuschwanstein.

The stunning 19th-century structure was a pet project of one of Bavaria's most famous kings, Ludwig II. Towers, turrets and an imposing Romanesque main structure clad in light limestone are epic in design and scale. The architecture is similarly impressive inside, as you'll discover on our guided tour. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle**

#### DAY 7 - Walk: Wilder Kaiser

We journey east to the medieval town of Kufstein, nestled at the foot of the mighty limestone Kaisergebirge. We take the Kaiser chairlift up to Brentenjoch mountain station, the starting point of both our walks today.

*Green walk - Duration: 2.5 hours (2.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 764 feet / Terrain: forest trail*

As we meander through pretty meadows and the beautiful spruce forest of the nature reserve, we enjoy wonderful views over the Kaisertal valley to the Kitzbühel Alps in the distance. After a stop at Brentenjochalm Inn for a drink, we continue through the forest, pausing to admire superb views of the Brandenberg Alps. Perhaps have lunch at your leisure at the Beiningerhaus before we take the chairlift back to town.



Lake Wildsee

8 DAYS

CLASSIC TOUR FROM £1,629 PP



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## 6 included experiences

3 guided walks including the forests and mountain lakes above Seefeld, fjord-like Lake Achensee and the Wilder Kaiser mountains

Guided tour of Innsbruck

2 visits including Neuschwanstein and Kufstein

*Blue walk - Duration: 3.5 hours (5.1 miles) / Altitude gain: 1,017 feet / Terrain: forest trail*

From the chairlift, we ascend through forest and take in wonderful views over the Kaisertal. Upon reaching Gamskogel, the trail descends and we ramble through flower-filled meadows. The trail continues to Steinburg Chapel, along the Alderweg - 'Eagle's Way' and through the Tyrolean Alps to the Brentenjochalm Inn, where we reward ourselves with a drink and perhaps lunch before taking the chairlift back down.

After both walks, there's free time to explore Kufstein before our final dinner. (B,D)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk around the Wilder Kaiser**

#### DAY 8 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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



## Walk & Discover: Slovenia & Lake Bled

Wander in wonder through the storybook scenery of Lakes Bled and Bohinj in the Julian Alps, get to know the lively capital city of Ljubljana, the Adriatic town of Piran with its long pier, and marvel at the white Lipizzaner horses.



Ljubljana



Lake Bohinj

### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ljubljana

Arrive at the airport for your flight to Ljubljana. We transfer by coach to stay for five nights, with breakfast, at a centrally located hotel in Ljubljana.

#### DAY 2 - Discover: Ljubljana

This morning we enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia's picturesque capital with a local guide. See Prešeren Square where national icon, France Prešeren, has been immortalised in bronze, and the fine salmon-hued baroque facades of the Franciscan Church of the Annunciation.

Crossing the Triple Bridge, we enter the pedestrianised Old Town with its many Baroque buildings, piazzas graced by attractive fountains and cobbled alleys, all with a distinct Italian flavour. Within the lattice of red-roofed buildings is the Renaissance Town Hall, which towers over the Central Market, whose stalls sell a variety of tempting goods, from souvenirs to local produce.

You have free time this afternoon so you may wish to walk up the hill to Ljubljana Castle for panoramic views. A boat cruise along the river is a tranquil way to see more, or stroll along its leafy banks, with inviting cafés offering alfresco dining. (B)

**+ Included Experience** - Guided walking tour of Ljubljana

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### DAY 3 - Walk: Lake Bled

Today we drive through undulating forested hills scattered with quaint villages before arriving at Lake Bled. The first thing you'll notice are the dazzling waters, stretching over a mile in length and width. A tear-shaped island sits almost at the lake's centre, crowned by a fairy-tale church. Your eyes are then drawn to the forested hills, where a medieval castle stands atop a craggy cliff. We offer a choice of walks with local guides.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (3.6 miles) / Altitude gain: 771 feet / Terrain: mostly flat paths with a short, steep section*

We begin in the dramatic Vintgar Gorge, which weaves through rocky hills accompanied by the swirling Radovna River. A wooden walkway makes it easy to criss-cross the river over gushing waterfalls and limpid pools all the way to the 52-foot-high Šum waterfall. We continue through wildflower-filled meadows back to our starting point.

*Blue walk - Duration: 2.5 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 771 feet / Terrain: country roads, paths and boardwalks*

With the majestic Alps in the distance, we begin again in Vintgar Gorge. After time to admire the crystal-clear waters, we continue our route through inviting villages, verdant forest and mountain pastures dotted with colourful flowers to Lake Bled. You can end the walk here or choose to continue a further 1.1km along the lakeside.

The rest of the day is yours to explore Bled at leisure. Take a relaxing ride to Lake Bled's islet on a pletna, a traditional canopied boat. Or visit atmospheric Bled Castle, perched close to the edge of a jagged cliff with the most captivating views. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk through Vintgar Gorge and visit to Lake Bled**

### DAY 4 - Walk: Lake Bohinj

Today is devoted to one of Slovenia's loveliest gems. Nestled in the heart of the Julian Alps, Lake Bohinj is the quieter



Vintgar Gorge

but equally beautiful sister of Lake Bled. Framing the blue-green waters are emerald forests peppered with a string of idyllic villages. You have a choice of walks with our specialist guides.

*Green walk - Duration: 2 hours (3.3 miles) / Altitude gain: 699 feet / Terrain: Steps and steep gradients to the waterfall, then gentle paths towards the lake*

We ascend through the forest along a paved route of more than 500 steps under a canopy of trees, pausing at the midway point to catch a glimpse of the lake. Once at the top, we are rewarded with a gorgeous view of the lake to the mountains beyond, and of course, the magnificent Savica waterfall, Slovenia's most famous.

After some time to admire the vivid colour of the clear waters, we begin our gentle descent along the riverbank to Ukanc. This pretty hamlet sits on the western shore, enclosed on three sides by towering peaks. There's time for a drink or lunch at your leisure before we return to our hotel.

*Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours (6.3 miles) / Altitude gain: 699 feet / Terrain: Steps and steep gradients to the waterfall, then gentle paths towards the lake*

Those who wish to explore further may prefer our Blue walk, which continues beyond Ukanc along the beautiful lakeshore and past a smattering of traditional wooden buildings. (B)

**+ Included Experience - Guided walk to Savica waterfall**

### DAY 5 - Discover: Piran & Lipica

The stunning Adriatic Coast is our destination this morning with a visit to Piran, which seems to mirror Venice across the Gulf of Trieste. The old town is centred on Tartini Square, named after local composer Giuseppe Tartini, whose statue stands proudly as its focal point.

You have free time to explore its Venetian-Gothic architecture, take an easy climb up to Saint George's Cathedral or stroll the promenade and perhaps try one of the delicious seafood restaurants.

Later, we take a short drive to the Lipica Stud Farm, where the legendary Lipizzaner horses have been bred for over 400 years. We enjoy a guided tour and wonderful presentation by the Classical Riding School as the elegant white stallions perform their complex dressage routines. (B)

**+ Included Experiences - Visit Piran and guided tour of Lipica Stud farm with presentation**

### DAY 6 - Return flight

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

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

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### 5 included experiences

2 guided walks including Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj

2 guided tours including Ljubljana and the Lipica Classical Riding School with demonstration

Visit Piran



Savica waterfall

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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](mailto:info@rivieratravel.co.uk) or call us on 01283 742317.

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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.

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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 fee, 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%

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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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 along with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or obtained from [www.abta.com](http://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](http://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](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](http://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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