



# EUROPEAN ESCORTED TOURS

Explore closer to home in 2025

**SAGA**

Experience is everything



April 2024 - November 2025

# Perfectly planned, expertly led

That's how we like to describe our escorted tours. These holidays are incredibly varied – everything from Icelandic adventures to Croatian cruises – but what they all have in common is that they're designed, and led, by those in the know.

Having a certain level of experience and expertise behind a holiday is what elevates it from everyday to extraordinary. Itineraries pack in an incredible amount, without ever feeling too busy or rushed. A host of insightful guided visits and eye-opening experiences are woven in, but there's always time to explore on your own (or relax, if you'd rather – it is a holiday, after all).

We're always innovating, too. This brochure sees the introduction of a handful of brand-new tours, including a 'fairytale tour' of Bavaria, Austria and the Italian Lakes (p.96) and an incredible Iberian journey from Porto to Barcelona (p.52).

And with dates for 2024 and 2025, there's something for last-minute fans and those who like to book ahead. The only question is: where next?

## **Saga tours, operated by Titan Travel - it's the best of all worlds**

Saga's escorted tours are operated by our sister company, Titan Travel. The team at Titan have been perfecting effortless adventures around the world for more than 45 years. By combining our travel experience with their touring know-how, we can give you the best of all worlds: award-winning holidays, expertly crafted itineraries, knowledgeable guides and fantastic value.



Saga's experience.  
Titan's expertise.  
**The best of all worlds.**



## *There's value, then there's Saga value*

### **Go further, do more**

Saga itineraries take you further, offering more to see, do and experience on tours throughout Europe and Worldwide.

### **Hassle-free from home**

Forget the rush to the airport. Saga includes hassle-free VIP transfers to and from your home on every tour.

### **Expertise all the way**

Meet the best tour managers and guides in the business, on hand to enrich your experience every step of the way.

### **Meticulous planning**

Every detail of your tour is meticulously planned so you can relax and enjoy every moment. All you have to do is pack.

### **Free time & flexi days**

We build free time into all our tours. This gives you a chance to relax or explore more, either independently or on an optional trip.

### **Amends are easy**

Saga's Flexi Deposit\* gives you the freedom to make unlimited, fee-free changes to your holiday until final payment.

### **Your money is safe**

The financial guarantees of our Protection Promise means your money's safe as it's held in an independent Trust account. We're ATOL protected and ABTA bonded, too.

### **Price promise**

With our price promise if you find your holiday advertised for less than you paid, we'll give you the difference back as a credit towards your next tour.

### **Travel insurance included**

Saga includes travel insurance<sup>§</sup> on all overseas tours, so you've one less thing to think about before you set off.

### **70 years' experience**

Saga's been refining its cornerstones of quality, service and value for over 70 years. They're at the heart of everything we do.

\*Valid on new bookings. Fee may apply for non-refundable flights or higher deposit tours – please ask for details when you book. <sup>§</sup>Underwritten by Astrenska Insurance Limited and subject to medical screening, or a price reduction if not required. Travel insurance is not included on Private Jet tours. For full details please see pages 112-115.

To avoid disappointment, it's always best to book early because holidays can sell out fast and prices sometimes increase. Prices were correct at time of going to print in March 2024 and should be used as a guide.

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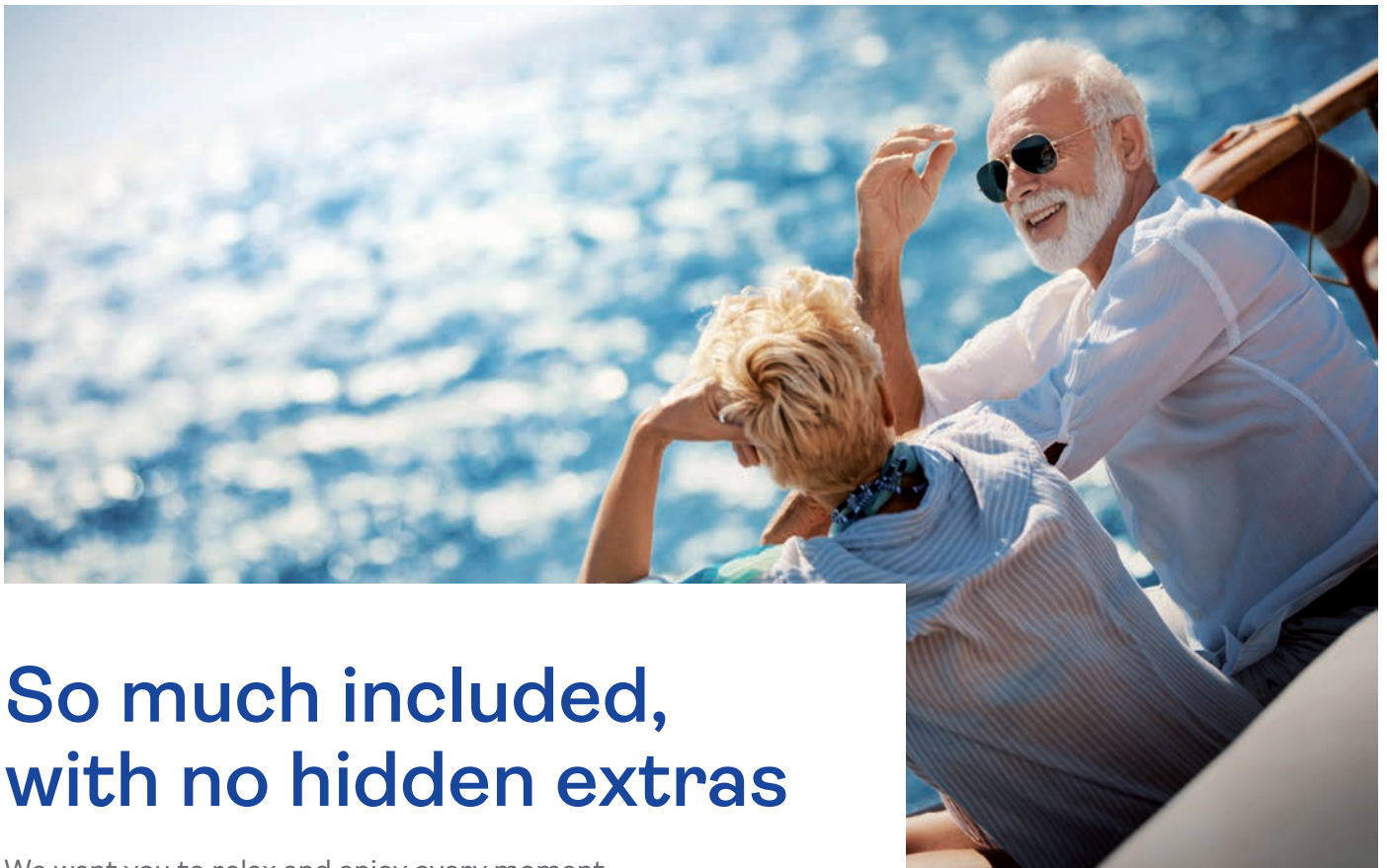


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- Solo departure available
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# So much included, with no hidden extras

We want you to relax and enjoy every moment of your tour. That's why we include so much in the price from travel insurance, flights and accommodation to selected meals and excursions.

## VIP door-to-door transfers

Our VIP door-to-door travel service is included on every tour. With no mileage limit and no solo supplements, it's a little extra touch that makes the start and end of your holiday as easy as the rest of the trip.



Our driver will pick you up from home (anywhere on the UK mainland) and take you to the airport or your UK hotel. Depending where you live, we might pick you up from home and fly you to London from your local airport. A supplement may apply if you decide not to take the domestic flight and travel via road instead.



### Included travel insurance

Our included travel insurance provided by Astrenska Insurance Limited includes up to £5m emergency medical cover<sup>§</sup>.



### Tour Manager

A friendly, knowledgeable tour manager will escort you throughout your tour.



### Excursions

From visits to famous sights to cultural experiences – you can find more details on the individual holiday pages.



### Accommodation as specified

Our team of experts carefully select our hotels and accommodation to make sure they meet our high standards.



### International flights, airport taxes, fees and charges



### Porterage at each hotel

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## Holidays without the hassle

The beauty of our tours is just how much you'll get to see and do. Whether you're crossing between Europe and Asia on Ultimate Turkey or snaking your way through Spain's southern cities on Spirit of Andalucia, you'll spend your days being wowed by incredible sights and scenes.



They're the kind of adventures that take months of planning to get right – and that's where we come in. With us, the time and effort of trying to organise a trip like this is swept away. Everything's taken care of, every detail carefully considered. Taking the Glacier Express through the Swiss Alps? We've pre-booked the tickets. Heading for the Greek islands? We've found the perfect spot for a beach barbecue (and we'll bring the chilled drinks, too).

So, instead of worrying about bus timetables, finding hotels or checking opening hours, you can spend your time enjoying every moment of your experience.

# Experience tells us...

That one size doesn't fit all – that's why we've created a diverse collection of holidays. From solo adventures to Cruise & Tour combinations, how will you holiday next?



## Escorted tours

You'll find a huge range of escorted tours in this brochure, each one meticulously planned and accompanied by expert tour managers.



## Small ship cruising

Explore the Croatian islands on a small ship cruise. With no more than 36 guests on board, you can expect a friendly, sociable atmosphere, as well as personalised service from your crew. Sail into the heart of ports and to the smallest of islands – places larger ships simply cannot reach – and enjoy impromptu swimming stops as you go. Meals are freshly prepared using seasonal produce, with plenty of local wine to wash it down.



## Cruise & Tour

These holidays pair an escorted tour with an ocean cruise, creating an irresistible combination of adventure, luxury and relaxation.



## Stay & Explore

Staying in just one or two hotels, these holidays are designed to let you delve deeper into your destination, whether that's Italy's mountain-backed Lake District or the magical island of Malta.



## Solo tours

Departures of some of our best-loved tours, reserved exclusively for those travelling on their own. Incredible adventures around the world, shared with like-minded people.



# Let's talk flexibility

It's not something you'd necessarily think of when it comes to touring. But we're more flexible than you might imagine...

## The long and short of it



Our tours range from a week to more than a month in length, so whether you want to squeeze in a quick trip or fancy an epic adventure, we've got something to suit.

Some tours tempt you with incredible add-ons, like a few days in Viareggio and the Cinque Terre after The Essence of Tuscany, or a cruise around the Aegean after finishing Captivating Crete.

You can stay on for longer at the end of your tour, or even take two tours back-to-back. Just ask if you'd like any more information – you'll be surprised by what we can do!

## Free to feel good

Free time is built into all of our tours, so there'll always be chances to rest and relax or do some exploring on your own. You can choose to join one of our optional excursions, too, it's completely up to you. If you want some suggestions for your free time, your tour manager will be happy to point you in the direction of some great local spots.

## Change of plans?

Not to worry – our Flexi Deposit allows you to make free changes to your holiday up until your final balance is paid.

Valid on new bookings. Fee may apply for non-refundable flights or higher deposit tours – please ask for details when you book.

## Great for groups

Got a group of ten or more? Our Group Travel Department is devoted to helping bigger groups find the perfect tour, whether you're travelling as a club or society, extended family or a big group of friends. They can help fine-tune and finesse your plans, and assist with all the arrangements – to discuss your ideas, call 0800 988 5894 or drop an email to [group.travel@saga.co.uk](mailto:group.travel@saga.co.uk).



# Expertise every step of the way

From the wine specialist who'll guide you round one of Portugal's famous wine cellars to the tour manager who knows where to get the best cannoli in Sicily, you'll have friendly expertise every step of the way.



## Tour managers

The tour managers we use are the very best in the business. It's their job to keep everything running smoothly and safely and help you get the most out of your time away. From restaurant recommendations to excursions advice, your tour manager is the go-to person.



## Local guides

On some tours or excursions, we also call on the services of local guides. Their stories and specialist knowledge can transform your experience and give you a real insight and feel for the places you explore.



## Available 24 hours a day

Tour managers are on hand 24 hours a day and are supported around the clock by a team based in our UK head office.

## Award-winning adventures

What matters most to us is what our customers think of our holidays. That's why we're so proud to have taken home 14 awards, including **Best Travel Company for Escorted Group Holidays**, at the British Travel Awards, voted for entirely by the public. We were also delighted to be named Silver Travel Advisor's **Best Worldwide Tour Operator**.





# You can book with confidence

## Our price promise

With our price promise if you find your holiday advertised for less than you paid, we'll give you the difference back as a credit towards your next tour.

## We've got you covered

We include travel insurance and cancellation cover on all overseas holidays\*. It features up to £5m emergency medical and repatriation cover for a variety of medical conditions as well as cover if you need to cancel your holiday before you leave due to medical conditions.

## Your money is safe

The financial guarantees of our Protection Promise means your money's safe as it's held in an independent Trust account. We're ATOL protected and ABTA bonded, too.

## Your happiness guaranteed

We're so confident you'll love your Saga tour, that we'll bring you home and refund your money if you don't. For more information visit [saga.co.uk/happiness](http://saga.co.uk/happiness)

**All our holidays are ABTA and ATOL protected**



\* Insurance is underwritten by Astrenska Insurance Limited and subject to medical screening, or a price reduction if not required. Pre-departure cancellation cover is provided by Saga and only available when taking the included optional insurance. Any third-party charges incurred would still be charged e.g. certain air tickets. If Saga has to cancel your holiday you will receive a refund within 14 days. Travel insurance is not included on Private Jet tours. For full details please see pages 112-115.

## The right pace

To help you choose the most suitable holiday, each one has a rating from 1-3 based on the pace of the holiday and included activities.

### Leisurely

These include mostly short days and days at leisure. They may involve walking reasonable distances, including over uneven ground and negotiating stairs, and there may be periods of standing. You might also be required to get on and off different types of transport.

### Moderate

Days are longer and excursions may require moderate walking at a steady pace. You might be required to walk further distances, including over mixed terrain and up and down stairs.

### Faster

You'll need a good level of fitness and mobility in order to partake in physical activities. These could include longer walking tours over greater distances and hikes or treks over challenging terrain and varying inclines.

Please note: This is a guide only. Please be aware that for each level you should be comfortably able to manage the requirements set out in the lower levels. For cruising, this guide refers to the on-board experience and included excursions only. For more information on whether a holiday is suitable for you, please call our travel advisors.

# Our private jet tours

Our most luxurious holidays yet, these tours offer unforgettable encounters and experiences in some of the world's most iconic travel destinations.

You'll journey from country to country by privately chartered jet, staying in a succession of exquisite hotels, desert camps and beachfront resorts.

There are two incredible itineraries to choose from: **Captivating Cultures** and **Spice Route Journey**.

Ready, set, jet...

For us it's been the holiday of a lifetime. We've both done a lot of travelling but not at this level of luxury, and it's just so nice to see and do the things that we've done but just have no worries. Some of the places we would have thought twice about tackling on our own, so therefore the fact that we've been looked after and we've had such a positive, luxury experience, yes it's been lovely.

**Bob and Penny, who joined Captivating Cultures in 2023**



All of our private jet flights are carbon offset



## Captivating Cultures A Grand Tour from Rome to Rajasthan

Harking back to the golden age of travel, this thrilling adventure takes you across Europe and Asia to Nabatean cities, Mughal palaces and Ottoman mansions. Take in the sights and scenery in Italy and Montenegro, marvel at spiritual wonders in Jordan and India, and discover the glittering treasures of Turkey and Uzbekistan.

You'll stay in five-star hotels and enjoy extraordinary experiences throughout – like seeing sunrise at the Taj Mahal, admiring the mastery of Michelangelo on a pre-opening tour of the Sistine Chapel, and being entranced by ancient Petra illuminated beneath a star-blanketed sky.

**22 nights departing 3 September 2025  
& 2 September 2026**

## Spice Route Journey From Aqaba to Venice by Private Jet

Inspired by the fabled Spice Route, this will be a deliciously aromatic journey, brought to life with behind-the-scenes plantation tours, visits to lively souqs and spice-scented markets, and banquets inspired by heritage recipes from the spice trade.

Following in the footsteps of ancient traders who brought sought-after spices to the western world, you'll journey to the exotic shores of Zanzibar and Muscat. You'll sail aboard a Keralan houseboat and take a 4WD across Jordan's desert dunes. Finishing in Venice, there'll be creative workshops and art-inspired walks to reveal the secrets of La Serenissima.


**16 nights departing 13 March 2025  
& 1 October 2026**

For more information  
on our private jet tours  
please call **0808 304 4320**  
or visit [saga.co.uk/private-jet](https://saga.co.uk/private-jet)



Lake Orta



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## Scenic Lake Orta

and a Matterhorn Rail Journey | **7 NIGHTS from £1,935**

per person based on two sharing, 15 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Half-day excursion to Orta San Giulio, boat trip to Isola San Giulio & Basilica di San Giulio
- Full-day excursion to Gornergrat Switzerland by rail
- Half-day excursion to Verbania and Villa Taranto
- Excursion to Stresa with private boat tour to visit the Borromean Islands

#### 2 days - free time

7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

The smallest of the Italian Lakes, Orta remains refreshingly uncrowded and almost untouched by tourism. The rambling cobbled streets are lined with traditional trattorias and authentic, family-run hotels. In the lake's centre, Isola San Giulio floats dreamily, adorned with handsome 18th-century buildings overlooked by the mountainous backdrop. Zip across the border into Switzerland by rail for yet more breathtaking scenery: glittering glaciers, classic mountain villages and snow-capped chalets await.



Gornergrat Bahn



Take a boat to San Giulio Island



Villa Taranto, Verbania



## Hotel L'Approdo (4\*)



Take a moment to enjoy the hotel's tranquility with views overlooking the waters of Lake Orta. Rooms are spacious with air-conditioning and free Wi-Fi. Many feature a large balcony with views over the lake - ideal for gazing into the sunset. The hotel's swimming pool is open through the summer, weather permitting.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

**Day 1 UK - Milan - Lake Orta.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Milan. We arrive in Lake Orta and enjoy a welcome drink, dinner and musical entertainment.

**Day 2 Orta San Giulio - Isola San Giulio.** We'll make our way to the town of Orta San Giulio, nestled into the hills. After a little exploration we'll board a boat on this jewel-like lake, to the little island of San Giulio. On the island, we'll visit the Romanesque Basilica di San Giulio.

**Day 3 Visp - Zermatt - Gornergrat - Täsch.** Experience some superbly scenic rail journeys into and around Switzerland, as we journey from Visp to Zermatt, at the foot of Matterhorn. After walking the short distance to Gornergrat Bahn, we'll join a further train to Gornergrat - a rocky ridge overlooking the Gorner Glacier. We arrive at the spectacular viewing platform at lunchtime, before taking a train to Täsch this afternoon.

**Day 4 Lake Orta.** Spend the day at leisure enjoying the lake. Relax at the hotel or perhaps walk up to the UNESCO-listed collection of chapels in the hills above Orta San Giulio.

**Day 5 Verbania and Villa Taranto.** This morning, we'll visit Lake Maggiore and its biggest town, Verbania, sometimes referred to as 'the garden on the lake'. It's home to the Botanical Gardens of Villa Taranto with almost 20,000 varieties and 3,000 species of plant. We'll have time to wander along the 7kms of paths, taking in a small valley, terraced gardens and waterfalls, water lily and lotus pools, and ornamental fountains.

**Day 6 Lake Orta.** Today is free to relax in your beautiful surroundings by the lake.

**Day 7 Stresa.** We'll journey into Stresa on the banks of Lake Maggiore. The lake's wind-ruffled waters are also dotted with the three tiny Borromean Islands and we'll explore two of them - Isola Bella (beautiful island) dominated by its 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo, and picturesque Isola dei Pescatori.

**Day 8 Lake Orta - Milan - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for your journey home.

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	7, 14, 21, 28	April	8, 22, 29
June	4	May	6, 13, 20, 27
September	10, 17, 24	June	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1, 8, 15	September	9, 16, 23, 30
		October	7, 14

Dedicated solo departure from £2,635 based on 8 October 2024.

No single supplement - Limited Availability

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**




Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

### Please note:

- 2024 departures include lunch on day 3.
- A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

Sirmione



 Flexi-tour
  Stay and explore
  Pace 1

## The Southern Shores of Lake Garda | 7 NIGHTS from £1,985

per person based on two sharing, 14 May 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Venice, Lake Garda, Verona and the Dolomites (*with cable car*)

#### 2 days - free time

7 nights in hotel

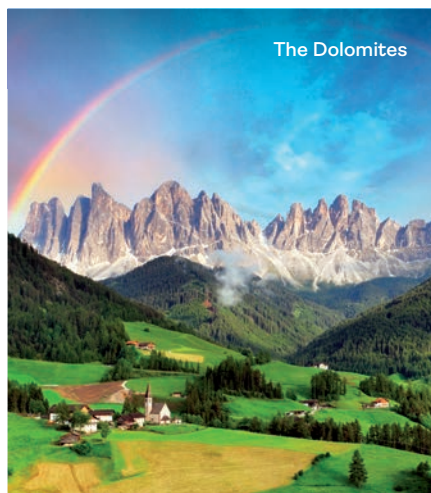
**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

The vast shoreline of Lake Garda is dotted with pretty villages and gleaming resorts. But in the lake's southern basin sits the most picturesque town of all - Sirmione. Known as the 'Pearl of Lake Garda', it's embellished with a 13th century castle and calming hot springs. From here, we'll twist along the winding roads to the mighty Dolomites, amble through the cobbled streets of Verona, and glide along Venetian canals, as well as enjoying plenty of time on the lake itself.



The Dolomites

**Day 1 UK - Verona - Lake Garda.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Verona. On arrival we transfer to Sirmione, on the shores of beautiful Lake Garda.

**Day 2 Sirmione.** Today is free to explore the beautiful lakeside town of Sirmione. The 13th-century castle is a real highlight and is incredibly well maintained. Alternatively, experience the town's Roman thermal baths, which are supplied by the mineral-rich water that bubbles out of Lake Garda. You could also spend some time visiting the Grotto of Catullus.



Venice



**Flexi-tour**  
Extend this holiday with extra inclusions on selected dates\*



Torbole

## The Contrasts of Lake Garda - Northern and Southern Shores

**14 NIGHTS FROM £2,395** per person based on two sharing, 6 May 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Days 1-3 Per main itinerary.

**Day 4 Lake Garda.** This morning, we'll explore the southern shores of Lake Garda on a guided tour.

### Day 5 Sirmione - Valeggio sul Mincio.

The morning is free. In the afternoon, we'll make our way to Valeggio sul Mincio and its small hamlet of Borghetto.

### Days 6-7 Per main itinerary.

**Day 8 Torbole.** Today, we leave Sirmione and head north to Torbole, where we'll stay for seven nights at the Caravel Bike Hotel (4\*).

**Day 9 Limone - Riva.** We'll cross the lake by ferry to Limone and then the bustling town of Riva.

**Day 10 Torbole.** The day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

**Day 11 The Dolomites.** We journey to Bolzano and take the short cable car to Soprabolzano. Continue exploring the Renon plateau via Ritten's narrow-gauge railway. Then round off the day with a slice of local apple strudel and a cup of coffee.

**Day 12 Torbole - Malcesine.** Visit Torbole's market. Take an afternoon ferry across to the pretty village of Malcesine.

**Day 13 Trento.** We head to Trento for a guided tour and some wine tasting.

**Day 14 Torbole.** Today is free.

**Day 15 Torbole - Verona - UK.** We transfer to Verona airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

See website for full details.  
Tour reference: SELGT

**Day 3 Venice.** We'll travel to Venice, where we take a guided tour through the historic centre, acquainting ourselves with its alleys and canals. The rest of the day is at leisure. Take a romantic gondola ride, venture to the surrounding islands, climb to the top of St Mark's Bell Tower, or browse the stalls at the Rialto market.

**Day 4 Lake Garda.** We'll tour Lake Garda today, stopping in characterful villages including the hamlet of Lazise, the cobbled village of Malcesine, and Riva with its uniquely Austrian flavour. In the afternoon we cross the lake by ferry to Limone for free time exploring its picturesque streets and lemon groves.

**Day 5 The Dolomites.** Enjoy wonderful views from every angle as we explore the Dolomites, beginning with the small mountain lake of Carezza. We then proceed to stunning Bolzano, where we can take the short cable car over hilly vineyards and valleys to Soprabolzano. We'll continue exploring the Renon plateau via Ritten's narrow-gauge railway. Then we're in for a treat as we round off our day with a slice of local apple strudel and a cup of coffee, before our journey back to Sirmione.

**Day 6 Sirmione.** Spend the day at leisure - do a little sightseeing in Sirmione or enjoy a stroll along the lakefront.

**Day 7 Verona.** This morning starts with a guided walking tour of Verona, taking in Roman and medieval remains, bustling Piazza Brá and Juliet's balcony. You'll have a bit of time to explore on your own, before we head back to the hotel in the afternoon.

**Day 8 Sirmione - Verona - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



### Dates

2024		2025	
May	7, 14, 28	April	8, 29
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September	3, 10, 17, 24	June	3, 10, 17
		September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30*
		October	7, 14*

Single supplement: from £120

**§ If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

### Please note:

- A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.
- 2024 departures visit Canazei in the Dolomites on day 5, instead of Bolzano.

### Hotel Du Parc (4\*)

Just a stone's throw from the beach or cafés of Colombare town, Hotel Du Parc enjoys a peaceful spot facing the lake in Sirmione. At the hotel, opt for a morning dip in the pool, hire a bicycle (at own cost) and explore, and indulge in traditional dishes in the restaurant. Modern rooms are en suite with terrace/balcony, heating/air-conditioning, TV, safe, mini-bar, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



Stay and explore



Pace 2

## The Essence of Tuscany - A Classic Touring Holiday | 7 NIGHTS from £1,835

per person based on two sharing, 2 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- Walking tours of Florence, Lucca and Siena
- Visits to Pisa, San Gimignano and Monteriggioni
- Entry to Villa Puccini Museum
- Excursion to Chianti with wine tasting

#### 1½ days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**11 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
3 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Rolling hills draped with grapevines, honey-stone houses glowing in the sunshine and fields speckled with silvery olive trees - rural Tuscany really is a picture-perfect sight. On this relaxed tour, we'll combine the countryside with the region's historic towns and cities, from Renaissance Florence to the 'medieval Manhattan' of San Gimignano. Over a leisurely eight days, we'll see Siena's shell-shaped piazza, sample superb wines in the heart of Chianti, walk Lucca's city walls and tour the home of Tuscany's most famous opera composer, Giacomo Puccini.

#### Day 1 UK - Florence - Montecatini Terme.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Florence. Our tour begins in Montecatini Terme, a spa town in the heart of Tuscany - we'll head straight to our hotel here.

**Day 2 Florence.** Today we'll take the train to Tuscany's beautiful capital city: Florence. Known as the 'cradle of the Renaissance', its streets are filled with incredible architecture, from the green and white marble façade of the Duomo (and the spectacular dome that crowns it) to the Romanesque grandeur of the Palazzo Vecchio.

A guided walking tour will lead us to some of the highlights, including the cathedral, the imposing Basilica di Santa Croce, and the Piazza della Signoria - the historical heart of Florence's social and political scene.

The afternoon is at leisure for you to discover more of this wonderful city. Perhaps admire the vast collection of artworks in the Uffizi or Accademia galleries, or cross the Arno to visit the treasure-filled Pitti Palace, once the home of the powerful Medici family.

**Day 3 Lucca - Pisa - Torre del Lago.** Nestled in the countryside midway between Pisa and Florence is the lovely little city of Lucca. Its pretty piazzas (especially the oval-shaped Piazza dell'Anfiteatro) and cobbled, café-lined streets are perfect for exploring on foot. If you're feeling energetic, climb the 230 stone steps to the top of Torre Guinigi, where you'll find a shady hanging garden of holm oaks and views across the terracotta rooftops and out to the Apuan Alps and Apennines. For something flatter, walk along the Renaissance walls that wrap around the city - they stretch for four kilometres.



The Leaning Tower of Pisa



**Flexi-tour**

Extend this holiday with extra inclusions on selected dates\*



Cinque Terre

**The Essence of Tuscany - A Classic Tour including Coastal Viareggio and Cinque Terre**

**12 NIGHTS FROM £2,895** per person based on two sharing, 22 May 2024. . Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

**Days 1-7 Per main itinerary.**

**Day 8 Volterra - Bolgheri - Viareggio.**

We'll visit the medieval jewel of Volterra, a hilltop village famed for alabaster production. Continue to Bolgheri, surrounded by vineyards and famed as the birthplace of 'super Tuscan' wines, including Sassicaia.

In Viareggio we'll stay for five nights at the Grand Hotel Royal Viareggio (4\*). It's in a perfect location right on the promenade, with great access to the beach and the art nouveau buildings dotted along the front.

**Day 9 Viareggio.** We'll begin with a guided walking tour - Viareggio's 3km-long promenade 'la Passeggiata' plays host to some of the best examples of art nouveau buildings.

**Day 10 Cinque Terre.** We take a boat to the Cinque Terre, five colourful seaside villages clinging to the hillsides. We'll visit three, to wander past bobbing fishing boats, traditional trattorias and rainbow-coloured buildings. The exact villages visited will be decided on the day.

**Day 11 Pietrasanta.** We head to Pietrasanta, a town that has welcomed artists and creatives for centuries. Amble towards to the Piazza Duomo then relax and people watch from a café on the square.

**Day 12 Viareggio.** Today is free. Maybe wander further along the promenade or head onto the beach's golden sands.

**Day 13 Viareggio - Florence - UK.**

We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

See website for full details.  
Tour reference: SETVC

After a morning in Lucca, we'll head to Pisa, where we'll stop off to have a look at the famous Leaning Tower. Then, we'll head to the lakeside town of Torre del Lago, where we'll pay a visit to the Villa Puccini Museum. This art nouveau villa was once home to Giacomo Puccini, and its serene setting inspired some of his most famous operas, including La Bohème, Tosca and Madame Butterfly.

**Day 4 San Gimignano - Siena.**

UNESCO-listed San Gimignano is a classic Tuscan town: a jumble of honey-hued stone buildings clustered on a hilltop, surrounded by vineyards and groves of olive and cypress trees. But look up and you'll see the sky punctuated by 14 medieval towers. These ancient 'skyscrapers' were built by wealthy families to flaunt their power - once upon a time there were more than 70 of them soaring above the town.

As we make our way towards Siena, our base for the rest of our Tuscany tour, we'll pause for a stroll around the medieval walled town of Monteriggioni.

**Day 5 Siena.** We'll spend this morning uncovering Siena's layers of history, from its Etruscan roots through its medieval 'golden age' to the 17th century, when the city's world-famous horse race - il Palio - first took place. We'll stand in the Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's greatest medieval squares (and the setting for the twice-yearly Palio), and tour the grand cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic and Romanesque architecture.

After our guided Siena tour, the rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps visit the Palazzo Pubblico and climb Torre del Mangia for views across the city, before rewarding your efforts with a scoop of gelato in one of the cafes skirting the Piazza del Campo. If you're an art lover, you'll want to stop by the Pinoteca Nazionale, with its fine collection of Renaissance paintings.

**Day 6 Chianti.** We'll head into the heart of 'wine country' today, as we discover the delights of Chianti. We'll slowly wind our way through the hills, stopping for a delicious Italian lunch at a lovely village restaurant. We'll round off our tour of Chianti with a tasting at a winery.



**Day 7 Siena.** Today is free for you to relax or explore as you wish. Our optional excursion takes you to the Val d'Orcia Terre Senesi, where you'll visit a peaceful abbey and admire the lunar-like clay landscapes of the Crete Senesi. You'll then continue to the Renaissance city of Pienza, where you'll sample locally made pecorino cheese.

**Day 8 Siena - Florence - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

**Dates**

2024		2025	
May	8*, 22*, 29	April	9
June	12	May	7*, 14, 21*
September	4, 11*, 25	June	11
October	2	September	3, 10*, 17, 24
		October	1

Single supplement: from £480

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change) is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

**Where you'll stay**

**3 nights** Hotel Minerva Palace, Montecatini Terme (4\*) • **4 nights** NH Siena (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

Sirmione



## NEW Majesty of the Italian Lakes | 11 NIGHTS from £2,795

per person based on two sharing, 2 October 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 3 excursions and visits

- Lake Garda including Sirmione and a mini cruise around the Sirmione Peninsula
- Lake Como and Como town with guided sightseeing
- Lake Orta and Orta San Giulio with guided sightseeing

#### 5½ days - free time

#### 11 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**16 meals:** 11 breakfasts  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

This tour was designed to showcase three of Italy's most loved lakes: Garda, Como and Maggiore over 12 memorable and easy paced days. We've selected some of the smartest hotels, from a lakeside Belle Époque mansion to a converted 600-year-old castle, and included guided sightseeing and a scenic Lake Garda cruise. We've also included plenty of free days when you can relax and enjoy the hotels and local areas, or choose from optional excursions including Verona, the Borromean Islands and two spectacular rail trips.

**Day 1 UK - Verona - Lake Garda.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Verona. We'll head straight to Lake Garda, a fitting place to spend the first four nights of the tour.

**Day 2 Lake Garda.** Today we'll head to picture-postcard Sirmione, said to be the prettiest town on Lake Garda. You can judge for yourself on an included mini cruise around the stunning Sirmione Peninsula.

**Day 3 Lake Garda.** Today you're free to enjoy lovely Lake Garda and its surroundings. Alternatively, there's an optional full-day excursion to Lake Iseo to ride the Treno dei Saponi train which serves up mouthwatering views with a 'tasting menu' of locally sourced food and wine on the way.

**Day 4 Lake Garda.** Another day to spend as you please, or there's an optional excursion to Verona. A guided walking tour will take you through its historic piazzas, past the famous Roman Amphitheatre and of course, to the famous balcony at Juliet's House, with free time afterwards before returning to the hotel.

**Day 5 Lake Garda - Lake Como.** There's time for one more stroll around Lake Garda this morning, before we head out through spectacular lake and mountain scenery to our next hotel, this one a centuries-old former castle near the shores of Lake Como.

Lake Como



**Day 6 Lake Como.** Today we'll get acquainted with the handsome town of Como. A guided walking tour takes us inside the ancient walls of the 'Citta Murata', the historic centre of the city, where we'll pause to admire the marble-clad cathedral and neighbouring medieval town hall. Afterwards there's free time to explore Como further, or just buy an ice cream and soak up the views.

**Day 7 Lake Como - Lake Maggiore.** Today we'll make our way west from Lake Como to Lake Maggiore, where we spend the final five nights at a lovely hotel with views of the lake. This afternoon there's an optional excursion to Villa Taranto, home to one of the finest botanical gardens in Europe.

**Day 8 Lake Maggiore.** Today you're free to explore independently or join an optional cruise over to the Borromean Islands, where guides will show you around the exquisite terraces and palazzos on Isola Bella and the tropical gardens on Isola Madre.

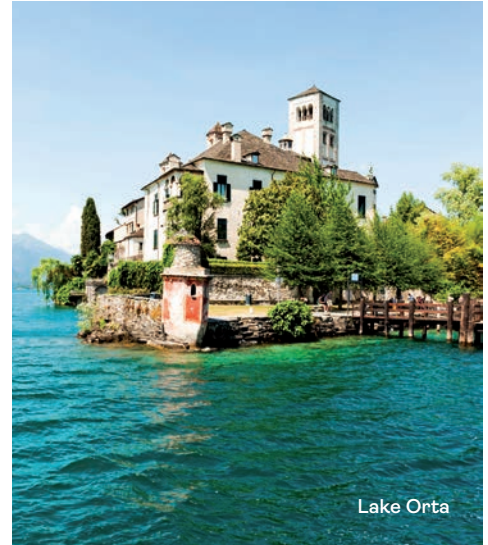
**Day 9 Lake Maggiore.** Another day to do as you please. Perhaps enjoy the views from the hotel gardens or join an optional excursion on the Centovalli - Hundred Valleys - train.

This thrilling two-hour ride crosses 83 bridges and viaducts on its journey between Locarno and Domodossola.

**Day 10 Lake Maggiore.** This morning we'll visit neighbouring little Lake Orta and medieval Orta San Giulio, one of Italy's prettiest and most peaceful lakeside towns. A local ferry regularly makes the short trip to Isola San Giulio, famous for the vibrant frescoes in its 12th-century basilica.

**Day 11 Lake Maggiore.** This last full day is yours to do as you please. Wander down to the lakeside for more of those beautiful views or follow the shoreline to stylish Stresa with its big Belle Époque mansions and Liberty-style hotels.

**Day 12 Lake Maggiore - Milan - UK.** We transfer to Milan airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting to take you home.



Lake Orta



Lake Garda



Isola Bella

## Dates

2025	June	5	
April	24	September	25
May	1, 15, 22	October	2

Single supplement: from £800

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** In some Italian cities, a room tax of between €1-2 per person per night (subject to change) is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Where you'll stay

- 4 nights Hotel Savoy Palace, Riva del Garda (4\*)
- 2 nights Hotel Castelo di Casiglio, Erba (4\*)
- 5 nights Hotel Simplon, Baveno (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Stay and explore



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## Highlights of the Beautiful Amalfi Coast | 7 NIGHTS from £1,735

per person based on two sharing, 29 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Excursion to Sorrento
- Guided walking tour of Pompeii
- Full-day guided trip to Amalfi Coast, with boat trip from Positano to Sorrento via Amalfi
- Full-day excursion to Capri, including exclusive boat tour and funicular

#### 2½ days - free time

7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Cascading down a steep hillside overlooking the Bay of Naples and mighty Mount Vesuvius, Sorrento is the gateway to the delights of the Amalfi Coast. Away from the bustling warren of twisting narrow streets that make up Sorrento's picturesque old town, we'll take to the sparkling waters to explore the fabled towns along the iconic Amalfi coast, including Positano and Amalfi. You'll also have the chance to roam the lemon-tree clad hills and visit the glamorous island of Capri.

**Day 1 UK - Naples - Sorrento.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home, for your flight to Naples. On arrival, transfer to our base, nestled in the middle of the Sorrento Peninsula.

**Day 2 Sorrento.** After a leisurely morning, we head into Sorrento to explore its labyrinth of cobbled streets together. Soak up the beautiful sea views - with views of Mt Vesuvius in the distance - and browse the lively street vendors selling fresh fruit and tasty limoncello. After all the sightseeing, you may be feeling peckish, so you might like our optional excursion to learn the art of creating delicious Neapolitan pizzas at a local restaurant.

**Day 3 Pompeii.** We visit Pompeii, with a local guide, to explore the wealthy Roman town that was buried in AD 79 by a massive

eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have arranged a guide who will bring to life the day-to-day affairs of the once thriving town. Many household items were preserved within the walls that were buried in the thick layers of ash and lava, providing significant proof of Roman customs, trades and art. Even the walls themselves offer much information, with shop signs and graffiti with messages of electoral propaganda. To enhance your visit, you will be provided with your own audio headset.

**Day 4 Amalfi Coast.** Today we'll journey along one of the world's most spectacular and famous routes, the Amalfi Coast. The 50km stretch of stunning coastline winds its way along the Sorrentine Peninsula from Sorrento to Salerno with breathtaking vistas of land and seascapes. With our guide,



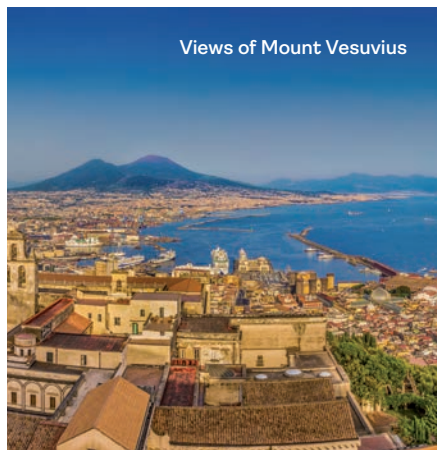
we'll wind along to pretty Positano by road, before taking to the water and gliding towards iconic Amalfi by boat - so you'll have the added bonus of seeing the coastline from the sea. We'll return by boat to Sorrento.

**Day 5 Sorrento.** Today is at leisure to explore the tangled streets of Sorrento under your own steam. Perhaps join our optional excursion to mighty Mount Vesuvius to learn about the history and geology of this restless mountain. After, you'll stop for a leisurely wine tasting and light lunch at a winery on the fertile slopes of the volcano. This famous Neapolitan wine, Lacrima Christi (tears of Christ), is grown right here giving the grapes a unique flavour.

**Day 6 Capri.** We'll journey to the 'jewel of the Bay of Naples' - the idyllic island of Capri. As we approach by private boat, you'll see the island's famed limestone cliffs soaring from the sparkling blue water. Take in the sights of the island from the water on a private guided boat tour. We'll then travel up to Capri town via funicular for some free time to wander the harbour and many gelato shops or simply take in the fantastic views.

**Day 7 Sorrento.** Spend your final day soaking up the sights of Sorrento or perhaps wander down to one of the bathing platforms for a spot of relaxation. This evening we'll enjoy a traditional farewell dinner together at a local restaurant on Sorrento Pier. The beautiful views across the sea will only enhance Sorrento's renowned sunsets.

**Day 8 Sorrento - Naples - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



## Explore the Amalfi Coast as part of a small group<sup>^</sup>

### 7 NIGHTS FROM £1,935

per person based on two sharing, 11 November 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>®</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

Selected 2025 departure dates of this holiday form part of our small group tour collection, with a maximum capacity of 24 passengers.

All excursions and meals are included as shown and the stunning hotel chosen for these small group departures is the four-star Hotel Minerva, located a 15-minute stroll from Sorrento's shops and eateries. It has beautiful views across the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius from the terrace and the rooftop pool.

See website for full details.  
Tour reference: SEISO

### Dates

2024		2025	
May	7, 14, 21, 28	April	8, 29
June	4, 11, 18, 25	May	6, 13, 16*, 27
September	3, 10, 17, 24	June	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	August	29*
November	5	September	9, 16, 23, 30
		October	7, 10*, 14^, 21, 28
		November	4^, 11^

<sup>\*</sup> The Highlights of Rome and the Beautiful Amalfi Coast

<sup>^</sup> Highlights of the Beautiful Amalfi Coast - a small group tour

Single supplement: from £300

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

### Where you'll stay

**7 nights** Grand Hotel Hermitage, Sorrento (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



**Flexi-tour**  
Extend this holiday with extra inclusions on selected dates\*



Colosseum

## The Highlights of Rome and the Beautiful Amalfi Coast

**11 NIGHTS FROM £2,895** per person based on two sharing, 10 October 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>®</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

**Day 1 UK - Rome.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Rome. On arrival, we'll transfer to the Hotel Eliseo (4\*) for a four-night stay, passing some iconic sights along the way.

**Day 2 Rome.** We'll spend the next few days exploring some of Rome's most iconic landmarks, starting today with a guided tour. We'll head to the Vatican City to admire St Peter's Basilica from the outside, St Peter's square, the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona. We'll also stop for an ice cream tasting at Giolitti to taste its delicious ice cream - it's the oldest gelateria in the city, once visited by Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck in the timeless classic 'Roman Holiday'.

**Day 3 Rome.** No trip to Rome would be complete without a walk by the impressive Colosseum - Italy's world-renowned classical site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World (entry isn't included). Our guided tour then proceeds to the Roman Forum and Piazza Venezia, followed by some free time.

**Day 4 Rome.** Today is free to explore this fascinating city at your own pace.

**Day 5 Rome - Sorrento.** We'll say "arrivederci" to Rome as we head southwards to Sorrento, our base for the next week on the glistening Amalfi Coast.

**Days 6-12 Per main itinerary - days 2-8.**

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

See website for full details.  
Tour reference: SESOR



Stay and explore



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## Contrasts of Ischia and Sorrento

and the beautiful Amalfi coast | **7 NIGHTS FROM £1,735**

per person based on two sharing, 10 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Ischia and Sorrento
- Boat tour around Ischia and Procida
- Lemon grove visit and tasting
- Visit Positano and Amalfi by boat with cake tasting

#### 2 days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
2 lunches  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- All ferry transfers
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Indulge in two distinctive tastes of Italy on this 8-day tour of Ischia and Sorrento.

In laid-back Ischia, slow down to the local Italian way of living. Explore historic sites and peaceful beaches, sip aperitivos at sunset and dine in family-run trattorias.

On the other side of the coin, explore all the hustle and bustle of Sorrento. You'll be whisked away to visit the iconic towns of the Amalfi Coast and sip local limoncello with views of mighty Mount Vesuvius across the bay.

**Day 1 UK - Naples - Ischia.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Naples. On arrival, we'll board our ferry for the crossing to Ischia and transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2 Ischia.** Discover a slice of local Italy in Ischia. Just a stone's throw from the mainland in the sparkling Bay of Naples, the island is regarded as Capri's lesser-known sister. Quieter, yes. More relaxed, yes. But this volcanic island is just as seductive. It's host to some dramatic historic sites and a string of soft, sandy beaches - plus there's over 100 thermal springs which make it a popular wellness destination for locals and visitors alike.

We waste no time in getting to know the island on a coastline tour with a local guide today. We'll stop in Forio; drive via Panza to

Serrara Fontana; visit Ischia Ponte, the site of the island's magnificent medieval Castello Aragonese; and pretty little Lacco Ameno.

**Day 3 Ischia - Procida.** If you've felt the urge to dip your toes into sparkling blue waters, today might be the day. After a nice, leisurely morning, we take to the water for an island tour around Ischia and Procida by boat. The tiny little island of Procida in the Bay of Naples is a favourite among Italian holidaymakers and there's a real local feel here.

We'll cruise around the island taking in the pretty sights from afar. We'll pass Castello Aragonese and sail towards San Angelo to enjoy the views from the harbour.

We'll watch the sunset in the bay of Citara, with Prosecco and canapés. The perfect end to a memorable day.

Positano



A view across the Bay of Naples to Mt Vesuvius



**Day 4 Ischia - Sorrento.** You'll have the whole morning to yourself today. Perhaps opt for a spot of shopping in the boutique shops lining Via Roma. This afternoon we'll take the ferry back to the mainland and transfer to Sorrento. Later, maybe sip a refreshing drink as the sun sets over the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius.

**Day 5 Sorrento.** Cascading down a steep hillside overlooking the Bay of Naples and mighty Mount Vesuvius, Sorrento is a web of twisting narrow streets filled with family-run trattorias and gelato parlours. We head into Sorrento today to explore its cobbled streets together. Soak up the beautiful sea views - the view of Mount Vesuvius in the distance - and browse the lively street vendors selling famed Amalfi lemons. After the guided tour, we'll stop by a local lemon grove to learn about the production of limoncello and local jam tasting.

**Day 6 Amalfi Coast.** Feast your eyes on some of the world's most beautiful and iconic towns as we cruise past the glamorous Amalfi Coast by boat. On our guided tour, we'll first visit Positano; a cascade of pretty pastel-coloured houses and steep, winding streets. We'll then

continue to Amalfi, where sun-filled piazzas sit by historic buildings. It's the perfect place to just sit and look.

We'll stop at a local patisserie for a tasting of the local sweet, 'delizie al limone' (lemon delight) which is a sponge drizzled in a limoncello based syrup.

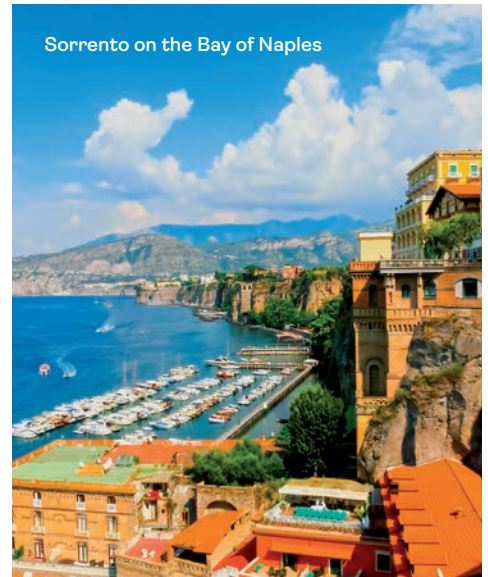
**Day 7 Sorrento.** Today is at leisure for you to spend as you please. Perhaps soak up those last views of the Bay of Naples, or maybe potter around the streets of Sorrento.

Alternatively, you could join our optional tour to Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. With a local expert, you'll explore the one-time wealthy Roman town of Pompeii, which was buried in AD 79 by a massive eruption of Mount Vesuvius. You'll also make the incredible journey up to the crater at the peak of the volcano.

This evening we'll enjoy a local farewell dinner together.

**Day 8 Sorrento - Naples - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

Sorrento on the Bay of Naples



Views of Ischia

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	16, 23	May	8, 22
June	6, 13	June	5, 19
September	5, 12, 19, 26	September	4, 11, 18, 25
October	3, 10, 17	October	2, 9, 16

Single supplement: from £220

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 – see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Where you'll stay

- 3 nights Hotel San Francesco, Ischia (4\*)
- 4 nights Hotel Jaccarino, Sorrento (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Solo date



Pace 2

## Secrets of Southern Italy and Sicily | 10 NIGHTS FROM £2,295

per person based on two sharing, 7 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 10 excursions and visits

- Excursion to Alberobello, Martina Franca and Ostuni
- Excursion to Lecce with local guide (including cathedral and aristocratic mansion for aperitivo)
- Guided visit to the caves at Matera
- Orientation walk in Altomonte
- Visit to the Archaeology Museum in Reggio Calabria
- Visit to Savoca
- Guided excursions to the slope's of Mount Etna (including wine tasting) and Taormina (including Greek theatre)

#### 2½ days - free time

10 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**20 meals:** 10 breakfasts  
10 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

This 11-day trip is southern Italy and Sicily in shades of sepia. Travelling through Puglia and Calabria with a ferry crossing over to Sicily, we explore the sun-warmed piazzas and palazzi of cobbled hilltop towns, wander ancient amphitheatres, and unearth architectural treasures - such as the 10,000-year-old 'sassi' cave dwellings of Matera and the kiln-shaped stone 'trulli' of Alberobello. We'll top off our trip with a 'The Godfather' Sicilian village and a walk beneath the summit of restless Mount Etna - the highest active volcano in Europe.

**Day 1 UK - Bari - Alberobello.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Bari. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel in Alberobello, Puglia.

**Day 2 Alberobello - Martina Franca - Ostuni.** Today starts with a tour of the remarkable zona dei trulli in the old town of Alberobello. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is made up of 1,500 'trulli' - white painted houses with dry-stone conical roofs that date back to the 14th century, only found in southern Puglia.

Next, we visit the historic town of Martina Franca in the Apulian hills, to wander through the sun-dappled piazzas, baroque churches and palazzos of the old town. Rising above a patchwork of olive groves, cypress trees and the glittering waters of the Adriatic, we continue up to Ostuni. The 'Citta Bianca' (White City) sweeps down the hillside in a labyrinth of narrow alleyways and staircases, with pretty gardens, painted doorways and tiny Fiats and scooters parked on the cobbles. Our exploration will involve some uphill walking.

**Day 3 Lecce.** Today we continue exploring this beautiful corner of southern Italy with a trip to Lecce. The old town is a masterpiece of creamy-coloured stone and intricate baroque façades, adorned with crouching gargoyles and ornate stained glass. We'll visit the cathedral and then an aristocratic mansion - where we'll enjoy aperitivo.

**Day 4 Matera - Altomonte.** Our journey south to the Calabria region will be lengthy yet fascinating, stopping in the ancient troglodyte city of Matera. Thought to be the oldest city in the world after Aleppo and Jericho, the cave houses or 'Sassi' were inhabited in some form for close to 10,000 years. Matera was given UNESCO status in 1993 and today, the caves are museums, boutique hotels and filming locations for Hollywood blockbusters.

Our hotel in Altomonte is popular for local weddings and on these occasions we'll have the use of a private restaurant and terrace.



Matera



Mount Etna

**Day 5 Altomonte.** This morning we take an orientation walk around Altomonte, a town known for its gorgeous churches, romantic stone squares and fabulous views. The perfect wedding picture backdrop, it's known as the 'Wedding City' for the sheer number of couples that choose to marry here. The afternoon is free to explore the town independently.

**Day 6 Altomonte.** The whole day is free to spend as you please.

**Day 7 Giardini Naxos.** Today we drive south to the coastal city of Reggio Calabria or the 'toe' of Italy, separated from Sicily by the narrow Strait of Messina. Before we board the ferry for the short crossing, we visit the National Archaeological Museum - home to two full-size Greek bronzes of bearded warriors from around 450 BC, known as the Riace Warriors.

Our first taste of Sicily is the scenic drive to the town of Giardini Naxos at the foot of Mount Etna.

**Day 8 Giardini Naxos.** Spend the day at leisure.

**Day 9 Savoca - Taormina.** Even if you're not a film fan, you can't fail to be wowed by this morning's visit to Savoca. This small medieval village shot to big screen fame when it featured in the 1972 film, 'The Godfather'. There'll be free time to explore and soak up the rustic charms and cinematic scenery.

Afterwards we visit the town of Taormina, perched on a rocky hilltop. The crumbling Corinthian columns, arches, and amphitheatre of the ancient Greek theatre are staggering and the old town is a treasure trove of painted villas and tiled squares.

**Day 10 Mount Etna's Slopes.** We head about halfway up the largest active volcano in Europe to the Rifugio Sapienza, where it's an easy walk across the dried lava to the smaller Silvestri Crateri. After a short stop we head to a Sicilian winery for a tour and tasting. Accompanied by local appetisers of salami, olives and bread, we'll taste four local wines made using grapes from vines grown in the volcanic soil.

**Day 11 Giardini Naxos - Catania - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	10, 17, 31	April	4, 25
June	7, 14	May	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August	30	June	6, 13
September	6, 13, 20, 27	August	29
October	11	September	5, 12, 19, 26
		October	3, 10

Dedicated solo departure from £2,995 based on 30 August 2024

Single supplement: from £1,490

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 – see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri, Alberobello (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Barbieri, Altomonte (4\*) • **4 nights** Hotel Caesar Palace, Giardini Naxos (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



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## Grand Tour of Italy

from Venice to Sicily | **15 NIGHTS from £3,295**

per person based on two sharing, 25 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 14 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Venice; Lucca; Florence (with *Basilica di Santa Croce* entrance); Pompeii; and Rome (with *Colosseum* entrance)
- Visits to Ferrara & Bologna; Pisa (with *ticket for two monuments*); Siena (with *wine tasting*); Sorrento; Gragnano pasta factory and demonstration; mozzarella farm with tasting; and Cosenza
- Visit to Vatican and Sistine Chapel

#### 4 days - free time

**14 nights** in hotels and 1 in flight

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**21 meals:** 14 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Savour every flavour of Italy on our all-encompassing two-week tour, from the cultural highlights of the north to the carefree coasts in the south. Starting in the marshland-turned-masterpiece Venice, we'll sweep through the lyrical landscapes of the Italian countryside. Stopping in ancient Rome and Sicily, sipping a glass of red overlooking beautiful Siena, seeing the ruins of Pompeii - you'll be indulging in the Italian way of life faster than you can say 'buongiorno'.

#### Day 1 UK - Venice - Bassano del Grappa.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Venice. We transfer to our hotel in Bassano del Grappa.

#### Days 2-3 Venice - Bassano del Grappa.

We'll whizz into Venice on a local train, for a guided walk that takes us to the main sights, including the Piazza San Marco and the Bridge of Sighs. Afterwards, you're free to explore independently, or you may have pre-booked an optional visit to the Doge's Palace. On our second day in the area, you're free to explore on your own. Or, there's an optional trip to the old university town of Vicenza, including a guided tour, entrance to the grappa museum and a grappa tasting.

#### Day 4 Ferrara - Bologna - Montecatini Terme.

Today, we travel into the region of Emilia-Romagna en route to Tuscany. We'll visit Ferrara, one of the greatest walled cities in Italy. And we'll stop by the regional capital Bologna, renowned for its food (though the porticoed red-brick buildings and ancient university are also worth a mention).

**Day 5 Florence.** A local train whisks us to Florence from our base in Montecatini Terme. A guided walking tour reveals the city's highlights and includes entrance to the Basilica di Santa Croce, the burial place of some of the most eminent Italians. The afternoon is free in Florence to make your own discoveries, before returning to the hotel.

**Day 6 Pisa - Lucca.** Pisa and Lucca are on the itinerary today, as we head off on a full-day excursion. Pisa's Miracle Square (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) is where you'll find the famous Leaning Tower, as well as the shiny white marble cathedral and baptistry.

In the walled medieval town of Lucca, we take a guided walk to Piazza del Mercato. It's also known as Piazza dell'Anfiteatro - once upon a time, a Roman amphitheatre stood here (which explains the piazza's oval shape).



Venice



Pompeii



Florence



Leaning Tower, Pisa

**Day 7 Siena - Rome.** After some time this morning to explore the 'contrade' (districts) of Siena, one of Italy's most beautiful medieval cities, we wend our way south towards Rome. Along the way, we'll quench our thirst with a wine tasting in one of the best grape-growing areas of Tuscany. We'll arrive into Rome late afternoon.

**Days 8-9 Rome.** Our introduction to Rome includes a guided walk, the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, and entrance to the Colosseum. Spend the following morning exploring on your own.

On the afternoon of day 9 we'll visit the world-renowned Vatican and Sistine Chapel and see iconic artworks, including those of Michelangelo.

**Day 10 Pompeii - Salerno.** Our tour today takes us to Pompeii. This wealthy town was buried and frozen in time in AD 79, by a massive eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This is undoubtedly Europe's most compelling archaeological site. We'll then continue on to Salerno.

**Day 10 Sorrento - Gragnano.** We head to Sorrento on the Gulf of Naples, for some free time to explore. Continue to a Gragnano pasta factory for a demonstration.

**Day 12 Giardini Naxos, Sicily.** We'll make our way south from Naples through Calabria - the 'toe' of Italy - right down to Sicily. We'll visit a mozzarella producer for a tasting of this delicious buffalo milk cheese - you may catch a glimpse of some of the buffalo herds as we travel through the countryside. We'll make a stop in Cosenza and then a short sea crossing from Reggio di Calabria takes us across to Messina on Sicily's north-eastern tip.

**Days 13-14 Giardini Naxos.** Spend some time relaxing at leisure in this lovely beachfront town, or join a full-day optional excursion to Mount Etna and Taormina.

**Day 15 Acireale - Catania - In flight.** After free time we'll depart for the airport, stopping en route in the coastal baroque town of Acireale. Your flight leaves late evening and will arrive into the UK in the early hours of day 16 (subject to schedule changes).

**Day 16 UK.** Upon arrival in the UK, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

**Dates**

2024		2025	
May	1, 8, 15	April	1, 29
June	5, 12, 19, 26	May	6, 13, 20
September	4, 11, 18, 25	June	3, 10, 17
October	2	September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
		October	7, 14, 21

Single supplement: from £700  
**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**  
 Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

- Please note:**
- This holiday shows as a 16-day tour, with your flight home arriving into the UK in the early hours of day 16. However, flight schedules are subject to change and if a change means you arrive home before midnight, the duration will be 15 days.
  - 1 and 8 May 2024 departures are 15 days due to flight schedules.
  - 8 May and 11 September 2024 departures stay in Cittadella instead of Bassano del Grappa on days 1-3.
  - For all 2024 departures, days 5 and 6 are swapped and the visit to the pasta factory in Gragnano isn't included.
  - In many cities in Italy, a room tax of between €1-8 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

**Where you'll stay**

**3 nights** Bonotto Hotel Belvedere, Bassano del Grappa (4\*) • **3 nights** Grand Hotel du Park et Regina (4\*) or Hotel Torretta (4\*), Montecatini Terme • **3 nights** Starhotels Michelangelo, Rome (4\*) • **2 nights** San Severino Park Hotel & Spa, Salerno (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Sant'Alphio Garden, Giardini Naxos (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



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## Puglia - Discover the Heel of Italy | 7 NIGHTS from £1,935

per person based on two sharing, 30 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 12 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Lecce (*including entrance to the cathedral and Basilica di Santa Croce*), Matera, and Monte Sant'Angelo
- Visits to Otranto, Ostuni (*with olive oil tasting*), Cisternino, Alberobello (*with wine tasting*), Castellana Caves, Martina Franca, Bari, and Castel del Monte
- Tasting at a local bakery in Lecce

#### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**12 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

With countryside that's blanketed with olive groves, a collection of historic cities and fairytale towns, and a coastline stretching for 800-odd kilometres, Puglia is a rich region filled with simple pleasures. We'll spend eight days winding through its quiet landscapes, discovering baroque Lecce (the 'Florence of the South') and the traditional trulli houses of Alberobello. We'll even stretch into the neighbouring region of Basilicata to visit Matera and explore its ancient cave dwellings.

**Day 1 UK - Bari - Otranto.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Bari. On arrival we transfer to our hotel in Otranto.

**Day 2 Lecce - Otranto.** This morning, we'll enjoy a guided tour of Lecce, known as the 'Florence of the South' for its baroque architecture. After admiring its honey-stone palazzi and stopping for a delicious takeaway from a bakery, we'll make our way back to Otranto for time to explore.

**Day 3 Ostuni - Cisternino - Alberobello.** This morning we travel to Ostuni, a city which has been occupied since the Stone Age.

Commonly known as 'the white city', Ostuni's hilltop citadel is encased in white walls and surrounded by white-painted architecture. The 15th-century cathedral is distinctive for the green, yellow and white slate tiles that encase it and the nearby buildings.

We enjoy an olive oil tasting before travelling on to Alberobello, with a break to stretch our legs in Cisternino, a historic whitewashed town.

#### Day 4 Castellana Caves - Alberobello.

We drive to the Castellana Caves, a series of limestone caverns accidentally discovered in 1938. A guide will accompany you as you descend to explore the caves.

We also visit Alberobello (there's a 15-minute walk to the town from the coach). Dozens of quirky trulli - circular, conical-roofed houses - can be found in and around the town. We visit a winery here for a wine tasting accompanied by some local products.

Dinner this evening will be at a local masseria.



**Day 5 Matera - Martina Franca.** Today we travel to the 2019 European Capital of Culture, Matera, famous for its 'sassi' - neighbourhoods of ancient cave dwellings. Monks first created this maze of living spaces and churches as they sought refuge from infidels at the end of the first millennium. Miraculously, they are still largely intact.

After our guided tour of the rock church and caves, we make our way to the pretty hilltop town of Martina Franca. We'll have time to wander the whitewashed alleyways, leading to attractive piazzas and baroque wonders, before returning to our hotel.

**Day 6 Bari - Margherita di Savoia.**

We travel to the old port city of Bari. The Romanesque Basilica di San Nicola is dedicated to St Nicholas, or Father Christmas, and was built to house his remains (which still lie in the crypt).

Next is a visit to Castel del Monte, built by Frederick II in the mid-13th century. Most probably intended as a hunting lodge, it crowns a medieval hilltop village.

We continue to Margherita di Savoia and our hotel for the next two nights.

**Day 7 Gargano.** Today we'll visit Gargano in the lesser-known northeast of Puglia.

Our exploration includes a guided tour of its highest inhabited town, Monte Sant'Angelo - its basilica is built on the spot where the Archangel Michael first appeared in a cave. After some time to enjoy a wander, we'll head back to the hotel stopping to view the striking colours of the Margherita di Savoia Salt Pans.

**Day 8 Margherita di Savoia - Bari - UK.**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

**Castellana Caves**

Located some 40km from Bari, the remarkable Castellana Caves have been hailed as the most important speleological compound in Italy and Europe. They were originally discovered in 1938 by Italian explorer Franco Anelli and opened to the public a year later. Accessed by way of a huge vertical tunnel, this 3km-long network of underground caves amazes with bizarre, multi-coloured rock formations, underground caverns and lakes. Chambers include the Altar Cave, the Dome Cave and the Nativity Passage, where a stalagmite said to resemble the Virgin Mary is thus called Madonnina delle Grotte. But perhaps the most striking is the White Cave, a gleaming showcase of pure white speleothems, stalactites, stalagmites, helictites and calcite crystals.

**Dates**

2024		2025	
May	13, 20	May	12, 19
June	3, 10, 17	June	2, 9, 16
September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	September	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
		October	6, 13, 20

Single supplement: from £280

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** In many cities in Italy, a room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.



Otranto

**Where you'll stay**

**2 nights** Vittoria Resort, Otranto (4\*) • **3 nights** Grand Hotel la Chiesa di Chietri, Alberobello (4\*) • **2 nights** Grand Hotel Terme, Margherita di Savoia (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Pace 2

## Hidden Treasures of Sardinia | 8 NIGHTS from £1,995

per person based on two sharing, 1 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 11 excursions and visits

- Guided tours in Cagliari and Alghero
- Product tasting in San Benedetto Market; ice cream tasting in Cagliari; Malvasia wine tasting
- Visits to Barumini with guided tour; Aymerich Park; Basilica di Saccargia; Bandit Museum; traditional Sardinian farm and honey-making tour; Porto Cervo

#### 2 days - free time

#### 8 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**13 meals:** 8 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
4 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on guided tours
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Circled by white sandy beaches and deep emerald waters, there's no denying Sardinia is a Mediterranean paradise. But dig a little deeper below the surface and you'll discover there's also a treasure trove of cultural and archaeological gems to be admired. Explore ancient city ruins and medieval centres. Dip your toes in crystal clear waters and sip wine and taste local specialities at an authentic agriturismo. It's true what's been said: Sardinia is different.

**Day 1 UK - Cagliari.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Cagliari. On arrival, we'll transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2 Cagliari.** Cagliari, the island's capital is golden-hued and tree-lined with traces of its rich past everywhere you go. Today, we'll become acquainted on a guided tour and take in some of the highlights including the old city ramparts, the old town and the cathedral of Santa Maria. We'll also stop by San Benedetto Market, to taste some local products.

The rest of the afternoon is free, interrupted only for an ice cream tasting at a local gelateria.

**Day 3 Barumini - Aymerich Park - Laconi - Oristano.** Our first stop is Barumini, where a local guide will escort us on a tour of the Su Nuraxi complex of Nuraghi, Megalithic stone structures unique to Sardinia.

We continue to Aymerich Park, a botanical paradise of rare plants. If you're the outdoorsy type, you'll love wandering around this natural oasis discovering exotic plants and the ruins of medieval buildings. In nearby Laconi we'll have some leisure time - maybe stroll in the Palazzo Aymerich, host to the Museum of Prehistoric Sardinian Statues, then end the day in Oristano.

#### Day 4 Tharros - Bosa - Alghero.

This morning, we'll pass by the ruins of Tharros; a Carthaginian and Roman port originally built by the Phoenicians. The site enjoys a glorious position on the seafront of the Sinis Peninsula.

By the afternoon, we will arrive in Bosa, one of Sardinia's most beautiful towns. You'll notice it from a distance; the rainbow houses stacked on a steep hillside are instantly recognisable.

We'll stop by the tiny museum-village of Tinnura, famous for the art of weaving, murals and Malvasia wine (don't worry, we won't leave without a tasting).

Capo Caccia's vertical cliffs



**Day 5 Alghero.** Sat prettily on the northwest seafront, the one-time Catalan colony of Alghero is one of the island's most beautiful medieval cities. The historic centre is a tight web of cobbled streets and Spanish-style piazzas, which slope towards the harbour and sweeping bay. We'll enjoy a guided walk, taking in Santa Maria Cathedral, San Francesco church and the tower of Porta Terra.

This afternoon you can explore further, or join our optional boat trip to the Nettuno caves (Neptune's grotto) in Capo Caccia.

We arrive in Alghero and we'll have a special dinner this evening at an authentic agriturismo (farm) for a real taste of the rural life as well as some mirto (local liqueur).

**Day 6 Castelsardo - Aggius - Golfo di Marinella.** Today we journey towards the famed Costa Smeralda, visiting the Romantic-era Basilica di Saccargia en route. Its tall, dark bell tower has punctuated the plain of Saccargia since the 12th century and we'll learn of its legends.

We continue to the 13th-century Aragonese stronghold of Castelsardo. Imagine steep, winding streets, rugged defensive towers and women sitting in doorways weaving elaborate baskets. It's little wonder it has been listed as one of Italy's most beautiful villages.

Then, we stop to stretch our legs in the deeply traditional village of Aggius, a huddle of granite houses clustered around a historic centre. There's a longstanding history of banditry and we'll visit the Bandit Museum - all will be revealed!

**Day 7 Costa Smeralda.** Named for its brilliant blue-green waters, Costa Smeralda (Emerald Coast) is the poster girl for the entire island and Porto Cervo is the glitzy heart. We stay just north of all the bustle and glamour, where the famously clear waters lap at the local sandy beaches.

This morning we'll make our way to a traditional Sardinian farm (stazzu) for a tour of the property that's also involved in honey making. We'll get an introduction into their methods followed by a lovely lunch of local products. We then head to the glamorous village of Porto Cervo. Meander along the boutique-lined avenues and watch the yachts bobbing in the sparkling marina.

**Day 8 Golfo di Marinella.** Today is free to spend as you please in this small seaside village. You'll find a variety of cafés, seafood restaurants and interesting shops to while away your time. Or spend the day on the beach as the turquoise waves lap at your feet.

**Day 9 Golfo di Marinella - Olbia - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Explore Sardinia

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	12	May	11, 20
June	4, 18	June	3, 17
September	3, 10, 17, 24	September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
October	1		

Single supplement: from £95

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Tailor your trip

Why not add an extra stay in the Porto Cervo area and take the time to really unwind after your exploration of this fascinating island. Please call our travel advisors for details.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** T-Hotel, Cagliari (4\*) • **1 night** Mariano IV Palace Hotel, Oristano (4\*) • **2 nights** Hotel Catalunya, Alghero (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Marana, Golfo di Marinella (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Nora

Baroque architecture of Noto



## Sicily - Jewel of the Mediterranean | 9 NIGHTS from £2,595

per person based on two sharing, 28 August 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 16 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Ortigia (including boat trip), Syracuse Archaeological Park, Noto, Ragusa, Palermo (including Palatine Chapel and cathedral), Selinunte, Valley of the Temples, the Roman villa at Piazza Armerina, and Taormina
- Visits of Cefalù, Monreale (including cathedral entrance), and Mount Etna
- Chocolate tasting in Modica; tasting at Maria Grammatico's bakery in Erice; lunch at the private Geracello estate; and visit a local winery, cellar visit and wine-paired lunch on Mount Etna

#### 1 day - free time

#### 9 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**18 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
2 lunches  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Sicily is home to a unique mix of culture borne of years of foreign domination. From the Phoenicians to the Bourbons, each has left an architectural stamp on the island - culminating in a jumble of historic sites in Palermo, Monreale and utterly charming Syracuse. As we circle the island, we'll also seek out some of Sicily's other treasures, including the Valley of the Temples, and postcard-pretty Taormina. We'll sip wine produced on the slopes of Mount Etna and taste rich Modica chocolate and delicious biscuits.

**Day 1 UK - Catania - Noto.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Catania. On arrival we'll transfer to Noto.

**Day 2 Syracuse and Ortigia.** Today we'll visit Syracuse and Ortigia, with guided walking tours of Ortigia town and Syracuse Archaeological Park. The small island of Ortigia is home to narrow medieval lanes and baroque piazzas that are a joy to explore. We'll also hop on a harbour cruise and view Ortigia from the sea. At Syracuse Archaeological Park, we'll explore the Greek theatre and Roman amphitheatre with our guide.

The afternoon is free to explore.



**Day 3 Noto - Ragusa - Modica.** Today we explore the lovely baroque towns of Noto, Ragusa, and Modica - rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1693. We'll wander along Noto's elegant Corso Vittorio Emanuele, with honey-stoned palazzi and churches. Walk straight onto the real-life set of the TV series 'Inspector Montalbano', filmed in and around enchanting Ragusa. We'll conclude with a tasting of divine Modica artisan chocolate, made using an ancient Aztec method.

**Day 4 Cefalù - Palermo.** We'll spend some time in the pretty beach town of Cefalù on our way to Palermo. Wander its narrow lanes, or perhaps treat yourself to a gelato to enjoy by the sandy beach. We arrive later in Palermo for two nights.

**Day 5 Palermo - Monreale.** This morning, we'll take a guided tour of bustling Palermo, including a stop at the Palatine Chapel and the cathedral. We'll then travel to Monreale to visit the magnificent cathedral, famed for its Byzantine mosaics.



#### Day 6 Erice - Selinunte - Agrigento.

Our first stop today is Erice and Maria Grammatico's bakery, to try her famous pasticcini (soft almond biscuits) - we'll wash them down with a glass of liqueur. We then continue, passing Trapani's ancient salt pans, before Selinunte for a guided tour of this fascinating Greek archaeological site. In the evening we check into our hotel in Agrigento.

#### Day 7 Valley of the Temples - Piazza

**Armerina - Giardini Naxos.** We start our day with one of the highlights - a guided visit of the nearby Valle dei Templi, a collection of classic Greek temples scattered across a valley of almond trees.

We stop at the private estate of Geracello for a delicious lunch of local produce. We'll head east to Piazza Armerina, for a guided tour of the Roman villa reveals an incredible floor mosaic. We then continue to Giardini Naxos.

**Day 8 Taormina.** Our walking tour shows us the sights of the cliffside town of Taormina. You have the rest of the afternoon free.

**Day 9 Mount Etna.** This morning we take a drive to the slopes of Etna. After a short walk, there'll be free time to explore this fascinating area with your tour manager and on your own. Be sure to bring a camera - on a clear day, the views from here are spectacular.

Later, we visit a local winery for a cellar visit and included wine-paired lunch.

#### Day 10 Giardini Naxos - Catania - UK.

We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Mount Etna



Europe's largest and most active volcano, Mount Etna, has a recorded history of eruptions dating back to 1500 BC. Constant low-level emissions mean that explosive eruptions endangering the 25% of the island's population that live on its slopes are infrequent and, thanks to its fascination for travellers and its richly fertile volcanic soil, this 3km-high icon is Sicily's single biggest source of income. An excursion to Etna reveals an enthralling geological story and stunning views.



### The Valley of the Temples



Recognised with UNESCO World Heritage status in 1998, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples is a globally significant archaeological site. Here are the ruins of the great temples of ancient Akragas, one of the leading cities of Magna Graecia during the so-called 'Golden Age' of Ancient Greece and lauded by the lyric poet Pindar as the "most beautiful of mortal cities" - amongst them the temples of Hera, Heracles (Hercules), Zeus, Castor and Pollux. The temples and their picturesque setting have inspired countless generations of artists and writers from Virgil to Goethe, Alexander Dumas to E M Forster.

### Dates

2024	2025
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	April 1, 29
June 5, 12, 19	May 6, 13, 20, 27
August 28	June 3, 10, 17, 24
September 4, 11, 18, 25	August 26
October 2, 9	September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
	October 7, 14, 21

Single supplement: from £350

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

### Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Villa Favorita Noto - Relais (4\*)  
**• 2 nights** Mercure Palermo Centro (4\*) **• 1 night** Hotel Baia di Ulisse (4\*) or Hotel Scala Dei Turchi (4\*), Agrigento **• 3 nights** Sant Alphio Garden Hotel & Spa, Giardini Naxos (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

Views across Taormina



Stay and explore



Page 1

## Sicilian Escape | 7 NIGHTS from £2,135

per person based on two sharing, 3 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 3 excursions and visits

- Guided tour of Taormina
- Guided visit and drinks tasting at Radicepura Garden Festival
- Full-day excursion to Ortigia (including guided tour and boat trip)

#### 3½ days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Tea/coffee after evening meals
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Do as much or as little as you like on this laid-back holiday to Giardini Naxos, one of Sicily's best beach resorts. Over the course of a week, we'll meander through Taormina's winding lanes, discover Syracuse's baroque beauty and spend a morning at Radicepura Garden Festival, Sicily's answer to the Chelsea Flower Show. We'll also allow plenty of time to slow down and enjoy 'la dolce far niente' - the sweetness of doing nothing.

#### Day 1 UK - Catania - Giardini Naxos.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Sicily. On arrival, we transfer to Giardini Naxos, a lovely coastal resort in Sicily's north-east corner.

**Day 2 Taormina.** After a leisurely start, we'll head off to Taormina. This pretty town perches on the clifftops just above Giardini Naxos - have a look down from one of the viewpoints and you might even spot our hotel.

A local guide will take us on a walking tour of the town, introducing us to the highlights (and a few hidden gems as well). It's a great way to get your bearings and work out what you might like to come back and see more of during the rest of the week.

**Day 3 Giardini Naxos.** You've got the day to relax at the hotel or explore the small town of Giardini Naxos.

If you fancy heading back up to Taormina, the bus stop is a five-minute walk from the hotel. Go for lunch at a trattoria hidden in the backstreets or maybe treat yourself to a fruity granita (Sicilian-style sorbet), traditionally enjoyed with a flaky brioche pastry.

The buzzing Corso Umberto I is Taormina's main street, running between the town's two gates, Porta Messina and Porta Catania. It's lined with designer boutiques and gift shops displaying handmade lace, colourful artworks and Sicilian delicacies.

After you've had a wander, relax in Piazza IX Aprile, with its checkerboard floor, baroque church and Etna views; or in the pretty Villa Comunale gardens. For a flavour of Sicily's Greek history (and more fantastic views), the Teatro Antico di Taormina is well worth a visit.

Syracuse, Sicily



**Day 4 Radicepura Garden Festival - Acireale.**

The botanical gardens at Radicepura play host to a biennial festival that celebrates garden design and landscape architecture.

We'll spend the morning enjoying a guided tour around some of the beautifully created gardens. Admire all sorts of Mediterranean plants and flowers, breathe in the scent of herbs and fruit trees, and look out for the quirky artworks dotted throughout.

While we're here, we'll pause for a tasting experience of some locally produced drinks. After free time in nearby Acireale, a baroque town set on a hillside, our route back to Giardini Naxos takes us via the seaside town of Aci Castello, where you'll have time for a wander and perhaps an espresso at one of the cafés.

**Day 5 Giardini Naxos.** Enjoy another free day today, or join us for an optional trip to Mount Etna. As well as stepping on the crunchy cooled lava of this mighty volcano, you'll enjoy lunch and a volcanic wine tasting at a local winery. Then you'll visit a local beekeeper and taste their delicious honey.

**Day 6 Syracuse.** Today, we'll journey down the coast towards Syracuse. We'll make our way to Ortigia, the old part of the city and one of Sicily's loveliest spots. Set on an island that juts out into the Ionian Sea, it was first settled by the Greeks some 2,700 years ago.

A local guide will lead us through the maze of narrow streets, lined with countless cafés, restaurants and - of course - gelaterias. We'll emerge onto Piazza del Duomo, edged by beautiful baroque palazzi all carved from creamy local limestone. As the name suggests, the square's centrepiece is its Duomo - our guide will show us its treasures.

After some free time, we'll enjoy a harbour boat trip to allow us to admire Ortigia from the water.

**Day 7 Giardini Naxos.** Your final full day in Sicily is at leisure. Relax by the pool or on the beach, or go for a stroll along the seafront. Alternatively, catch the bus up to Taormina to pick up a few last-minute souvenirs and gifts - maybe a bottle of Etna wine or a colourfully painted ceramic plate.

**Day 8 Giardini Naxos - Catania - UK.** Today we depart for the airport and your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Acireale Cathedral, Catania



Cannoli

**Dates**

2024		2025	
May	28	April	29
June	4	May	6, 13, 20
September	3, 10, 17	June	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1	September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
		October	7, 14

Single supplement: from £260

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change) is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

**Hellenia Yachting Hotel (4\*)**

This traditional Sicilian hotel sits on a private stretch of beach in Giardini Naxos, a few minutes' walk from shops and supermarkets. As well as an inviting pool, there's a lovely sun terrace overlooking the sea. Air-conditioned rooms (renovated in 2020) offer satellite TV, a safe and a mini-bar. For a supplement, you can upgrade to a sea-view room with balcony.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



Taormina

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Pace 2

## Italian Lakes and Bernina Express Tour

with a Mediterranean Cruise | **15 NIGHTS from £4,135**

per person based on two sharing, 16 September 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Boat tour to visit the Borromean Islands
- Visit to the chocolate factory in Tessin
- Bernina Express journey (*St Moritz to Tirano*)
- Boat tour on Lake Garda

**5 nights** in hotels and 10 nights cruise on Oosterdam

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**35 meals:** 15 breakfasts  
9 lunches  
11 dinners

#### PLUS

- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

The romance of the Italian lakes. The thrill of the Swiss Alps. The legends of the ancient world. This holiday is a whirlwind of cultures that will take you to Italy, Switzerland, Croatia, Greece and Turkey. You'll take to the waters of Lake Maggiore and Lake Garda, glide through snow-capped peaks on the Bernina Express before embarking on a Mediterranean cruise. Discover UNESCO-listed Ephesus, the stunning Croatian coastline and in Istanbul, you'll enjoy an overnight stay to make the most of your visit.

**Day 1 UK - Milan - Lake Maggiore.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Milan. On arrival we transfer to Lake Maggiore - the most tranquil and undiscovered of Italy's lakes.

**Day 2 Lake Maggiore.** Edged by charming towns with cobbled streets and family-run trattoria, Lake Maggiore is backed by snow-capped peaks and wind-ruffled waters. There are three tiny Borromean Islands to explore. Isola Bella (beautiful island) lives up to its name with the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo and gardens. Isola Madre is noted for its beautiful botanical gardens. Then we'll enjoy some free time on picturesque Isola dei Pescatori.

**Day 3 Lugano - Celerina.** We leave Italy behind and head for the soaring alpine peaks and villages of Switzerland. We'll learn about the sweetest of Swiss traditions at a chocolate factory - there'll be plenty of opportunity for a tasting, too.

We arrive at lakeside Lugano, with a maze of cobblestoned streets and a long, flowery promenade fringed with waterside eateries and cafés. We then continue to Celerina, set in beautiful Swiss Alpine scenery.



Mykonos



**Day 4 Bernina Express - Lake Garda.**

An 'express' train ride doesn't usually conjure images of gentle journeys through snow-covered peaks, admired through panoramic windows. But the Bernina Express is not your usual express train journey. You'll wind through the magnificent Swiss Alps, from St Moritz to Tirano in Italy, crossing 196 bridges and climbing the incredible Brusio Spiral Viaduct. On arrival in Tirano, we transfer to our hotel in Lake Garda and our hotel for the next two nights.

**Day 5 Lake Garda - Sirmione.** Visitors have been captivated by the beauty of Lake Garda for centuries. The north offers mesmerising views of the Alps tumbling into the lake's waters and the south is splendid with vineyards and olive groves. We'll take to the crystal-clear waters for a cruise and some time exploring one of the lake's prettiest towns, Sirmione.

**Day 6 Lake Garda - Trieste.** We journey to the port city of Trieste to embark Oosterdam, with time to settle in and familiarise with your splendid surroundings on board before dinner this evening.

**Day 7 Rijeka, Croatia.** From Rijeka you can reach a number of Croatian gems, including the town of Pula and its impressive 1st-century Roman amphitheatre or the island of Krk often called the Golden Island for its sparkling sandy beaches.

**Day 8 Korčula.** Korčula is a true gem of Dalmatia. Steeped in history, dense pine forests and glorious little towns, this island has it all. Korčula Old Town is the island's treasured highlight. Ship to shore tender service.

**Day 9 At sea.**

**Day 10 Thira (Santorini), Greece.** The jewel in the crown of the Cyclades islands, Santorini is world famous for its whitewashed towns and breathtaking sunsets. Maybe explore ancient Akrotiri or spend time swimming in the crystal-clear waters of Perissa Beach.

**Day 11 Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey.**

Ephesus is the grandest and best-preserved of Turkey's ancient cities. St Paul preached in its Great Theatre and even today the façade of the Celsus Library still stands, as a testament to the city's one-time role as a centre of learning and culture.

**Day 12 Mykonos, Greece.** A walk around Mykonos Town will capture your heart. It's a maze of whitewashed buildings with blue doorways and draping pink bougainvillea. The iconic windmills stand tall, the swathes of beach are golden and inviting and the dolmades are delicious. Ship to shore tender service.

**Day 13 Istanbul, Turkey (overnight).** Discover the sights and sounds of Turkey's spectacular city. Travel back thousands of years at the Sultanahmet Meydani; admire the incredible tiles adorning the Blue Mosque; and gaze up at the domes and minarets of UNESCO-listed Hagia Sophia.

**Day 14 Istanbul - Cruising the Dardanelles.** The 60km-long Dardanelles divides the continents of Europe and Asia and as we sail from Istanbul, we'll enjoy an afternoon of scenic cruising.

**Day 15 Piraeus (Athens), Greece (overnight).** Piraeus is our gateway to the wonders that await in Athens. Ancient stadiums and temples dwell alongside apartment blocks. Millennia-old monuments are scattered in the archaeological park that circles the Acropolis. Wandering the streets and taking it all in is a pinch-me experience.

**Day 16 Piraeus - Athens - UK.** We'll disembark and continue to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Korčula



Bernina Express

**Dates**

**2025**

September	16
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Single supplement: from £1,000  
Upgrade from £300pp

**£! If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £140 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

You can upgrade your cruise accommodation to an Oceanview or Verandah Stateroom, or maybe choose to splash out on a Suite. For information on upgraded staterooms, please call for details.

**Please note:** In many destinations in Italy, a room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

**Where you'll stay**

- 2 nights Hotel Splendid, Lake Maggiore (4\*)
- 1 night Cresta Palace Hotel, Celerina (4\*)
- 2 nights Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa Resort, Lake Garda (4\*)
- 10 nights Oosterdam (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



## Taste of the Douro Valley | 7 NIGHTS from £1,335

per person based on two sharing, 24 October 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- Guided walking tour of Porto, including cathedral entrance
- Visit a port wine cellar in Vila Nova de Gaia
- Visit to Quinta da Aveleda
- Visit to Amarante
- Tour of Lamego town and the Nossa Senhora dos Rémedios
- Douro river cruise
- Quinta de São Luiz wine tasting
- Train journey through the Douro Valley

#### 2 days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with TAP Portugal or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

A masterclass in scenery and in winemaking, Portugal's Douro Valley is a tapestry of meandering rivers and undulating hillsides, quilted into tightly woven vineyards and dotted with whitewashed quintas. Starting in Porto, we explore tiled mansions and cobbled squares, ducking across the river into the cellar doors of Vila Nova de Gaia, the centre of Portugal's port industry. Travelling on the river and by train and road we spend wonderful days exploring the historic wineries, rustic villages, and medieval towns of the Douro Valley.

**Day 1 UK - Porto - Santo Tirso.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Porto. On arrival, we transfer inland to Santo Tirso.

**Day 2 Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia.** This morning we travel into Porto for a guided tour of the city that lends its name to both the country and the wine. Porto is a treasure of a city - historical, charismatic, and eclectic - where forget-me-not-blue tiled façades rub shoulders with colourful street art. We explore pockets of old Porto (including the cathedral) and UNESCO-listed Ribeira, the riverfront historic quarter lined with painted townhouses, jumbled cobbled alleyways and grand neoclassical buildings.

In the afternoon when the sun is firmly over the yard arm, we cross the river to Vila Nova de Gaia, the centre of Portugal's port industry. There are 60 wine lodges in total, with names familiar to anyone who's ever perused the top shelf of a British pub. We visit a wine lodge to learn about the history, processes, and production.

#### Day 3 Amarante - Lamego - Tabuaço.

Travelling inland towards the heart of the Douro Region, we make some spectacular stops along the way. We'll visit the renowned Quinta da Aveleda, before heading to the honey-coloured medieval town of Amarante. There's time to walk across the Ponte São Gonçal bridge, where heroic locals fought off the French in the Napoleonic wars, and shop for souvenirs, embroidery, and linens in the main street.

Driving into the vine-covered hills of the Douro Alto, we stop for a guided walk of the medieval town of Lamego. The jewel in its crown is the Nossa Senhora dos Rémedios, a beautiful rococo and baroque church with sweeping steps decked in azulejos (Portuguese tiles). We then continue to our hotel in Tabuaço, a village surrounded by the terraces, vines, and slopes of the Douro Valley.



Lamego



Porto



Vila Nova de Gaia

#### Day 4 Douro River Cruise - Pinhão.

We head to Pinhão, a pretty village on the curve of the river where there's time to explore independently and grab some lunch before boarding our river cruise. Draped across the riverbanks like a patchwork emerald quilt, we spend a lazy afternoon sipping wine and cruising past the pine-forests and wine terraces of the Douro Region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with an excellent vintage, boasting over 2,000 years of winemaking.

On our way back, we'll make a stop at the Quinta de São Luiz for the chance to taste some of their products.

#### Day 5 Régua - Pocinho - Carvalhal.

There are few experiences more idyllic than drinking wine in the sun-drenched vineyards of the Douro Valley. But the area has even more in its wheelhouse, including its scenic railway. Leaving the town of Régua, we trundle our way through the valley as the landscape reveals perfectly plaited vineyards. Disembarking in Pocinho, we

travel through pretty medieval villages to Carvalhal, a quiet village on the edge of the valley.

**Day 6 Carvalhal.** Today is at leisure to enjoy the spa and pool at the hotel. Or you can choose to take an optional tour around the narrow streets, white balconied buildings and bell towers of Viseu, including entrance to its excellent museum. Changing hands through Roman, Visigoth and Moorish occupation, with the occasional raids from Spanish Castilian troops, today it's a peaceful and laid back city with beautiful flower-filled squares and churches.

**Day 7 Carvalhal.** Today is free or you can choose an optional excursion to Vila Real's stunning Palacio do Mateus. A near perfect example of baroque architecture, if the ornate balustrade and elaborate spires look familiar, it's because the palace image features on the distinctive flask-shaped bottles of Mateus wine. You'll continue to the Quinta da Pacheca for a guided tour and wine tasting experience.

**Day 8 Carvalhal - Porto - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Dates

2024		2025	
September	6, 27	April	11, 25
October	4, 11	May	9, 23
		June	6, 20
		July	4
		September	5, 12, 19, 26
		October	3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Dedicated solo departure from £1,635 based on 10 October 2025

Single supplement: from £70

No Single supplement - Limited availability

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Hotel Cidnay Santo Tirso (4\*) • **2 nights** Plácido Hotel Douro Tabuaço (4\*) • **3 nights** Palace Hotel & Spa Astúrias, Carvalhal (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



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Fly local



Pace 1

## Grand Designs of Portugal | 9 NIGHTS FROM £1,695

per person based on two sharing, 1 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- City tours of Arraiolos; Évora (including cathedral, San Francisco Church & Chapel of Bones); and Porto
- Guided tour of Palácio Ducal in Vila Viçosa
- Guided excursion to Viana do Castelo (with Costume Museum & Santa Luzia Basilica), including Ponte de Lima and Valença do Minho
- Visits to Castelo Branco; Aveiro
- Port tasting in Porto

#### 2½ days - free time

#### 9 nights in pousadas

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with TAP Portugal or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Beyond Portugal's exciting capital city lies a land of beautiful ancient towns, varied culture, wild landscapes and elegant pousadas (historic converted hotels). On this excellent-value tour, you'll get to stand before the dazzling 110m marble façade of the Duke's Palace, Vila Viçosa. To breathe in the wildflower scents of the tranquil Serra da Estrela mountains. And, along with your new travel companions, to toast adventure with a delicious port wine in Porto, its city of origin.

**Day 1 UK - Lisbon - Vila Viçosa.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Lisbon. On arrival, we transfer to the delightful town of Vila Viçosa. We'll check into our pousada, a luxury 16th-century converted convent, right next to the palace and full of history and character.

**Day 2 Vila Viçosa.** Today we explore this small, marble-clad town. Known as the 'Princess of Alentejo', it's home to a splendid palace, charming streets and a sprawling plaza dotted with orange trees. We'll take a guided tour of the majestic Renaissance-style Palácio Ducal or Duke's Palace - the symbol of the city and once one of the most important noble houses in Portugal. The 110-metre façade is totally covered in marble from the region making this unique building the town's most symbolic monument.

**Day 3 Arraiolos - Évora.** Enjoy a morning tour of Arraiolos, a small town overlooked by the ruins of a Moorish castle, to discover the town's history and famous carpet-making tradition. In the afternoon we head to Évora, a picturesque UNESCO World Heritage city that dates back to Roman times. Our guide will bring the history of this bustling university town to life as we visit the cathedral, San Francisco Church, university and the Chapel of Bones.

**Day 4 Viseu.** Today we wave goodbye to Vila Viçosa and journey towards medieval Viseu. On the way, we'll stretch our legs among the tree-lined squares and boulevards of Castelo Branco, the provincial capital. This evening we arrive in Viseu and check into our imposing pousada, a one-time 19th-century hospital.

**Day 5 Viseu.** Today is reserved for leisure time. Perhaps take a walk in the park, around the town, or just relax at the pousada.



Explore Porto



Viseu Cathedral

**Day 6 Viseu.** Today is yours to spend completely as you please in Viseu, or perhaps join our full-day optional excursion to the Serra da Estrela Mountains. The highest mountains in Portugal, this range forms a beautiful park of craggy peaks, hidden lakes, thick forest and historic villages full of character. Look out for the iconic Estrela Mountain Dog.

**Day 7 Aveiro - Viana do Castelo.**

We continue north and stop en route in coastal Aveiro, known as the Venice of Portugal due to several canals crossing the town. We continue to our next historic pousada, high above Viana do Castelo's sailing port and the estuary on which it lies.

**Day 8 Viana do Castelo.** Take a morning tour of the coastal town of Viana do Castelo, with its opulent mansions, winding streets and intimate squares, and rich Minho folklore. Together we'll explore the Santa Luzia Basilica and the Costume Museum. The nearby towns of Ponte de Lima, named after the Roman bridge that aided pilgrims travelling to Santiago de Compostela, and Valença do Minho, are included on this tour.

**Day 9 Porto.** Today we explore Porto. The city that gave its name to Port wine sits along hills tumbling down to the famous Douro River. Here, you may see some of the elegant, traditional, wooden sailing barges - barcos rabelos - used to transport the famous wine; and Porto's landmark, the impressive two-tier bridge - Ponte de Dom Luis I.

We'll amble Porto's historic Ribeira district together. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its cobbled streets and impressive buildings and grand churches dripping in gold, gives a glimpse into its Roman past. Portugal's second city never fails to impress. As part of our tour, we'll stop for a tasting at a historic Port cellar and have some time to wander at leisure.

**Day 10 Viana do Castelo - Porto - UK.**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Basilica de Santa Luzia

**Dates**

2024		2025	
May	28	April	1, 29
June	18	May	13
September	3, 10, 17, 24	June	3
October	1, 15	September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
		October	7, 14, 21

Single supplement: from £210

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 – see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Fly from an airport near you**

You can also fly from **Manchester** (Subject to availability, supplements may apply.) Please call for further details.

**Where you'll stay**

**3 nights** Pousada Convento Vila Viçosa (4\*)  
**• 3 nights** Pousada de Viseu (4\*) **• 3 nights** Pousada de Viana do Castelo (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Undiscovered Portugal from Lisbon to the Algarve

9 NIGHTS from £1,795

per person based on two sharing, 13 May 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.

Price reduction available if not required.

PORTUGAL



Medieval Mértola



Pace 2

From the cobbled streets of vibrant cities to wind-swept beaches and quaint fishing villages, Portugal is a glorious mix of cinematic scenery and historic wonder. Drink fine wines and indulge in delicious food. Ponder the stories behind medieval churches and castles. Get lost in enchanting towns. And sip port as you watch gently bobbing fishing boats.

**Day 1 UK - Lisbon.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Lisbon.

**Day 2 Lisbon.** Enjoy a guided tour of Lisbon, taking in the highlights including the Old Town, the riverfront Praça do Comércio square, and Belem. We'll also enjoy a tasting of pastéis de nata (custard tarts) and ginjinha (a sweet liqueur).

**Day 3 Arrábida Natural Park - Azeitão.** On a day of scenic delights in lesser-known Arrábida, we'll explore the one-time fishing village of Sesimbra. Continue to the sleepy village of Azeitão to sample some of the local moscatel wine and then through Arrábida Natural Park. There'll be the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Portuguese pastime today, too - the art of tile decorating.

**Day 4 Alcácer do Sal - Beja.** We journey towards Beja, stopping en route at the idyllic Portuguese town of Alcácer do Sal to take in the highlights. In Beja, we'll enjoy a tasting of some local products in a 'taberna' (tavern), then head to our hotel.

**Day 5 Beja.** We'll visit a grape-producing estate and a local wine producer for a tasting. We'll also taste local cheeses in Serpa and visit the Clock Museum. Beja is an authentic slice of Portugal and we'll take in some of the best bits on a guided tour together.

**Day 6 Mértola - Santo Antonio.** We head to medieval Mértola, to wander the quaint cobbled streets, past the Igreja Matriz, once a 12th-century mosque. Mértola is also home to the rare black stork and we may be lucky to spot the nesting birds.

**Day 7 Sao Bras de Alportel - Faro - Tavira.** Enjoy tranquil São Brás de Alportel, a countryside town known for cork production, before we continue to Faro, the Algarve's capital. We'll stroll the cobbled streets, then our final stop is in picturesque Tavira, with a wealth of Renaissance and baroque finishes.

**Day 8 Lagos - Sagres.** Lagos saw many of Portugal's greatest explorers set off for the New World. We'll wander the pretty Old Town, learn about the infamous Mercado de Escravos, and visit the golden Church of St Anthony. In the fishing port of Sagres, enjoy the scenery from the dramatic cliffs, then venture to the 'end of the world' at Cape St Vincent.

**Day 9 Santo Antonio.** Today is free. You could stroll through the main square or visit the church with its famed stained-glass window. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner.

**Day 10 Santo Antonio - Faro - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 8 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Lisbon (with pastéis de nata and ginjinha tasting), Beja (with wine/cheese tastings and Clock Museum)
- Excursions to Arrábida Natural Park; Lagos and Sagres; São Brás de Alportel, Faro and Tavira
- Wine tasting in Azeitão; tasting of local products in a traditional taberna; and tile painting

### 2 days - free time

### 9 nights in in historic pousadas and hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**13 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
3 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	13	May	12
June	3	June	2
September	2, 9, 16, 23	September	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Hotel Mundial, Lisbon (4\*) • **2 nights** Pousada Convento de Beja (4\*) • **4 nights** Pousada Vila Real Santo Antonio (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# The Grandeur of Central Portugal

## from Porto to Lisbon | 10 NIGHTS from £2,195

per person based on two sharing, 24 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.



PORTUGAL

### Your holiday includes

**Travel insurance**

**7 excursions and visits**

**1 day - free time**

**10 nights** in historic pousadas and hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with TAP Portugal or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**20 meals:** 10 breakfasts  
10 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

### Dates

2024		2025	
May	21	April	29
June	25	May	13
September	3, 24	June	10
October	1	September	2, 16, 30
		October	14

Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

### Where you'll stay

- 2 nights** Pousada Mosteiro Guimarães (4\*) or Pousada Mosteiro de Amare (4\*) • **2 nights** Hotel Régua Douro, Peso da Régua (4\*)
- **2 nights** Conimbriga Hotel do Paço (4\*) or Hotel Parque Serra da Lousã (4\*), Coimbra
- **2 nights** Hotel dos Templários, Tomar (4\*)
- **2 nights** Hotel Vila Galé Cascais (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

Portugal is an incredible mix of captivating cities, medieval castles, hilltop towns and stunning beaches. Try delicious ports and wines, stand on the river banks of ancient villages, be humbled by fascinating tales of knights and holy apparitions and tap your feet to the melodies of Fado on this journey from Porto to Lisbon.

#### Day 1 UK - Porto - Guimarães/Amare.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Porto. On arrival we transfer to our pousada.

**Day 2 Guimarães - Braga.** First we'll visit Guimarães' UNESCO-listed Old Town and the impressive Ducal Palace. Then learn about the production of Vinho Verde at Casa de Sezim, just outside the town, with a tasting too. We'll continue to Braga and ride the funicular to the gorgeous hillside church and sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte. The order of visits today may be in reverse.

**Day 3 Amarante - Vila Real - Peso da Régua.** We'll make our way the picturesque city of Amarante, before heading to nearby Vila Real. Later, we'll explore Mateus Palace and gardens on a guided tour.

**Day 4 Lamego.** Located in the Upper Douro Valley, Lamego is a town bursting with baroque style. We'll explore the Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, sample delicious local cured ham (Presunto), and taste wine at a local quinta. Our last stop is Vila do Pinhão, to admire the beautiful tiles that decorate its local railway station.

**Day 5 Coimbra.** Continue to Coimbra and visit its renowned university chapel and library. Also famed for its Fado singers accompanied by Portuguese guitars, we'll sip port and listen to their haunting melodies at the Fado ao Centro.

**Day 6 Candal.** Today we'll discover a magical cluster of schist villages, built to blend in with the natural landscape. Enjoy local specialities and watch the work of local craftsmen.

**Day 7 Batalha - Fátima - Tomar.** We'll see the gothic splendour of the UNESCO-listed Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitória, then continue to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, where in 1917 three young shepherds saw the apparition of the Virgin Mary. We can also visit the location of their home.

**Day 8 Tomar.** We explore Tomar and visit the Convent of Christ and its magnificent 12th-century rotunda.

**Day 9 Lisbon - Cascais.** Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, stopping at iconic landmarks including Belém Tower, before sitting down to try Pastéis de Nata (custard tarts) and Ginjinha (cherry liqueur). Continue to the pretty seaside town of Cascais.

**Day 10 Cascais.** Today is completely free to explore Cascais at your own pace. Perhaps wander in the pretty Old Town or take a train to Estoril and Lisbon.

**Day 11 Cascais - Lisbon - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

# Madeira Uncovered

## Funchal and Beyond | 7 NIGHTS from £1,685

per person based on two sharing, 10 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

MADEIRA



### Your holiday includes

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Tour of Funchal by local guide
- Entry to the Botanical Gardens
- Wine tasting
- Full-day island tour including lunch
- Excursion to Eira do Serrado and Monte

#### 3½ days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**15 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Unlimited drinks at dinner (*local beer, wine, soft drinks, mineral water and tea/coffee*)
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- local representative
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

If you like your holidays to feature gloriously colourful gardens, subtropical sunshine, panoramic mountain views and local wine, then Madeira really is a find. This excellent-value week includes a fascinating island day tour, and leaves you time to follow the 'levada' paths that cross its volcanic landscapes and verdant forests.

**Day 1 UK - Funchal.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Madeira.

**Day 2 Funchal.** Enjoy a tour of Funchal, including a guided walk through the colourful market; a visit to the renowned Botanical Gardens; and a tasting of local wines at Madeira Wine Company. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 3 Funchal.** Today you are at leisure to explore Funchal. The City Hall, remodelled to the revivalist style of the 1940s, is a beautiful building. Maybe take a cable car up to Monte from the Old Town or the Botanical Gardens. The Jardim Tropical Monte Palace is a tranquil gem with koi-filled lakes and roaming peacocks.

**Day 4 Island Tour.** A full-day tour of the island, including Pico da Torre for beautiful views over Camara de Lobos' dazzling bay and Cabo Girao, the world's second highest cliff. On to Ribeira Brava, one of the island's first parishes, and through the jagged mountains to Encumeada, where the views are simply stunning if vertigo inducive. Travel

north on a scenic drive through Chao dos Louros to Sao Vicente, set where a beautiful valley meets the sea, before returning south to Funchal.

**Day 5 Funchal.** Today is free for you to spend as you wish, or take an optional excursion to Pico do Arrieiro.

#### Day 6 Eira do Serrado - Monte.

This morning we travel to Eira do Serrado. Far below is the isolated village of Nun's Valley, where nuns once took refuge from the pirates. Travel on to Monte to visit Our Lady of Monte Church. The most important pilgrimage site in Madeira, with lively processions held every August. It contains the austere tomb of Charles I of Habsburg and a revered statue of Our Lady of Monte.

**Day 7 Funchal.** Today is at leisure, or join an optional excursion to the southeast coast of the island.

**Day 8 Funchal - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Dates

2024		2025	
May	9	May	8
June	6, 20	June	5, 19
August	29	August	28
September	5, 19	September	4, 11, 18, 25
October	3, 10	October	2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Single supplement: from £300

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** The order of included and optional excursions are subject to change.

### Fly from an airport near you

You can also fly from **Bristol**  
(Subject to availability, supplements may apply.)  
Please call us for further details.

### Where you'll stay

**7 nights** Meliá Madeira Mare, Funchal (5\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Madeira Flower Festival | 7 NIGHTS from £2,235

per person based on two sharing, 1 May 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>9</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.



MADEIRA

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 7 excursions and visits

- Funchal city tour, including the Botanical Gardens and wine tasting
- Full-day Island tour
- Excursion to Eira do Serrado and Monte
- Experience the Flower Festival Parade, with seating for the procession

### 3 days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

### 15 meals: 7 breakfasts

- 1 lunch
- 7 dinners

### PLUS

- Unlimited drinks at dinner (*local beer, wine, soft drinks, mineral water and tea/coffee*)
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- local representative
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Madeira's magnificent spring flora brings Funchal alive, with the colours and scents of its beautiful flowers. Streets and shop windows fill with decorations alongside a carnival of traditional music and vivid parades. We also include excursions to explore the island, from Funchal's botanical gardens to the forest clad mountains of the island's heartland.

**Day 1 UK - Funchal.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Madeira.

**Day 2 Funchal.** We take a tour of Funchal, including a guided walk through the market, full of exotic flowers, freshly caught fish and succulent fruits. Some of Madeira's more exotic species of flora can be found at the Botanical Gardens before we conclude at a wine manufacturer, where you may sample the delicious local wine. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy as you choose.

**Day 3 Funchal.** This morning in the centre of town, the first procession of the festival - the Children's Parade - will take place. Today is free and you may wish to watch the children gather in colourful costumes to parade through the streets. The 'Wall of Hope', at the Municipio Square, turns into an abundance of colour as the children lay their offerings.

**Day 4 Funchal.** Today is the main floral procession, where colourful floats decorated with inventive floral creations parade through the streets. The festival also brings an abundance of events including concerts, bands and live shows including the construction of delicate floral carpets. Please note: Transport to your seating for watching the procession isn't included.

**Day 5 Island Tour.** Enjoy a full day exploring Madeira's western sights, passing through the pretty fishing town of Camara de Lobos. We see Ribeira Brava, one of the island's first parishes and drive through the mountains

via the Encumeada pass. We stop for lunch at São Vicente, where a small chapel stands at the inlet, where St Vicente is said to have appeared.

**Day 6 Funchal.** Today is free for you to spend as you wish. Take an optional excursion to Pico do Arieiro or return to the city's centre to stroll along its narrow cobbled streets with interesting old buildings, take a cable car to Monte, or discover the local countryside - there are numerous trails to follow for varying capabilities and distances.

**Day 7 Eira do Serrado - Monte.** This morning we travel to Eira do Serrado, located amongst steep volcanic mountains and dramatic valleys. In the Valley of the Nuns, you will spot an isolated village, once only accessible on foot. Travel on to visit Our Lady of Monte Church, containing the austere tomb of Charles I of Habsburg and a revered statue of Our Lady of Monte.

**Day 8 Funchal - UK.** We transfer to the airport for our return flight to the UK. Upon arrival your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Fly from an airport near you

You can also fly from **Bristol**  
(Subject to availability, supplements may apply.)  
Please call us for further details.

## Dates

### 2025

May 1, 2

Single supplement: from £350

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** The order of the included excursions may differ from that shown. On our 2 May 2025 departure, the Children's Parade will take place on day 2 and the Flower Parade on day 3 - the Funchal city tour will move to day 4. Please see our website for details.

## Where you'll stay

**7 nights** Meliá Madeira Mare (5\*) or Hotel Madeira Regency Cliff (4\*), Funchal

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



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## Contrasts of Madeira with Porto Santo | 10 NIGHTS FROM £2,095

per person based on two sharing, 1 November 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Island tour of the east and north, including lunch at a quinta
- Excursion on the Madeira Mandolin Route
- Visits to Palheiro Gardens (including tea and cake); Fajã dos Padres organic farm (including gondola and tasting)
- Full day Porto Santo tour

#### 4 days - free time

10 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**21 meals:** 10 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
10 dinners

#### PLUS

- One drink per person with dinner (wine, beer or soft drink) on days 8-10
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

As one of our most popular holiday destinations for nearly 30 years, this twin-centre Madeira tour visits both north and south to really appreciate its contrasting highlights. We'll experience Madeiran traditions and natural beauty with coastal drives, forest walks, botanical gardens and organic fruit tastings. Take lunch at an impressive quinta estate and spend a day visiting the lovely island of Porto Santo, plus plenty of time for your own spin on your island stay with optional whale watching and levada walks.

**Day 1 UK - Funchal - Santo António da Serra.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Madeira.

**Day 2 East and North Island Tour.** We begin our discovery of Madeira with a scenic drive around the east and north. We'll make our way to Pico do Arieiro one of Madeira's highest peaks and if the weather is kind, the views across the ocean are breathtaking. At Ribeiro Frio, we'll find some of the best examples of Madeira's indigenous Laurissilva forest, before heading to Santana - a village of charming, thatched houses with distinct triangle shaped roofs. On its outskirts, we'll enjoy lunch at the Quinta do Furão. The rest of the afternoon is free.

**Day 3 Santo António da Serra.** Today is free to explore the area at your own pace. Or maybe join an optional guided walk along the Levada da Referta. Initially built as far back as the 15th century for water irrigation, levadas are a great way to explore the island

as you navigate their sloping pathways. You'll be treated to views over Porto da Cruz and of the towering Eagle Rock formation.

**Day 4 The Madeira Mandolin Route.** A feast for the senses awaits on the Madeira Mandolin Route - a collection of fascinating places showcasing the sights, sounds and flavours of Madeiran traditions dating back more than a century. In Portela, we'll taste a local family's traditional recipe for Poncha. We'll explore Porto da Cruz, before a magical mandolin concert and a rum tasting. The afternoon is free.

**Day 5 Santo António da Serra.** Today is free or there'll be an optional whale watching trip. From Funchal, you'll head out on a cruise around the island looking out for whales, dolphins, seals and turtles.



Ribeiro Frio



**Flexi-tour**  
Extend this holiday with extra inclusions on selected dates\*



MADEIRA

**Day 6 Palheiro Gardens.** Sometimes referred to as the 'floating garden of the Atlantic', Madeira's rich fertile soil allows a great number of plant species to thrive. The famous Palheiro Gardens beautifully set in the hills close to Funchal offer a stunning collection of tropical plants with views over Funchal. After exploring, we'll sit down for some tasty tea and cake.

**Day 7 Santo António da Serra.** Today is free or you could join an optional excursion combining a fascinating walk with a Madeiran Espetada lunch - cooked in the typical Madeiran way on skewers, flavoured with special seasonings.

**Day 8 Fajã dos Padres - Funchal.** Set at the base of dramatic coastal cliffs sits the organic farm of Fajã dos Padres, accessed by a 300m-high gondola. Gliding down in just two and a half minutes, we'll be treated to sweeping panoramas before reaching the secluded bay. With endless sea views, the farm's setting benefits from fertile soils and its own microclimate helping to cultivate a rainbow of tropical fruits including mangoes, bananas, pineapples and pomegranates. After an exploration we'll enjoy a tasting, before continuing to Funchal.

**Day 9 Porto Santo.** Today we visit Madeira's smaller neighbour, Porto Santo. It's an early start for the ferry across to the island enjoying breakfast on board as we sail. On arrival, a local guide will show us this lovely island's highlights, starting with the far southwest tip of Ponta de Calheta. We'll stop at Moinho das Lombas for its characteristic windmill, see Pico do Castelo once used as a shelter from pirate attacks, and visit the Museum of Cardina in Camecha. After a



spot of wine tasting, the afternoon will be free for you to enjoy. We'll sail back early evening, enjoying dinner on board before heading back to the hotel.

**Day 10 Funchal.** Today you're free to explore the capital at your own pace. Or maybe choose an optional Jeep safari to the northwest of the island, taking in coastal landscapes, incredible mountain paths and the plateau of Paúl da Serra on the way to Porto Moniz.

**Day 11 Funchal - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Dates

2024		2025	
September	6, 13*, 20, 27*	May	9, 23
October	4, 25*	June	6*, 20
November	1, 8*, 15	September	5*, 12, 19*
		October	3, 10*, 17

Single supplement: from £500

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

### Where you'll stay

**7 nights** Hotel Enotel Santo da Serra, Santo António da Serra (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Madeira Regency Cliff, Funchal (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

## Contrasts of Madeira with Porto Santo and the Splendours of Funchal

**14 NIGHTS FROM £2,595** per person based on two sharing, 8 November 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Days 1-10 Per main itinerary.

**Day 11 Funchal.** On a guided tour of Funchal, we'll also stop at Funchal Market Hall to learn stories of local farmers and taste some of their fresh tropical fruits. The afternoon is free.

**Day 12 Funchal.** Today is free to explore more of the island or relax at the hotel. Funchal is a delight to wander through, as you take in this island capital's colourful character.

**Day 13 Funchal.** Today we'll ride the cable car up to Monte. We'll stroll through its amazing Botanical Gardens and when you're ready, a glass of Madeiran wine will be waiting. We'll return to the hotel with an exhilarating ride on the Madeiran toboggans and a short coach transfer.

**Day 14 Funchal.** Enjoy your last day in Funchal, exploring at your own pace.

**Day 15 Funchal - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

See website for full details.  
Tour reference: SEMXT



Porto Santo



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Sete Cidades

## Unique Azores - An Island Hopping Adventure | 10 NIGHTS from £2,495

per person based on two sharing, 2 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 7 excursions and visits

- Walking tour of Ponta Delgada
- Excursion to the Furnas Valley with traditional Cozido lunch
- Visit to a pineapple plantation and Sete Cidades
- Visit to Lagoa do Fogo, Caldeira Velha and Ribeira Grand
- Excursion to Northeast São Miguel
- Half-day walking tour of Angra do Heroísmo
- Tour of Terceira island

#### 3 days - free time

#### 10 nights in hotels

**International and internal flights as detailed.** Prices are based on return flights with TAP Portugal from London Heathrow or Gatwick or Heathrow via Lisbon. Supplements may apply from other airports

**15 meals:** 10 breakfasts  
3 lunches  
2 dinners

#### PLUS

- Welcome drink
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

They may be remote, but the Azores pack a punch, and they're a mecca for adventures on foot and on water. On this tour you'll hike to the hydrangea-fringed rim of Sete Cidades, surround yourself in ferns, flowers and thermal waters on the 18th-century Terra Nostra estate, walk through primeval forests on Terceira and stay in the heart of the Azores' oldest city, Angra do Heroísmo. Add the chance to go whale-watching and you have an adventure packed with natural wonders.

#### Day 1 UK - Ponta Delgada, São Miguel.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Ponta Delgada. On arrival, we'll transfer to our hotel for the next six nights.

**Day 2 Ponta Delgada.** Today we set out on a half-day walking tour of Ponta Delgada, the bustling capital of the Azores. We'll take time to explore its mosaic-cobbled streets lined with old balconied mansions and centuries-old architecture spanning convents, churches and the striking, triple-arched city gates.

**Day 3 Ponta Delgada.** After yesterday's walking tour, today is at leisure. Relax at the hotel, explore independently or join a thrilling optional half-day whale watching tour in the wildlife-rich waters surrounding São Miguel.

**Day 4 Furnas Valley.** We head to the slopes of the Furnas Valley, which is actually the crater of a long-extinct volcano. Here, we visit the elegant Terra Nostra Garden to bathe in its renowned thermal pools and enjoy a memorable lunch - Cozida das Furnas - a unique Azores stew that is slow-cooked underground in the hot volcanic soil. Return to the hotel via Pico do Ferro viewpoint.

#### Day 5 Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo.

After a sweet start to the day at a pineapple plantation, we head to one of the most beautiful sights in the Azores: the twin lakes of Sete Cidades. We'll also see Lagoa do Fogo, the highest lake on São Miguel which has some of the island's most stunning viewpoints, and the cascading waterfall at Caldeira Velha. Heading back, we stop at Ribeira Grande, a city which radiates old Azores charm.



Ponta Delgada



Ponta Delgada coastline

**Day 6 Northeast São Miguel.** Today we explore a remote region of northeast São Miguel. We'll see old fishing ports, quaint water mills and spectacular coastlines, we'll pause at lofty look-out points, and we'll enjoy lunch and taste the local sweet treat, fofas da povação. Lastly, we'll stop for tea in Europe's only tea plantation.

**Day 7 São Miguel - Terceira.** Today we fly to Terceira, the third largest island in the Azores. On arrival we transfer to our hotel in Angra do Heroísmo, our base for the next four nights.

**Day 8 Angra do Heroísmo.** This morning we'll walk with a guide through five centuries of history, as we explore the beautifully preserved city of Angra do Heroísmo, which was given UNESCO World Heritage status in 1983. Our walk through the old town with its

plazas, churches, convents and cathedral, is like stepping through the pages of a living history book.

**Day 9 Terceira Island.** A full day island tour takes us first to the viewpoint at the top of Monte Brazil. After lunch we head north to learn how vineyards have been planted in the lava fields and witness the earth's gases escaping at Furna do Enxofre and the lava tubes of Algar do Carvão.

**Day 10 Terceira.** A full day at leisure gives you the freedom to explore Angra do Heroísmo. Alternatively, an optional excursion takes you on a hike along the winding lava trails of the Misterios Negros.

**Day 11 Terceira - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



São Miguel

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	8	May	7, 21
June	2, 19	June	4, 11, 25
September	2, 21	September	3, 17
October	2	October	1, 15

Single supplement: from £600

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**6 nights** São Miguel Park Hotel, Ponta Delgada (4\*) • **4 nights** Terceira Mar Hotel (4\*) or Hotel do Caracol (4\*), Angra do Heroísmo

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

Porto

Rail  
journey

## NEW Portugal and Spain - A Tale of Two Cultures | 13 NIGHTS from £3,595

per person based on two sharing, 2 April 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 11 excursions and visits

- Walking tour of Porto and port tasting
- Winery tour and tasting
- Rabelo boat cruise on the Douro River
- Walking tour of Coimbra
- Guided tour of Lisbon and Belem district
- Fado dinner show
- Visits to Evora and Mérida (*including the Temple of Diana and Roman Theatre*)
- City tours of Madrid and Barcelona
- Train journey Madrid to Barcelona

#### 3 days - free time

13 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick.

Supplements may apply from other airports

**21 meals:** 13 breakfasts

1 lunch

7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

On our 14-day cultural tour of Portugal and Spain, we'll journey from Porto to Barcelona, discovering how history, religion, cuisine, art, and music have shaped these countries into what they are today. In Portugal, we'll try its famous port and cruise on the Douro River. Marvel at Moorish, baroque, and Gothic churches, and, of course, indulge in some delicious pastries. In Spain, we'll explore Roman ruins and medieval fortresses, admire some of the world's most incredible art and indulge in some tasty tapas.

**Day 1 UK - Porto.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Porto. Upon arrival we'll transfer to the first hotel on our culture tour of Portugal and Spain.

**Day 2 Porto.** We'll spend the day in Porto, known for its rich history, traditional heritage, stunning architecture, and its famous port wine. We'll explore Porto on a morning walking tour before heading to one of its oldest port wine cellars to sample some of its produce.

**Day 3 Regua - Pinhão.** This morning, we'll drive to Regua to visit a family-run winery (quinta) for a tour and a traditional lunch. We'll head to Pinhão to board a historic Rabelo boat for a relaxing cruise on the Douro River. Relax as you sip local Porto wine while taking in the views.

**Day 4 Coimbra - Lisbon.** Our destination today is Coimbra, a historic city located in central Portugal. During our walking tour, we'll wander through the city's historic centre, a labyrinth of narrow streets lined with musicians and well-preserved medieval buildings.

**Day 5 Lisbon.** Today we'll explore Lisbon, one of the oldest cities in the world. We'll take a short tuk-tuk ride to the historic Belem district for a guided tour and stop to enjoy a tasting of some of the city's favourite treats: pastéis de nata (sweet custard tarts). Tonight, we'll enjoy a traditional Fado dinner show in a local restaurant.

**Day 6 Lisbon.** You have a day at leisure to head back into central Lisbon to explore the museums, take a tram across the city, or take your pick from the incredible restaurants and bars it has to offer. Or join an optional excursion to royal Sintra.



Barcelona



Madrid

**Day 7 Évora - Zafra.** Say goodbye to Portugal as we make our way to Spain. On our way, we'll visit UNESCO-listed Évora, before crossing the border to Zafra in Spain.

**Day 8 Mérida - Madrid.** We'll head to Mérida, with a short stop in Talavera de la Reina on the way. Mérida is known for its well-preserved Roman ruins, earning it UNESCO World Heritage status. We'll visit the Temple of Diana and the Teatro Romano de Merida (Roman Theatre) - one of the best-preserved ancient theatres in the world.

**Day 9 Madrid.** Madrid is a fantastic city, from incredible art and delicious food to captivating history and welcoming locals, the culture here is remarkable. On our city tour we'll get views of The Royal Palace and Prado Museum. This evening we'll enjoy a traditional tapas dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 10 Madrid.** Today, there's a choice to relax at the hotel or to explore Madrid independently. Or you can also join an optional excursion to Castle Manzanares el Real.

**Day 11 Madrid - Barcelona.** Today, we're hopping on a train from Madrid to the incredible city of Barcelona. Barcelona is a hub of iconic architecture, museums, and favourite artists. In the next couple of days, we'll get to soak in all that this colourful city has to offer.

**Day 12 Barcelona.** Today is free - or you can keep exploring with an optional excursion to Girona, a charming medieval town nestled in north-eastern Spain.

**Day 13 Barcelona.** It's the last full day of the tour, but it will be a memorable one. We've got a city tour of Barcelona planned, taking in all the key sights and more.

**Day 14 Barcelona - UK.** It's the end of our culture packed tour and we'll transfer to the airport for the return flight home. Upon arrival your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Lisbon

## Dates

<b>2025</b>		June	11
April	2	September	3, 17
May	7, 21	October	1, 15

Single supplement: from £1,000

**⚠️ If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €2-7 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** HF Fénix Porto (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Açores Lisboa (4\*) • **1 night** Parador de Zafra (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Exe Moncloa, Madrid (4\*) • **3 nights** NH Barcelona Les Corts Hotel (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



Lisbon

Salobreña 'pueblo' and castle



Solo date



Pace 2

## Jewels of Spain | 14 NIGHTS from £2,295

per person based on two sharing, 17 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 9 excursions and visits

- Excursion to Guadalest
- Guided city tour of Valencia
- Walking tour of Murcia, including cathedral
- Orientation walks of Águilas and Salobreña
- Sightseeing tour of Lorca
- Full-day excursion to Cartagena
- Tour of Lecrin Valley
- Visit to Granada's Royal Chapel

#### 5 days - free time

#### 14 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**41 meals:** 14 breakfasts  
13 lunches  
14 dinners

#### PLUS

- All-inclusive stays (with free bar up to 12 hours a day)
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Bookended by the Gothic cathedrals and tapas bars of Valencia to the north, and the gleaming architecture of Salobreña, this 15-day tour covers culture, cities and coast. As we travel through the provinces of Valencia, Murcia and Andalucia, we see the architectural landscape change from crumbling fortified cities to whitewashed Mediterranean towns - with a fill of Roman ruins, quaint mountain villages and plenty of golden beaches in between.

#### Day 1 UK - Valencia/Alicante - Albir.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Valencia or Alicante. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel in Albir.

#### Days 2-4 Albir.

Located on a quiet stretch of the sun-washed Costa Blanca, the small town of Albir has classic Spanish 'wish you were here' good looks - with a wide palm-lined promenade, golden Blue Flag beach, and Mediterranean waters. Over the next three days we head out on two included excursions, with plenty of free time to stroll down to the beach or relax by the hotel's two pools.

The first included excursion is to the Valencian village of Guadalest - a terracotta-roofed village that clings to the mountainside beneath a precariously perched white tower. We'll explore cobbled streets, pretty squares and artisan shops. The second included excursion takes us to Valencia. Flanked by two city gates, our guided tour takes us to the old town and into a maze of narrow streets, museums and boutiques. We visit the Gothic Valencia Cathedral, UNESCO-listed Silk Exchange and art nouveau Mercado Colon.

#### Day 5 Albir - Murcia - Águilas.

Today we leave the Costa Blanca and drive south to Águilas in the province of Murcia. On the way we stop at the city of the same name. Built by the Moors in the 9th century, over 500 years of Islamic rule has left its architectural mark on the city. We take a guided tour past Moorish, Gothic, Renaissance, and baroque buildings - including the city's elaborate centrepiece, the Cathedral of Murcia.

After lunch in a local restaurant, we continue to our seafront hotel just outside Águilas - an ancient Roman port known for its baths, 18th-century castle, and rocky seabed providing crystal-clear conditions for snorkellers and scuba divers.

#### Days 6-10 Águilas.

Striking the balance between city and beach, over the following five days we explore with three included excursions. Our first is an orientation walk around Águilas to get our bearings. The second takes us inland to Lorca - an ancient sun-faded city at the foot of the Sierra del Caño. Another full-day excursion backtracks along the coast to Cartagena, a sandcastle-coloured ancient city wrapped



Valencia



around a deep blue harbour. Originally a Roman military port in the 3rd century BC, we visit the town's archaeological masterpiece - the Roman amphitheatre unearthed in 1988, and the Castillo de la Concepción - a 12th-century Moorish fort built on the site of a Roman temple.

**Day 11 Águilas - Salobreña.** Crossing over from Murcia into Andalucía, we start to see the architectural landscape change - with sand-coloured Moorish towns giving way to whitewashed Mediterranean villages.

On our way to our hotel near Salobreña we stop at Mojácar - a white hilltop village dotted with pastel shutters and fuchsia bougainvillea, and Sorbas - a mountaintop town built on a flat plateau where stone houses hug the edge of a steep ravine. After lunch at a local restaurant in Sorbas, we continue to Salobreña. We stay a few miles away in a cliff-top hotel with stunning views across the Mediterranean.

**Days 12-14 Salobreña.** The next three days are a mix of free time and included excursions. The first is an orientation walk of Salobreña. Known as the 'Jewel of the Costa Tropical', Salobreña stretches out in a sea of blinding white buildings and sugar cane plantations up to a weathered Moorish fort. The second is to the Lecrin Valley - an area of outstanding natural beauty home to quaint white hamlets, woven farmland and meandering blue rivers. Our final excursion is to Granada and its Royal Chapel (Capilla Real), the burial place of Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand.

**Day 15 Salobreña - Málaga - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Admire Murcia's Moorish architecture



Albir

### Dates

2024		2025	
May	2	January	9, 23
June	6	February	6, 13, 20
September	5, 12, 19, 26	March	6, 20
October	17	April	3, 24
		May	1, 15, 29
		June	5, 12
		September	4, 11, 18, 25
		October	2, 9, 16

Dedicated solo departure from £2,995 based on 16 May 2024

Single supplement: from £120

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

#### Please note:

- The free bar serves a selection of local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, and is open between 10-12 hours a day. Lunches provided on transfer days and excursions will be picnic lunches.
- A visit to Alhambra Palace is included in 2024 (instead of Granada's Royal Palace) and we'll require your passport details at the time of booking, in order to reserve your entrance tickets.

### Where you'll stay

**4 nights** Hotel Kaktus Albir (4\*) • **6 nights** Hotel Puerto Juan Montiel, Águilas (4\*) • **4 nights** Hotel Salobreña, Salobreña (3\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

Visit the impressive Alhambra Palace

SPAIN



Pace 2

## The Spirit of Andalucia | 8 NIGHTS from £2,195

per person based on two sharing, 14 October 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 7 excursions and visits

- Guided tour of Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens
- Visits to Medina Azahara (with guide); and Carmona
- Guided tours of Cordoba (including the Mezquita); Seville (including the cathedral); and Ronda
- Sherry tasting in Jerez

#### 1½ days - free time

#### 8 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**16 meals:** 8 breakfasts  
8 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

A heady mix of cultures and faiths, dramatic mountain ranges and glorious sunshine make Andalucía a joy to explore. Join us as we tour Granada's Alhambra (the Red Castle), an intricate fortified palace with centuries of reinvention. Step inside the Mezquita at Cordoba and witness this intriguing mosque-cathedral's cool, graceful beauty. Marvel at Seville Cathedral's epic proportions and Gothic intricacy. Explore Ronda, a fine example of Andalucía's whitewashed villages (pueblos blancos). And sample some of Andalucía in a bottle with a tasting of sherry in Jerez.

**Day 1 UK - Málaga - Granada.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Málaga. On arrival, we'll transfer to our hotel in Granada.

**Day 2 Granada.** Granada is an historic and distinctive city with splendid Renaissance, baroque and neo-classical monuments, which have inspired travellers over the years. Today we take a tour of the spectacular Alhambra Palace, known as the 'Red Castle' for its russet-coloured stone. The only medieval Arab palace still in existence, it is recognised as one of the Wonders of the World. We also visit the exquisite Generalife Gardens, home of the summer palace.

*Please note there is a considerable amount of walking involved today.*

**Day 3 Cordoba.** We'll head to Cordoba for a two-night stay. On the way, we'll stop in the outskirts of the city at the ruins of Medina Azahara. This once impressive city palace was built for Abd-al Rahman III in the 10th century and the vast archaeological site still retains remnants of tiled borders and paintings. We'll take a guided tour, before continuing on to our hotel.

**Day 4 Cordoba.** We'll explore Cordoba today, one of Europe's most important cities in the 11th century, where Muslims, Christians and Jews lived in harmony. Its distinctive landmark, the Mezquita, is one of the largest mosque-cathedrals in the world and remains one of the great wonders and curiosities of Spain. Some of the most beautiful churches and squares can be found in the oldest part of the city, where the styles of Gothic and Mudejar come together. We take a guided tour including a visit to the Mezquita.



**Day 5 Carmona - Seville.** Heading for the capital of Andalusia, Seville, we'll stop along the way in the captivating hilltop town of Carmona.

On arrival in Seville, a guided tour includes the Alcazar, a former Arabic palace and fortress, and the cathedral, the burial place of Columbus. The cathedral shares the same site as the Great Mosque and we'll also see the old Jewish quarter, Maria Luisa Park, and Plaza de Espana.

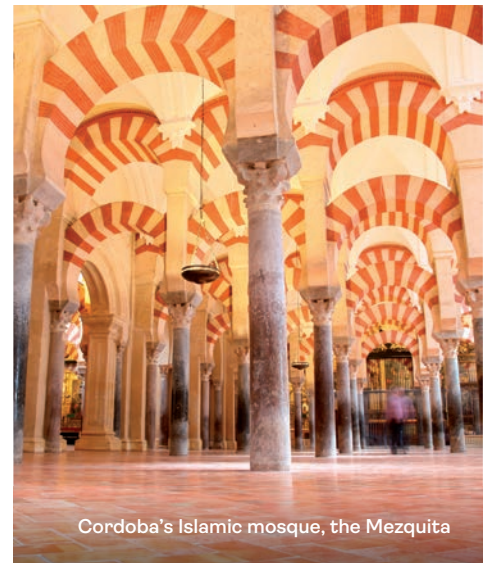
**Day 6 Seville.** Today is free to make the most of Seville. In the evening, there's an option to watch a flamenco show.

**Day 7 Jerez.** We head to Jerez, whose wealth has been derived from its locally produced sherry. We'll visit a bodega for a tasting accompanied by some tapas. The town is equally famous for its equestrian activities and breeds fine examples of Arabian and Andalusian horses. It's also the birthplace of many flamenco singers. Your afternoon is free to explore, maybe

wander through the charming small squares such as the Plaza de la Asuncion. Or spend more time expanding your sherry knowledge.

**Day 8 Ronda.** Visit Ronda, one of Andalusia's fascinating whitewashed villages, in its stunning location.

**Day 9 Jerez - Malaga - UK.** Today we depart for the airport and your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Cordoba's Islamic mosque, the Mezquita



Generalife Gardens



Ronda

## Dates

### 2025

May	6, 20
June	3, 17
September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	7, 14

Single supplement: from £350

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** At the time of booking, we'll require your passport details in order to reserve your entrance tickets to Alhambra Palace.

## Tailor your trip

Why not relax after your tour with a few days in Marbella? Speak to our travel advisors for more information.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Hotel Abades Nevada Palace (4\*) or Hotel Catalonia Granada (4\*) • **2 nights** AC Hotel Cordoba (4\*) or Hotel Macia Alfaro (4\*) • **2 nights** Hotel Virgen de los Reyes (4\*) or Hotel Ilunion Alcora Sevilla (4\*) • **2 nights** Hotel Sherry Park, Jerez (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Little Boats of Andalusia | 6 NIGHTS FROM £1,335

per person based on two sharing, 3 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.



Stay and explore  
Pace 2

For stunning sightseeing, Andalusia is second to none and one of the most relaxing ways to marvel at these incredible sights is by boat - sitting back in comfort and enjoying the scenery as it glides peacefully past. Each boat we travel on tells a different story, presenting the true flavour of Andalusia.

### Day 1 UK - Seville - Jerez de la Frontera.

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Seville. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel in aristocratic Jerez de la Frontera - home to sherry making dynasties.

**Day 2 Sanlúcar de Barrameda.** We start the day with a guided tour of Sanlúcar de Barrameda. As well as being known for its stunning beaches, the town showcases ancient churches and breathtaking historic landmarks like the Castillo de Santiago.

There'll be free time in the town, before embarking on a relaxing trip on a traditional barge to Doñana National Park. One of Europe's largest nature reserves, Doñana is home to a unique ecosystem of sand dunes, marshlands and forests. Its proximity to the meeting point between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean seas makes it the perfect breeding ground for an incredible variety of wildlife.

**Day 3 Jerez de la Frontera.** Today we take the opportunity to explore Jerez. Our guide will offer an insight into its rich cultural heritage, delving into the history and production of its famous sherry wine and bodegas (wine cellars), before a tasting at the Tio Pepe winery. We're in for a real Spanish treat this afternoon, as we enjoy a spectacular flamenco show.

**Day 4 Seville.** We spend today exploring the capital of Andalusia - and one of the most picture perfect cities in Spain - Seville. Our walking tour will take us past the wealth of cultural treasures on offer, including the stunning Alcázar Palace, the Gothic cathedral, and the Plaza de España. In the

afternoon we'll get to experience it from a whole new angle as we take a boat trip on the Guadalquivir, where we'll continue to be amazed by these breathtaking sights.

**Day 5 Jerez de la Frontera.** The day is free to explore. Or you could join an optional excursion to Ronda, an incredible mountaintop city that's set dramatically over the plunging El Tajo Gorge that divides Ronda in two.

**Day 6 Cádiz.** We'll head to the ancient port city of Cádiz, with time to explore at leisure. We'll then take a midday boat trip to Rota, a charming town known for whitewashed houses, golden beaches and a lively central square. Our guided walking tour will take in some of the town's most important landmarks, including the Castilla de Luna, a fortress built in the 13th century to defend the city.

### Day 7 Jerez de la Frontera - Seville - UK.

We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance\*

### 9 excursions and visits

- Guided walking tour of Jerez de la Frontera, including tasting at Tio Pepe winery
- Flamenco show
- Guided tours of Sanlúcar de Barrameda and Seville
- Boat trip to Doñana National Park
- Boat trip on the Guadalquivir River in Seville
- Boat trip from Cádiz to Rota, with guided walking tour

### 1 day - free time

### 6 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with easyJet or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**12 meals:** 6 breakfasts  
6 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	20, 27	March	31
June	3, 10, 17, 24	April	7
September	2, 9, 16, 30	May	12, 19
October	7, 14	June	2, 9, 16, 23
		September	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
		October	6, 13

Single supplement

**2024** - Nil supplement Limited availability

**2025** - from £250pp

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

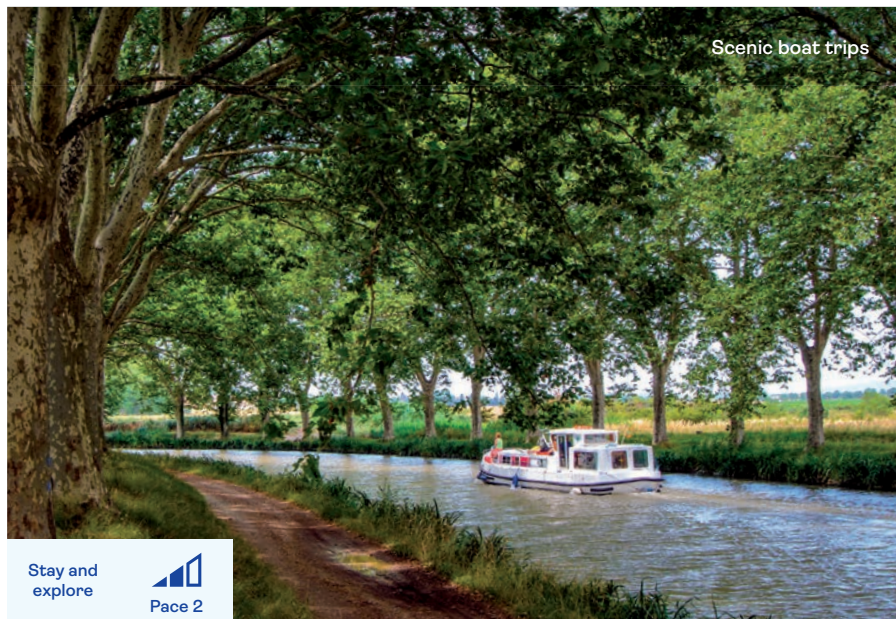
## Where you'll stay

**6 nights** Hotel Sherry Park, Jerez (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Little Boats of Catalonia | 7 NIGHTS FROM £1,435

per person based on two sharing, 15 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>9</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.



Cities packed with architectural treasures. White-washed seaside towns. The colourful creations of Salvador Dali and Antoni Gaudi. There's a lot to draw you to Catalonia. Enjoying several boat rides, we explore this fiercely proud region of Spain - including peaceful Lake Banyoles - as well as venturing across the border to France to cruise along the Canal du Midi.

**Day 1 UK - Barcelona - Roses.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Barcelona. On arrival, we transfer to Roses, on the Costa Brava.

**Day 2 Cadaqués.** This morning we board a boat for a cruise along the coast to Cadaqués. Here, we enjoy a tour of this small, white-chalked fishing town, a magnet for artists. Art galleries and workshops fill the streets of this chic and bohemian area.

**Day 3 Canal du Midi, Béziers.** France is little more than 30 miles from our base in Roses, so today we cross the border to Béziers for a boat ride along the popular Canal du Midi. As you enjoy lunch on board, sit back with a glass of local wine and take in the views of medieval bridges, delightful villages and lovely countryside.

**Day 4 Roses.** Enjoy a day at leisure in this lovely seaside town. Maybe take a walk along the promenade to enjoy the fresh sea air.

**Day 5 Banyoles - Besalú.** We spend today exploring historic Catalonia with a guide. Our first stop is Banyoles, a town full of history and culture best known for its lakeside location. Here, we take a gentle boat trip to appreciate this beautiful spot before time to explore.

In the afternoon we have a guided visit of exceptionally beautiful Besalú, a town with a fascinating Jewish heritage. Immerse yourself in the character of this medieval

gem as we explore the narrow, cobbled streets, old stone façades and the impressive, fortified bridge.

**Day 6 Roses.** Today is free to explore. Or maybe choose an optional excursion to L'Estartit, to board an underwater Nautilus boat and sail through the Medes Islands Nature Reserve and along the Montgri Massif Coast to Roca Foradada. In the afternoon you'll visit the quaint medieval town of Pals.

**Day 7 Roses.** Spend your last day in Roses at your leisure. Perhaps find a boat to take you to one of the many quiet coves along the coast.

**Day 8 Roses - Barcelona - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Hotel Monterrey (4\*)

Located next to Santa Margarita beach, Hotel Monterrey is a perfect base for your discoveries of Catalonia. Facilities include a restaurant serving Mediterranean and traditional local dishes, bar, games room, swimming pool, garden, and gym. All rooms are air-conditioned with outdoor terrace, free Wi-Fi, flatscreen satellite TV, safe, refrigerator, and hairdryer.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 4 excursions and visits

- Boat cruise to Cadaqués for guided tour
- Cruise on the Canal du Midi in Béziers
- Guided cruise on Lake Banyoles
- Guided tour of Besalú

### 3½ days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow, Gatwick or City. Supplements may apply from other airports

**15 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
7 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	7, 14, 21, 28	April	22
September	3, 10, 17	May	6, 13, 20, 27
October	1, 8, 15	June	3
		September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
		October	7, 14

Single supplement: from £250

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 – see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

### Please note:

- Due to local events, May 2024 departures will cruise on the Empuriabrava Canal instead of Lake Banyoles on day 5.
- The order of the itinerary is subject to change according to weather conditions.
- A room tax of between €1-2 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Tailor your trip

Why not extend your holiday with an extra 7 nights in Roses at the Hotel Monterrey? Its beach location makes it the perfect place to relax for another week. For details, please call a travel advisor.

# Contrasts of Valencia | 7 NIGHTS from £1,635

per person based on two sharing, 12 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.

SPAIN



Get set for a profusion of Spanish sights, sounds and flavours. We'll step back in time in Valencia's Old Town, stride into the future in the City of Arts and Science, breathe its essence in busy food markets and learn to make paella for friends and family back home.

**Day 1 UK - Valencia.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Valencia. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel where we'll stay for the next seven nights.

**Day 2 Valencia Old Town.** This morning we head out to explore the narrow streets of Valencia's Old Town before visiting Central Market which sells fresh fruit, meat and cheese. Later we head to Alquería to learn how horchata, the famous Valencian drink, is made.

**Day 3 Modern Valencia.** Today we witness Modern Valencia, coming face to face with L'Hemisfèric, a building shaped like a giant eye, and the Science Museum whose exterior resembles the skeleton of a whale. The afternoon is at leisure.

**Day 4 Valencia.** Today is a free day so you can relax at the hotel or explore at your own pace.

**Day 5 Albufera.** We make the short journey to Albufera Natural Park and its freshwater lagoon. We'll set out on a guided tour and take a boat trip through the wetlands before enjoying lunch - and a paella making demonstration - at a local restaurant.

**Day 6 Valencia.** We've left the whole day free, so you can do as you please.

**Day 7 Valencia.** We celebrate Valencia's Las Fallas festival with a visit to the Museum of Artist Fallero, which tells its history since 1934. After a guided walking tour we'll be served a glass of Agua de Valencia, the city's signature cocktail.

**Day 8 Valencia - UK.** We transfer to the airport for the return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Learn about the Las Fallas Festival

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 6 excursions and visits

- Tour of Valencia Old Town including the cathedral and Central Market
- Visit to Alquería's horchata factory with tour and tasting
- Tour of Modern Valencia including the exteriors of L'Hemisfèric and Science Museum
- Guided tour and boat trip in Albufera Natural Park
- Paella cookery class and demonstration
- Museum of Artist Fallero with Agua de Valencia tasting

### 3 days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**12 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
4 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	15	May	7, 21
June	12, 19	June	4, 18
September	4, 18, 25	September	3, 17, 24
October	9	October	1

Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**7 nights** Eurostars Rey Don Jaime, Valencia (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Memories of Mallorca | 7 NIGHTS from £1,835

per person based on two sharing, 22 April 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.



MALLORCA



Palma Cathedral

Small group: 24  
 Stay and explore  
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Delve deeper into the real charms of the Balearics' biggest island, from medieval Alcúdia and Formentor's pine-fringed shoreline, to an antique, narrow-gauge train ride through the mountains to Sóller. You'll stay at homely Hotel Bon Sol, set on a pretty cliff side, above Illetas' sandy cove.

**Day 1 UK - Palma - Illetas.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Palma. On arrival, we transfer to Illetas, our base for the week.

**Day 2 Palma.** This morning we explore Palma on an included half-day tour, visiting the impressive cathedral and even more impressive palace. Discover the historical centre with a guided walk followed by our included tour of nearby Bellver Castle.

**Day 3 Illetas.** Spend today relaxing; perhaps wander around the pretty streets of Illetas and browse the boutique shops or go for a paddle in the inviting blue waters of the bay.

**Day 4 Alcúdia - Formentor - Puerto Pollensa.** We have a full day to look forward to, starting with a visit to the old medieval fortified town of Alcúdia, where there'll be free time to explore. At Formentor we'll have time to enjoy a walk along the fantastic beach, before a boat ride to Puerto Pollensa. This quaint resort provided the setting for Agatha Christie's 'Problem at Pollensa Bay'.

**Days 5-6 Illetas.** Two days at leisure for shopping, to further explore the surrounding areas, or to simply enjoy the comforts and facilities of our hotel.

**Day 7 Sóller and Valldemossa.** An adventure of nostalgia awaits today, as we journey aboard an antique narrow-gauge train from Palma to the Port of Sóller. This thriving port was once isolated from the rest of the island by mountains until El Tren de Sóller was built in the early 20th century. We'll cross these mountains, via numerous bridges, an impressive viaduct and 13 tunnels. We'll then head into Sóller itself by tram to explore. There'll also be a stop in the medieval town of Valldemossa, home to the Carthusian monastery where Frédéric Chopin stayed in 1838.

**Day 8 Illetas - Palma - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Valldemossa

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 5 excursions and visits

- Guided tour of Palma, including cathedral and Bellver Castle
- Visits to Alcúdia, Formentor and Pollensa
- Full-day excursion, including the Palma-Sóller train, tram and visit to Valldemossa

### 3½ days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	13	April	7
June	3, 10, 24	May	5
July	1	June	2, 9, 16, 23
September	23, 30	September	1, 29
		October	7

Single supplement: from £350

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €4-6 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Hotel Bon Sol (4\*)

Located on a cliff side, this wonderful hotel is surrounded by subtropical gardens leading to a small sandy beach (a larger beach is just a 10-minute stroll away). Dine at the restaurant or opt for a nightcap at the bar. En suite rooms have a balcony or terrace, bath or shower, air-conditioning, mini-bar, tea/coffee-making facilities, TV, radio and telephone.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



## Greek Island Medley | 14 NIGHTS FROM £2,395

per person based on two sharing, 11 May 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Walking city tours in Rhodes and Lindos
- Island tours of Symi (including entrance to Panormitis monastery and BBQ lunch on Sesklia Beach) and Leros

#### 6 days - free time

#### 14 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with easyJet, TUI Airways or British Airways from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**41 meals:** 14 breakfasts  
13 lunches  
14 dinners

#### PLUS

- Selected all-inclusive drinks at each hotel
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- All catamaran ferry transfers
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Two weeks hopping between picturesque Greek islands, visiting historical sights and relaxing under that famously blue Mediterranean sky. Sound perfect? Join us as we explore three beautiful Dodecanese Islands, staying in hotels that allow you to revel in every minute of your leisure time. Walk the pathways of medieval Rhodes, cruise along the craggy coastline of Symi, see the sweeping island views from the Byzantine Castle on Leros - it's all waiting for you on this wonderful holiday.

**Day 1 UK - Rhodes.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Rhodes.

**Days 2-4 Rhodes.** On our second day we'll travel the short distance to the UNESCO-protected medieval city of Rhodes, home to the Knights Hospitaller. Whilst in Rhodes, we'll also visit the picture-postcard village of Lindos as well as days at leisure with a variety of fascinating

optional excursions to the island's rural villages and ancient sites. The order of visits will depend on which day of arrival you choose, and some may be on your second stay on the island after you return from Leros.

**Day 5 Rhodes - Symi.** We travel by catamaran to Symi, with the rest of the day at leisure.



The whitewashed houses of Lindos



**Day 6 Symi.** Today, we enjoy a boat tour of the island, travelling along the dramatic jagged coastline, continuing south across the island to Panormitis. Here we visit the elaborate 18th-century monastery of Archangel Michael, perhaps one of the most interesting churches on the island.

We conclude our tour with a short cruise to the tiny islet of Sesklia, where the Athenians sought refuge from the Spartans during the Peloponnesian War. We'll enjoy a BBQ lunch on the beach, before making our way back, stopping on the way in the beautiful natural bay of St George's to enjoy the superb scenery and tranquil atmosphere.

**Day 7 Symi.** Spend today at leisure.

**Day 8 Symi - Leros.** We transfer by catamaran to the remote and peaceful island of Leros, adorned with whitewashed villages, fertile valleys and green hills.

**Day 9 Leros.** On our tour of the island we visit the Franco-Byzantine fort, which overlooks the capital town of Platanos, and the Byzantine castle on Mount Kasteli. We continue to the picturesque old Greek port of Agia Marina, with its pretty waterfront and old windmill.

**Days 10-11 Leros.** Two days at leisure to enjoy your pleasant surroundings, or perhaps book an excursion to visit the island of Patmos, where St John is said to have written the Book of Revelation while in exile.

**Day 12 Leros - Rhodes.** We take the catamaran back to Rhodes for our final three nights.

**Days 13-14 Rhodes.** You're at leisure for the final two days of your Greek odyssey.

**Day 15 Rhodes - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



### Dates

2024		2025	
May	1*, 8*, 11, 15*, 18, 22*, 25, 29*	April	30*
June	1, 5*, 8	May	3, 7*, 10, 14*, 17, 21*, 24, 28*, 31
September	4*, 7, 11*, 14, 18*, 21, 25*, 28	June	4*, 7
October	2*, 9*	August	30
		September	3*, 6, 10*, 13, 17*, 20, 24*, 27
		October	1*, 4, 8*

Single supplement: from £500

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 – see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

#### Please note:

- A levy of €7 (in Symi and Leros) and €10 (in Rhodes) per room per day (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel.
- On transfer days between islands, lunch may be missed due to timings of ferry schedules or the time of hotel check-out and check-in.

### Where you'll stay

- **4 nights** Akti Imperial Hotel, Rhodes (5\*)
- **3 nights** Pedi Beach Hotel, Symi (4\*)
- **4 nights** Crithoni's Paradise Hotel, Leros (4\*)
- **3 nights** Akti Imperial Hotel, Rhodes (5\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



**Flexi-tour**  
Swap a night in Leros for Symi on selected dates\*



Symi

## Greek Island Medley - staying longer in Symi

**14 NIGHTS FROM £2,095** per person based on two sharing, 2 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Day 1 Per main itinerary.

**Days 2-3 Rhodes.** Two days in Rhodes with included visits to Rhodes and the village of Lindos, as well as days at leisure with a variety of optional excursions to the island's rural villages and ancient sites. Some of the visits and optional excursions may be during your second stay on the island (days 12-14).

**Days 4-7 Symi.** We travel by catamaran to Symi, for a four-night stay including an island tour (including entrance to Panormitis monastery and BBQ lunch on Sesklia Beach).

**Days 8-10 Leros.** We transfer by catamaran to Leros, for a three-night stay including an island tour and time at leisure.

**Days 11-14 Rhodes.** We take the catamaran back to Rhodes for our final four nights.





### Day 15 Per main itinerary.

See website for full details.

Tour reference: SEG MW

This holiday departs the UK on Saturdays and Wednesdays - Saturday departures spend three nights in Symi/four nights in Leros and Wednesday departures stay four nights in Symi/three nights in Leros. The overall duration of the tour remains unchanged, you'll just spend a night longer in either Leros or Symi. The excursions included on each island remain the same but may operate on different days.



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## Captivating Crete | 7 NIGHTS from £1,235

per person based on two sharing, 15 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 3 excursions and visits

- Half-day excursion to Heraklion
- Full-day excursion to Lasithi Plateau, including entrances to Panagia Kera monastery and Dikteon Cave
- Full-day excursion to the west of the island, including Chania and Rethymnon

#### 3 days - free time

7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Crete is one of the most beautiful, interesting and diverse Greek islands to explore. Stroll along the harbour - guarded by a Venetian fortress - of its capital, Heraklion. Look out across the Lasithi Plateau, dotted with white-sailed windmills, then peek into the cave where Zeus is said to have been born. Sit back as the rugged, mountainous landscape of western Crete slides by, and enjoy a drink with new friends in one of charming Rethymnon's harbourside bars.

**Day 1 UK - Heraklion - Hersonissos.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Heraklion. On arrival, we transfer to Hersonissos.

**Day 2 Heraklion.** We head for the dynamic capital of Crete today, the fifth largest city in Greece. Its inner harbour is guarded by the well-preserved Venetian fortress of Rocca al Mare and the bustling city has a rich cultural history, some of which can be seen in the Archaeological Museum. After a guided tour, it's a delight to explore its streets of cafés and small shops.

**Day 3 Lasithi Plateau.** We journey to the Lasithi Plateau, famous for its centuries-old white-sailed windmills, formerly used for irrigation. We'll stop at the monastery of Panagia Kera, for a guided visit, before heading to the village of Psychro and nearby Dikteon Cave. In Greek mythology, the cave

was recognised as the birthplace of Zeus and is still a significant place to visit today. The energetic may wish to walk 200 steps and through five chambers into the cave, to see the stalactites and stalagmites. Elsewhere on the fertile plateau, we'll enjoy some free time in the picturesque village of Tzermidao.

**Day 4 Hersonissos.** The island of Crete is well known for its ancient Minoan past and the power of this civilisation is illustrated on an optional visit to the Palace of Knossos. Visit the vast Minoan Palace, believed to be more than 4,000 years old. The complex has a number of buildings on four levels and most of what remains belongs to those built after 1700 BC. In Greek mythology, it is said that the Palace was the home of King Minos, whose wife bore the Minotaur who was imprisoned within the labyrinth and slain by Theseus.



Knossos Palace in Crete



**Flexi-tour**  
Extend this holiday with extra inclusions on selected dates\*



Santorini

## Captivating Crete and Aegean Cruise

**14 NIGHTS FROM £2,895** per person based on two sharing, 28 May 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Days 1-7 Per main itinerary.

**Day 8 Heraklion.** We'll transfer to embark our ship, the MS Celestyal Journey (4\*), to set sail this evening.

**Day 9 Santorini.** A full day to explore one of the world's most spectacular islands. Maybe opt to take a cable car to the picturesque capital, Fira, or an optional excursion to the village of Oia, known for its sunsets. Ship to shore tender service.

**Day 10 Mykonos.** Mykonos' picture-postcard harbour leads to a labyrinth of tiny streets full of fashion boutiques, restaurants and blue-shuttered houses framed by pink bougainvillea. Ship to shore tender service.

**Day 11 Milos.** Laid-back Milos is known for its amazing coastline, full of hidden coves and unbelievably crystal-clear water. It's far less busy than its near neighbours, with a thriving and unique island culture. Ship to shore tender service.

**Day 12 Piraeus (Athens).** The birthplace of democracy, Athens' lively metropolis is still crowned by the awe-inspiring Acropolis, but there's lots more to discover: the winding lanes of the Plaka district, the National Gardens and the Archaeological Museum.

**Day 13 Thessaloniki.** Thessaloniki is known for its vibrant food scene, fascinating old town and seafront promenade. Maybe join an excursion to visit Pella (Alexander the Great's capital city) and the UNESCO site of Vergina.

**Day 14 Kusadasi, Turkey (Ephesus).** Today we visit Turkey's buzzy port of Kusadasi. Maybe explore ancient Ephesus, the second largest city in the Roman empire.

**Day 15 Heraklion - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

See website for full details.  
Tour reference: SECJA

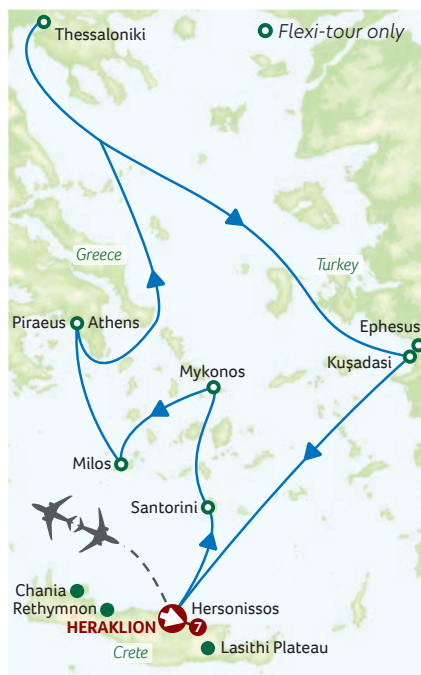
**Day 5 Heronissos.** Spend your day at leisure enjoying Heronissos' small sandy beaches, excellent shopping facilities, and sightseeing boat trips. The main centre has plenty of relaxing cafés and Greek tavernas from where you can watch the world go by. Or learn more about Crete's folk traditions and culture at Lychnostatis Open Air Museum.

**Day 6 West Crete.** The wild and rugged landscape of western Crete, including snow-capped mountains, delightful villages and beautiful coastlines, are highlighted on today's excursion. We visit Chania for a guided tour, the former capital, known as the 'Little Venice' of Crete is home to a street devoted almost entirely to leather goods. There's also a beautiful Venetian harbour, which was the location for some of the scenes from the film Zorba the Greek.

We continue to Rethymnon, Crete's third-largest town, on the north coast. Known as the 'City of Scholars', the old part of the town has numerous Venetian palazzos, Turkish houses with wooden balconies and a number of small 18th-century mosques. After a tour, there'll be free time to wander the old streets of the town, or perhaps spend time in a harbourside coffee bar.

**Day 7 Heronissos.** There's more time today to relax in your surroundings, or perhaps join an optional excursion to visit the island of Spinalonga. The island has had a varied past, from Venetian rule in the 16th century to the setting for a leper colony four centuries later - a subject covered in Victoria Hislop's 2005 novel 'The Island'. It's now an uninhabited island skirted with small pebble beaches.

**Day 8 Heronissos - Heraklion - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



### Dates

2024		2025	
May	7, 21, 28*	April	22, 29
June	4, 11*, 18, 25*	May	6, 20
September	3*, 10*, 17, 24*	June	3, 17
October	1, 8, 15	September	9, 23
		October	7, 14

Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

#### Please note:

- A levy of €7 per room per day (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel.
- The order of excursions is subject to change.

### Where you'll stay

**7 nights** Heronissos Maris Hotel (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

Kassiopi



Solo date

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## Ionian Island Paradise | 7 NIGHTS from £1,635

per person based on two sharing, 14 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 3 excursions and visits

- Guided tour of Corfu Town
- Tour of Corfu's scenic north
- Excursion to Mouse Island and Mon Repos

#### 3½ days - free time

7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**20 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
6 lunches  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Stay on an all-inclusive basis
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Stunningly beautiful with a long and varied history, Corfu offers a perfect combination of fascinating sights and total relaxation. Join us as we explore Corfu Town's highlights, including views of its imposing Venetian fortress. See the sparkling turquoise water of the Ionian Sea set against the rocky, forested coastline of the north and explore the 19th-century villa of Mon Repos. Or simply stretch out on the exquisite private beach of our hotel.



#### Day 1 UK - Corfu - Agios Ioannis

**Peristeron.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home, for your flight to Corfu. On arrival we travel to Agios Ioannis Peristeron. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2 Corfu Town.** A tour of Corfu Town begins at Patounis' Soap Factory, which has produced pure traditional soap, renowned for its disinfecting and healing properties, from locally produced olive products since 1891. From here we walk along the market halls to the UNESCO-listed Old Town. It's dominated by an impressive 16th-century Venetian fortress.

A guided walk introduces you to attractions such as the Church of St Spyridon, dedicated to the patron saint of Corfu who was credited with saving Corfu from famine,



Mouse Island



plagues and invasions. You have some free time to explore the town, before we return to the hotel.

**Day 3 Agios Ioannis Peristeron.** Today is free - why not spend it relaxing on the hotel's private beach?

**Day 4 The Scenic North.** Our first stop on our tour of the north of the island is Paleokastritsa. This beautiful old fishing village is home to the 13th-century Theotokou monastery. Unaltered for hundreds of years, it holds many old artefacts.

We continue to Lakones at Bella Vista, to enjoy the magnificent views over Paleokastritsa and Corfu, before a scenic drive to Kassiope where you may choose to spend your free time exploring the narrow streets. We take in wonderful views of the Albanian Mountains as we return along a coastal road.

**Day 5 Agios Ioannis Peristeron.** Today is free to relax in resort or exploring the surrounding area. An optional excursion to explore southern Corfu is available.

**Day 6 Mouse Island - Mon Repos.**

Our morning excursion starts with a visit to Kanoni, where you can enjoy views over Mouse Island (Pontikonissi). According to myth, this rocky island is actually the ship of Odysseus, which was turned to stone by Poseidon. There may be time to take a boat over for a visit, if you wish.

We'll also visit the 19th-century villa of Mon Repos, situated within a park brimming with exotic plants. Originally built as the residence of the British High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands, it later became a summer home for the Greek royal family and was the birthplace of the late Prince Philip. It's now a fascinating museum showcasing the island's history.

**Day 7 Agios Ioannis Peristeron.** Today is completely free for you to enjoy at leisure. An optional excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of ancient Butrint in Albania is available.

**Day 8 Agios Ioannis Peristeron - Corfu - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, a vehicle will meet you for your journey home.

**MarBella Corfu (5\*)**



Surrounded by rambling olive groves and just a hop and a skip to the beach, this luxurious hotel offers the perfect retreat on the Ionian coast. With five swimming pools, six restaurants and four lounge bars, there's always a private corner in which to unwind and relax. Book yourself a spa treatment or take a dip in the freshwater pool and cascading seawater pool with Jacuzzi. En suite rooms have a balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, TV, fridge, hairdryer, safe, and tea/coffee-making facilities.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

**Dates**

2024	2025
June 3, 10, 17	April 28
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	May 5, 12, 19
October 7, 14	June 2, 9, 16
	September 8, 15, 22, 29
	October 6

Dedicated solo departure from £1,735 based on 6 October 2025

2024 - No Single supplement 2025 - from £100pp

**£If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:**

- A levy of €10 per room per day (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel.
- Due to restrictions, the visit to Theotokou Monastery (day 4) may not be possible during your holiday. If this is the case, we'll visit Agia Paraskevi Monastery as an alternative.



Green landscapes surround Corfu Town

Kornati islands



Exclusive charter  
Small ship cruise



Pace 2

## Adriatic Coastal Explorer | 7 NIGHTS from £1,535

per person based on two sharing, 19 April 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Visit to Krka National Park
- Guided walking tours of Šibenik, Zadar, Split and Trogir

#### 7 nights cruise on MV Amorena

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Croatia Airlines or easyJet from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**17 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
6 lunches  
4 dinners

#### PLUS

- Free bar open 11 hours a day
- 3 evenings of live musical entertainment
- Portable audio headsets on selected guided tours
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach

This sailing adventure takes us to the lesser-known islands, national parks and ancient walled cities of the north Dalmatian coast. Along the way we sail between the uninhabited islands of the Kornati archipelago, marvel at the tumbling cascades of Krka waterfalls and tick off an array of UNESCO wonders - including the Venetian charms of Zadar, the Roman ruins of Split and the medieval beauty of Trogir. Awash with days cruising on sun-bleached decks, this is the perfect balance of relaxation and discovery.

#### Day 1 UK - Split - Trogir (overnight).

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Split. On arrival, we transfer by coach to Trogir and board our ship MV Amorena (4\*).

**Day 2 Krka National Park - Skradin (overnight).** Today we start our journey up the north Dalmatian coast. Where the Krka

River flows into the Adriatic, we sail inland - weaving our way beneath steep limestone cliffs and craggy bays to the pretty town of Skradin. The jumping off point for Krka National Park, one of eight national parks in Croatia, Skradin is full of charm - with red-roofed houses, a harbour lined with bobbing sail boats and a backdrop of forested hills.



Krka National Park



Diocletian's Palace, Split

On arrival we go on a guided walk to the famous Krka waterfalls - a beautiful landscape of seven waterfalls and emerald-green lakes. Carved into the limestone karsts over millennia by the rushing waters of the Krka River, the area is considered a natural phenomenon and has UNESCO status. We stay moored overnight in Skradin.

**Day 3 Šibenik - Zadar (overnight).** Sailing out of the channel, we stop at the historic town of Šibenik for a guided tour. Terracotta-topped houses, elegant Renaissance buildings and Gothic churches stack up on the hillside above the port. We stop to admire architectural gems, including the Bishop's Palace, Ducal Palace and the town's crowning and UNESCO-listed glory - the 15th-century cathedral. Surrounded by 71 carved faces and topped by a Renaissance dome that dominates the town's romantic silhouette, the cathedral is thought to be the world's largest stone-built church.

Continuing up the coast, we arrive in the ancient city of Zadar where we moor for the night.

**Day 4 Zadar - Telascica (overnight).** Croatia's longest continually occupied city openly tells the story of its past, as 16th-century Venetian fortifications sit alongside 9th-century Byzantine churches, ancient Roman forums, and 1960s modernist flats. Referred to as the 'Dresden of the Adriatic', the city was heavily bombed in WWII by the Allies - destroying up to 80% of its buildings. Many have been beautifully and sympathetically restored, but the architectural landscape of the city bears both its scars and its spirit. On a guided tour we weave our way through the streets of the old town, stopping to admire the Morska vrata (Sea Gate), the Romanesque-style St Chrysogonus Church and baroque St Simeon Church.

Back on board, we sail to the bay of Telascica on the island of Dugi Otok and dock overnight.

**Day 5 Kornati National Park - Vodice - Zlarin (overnight).** Today we set sail through the Kornati Islands - an archipelago of over 140 uninhabited desert-like islands and islets, peppered with caves and grottoes and wrapped in otherworldly blue waters.

Camera batteries fully exhausted, we sail to Vodice - a popular seaside town where we'll briefly step ashore before cruising south to the island of Zlarin where we moor for the night.

**Day 6 Primošten - Split (overnight).** On our way south to Split, we sail past picturesque Primošten. With crystal-clear waters, golden beaches and a sun-faded old town clinging to the coastline - Primošten is the manifestation of Mediterranean charm.

Arriving in Split, we step ashore for a guided walking tour. Croatia's second largest city started out life in AD 295 as the retirement palace for the Roman emperor, Diocletian. UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace still stands at the heart of the old town and houses some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in the world.

Over the centuries, the city expanded into a maze of narrow medieval streets and Gothic archways scattered with Roman ruins. There's free time to wander Split's waterfront or stroll to one of the city's squares. We stay moored here tonight.

**Day 7 Trogir (overnight).** Sailing back to where we started, we'll arrive in Trogir. Linked by bridges to the mainland, this beautiful city's wide seafront promenade of classic Venetian façades hides a maze-like old town of medieval streets dotted with churches and Renaissance buildings. We head out on a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed old town past Romanesque-style cathedrals, Venetian palaces and Benedictine monasteries, before returning to the ship for our final night and farewell dinner.

**Day 8 Trogir - Split - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



MV Amorena

## Dates

### 2024

April	19, 26
May	3, 24
June	7, 14
August	23, 30
September	13
October	4, 11

Single supplement: from £300

Upgrade to main deck from £100

**2025** Dates coming soon

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

### Please note:

- The free bar serves local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks between 11am and 10pm.
- This tour requires a good level of mobility. Coaches aren't permitted in the port of Trogir and you'll need to be able to take your luggage approximately 200m from the town centre to and from the ship.
- Small ship cruising is a lovely way to see these destinations. Expect a very informal atmosphere, relaxed dining, compact cabins and a flexible approach to the ports of call. The captain reserves the right to change the itinerary according to weather conditions or if ports are unexpectedly busy.

Dubrovnik



Exclusive charter  
Small ship cruise



Pace 2

## Dalmatian Island Explorer | 7 NIGHTS from £1,535

per person based on two sharing, 15 April 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>®</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 6 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Korčula Town, Split, Hvar and Dubrovnik
- Visit to stonemasonry school in Pučišća
- Walking tour of Hvar
- Visit to the island of Mljet

#### 7 nights cruise on MV Providencia

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**18 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
6 lunches  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Free bar open 11 hours a day
- 2 evenings of live musical entertainment
- Portable audio headsets on selected guided tours
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach

Bookended by the medieval-walled city of Dubrovnik and the stylish city of Split, we spend a week cruising along the forest-draped bays, hidden beaches and rustic fishing villages of the Dalmatian coast. On board our comfortable ship, we moor up in cosy harbours to explore some of the Adriatic's most famous islands - including Hvar, Korčula, Brač and Mljet. Discovering Roman ruins, Gothic cathedrals and jumbled old towns, we return each time to the sun deck, Jacuzzi and en suite compact cabins of our ship.

#### Day 1 UK - Dubrovnik - Sipan (overnight).

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Dubrovnik. On arrival, we transfer to the port and board our ship MV Providencia (4\*). Lord Byron famously described Dubrovnik as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Knowing we'll be back to explore in a few days, we watch from the decks as the famous terracotta rooftops and medieval ramparts of Croatia's most enchanting city retreat behind us.

Cruising north beneath the pine-shrouded hillsides of the Dubrovnik Riviera, we arrive at Sipan - the largest of the Elafiti Islands and a peaceful retreat covered by olive groves and vineyards. We moor for the night opposite Sipanska Luka - a horseshoe-shaped lagoon with stone houses and colourful fishing boats.

**Day 2 Korčula (overnight).** Today we cruise past the Peljesac Peninsula - a slender stretch of vineyard-covered land that juts out from the mainland to almost touch the



Korčula



Pucišća



Hvar



MV Providencia

shores of our next destination, the island of Korčula. The island is said to be the birthplace of explorer Marco Polo. Whether true or not, the Venetian-style buildings, Renaissance colonnades and palm-dotted waterfront of Korčula Town make it another jewel on the Dalmatian coast.

Arriving late afternoon, we moor up for the night - going ashore on a guided tour to explore the cobbled alleyways, churches and clock towers that jostle for space inside the city's medieval walls. Known as the 'wine island' there's free time to sample the local goods before heading back to the boat for the night.

**Day 3 Makarska - Pučišća (overnight).**

Continuing to hug the Dalmatian coast, we stop at Makarska - a popular beach town sandwiched between a palm-lined promenade and the slopes of the Biokovo mountains. We arrive at the island of Brač by late afternoon, a much sleepier island than its neighbour, Hvar. We moor in Pučišća for the night, often listed as one of the prettiest villages in Europe and the centre for the island's century-old craft - stone carving. There'll be time to explore the scenic streets and squares and visit the stonemasonry school for a demonstration.

**Day 4 Split (overnight).** We continue our voyage to Split, Croatia's second biggest city that spreads out in layers from the waterfront through an old town tangle of ancient alleys and Roman ruins, communist-era Brutalist blocks and circling mountains beyond.

Starting out life in AD 295, the city grew out of the now UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace - home to some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in the world. It's now a 1,700-year-old treasure trove of Roman, Venetian, Ottoman and Byzantine influences, which we'll see on our guided tour.

**Day 5 Hvar (overnight).** Heading south we cross to Hvar, Croatia's sunniest island that needs little introduction, with yacht-filled azure waters and polished marble streets. Arriving mid-afternoon, we take a short walking tour of the 13th-century walled city, passing by Gothic churches and café lined piazzas. There's free time to explore, perhaps climb up to the Spanish Fortress for sweeping views. Or maybe walk along the seafront to the 15th-century Franciscan monastery, home to an impressive mural of the Last Supper.

**Day 6 Mljet (overnight).** Today we sail to Mljet. Carpeted in thick forest and dotted with lakes and vineyards, this is one of the Adriatic's most alluring islands. With scenery that sparked Greek epics, it's said that Mljet is the paradise island of Ogyia in Homer's Odyssey. We moor here tonight, wrapped in the peace and tranquillity of Mljet's pine-shrouded slopes.

**Day 7 Dubrovnik (overnight).** Passing by hidden coves and wooded inlets, we cruise between the Elafati islands on our way to UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik. Circed by grand city walls, bastions, towers and fortifications, the old town is a maze of white-stone houses, sun-burnished orange roofs and baroque churches. On today's guided tour we'll pass by Sponza Palace, one of the few buildings that survived the 1667 earthquake that destroyed much of the city. Like walking through a medieval filmset, we also visit Dubrovnik Cathedral, Rector's Palace and Onofrio's Fountain.

We enjoy our final night on board with a farewell dinner.

**Day 8 Dubrovnik - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

**Dates**

**2024**

April	15, 22, 29
May	6, 13, 20, 27
June	3, 10
August	26
September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	7, 14

Single supplement: from £300

Upgrade to main deck from £100

**2025** Dates coming soon

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:**

- The free bar serves local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks between 11am and 10pm.
- This tour requires a good level of mobility.
- Small ship cruising is a lovely way to see these destinations. Expect a very informal atmosphere, relaxed dining, compact cabins and a flexible approach to the ports of call. The captain reserves the right to change the itinerary according to weather conditions or if ports are unexpectedly busy.

Views over Opatija

Exclusive  
charterSmall ship  
cruise

Pace 2

## Croatian Island Explorer | 7 NIGHTS from £1,535

per person based on 23 April 2024 twin share. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- Cres Island visit with guided walking tour
- Walking tour of Mali Lošinj and the Garden of Fine Scents
- Ilovik island visit
- Guided walking tour of Rab old town
- Goli Otok island visit
- Guided walking tour of Krk old town
- Vrbnik winery tour
- Opatija walking tour

#### 7 nights cruise on MV Dalmatia

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow, Gatwick or Luton. Supplements may apply from other airports

**18 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
6 lunches  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Free bar open 11 hours a day
- 3 evenings of live musical entertainment
- Portable audio headsets on selected guided tours
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach

Known for their healing Mediterranean climate, ruggedly beautiful landscapes and translucent waters - the Kvarner Islands in northern Croatia manifest the laid-back Mediterranean lifestyle perfectly. Dotted with olive groves, vineyards and forest-backed beaches, we sail between all four of the islands - stepping ashore to explore sleepy hilltop villages, weave our way through the medieval alleyways of small coastal towns, and toast the beauty of the Adriatic with cold glasses of Žlahtina - the local straw-coloured white wine.

#### Day 1 UK - Zagreb - Opatija (overnight).

Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Zagreb. On arrival we transfer to the Opatija Riviera where we board MV Dalmatia (3\*).



MV Dalmatia

#### Day 2 Opatija - Cres (overnight).

We sail this morning to Cres. One of the largest of Croatia's 718 islands, Cres is also one of the least developed with its thick forests, olive groves and rocky hilltop villages. Adding to its undiscovered and remote charm, the island is also home to 80 breeding pairs of rare griffon vultures - which we keep watch for as we skirt the island's rugged shoreline.

We moor up in Cres Town, jumping ashore for a guided walking tour. Cres may only have 3,000 permanent residents, but it has a heavyweight history - with buildings, churches and ruins cataloguing its Roman, Byzantine and Venetian occupation. We stay moored here for the night.

#### Day 3 Cres - Susak - Mali Lošinj

**(overnight).** We sail this morning to Susak, one of the smallest of Croatia's inhabited islands - just 4 sq km in size. Weather permitting, we'll take a short walk on this car free island, carpeted in herbs and trees, and circled by golden sandy beaches - it's a true taste of unspoiled Croatian island life.



Susak



Then we sail east to the island of Mali Lošinj, whose crystal-clear waters were felt to give the island unique healing powers. A health resort for the Habsburg Royal Family in the 19th century, 200 years later the island is having a wellness revival, with travellers visiting for the clean water, medicinal herbs and warm climate. We dock in the main town of Mali Lošinj. Remnants of its grand Venetian past, the pastel-painted facades and sun-faded clocktowers make it one of the prettiest harbours in the Adriatic. We go ashore to explore the town and take a guided tour of the Garden of Fine Scents - a walled garden of over 250 species of herbs and medicinal plants that naturally grow on the island.

**Day 4 Mali Lošinj - Ilovik - Rab (overnight).** Sailing onwards this morning, we head towards the small island of Ilovik. We'll make a short visit after lunch (weather permitting). We'll then spend the rest of the day making our way to Rab, the greenest and best known of the Kvarner Islands. Rab fits the archetypal Adriatic paradise perfectly - jade green waters, verdant hillsides and a red-roofed old town that looks straight out of a story book. We moor here overnight.

**Day 5 Rab (overnight).** Dominated by four bell towers, Rab's ancient walled town bears the beauty of its changing hands over the years - with Byzantine churches, elegant Italianate mansions and Romanesque towers to explore. After a walking tour, the afternoon is free to wander independently or soak up the city's crumbling Venetian charms from the ship. Perhaps visit the House of Rab Cake, home of the delicious

spiral-shaped cake made mainly from almonds and Maraschino liqueur, first served in 1177 to Pope Alexander III.

**Day 6 Rab - Krk (overnight).** We head towards the former prisoner island of Goli Otok this morning where we'll make a short visit (weather permitting) and explore a little before continuing to Krk. Here, we enjoy a guided walking tour of the old town - now a familiar but still magical mix of Venetian buildings, Franciscan and Benedictine monasteries and fortified castles.

We then travel by coach to Vrbnik, a medieval hilltop village whose silhouette is defined by its soaring Renaissance bell tower. As well as being one of the most picturesque villages in Croatia, Vrbnik is also known for Žlahtina - a white wine grape grown exclusively on the island. We tour a family-run winery and sample some of the goods before heading back to Krk Town where we stay moored for the night.

**Day 7 Krk - Opatija (overnight).** This morning, there's the chance to join an optional coach tour to the Istrian Peninsula and a boat out to Brijuni National Park. Meanwhile, our ship sails towards Opatija, a summer resort town built in the 19th century for Habsburg royalty. We enjoy a walking tour and learn about the town's interesting past and our ship remains in port overnight.

**Day 8 Opatija - Zagreb - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Rab island

## Dates

### 2024

April	23
May	7, 14, 21
September	10, 24
October	1

Single supplement: from £300  
Upgrade to main deck from £100

**2025** Dates coming soon

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### Please note:

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- This tour requires a good level of mobility.
- Small ship cruising is a lovely way to see these destinations. Expect a very informal atmosphere, relaxed dining, compact cabins and a flexible approach to the ports of call. The captain reserves the right to change the itinerary according to weather conditions or if ports are unexpectedly busy.



## Jewels of Croatia Northbound | 14 NIGHTS from £1,895

per person based on two sharing, 14 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>®</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Guided city tour of Split
- Return scenic ferry crossings to the island of Brač
- Guided highlights tour of Brač
- Guided tour of the ruins of Salona
- Guided visit to Trogir

#### 8 days - free time

#### 14 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Croatia Airlines or easyJet from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**41 meals:** 14 breakfasts  
13 lunches  
14 dinners

#### PLUS

- All-inclusive stay in Brač (*with free bar open 12 hours a day*)
- Beer, wine and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners in Solin
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

When trying to weigh up the age-old dilemma of city, island or beach - this 15-day Dalmatian coast tour ticks off all three. We split our time between the cute beachfront town of Tučepi, the sleepy island of Brač and the peaceful green oasis of Solin. Days are free to relax on beaches, dip into the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic, and join included and optional tours to explore vineyards, waterfalls, Roman ruins and ancient walled cities - including Dubrovnik, Split and Šibenik.

**Day 1 UK - Split - Tučepi.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home, for your flight to Split. On arrival, we travel to Tučepi - a small fishing town on Croatia's Makarska Riviera. A 3km stretch of marble white pebble beach and azure waters play centre stage against a backdrop of green plantations and craggy peaks. Home to handfuls of traditional restaurants and a palm-dotted promenade that stretches the length of the beach, the town is just a 10-minute walk from our accommodation.

**Days 2-4 Tučepi.** Your days are free to relax or explore Tučepi. The polished pebble beaches on this stretch of the Dalmatian coast ensure the waters remain crystal-clear.

There are also optional excursions you can join. Take a tour of Omis, located at the mouth of the emerald-green Cetina River and dominated by lost world limestone escarpments and the stone battlements of a mountaintop 15th-century fortress. Omis has drama, beauty and history.

Travel into the Biokovo Mountains for stunning ocean views. Or head to the enchanting medieval walled city of Dubrovnik. Circled by butter-coloured fortified walls and golden city beaches, the UNESCO-listed old town is a warren of white-stone houses, terracotta roofs and baroque churches.

**Day 5 Tučepi - Split - Brač.** Today we travel up to Split where we join an included walking tour of this UNESCO-protected city. Croatia's second largest city started out life in AD 295 as the retirement palace for the Roman emperor, Diocletian. Carved from Brač white stone (our next stop) Diocletian's Palace still stands at the heart of the old town and houses some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in the world.

After our tour there's time to explore the medieval winding streets before a scenic ferry journey to the island of Brač. We stay on the island for seven nights in Milna or Supetar.



Brač Island



Split Harbour

**Days 6-11 Brač.** Despite being the third largest island in the Adriatic, Brač is much sleepier than its A-list neighbours of Hvar and Korčula. The island is famous for its olive oil and Brač stone - the white quarried stone responsible for keeping Europe's cathedrals and palaces looking so shiny for the past two millennia.

A patchwork of traditional villages, pine forests and olive groves indented with peaceful bays, an included tour takes us on a panoramic drive of the island's highlights. The rest of the week is free.

There are also optional excursions you can join. Take a wine and olive tasting trip to Dol. Or visit some of the island's small villages and pastoral settlements of stone houses.

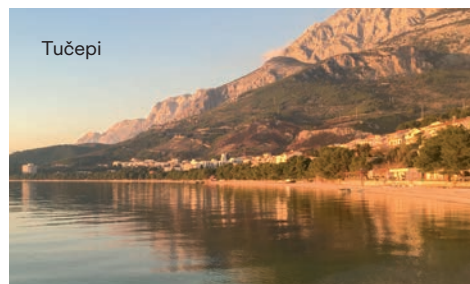
**Day 12 Brač - Split - Solin.** Today we take the ferry back to Split and visit the ruined Roman city of Salona with its huge amphitheatre. Transfer to Solin - the former Roman capital of Dalmatia. Inland from the coast and surrounded by verdant farmland and rocky outcrops, Solin is a peaceful oasis to spend our last three nights.

**Days 13-14 Solin.** Over the next two days, we explore with plenty of time in between to relax and enjoy the quiet village feel of Solin.

We'll head to the beautiful city of Trogir - a UNESCO World Heritage Site linked to the mainland by bridges. Wrapped in turquoise waters, the Venetian façades and palm trees of the waterfront look like they've come straight out of the Italian Riviera. Within the ancient city walls is a maze of medieval streets, Byzantine churches and Renaissance bell towers.

There's also an optional tour available to Krka National Park - an Eden-like landscape of seven waterfalls, jade-green lakes and wooden boardwalks. Afterwards you'll stop at Šibenik with terracotta-topped houses, elegant Renaissance buildings and Gothic churches built into the slopes above the port.

**Day 15 Solin - Split - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Tučepi



Trogir

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	6, 20	March	31
June	3	April	7, 14, 21, 28
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		May	5, 19
October	7, 14	June	2
		September	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
		October	6, 13

No Single supplement - Limited Availability

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** The free bar in Brač is open from 11am to 11pm and serves local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Premium drinks can be purchased from other outlets at each hotel.

## Where you'll stay

**4 nights** Bluesun Hotel Alga, Tučepi (4\*)  
**• 7 nights** Waterman Resort Kaktus, Supetar (4\*) or Waterman Resort, Milna (4\*)  
**• 3 nights** Hotel President Solin (5\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Pace 2

## Classic Croatia - Star of the Adriatic | 9 NIGHTS from £2,095

per person based on two sharing, 2 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>9</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- Visits to Plitvice Lakes (*with guide*); Šibenik cathedral; Diocletian's Palace, Split; Rector's Palace and Cathedral Treasury
- Guided tours of Šibenik; Split; and Dubrovnik

#### 2 days - free time

#### 9 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or easyJet from London Heathrow, Gatwick or Luton. Supplements may apply from other airports

**16 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Dubrovnik city tax
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

With highlights dotted along the sparkling Adriatic, Croatia offers historical discovery and seaside scenery in abundance. Early in this wide-ranging tour we witness the natural beauty of the emerald Plitvice Lakes. We tour Šibenik's incredible limestone-and-marble domed cathedral. And finally we head for the exquisite old town of Dubrovnik, with its white-stone buildings and red-tiled roofs set against the ink-blue sea.

**Day 1 UK - Ljubljana - Opatija.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Ljubljana in Slovenia. On arrival we'll transfer to Opatija.

**Day 2 Opatija.** Opatija is a fashionable holiday resort that has welcomed many famous personalities, including central European aristocracy, Puccini, Chekhov and James Joyce. Today is free to explore it yourself, Take a dip in the picturesque bays or enjoy the streets of Opatija and neighbouring Volosko, a pretty fishing village just a short walk along the 12-kilometre promenade with mountain views across the Adriatic.

**Day 3 Zadar.** We make our way on a journey through dramatic mountain ranges, to the central Dalmatian town of Zadar, situated on a sheltered peninsula with a picturesque

harbour. The city is decorated with Romanesque and Byzantine buildings which bear testimony to Zadar's colourful past.

**Day 4 Plitvice Lakes.** We travel south to one of the treasures of the Balkan Peninsula - the UNESCO-protected Plitvice Lakes National Park. We wend our way along boardwalks that criss-cross a series of 16 lakes linked by beautiful waterfalls, all surrounded by peaceful woodland that's home to numerous birds and mammals.

**Day 5 Šibenik - Solin.** We continue our journey south to visit Šibenik, a town built by Croatian Kings. We enjoy a guided tour through its characteristic maze of winding



streets and enter the cathedral. Built in the 15th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the cathedral is an elaborate mix of styles, including a dome inspired by Brunelleschi's in Florence. We continue to Solin arriving late afternoon.

**Day 6 Split.** Discover Split's historic heart, located within the walls of Diocletian's Palace, on a guided tour. As its name suggests, the Roman Emperor Diocletian who was born in Solin, built the Palace in the 3rd century AD, a combination of an Imperial Villa and Roman stronghold that forms one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments. Through the centuries and under various rulers, including the Byzantines, Venetians and Austro-Hungarians, a city blossomed within the grounds of this World Heritage Site.

You're free for the rest of the afternoon.

**Day 7 Ston - Cavtat.** We make a stop in medieval Ston, encapsulated by impressive defensive walls, en route to our last hotel, a short distance from the centre of Dubrovnik.

**Day 8 Dubrovnik.** Discover Dubrovnik on a guided walking tour of the city. Visit the 15th-century Rector's Palace and Cathedral, followed by free time to explore the pedestrianised Old Town, an aspect of the city that has earned Dubrovnik UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

**Day 9 Cavtat.** You're at leisure today. Perhaps return to the Old Town to walk along the wall for fantastic views and access to its four fortresses; take the cable car to the top of Mount Srđ; or take an optional excursion to Kotor in Montenegro, a labyrinth of old alleyways surrounded by incredible scenery.

**Day 10 Dubrovnik - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



### Diocletian's Palace



### Split



## Dates

2024		2025	
May	8, 22, 29	May	7, 21, 28
June	5, 19	June	4, 18
September	4, 11, 18, 25	September	3, 10, 17, 24
October	2, 9	October	1, 8

Single supplement: from £700

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Amadria Park Agava (4\*) Grand Hotel Adriatic (4\*) or Astoria Designhotel Opatija (4\*)  
**• 2 nights** Hotel Kolovare, Zadar (4\*) **• 2 nights** Hotel President Solin (5\*) **• 3 nights** Hotel Croatia Cavtat (5\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Plitvice Lakes National Park



Stay and explore



## Balkan Discovery - Croatia and Montenegro's Highlights

10 NIGHTS FROM £2,095

per person based on two sharing, 30 September 2024 Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- Guided tours in Korcula Island (including Barilo Ethno House in Blato), Dubrovnik, Budva, Kotor and Perast, and Njegoski Village
- Wine tasting and honey tasting

#### 3 days - free time

10 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with easyJet from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**20 meals:** 10 breakfasts  
10 dinners

#### PLUS

- Welcome drink on days 1 and 6
- Portable audio headset system on guided tours
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

When it comes to enchanting historic villages and sweeping sea views, there are few places that do it better than Croatia and Montenegro. Contrast the captivating city of Dubrovnik with local life on Korcula, where you'll get to grips with local living. Cross the border into Montenegro to Tivat - a glamorous seaside town with an undeniable Italian lilt. The perfect base to explore from, you'll cruise the spectacular Bay of Kotor, lose yourself in a tangle of medieval streets and uncover the area's history.

**Day 1 UK - Dubrovnik - Korcula.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Dubrovnik. On arrival, we transfer to Korcula to enjoy a welcome drink and check in.

**Day 2 Korcula.** Korcula is a true gem of Dalmatia. We'll be based in Korcula Town, where the Adriatic Sea laps at the shore on three sides and palms and evergreens border the other - a Croatian paradise.

We waste no time in getting to know the island on a walking tour in old Korcula, taking in the Fraternities and the cathedral. We then continue to take in some the highlights of the island, including Barilo Ethno House in Blato.

On the way back we make a stop in pretty Lumbarda. Then, in the depths of winding Korcula old town streets, we stop at Konoba tavern to taste some local sweets.

**Day 3 Korcula.** Korcula has a long history of producing fantastic-quality, organic goods and its honey and wine is no exception. Watch on and learn about honey production during a demonstration at OPG Komparac; an outstanding local producer. Then enjoy a tasting and a wander around the herb garden.

At a family-run winery, we'll learn about the wine of the island - from vine to glass. We'll also have a chance to taste three varieties, including Grk; a dry white wine native to Lumbarda.

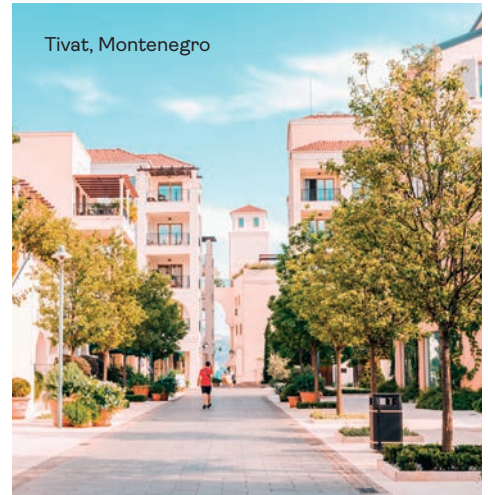
**Day 4 Korcula.** You might like to spend time exploring Korcula Town under your own steam. Alternatively, you could join our optional excursion to the forest-shrouded island of Mljet, to see two sparkling-blue saltwater lakes and enjoy a stroll through the lush pine woods or swim, before you sail out to explore the islet in the middle of the lake.



Korcula



\*Multiple stays



Tivat, Montenegro

**Day 5 Korcula.** Today is yours to spend at leisure. Perhaps pop down to enjoy the sea breeze on the pebbly beach. There's also a small shuttle boat that runs from the hotel jetty to the old town.

On our last evening on Korcula, we enjoy a traditional Dalmatian dinner.

**Day 6 Dubrovnik - Tivat.** Today we wave goodbye to Korcula and Croatia as we journey to Montenegro. We'll stop on the way, though, to take in the beauty of UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik and explore this terracotta-topped city on a brief highlights tour - before we cross the border into Montenegro.

We arrive in Tivat, located in the central part of the Bay of Kotor. With sparkling super-yachts loafing in the marina, Tivat has air of elegance and glamour. We'll check into our hotel, located in the heart of Tivat and just a stone's throw from the seashore, and enjoy a local snack on the terrace.

**Day 7 Budva - Sveti Stefan.** We journey to Budva today, one of the oldest settlements in the Balkans. En route, we'll stop to take in views of the fabled island of Sveti Stefan. Once the capital city of the Pastrovici community, it's now home to a luxury resort - a one-time favourite of Elizabeth Taylor and Sophia Loren.

We continue to picturesque Budva. The Old Town lies on a little island, linked to the

mainland by a thin peninsula. 15th-century ramparts surround it and some of the best beaches in Montenegro line its shores. You'll have some free time to explore its romantic lanes.

**Day 8 Kotor - Gospa od Skrpjela - Perast.** Kotor is a fascinating and historic UNESCO-listed town perfectly placed in a spectacular bay. It's a medieval labyrinth of churches, museums, squares dotted with alfresco eateries, and Venetian palaces. Our guide will bring the history to life, before we take to the water to visit the little island of Gospa od Skrpjela (Our Lady of the Rocks) and the small town of Perast.

**Day 9 Tivat.** Today is yours to spend as you please. You might like to wander along the pretty promenade for shopping and ice cream. Alternatively, you could join our optional excursion to Lake Skadar.

**Day 10 Njegusi Village.** On our final day in Montenegro, we take the drive up to the mountain town of Cetinje for some sightseeing before continuing to Njegusi village, the birthplace of Petrovic-Njegos. We'll get a taste for the local life, too, with snacks and drinks in a traditional Montenegrin house.

**Day 11 Tivat - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	6, 20	May	5, 19
June	3, 17	June	2, 16
September	2, 16, 30	September	1, 15, 29

Single supplement: from £420

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 – see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**5 nights** Port 9 Hotel (4\*) or Marko Polo Hotel by Aminess (4\*), Korcula • **5 nights** Hotel Palma, Tivat (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Breathtaking Montenegro | 7 NIGHTS from £1,535

per person based on two sharing, 7 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.



Views of Budva old town

Stay and explore  
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This tiny Balkan country rewards your visit with incredible memories. We begin by visiting Budva's Venetian old town and the majestic Bay of Kotor. Later, we cruise stunning Lake Skadar National Park, take a memorable journey into the mountains, and uncover more unspoilt beauty in Biogradska Gora National Park and Lake.

**Day 1 UK - Tivat - Budva.** Our VIP door-to-door transfer service collects you from home for your flight to Tivat. On arrival, we transfer to Budva.

**Day 2 Budva.** This morning we have a half-day walking tour of Budva's old town, which includes a visit to the Archaeological Museum to view artefacts from the Roman era excavated from the vicinity. Enjoy free time to stroll at leisure around Budva.

In the afternoon, we set off for an included excursion to UNESCO-protected Kotor, where we visit the old town and the charming Cathedral of Saint Tryphon. We continue to Risan and the fabulous Bay of Kotor.

**Day 3 Budva.** Take a day at leisure or join a Montenegro tour, in which you can enjoy further scenery and gain a further sense of the beautiful Montenegrin countryside.

**Day 4 Budva.** Today is free to spend as you wish.

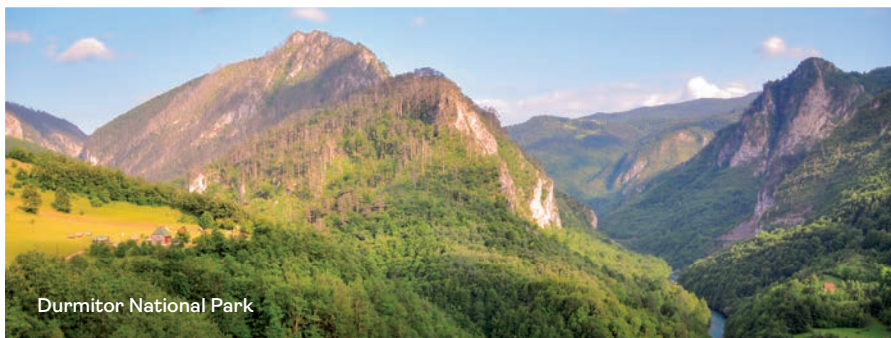
**Day 5 Lake Skadar National Park - Virpazar - Kolašin.** Today we drive via St Stefan and Petrovac to Lake Skadar National Park, on the border with Albania.

We visit the small fishing village of Virpazar, which straddles a river that flows into Lake Skadar. Here, we board a small boat to discover the fantastic flora and fauna of this region, as well as its fantastic scenery. We take an unforgettable journey into the mountains as we drive via Podgorica (Montenegro's capital) and Moraca River Canyon to Kolašin town.

**Day 6 Kolašin.** We have a full-day excursion through the Montenegrin Mountains and Durmitor National Park, with an included lunch. We travel via the spectacular Tara River Canyon to visit the town of Žabljak. Located on the altitude of 1,464 metres, it's the highest town in the Balkans. We visit Black Lake, from where we have a fantastic view of the highest mountain in Montenegro - Durmitor.

**Day 7 Kolašin.** We enjoy a half-day excursion to Biogradska Gora National Park and Lake. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Kolašin.

**Day 8 Kolašin - Tivat - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, you will be met by a vehicle for the journey home.



Durmitor National Park

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 5 excursions and visits

- Tour of Budva town
- Excursion to UNESCO-protected Kotor town
- Lake Skadar National Park and Virpazar boat trip
- Excursion through Montenegrin mountains to Žabljak town and Durmitor National Park
- Excursion to Biogradska Gora National Park and Lake

### 2½ days - free time

### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights as detailed.** Prices are based on return flights with easyJet from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**16 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
2 lunches  
7 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Local Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	6	May	5
June	10	June	9, 23
September	2, 16	September	1, 15
October	7	October	6

Single supplement: from £550

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**4 nights** Hotel Tara, Budva (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Bianca Resort & Spa, Kolašin (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Balkans off the Beaten Track

Discover Albania & North Macedonia

**11 NIGHTS from £2,095**

per person based on two sharing, 6 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.

Price reduction available if not required.



Unlock the beauty of the Balkans as you make your way through the dramatic landscapes and culture-rich communities of Albania and North Macedonia. Relatively undiscovered by UK visitors, you'll be veering off the well-worn tourist trail - and your reward will be spectacular national parks, World Heritage Sites and centuries-old mosques, churches and monasteries.

**Day 1 UK - Tirana.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Tirana.

**Day 2 Tirana.** We begin with a guided tour of Tirana, Albania's vibrant capital. We take in the city's highlights with the afternoon at leisure to explore further.

**Day 3 Tirana.** Today is free to do as you please. Alternatively, you can join an optional excursion to Shkodra, settled on the shores of its namesake lake. Founded in the 4th century BC, it's one of the oldest cities in Albania.

**Day 4 Berat.** Today we visit the riverside city of Berat, where we'll explore the hillside houses, grand mosques, and the Byzantine churches hidden inside the castle walls. We make our way back to Tirana via a local winery.

**Day 5 Kruja.** In the medieval town of Kruja, we get a great insight into Albanian culture at the History and Ethnographic Museum, before visiting the old bazaar to browse traditional crafts, silver filigree and colourful kilim rugs.

**Day 6 Tirana - Ohrid.** Journey to the lakeside town of Ohrid, one of North Macedonia's prettiest. Spend the day visiting the churches and Icon Gallery - Ohrid's collection of Byzantine icons is one of the most important in the world.

**Day 7 St Naum Monastery.** A scenic boat ride will take us south along the shores of Lake Ohrid to the Byzantine monastery of St Naum. You'll have some time at leisure here.

**Day 8 Skopje.** Today is devoted to North Macedonia's capital, Skopje - a city destroyed by an earthquake in 1963, then rebuilt to its former glory. A guided tour in the morning will lead us around some of the city's old and new highlights.

**Day 9 Ohrid.** Today is free to explore Ohrid at your own pace. The old town is a jumble of frescoed churches and basilicas, with narrow, cobbled streets winding down a hillside to the lake and a delight to just wander.

**Day 10 Mavrovo.** More stunning scenery awaits today as we journey to Mavrovo National Park, home to Movrovo Lake. We'll also stop for a look into the monasteries of St Jovan Bigorski and St Georgi Pobedonossec.

**Day 11 Ohrid.** Enjoy a day at leisure in Ohrid.

**Day 12 Ohrid - Tirana - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

#### 10 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Tirana; Berat; Ohrid; and Skopje
- Visits to Kruja History & Ethnographic Museum; St Georgi Pobedonossec Monastery; and St Jovan Bigorski Monastery
- Wine tasting at Cobo Winery
- Boat trip to St Naum Monastery
- Entry to Movrovo National Park

#### 2½ days - free time

#### 11 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**22 meals:** 11 breakfasts  
11 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	2	May	1, 15
June	6, 20	June	5, 19
August	29	August	28
September	12, 26	September	11, 25
October	10	October	9

Single supplement: from £500

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

#### Please note:

- 2024 departures also include the visit to Shkodra on day 3.
- Evening meals take place in the hotel, or a local restaurant for a more authentic experience.

## Where you'll stay

**5 nights** Tirana International Hotel (4\*) or Maritim Hotel Plaza (5\*) • **6 nights** Inex Olgica Hotel (5\*) or Hotel Tino Sveti Stefan (4\*), Ohrid

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

Lake Bled

Stay and  
explore

Pace 2

## Scenic Lakes of Slovenia | 7 NIGHTS from £1,435

per person based on two sharing, 25 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 3 excursions and visits

- Orientation walk around Lake Bled
- Excursion into the Bled countryside
- Visit to Lake Bohinj

#### 4 days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with easyJet or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplement may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- local representative
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

There are few more appealing places to spend a week than the shores of Lake Bled. On this immersive tour we begin by exploring this picture-perfect body of water, including famous Bled Island. We head into the scenic countryside to get a taste of Slovene culture. And, proving that Bled is no one-off, we tour stunning Bohinj, the country's largest glacial lake. In between, there's time to wander at your own pace, enjoying the gloriously fresh mountain air.

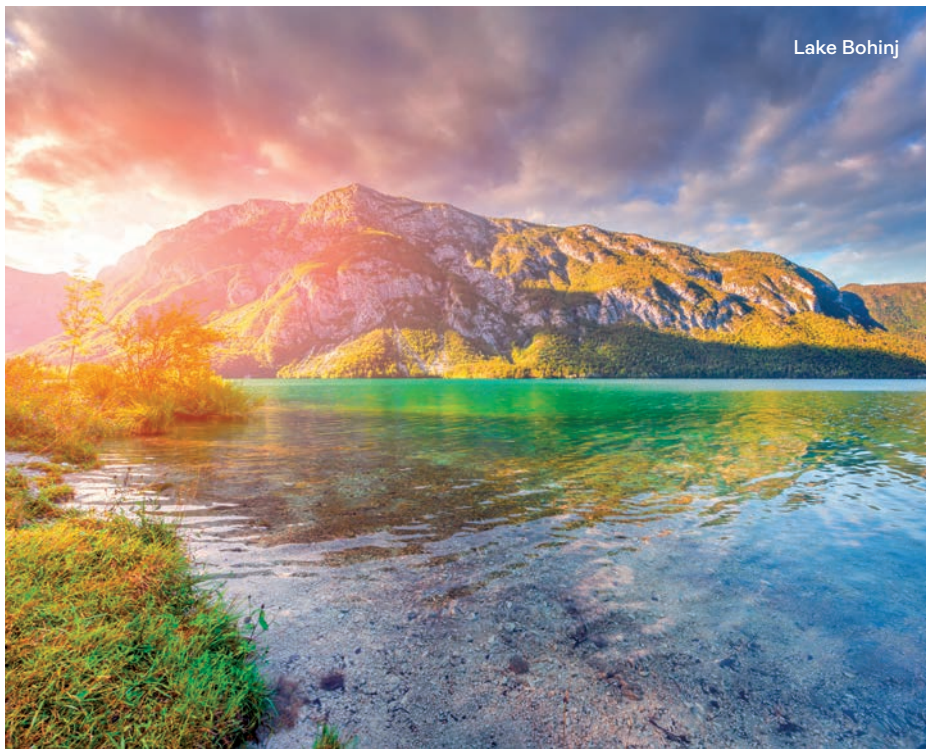
**Day 1 UK - Ljubljana - Bled.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Ljubljana. On arrival, we transfer to the village of Bled.

**Day 2 Bled - Bled Countryside.** We begin with an orientation walk around Bled. The glacial Lake Bled, surrounded by mountains and forests, forms part of the Julian Alps and you'll get that fairytale feeling on your first glimpse of Bled Island. This tiny tear-shaped island is home to a striking 15th-century church.

This afternoon we'll head out to explore a combination of scenic countryside and Slovene cultural heritage. We'll pass through small, pretty villages as well as the town of Radovljica, which boasts one of the best-preserved medieval town squares. We'll also enjoy a spot of schnapps tasting at a local farm.



Karavanke mountain range



Lake Bohinj



### Hotel Park (4\*)



**Day 3 Bled.** A day at leisure. Or why not enjoy a 'Taste of Slovenia' optional excursion to take a boat cruise on the emerald River Soca, through an alpine valley.

**Day 4 Bled.** Today is free, or you can join an optional guided excursion to the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana. You'll experience a funicular railway trip up to Ljubljana Castle and take in far-reaching views of the town below and distant snowy mountains.

**Day 5 Lake Bohinj.** Our included excursion today takes us to Lake Bohinj, Slovenia's largest glacial lake, nestled within the Bohinj valley. Prepare to be captivated by the stunning mountainous scenery and take some time to appreciate the peace and quiet of this serene lake.

We'll then drive through the upper valley, take a relaxing walk in the alpine village of Stara Fuzina, and enjoy a tasty snack of Bohinj cheese, bread and dried fruit. All this

before reaching spectacular Bohinj itself and the medieval Church of St John the Baptist with its fine Middle Age frescoes.

**Day 6 Bled.** You are at leisure today to enjoy your hotel and surroundings; or perhaps take an optional excursion to the Julian Alps for spectacular views of unspoiled natural beauty.

**Day 7 Bled.** Join an optional excursion to Postojna Cave - a fascinating cave system of stalagmites and stalactites that create beautiful naturally occurring patterns. After gazing at these fascinating formations, you'll continue to Predjama Castle, built into the mouth of a cave, standing defiant and impenetrable 123 metres up a cliff.

**Day 8 Bled - Ljubljana - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

The hotel has a delightful setting by the shore of picturesque Lake Bled. The restaurant is the home of the original 'Bled Cream Cake', for which Bled is renowned. Facilities include Park Restaurant, Aperitiv Bar, indoor swimming pool (heated by thermal springs), sauna and Jacuzzi and free admission to the thermal pools in the nearby Wellness Centre. The hotel has three lifts. Rooms are en suite including telephone, TV, hairdryer, safe and mini-bar.

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Bled Castle



Ljubljana

### Dates

2024		2025	
May	8, 22	May	7, 21
June	5, 12, 19	June	4, 11, 18
July	17	July	16
August	28	August	27
September	4, 11, 18, 25	September	3, 10, 17, 24

Lake view from Twin /Double £120pp  
Single supplement: from £420pp

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

Beautiful Triglav National Park



  
Page 2

## Stunning Slovenia | 9 NIGHTS from £1,795

per person based on two sharing, 2 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Sightseeing tours of Kranjska Gora, Planica & Triglav National Park; Ljubljana; and Ptuj (*and castle*)
- Boat excursion to Piran
- Visits to Stanjel and Bovec

#### 4 days - free time

#### 9 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with easyJet or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**19 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
1 lunch  
9 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Local Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Densely forested and as densely packed with delights, Slovenia is a modern day fairy-tale. Enjoy sweeping views from the red-roofed Ptuj Castle. Wander the cafés and leafy riverbanks of compact Ljubljana. Cruise the sparkling Adriatic around Piran, a town awash with Venetian Gothic architecture. Climb upwards into the majestic Julian Alps to Kranjska Gora, an impossibly pretty mountain village. There's free time to immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Triglav National Park too, with waterfalls and magical woodland paths at every turn.

Kranjska Gora





Piran



**Day 1 UK - Ljubljana - Ptuj.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Ljubljana. On arrival we transfer to the town of Ptuj.

**Day 2 Ptuj.** Ptuj is the oldest documented settlement in Slovenia, and equals the country's capital for historical importance. This morning we take an included sightseeing tour of its beautiful historical core; a compact medieval quarter of monasteries, towers and the 5m-tall Orpheus Monument.

The afternoon is free.

**Day 3 Ptuj.** Spend a day exploring Ptuj's rich heritage at leisure or choose an optional excursion to Maribor, Slovenia's second largest city. This charming city is a jumble of medieval treasures; medieval towers, the remains of a city wall and, in the Lent district, the world's oldest grapevine.

**Day 4 Ljubljana - Kranjska Gora.** Despite being one of the smallest and youngest capitals in Europe, Ljubljana is well known for its rich medieval heritage, as well as a wonderful selection of Renaissance, baroque

and art nouveau buildings. We take a guided tour of the city with time to explore independently, before our journey continues to the pretty alpine town of Kranjska Gora.

**Day 5 Kranjska Gora - Planica - Triglav National Park.** Enjoy a short sightseeing visit of Kranjska Gora, an unspoiled mountain village. We visit Planica, an alpine valley and one of the world's best Nordic ski centres; and Zelenci Nature Reserve. We continue through the village of Mojstana and into Vrata. Pericnik Waterfall is one of today's highlights.

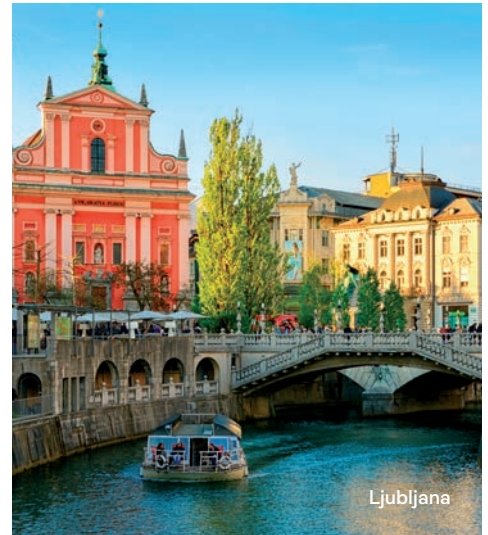
**Day 6 Kranjska Gora.** Today is free to relax in Kranjska Gora. Alternatively, join an optional excursion to one of Slovenia's icons - Lake Bled. Later, visit Bohinj Lake, Slovenia's largest natural lake. After a scenic journey through Bohinj Valley, you can either take a short climb for Savica Waterfall, or take a cable car to Mount Vogel.

**Day 7 Bovec - Stanjel - Portorož.** We head to the Slovenian coast, through the dramatic Trenta Valley and the breathtaking hairpin bends of the Predil Pass (some 1,611m above sea level) to the small town of Bovec. We travel through the Karst region, an intriguing limestone plateau, pausing for lunch at the beautiful stone village of Stanjel. Our journey concludes in the coastal town of Portorož.

**Day 8 Piran.** Explore the Slovenian coast this morning as we sail to Piran. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Portorož.

**Day 9 Portorož.** Spend your day in the 'Port of Roses', a modern town which has been a spa destination since the 13th century. Alternatively, take an optional visit to magnificent Postojna Cave. On your return, stop in Trieste for a stroll through the Italian streets.

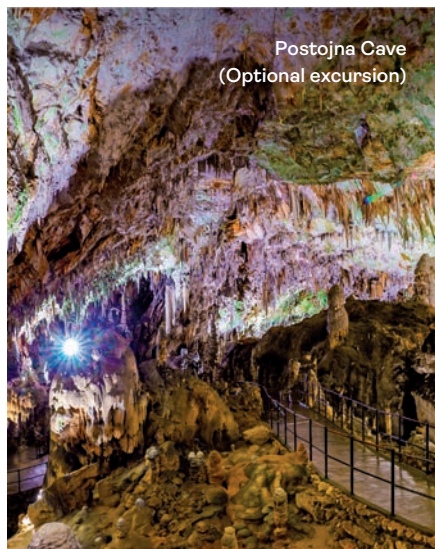
**Day 10 Portorož - Ljubljana - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Ljubljana



Pericnik Waterfall



Postojna Cave (Optional excursion)

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	8, 15, 29	May	5, 12, 19, 26
June	5	June	2, 9, 16, 23
September	4, 11, 18, 25	September	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
October	2		

No Single supplement, limited availability

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** A room tax of between €1-5 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Grand Hotel Primus, Ptuj (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Kompas, Kranjska Gora (4\*) • **3 nights** Grand Hotel Portorož (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.



Solo date



Flexi-tour



Pace 2

Grand Bazaar

## Magnificent Turkey tour - Istanbul to Antalya | 8 NIGHTS FROM £1,735

per person based on two sharing, 5 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 10 excursions and visits

- Istanbul city tour (including Hippodrome of Constantinople, Blue Mosque, the Sunken Cistern, and Grand Bazaar)
- Coffee tasting
- Istanbul tour (including Süleymaniye Mosque, Egyptian Spice Bazaar, and Topkapı Palace Museum)
- Tour of Gallipoli battlefields
- Bergama village lunch experience and picnic in Selcuk with cooking and carpet weaving demonstration
- Visits to Troy, Pergamon, Ephesus & House of the Virgin Mary and Pamukkale-Hieropolis

#### 1½ days - free time

#### 8 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Turkish Airlines from London Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted (may be indirect via Istanbul). Supplements may apply from other airports

**16 meals:** 8 breakfasts  
2 lunches  
6 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Local Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

From the ancient streets of Ephesus and the storied halls of Istanbul's Topkapı Palace, to poignant World War I battlefields, our tour brings Turkey's fascinating past to life. Starting with a city break in Istanbul, we'll then sweep southwards to Gallipoli and eastwards along the Turkish Riviera. It's not all about history, though. This is a chance to really experience Turkey, too - sip proper Turkish coffee, enjoy lunch with locals, and learn to prepare traditional dishes. Get ready for a true taste of Turkey.

**Day 1 UK - Istanbul.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Istanbul.

**Day 2 Istanbul.** A full-day city tour introduces us to the sights and sounds of Istanbul. We'll travel back thousands of years as we visit Sultanahmet Meydanı, once the sporting and social heart of Constantinople and admire the vast Blue Mosque. We'll also visit the Sunken Cistern, an atmospheric underground reservoir built in the 6th century and held up by more than 300 columns.

To end the day, we'll call in at a coffee roaster for a cup of authentic Turkish coffee, prepared and poured the traditional way.

**Day 3 Istanbul.** This morning, we'll pay a visit to Süleymaniye Mosque. One of the mosque's outbuildings is home to a display of 14th and 15th-century books, manuscripts and orders of the sultans. Although it's not open to the public, we'll have private access to view the collection.

Next, we'll make our way to Misir Carsisi, the Egyptian Spice Bazaar, where spices, herbs and dried teas have been sold since the 17th century, and where many locals still shop today.

Later, we'll tour the UNESCO-listed Topkapı Palace Museum. Once home to Ottoman sultans, it's now filled with treasures including fine art, jewel-encrusted swords and the exquisite Spoonmaker's Diamond. The complex is as much an attraction as the exhibits though, with peaceful gardens and opulent décor.

The afternoon is free to explore Istanbul at your own pace. If you like, join our optional Bosphorus cruise.

**Day 4 Gallipoli - Canakkale.** A five-hour drive alongside the Sea of Marmara will bring us to the Gallipoli peninsula. This area is steeped in history, so our guide will talk us through the importance of the Dardanelles strait and the part it played during the First World War as we go.

Arriving at Gallipoli, we'll tour the battlefields, scene of the aborted Allied invasion of 1915, visiting Cape Helles, Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove. We'll then cross the strait to Canakkale.

**Days 5-6 Troy - Pergamon - Kusadasi.** It's a long but rewarding drive of around six hours today. We'll visit Troy to uncover 4,000 years of history as you stroll around the archaeological site, immortalised in Homer's epic, 'The Iliad'.



Celsus Library, Ephesus

For lunch, we'll head to the nearby village of Bergama. Splitting into smaller groups, we'll visit local houses, chatting with our hosts as we enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal. We'll continue to the Greco-Roman city of Pergamon, admiring its acropolis, temples and 10,000-seat theatre. From here, we drive south to Kusadasi, when the following day is free to relax.

**Day 7 Ephesus - Pamukkale.** Ephesus is first on our agenda today. We'll see the famous façade of the Celsus Library, mosaicked pedestrian walkways and roads scored with ruts from chariot wheels. We'll also stop at the House of the Virgin Mary, just outside Ephesus, where Mary was believed to have spent her final years.

Lunch will be a picnic in the gardens of a cooperative in nearby Selcuk. Get involved with the cooking if you like, or sit back and enjoy your surroundings. While we're here, you'll have the chance to see how traditional carpets are hand-woven.

After lunch, we'll continue to our hotel in Pamukkale.

**Day 8 Pamukkale - Antalya.** Explore Pamukkale-Hieropolis, a spa and wellness resort popular with the Romans. See the necropolis and 2nd-century theatre, and photograph the white travertine terraces, filled with pools of mineral-rich water.

We'll continue to Antalya, a historic port city where we'll conclude our tour.

**Day 9 Antalya - UK.** Today we depart for the airport and your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Tailor your trip

Extend your holiday at a beach resort close to Antalya, with a transfer to the airport included. Speak to our travel advisors for details.



### Dates

2024		2025	
May	8, 15, 22*	April	2*, 9
June	5, 12*, 26*	May	7, 14*, 21, 28*
September	4, 11, 18, 25*	June	4, 11*, 18, 25*
October	2, 9, 16*, 23*	August	27
		September	3*, 10, 17*, 24
		October	1, 8, 8*

Dedicated solo departure from £2,035 based on 2 October 2024.

Single supplement: from £95

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** 2024 departures follow an 8-day itinerary without the free day in Kusadasi on day 6. Please call or see our website for details.

### Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Kent Hotel, Istanbul (4\*) • **1 night** DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale (4\*)  
**• 2 nights** Ilayda Avantgarde Hotel, Kusadasi (4\*) • **1 night** Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel, Pamukkale (4\*) • **1 night** Best Western Plus Khan Hotel, Antalya (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



### Flexi-tour

Swap Antalya for Cappadocia on selected dates\*



## Ultimate Turkey - Istanbul to Cappadocia

**10 NIGHTS FROM £2,095** per person based on two sharing, 23 October 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>s</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Days 1-7 Per main itinerary.

**Day 8 Pamukkale - Konya.** After a short stop in Pamukkale to view the travertine terraces, our journey (of around six hours) will take us to Konya, one of the oldest urban centres in the world. We'll stop en route to learn about the celebrated 13th-century poet and mystic Celaleddin Rumi at the Mevlana Museum. We'll stay overnight in Konya.

**Day 9 Konya - Cappadocia.** Today we cross the plains and steppes of Central Anatolia. Just as people did in ancient times, we'll stop at Sultanhan Caravanserai, a huge stone hostel where travellers would rest, eat and take shelter with their animals and cargo. We continue to Cappadocia and round off the day with a breathtaking introduction to the area with a visit to Pasabag Valley to see the famous fairy chimneys. Cappadocia will be our home for two nights.

**Day 10 Cappadocia.** An early morning optional excursion offers the chance to see the sun rise over the cliffs and chimneys of Cappadocia. We visit Göreme Valley to wander around the rock cut chapels and monasteries in the Göreme Open Air Museum. From here we continue to Kaymakli Underground City, a marvel of ancient engineering, finishing our day with a pottery talk and workshop in a local artist's cave studio.

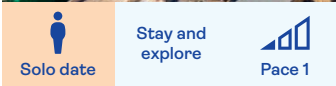
**Day 11 Cappadocia - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Please note:

- 2024 departures follow a 10-day itinerary without the free day in Kusadasi on day 6. Please call or see our website for details.
- The Bayir Diamond Hotel in Konya doesn't serve alcohol.
- Kaymakli Underground City has narrow doorways and uneven floors and may not be suitable for those with claustrophobia.

See website for full details.

Tour reference: SETKY



## Historic Gems of Malta | 7 NIGHTS from £1,835

per person based on two sharing, 11 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Full-day tour of Valletta
- Half-day excursion to Hagar Qim and Wied iz-Zurrieq
- Full-day excursion to Gozo, including the Ggantija Temples
- Half-day sightseeing tour of Mosta, Rabat and Mdina

#### 3 days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with KM Malta Airlines or British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

#### 10 meals: 7 breakfasts

- 1 lunch
- 2 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

This island nation's strategic location in the middle of the Mediterranean, just south of Sicily, has created a fascinating history. On this 8-day tour you'll get to explore its tiny 16th-century capital, Valletta, built by the Knights of St John. Then travel even further back in time to around 3600 BC with a humbling visit to Hagar Qim (Worshipping Stones), a megalithic temple complex. Round off your historical immersion with a visit to the atmospheric towns of Mosta, Rabat and Mdina.

**Day 1 UK - Valletta - St Julian's.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Malta. On arrival we transfer to your hotel in St Julian's.

**Day 2 Valletta.** On our included half-day tour, we introduce you to Valletta, the attractive 16th-century capital of the island and home to a grand harbour. We take in St John's Cathedral, filled with magnificent gifts

from the Knights of St John. We'll also visit Fort St Elmo, the National War Museum and Upper Barrakka Gardens.

**Day 3 St Julian's.** Today you are at leisure to make your own explorations of this charming island; or, alternatively, join an optional guided half-day harbour cruise.

Upper Barrakka Gardens, Valletta





The Rotunda of Mosta



**Day 4 St Julian's.** Today is free or you can choose an optional excursion - 'Times of Malta'. This full-day guided tour will include the original historic entrance of Vittoriosa, the oldest of the Three Cities; the Malta at War Museum, with an exhibition on Malta's role in World War II and an original wartime documentary; Dingli Cliffs, the highest point on Malta; a handicrafts village with free time for shopping; and the Botanical Gardens.

**Day 5 Hagar Qim - Wied iz-Zurrieq.** We have included a guided half-day excursion to Hagar Qim today. The megalithic temple complex dates back to 3600-3200 BC and is UNESCO World Heritage-listed. Following our tour, we'll head to the tiny harbour of Wied iz-Zurrieq for time to explore.

**Day 6 Gozo.** We'll make a visit to the legendary island of the Goddess Calypso and Malta's sister island - Gozo - on a guided tour. Only a short ferry crossing away, Gozo

has a character entirely of its own - it is rich in varied landscapes, natural sights and historical features, with the citadel in the chief town of Victoria dating back to Carthaginian and Roman times. Lunch is included and we'll also visit the citadel in Victoria, the Bay of Xlendi, and the Ggantija Temples - the earliest Megalithic temples in Malta.

**Day 7 Mosta - Rabat - Mдина.** Enjoy an included guided half-day sightseeing tour of Mosta, famous for its Rotunda church; Rabat, where St Paul is said to have lived, and Mдина. This walled city has a unique atmosphere and, passing through the narrow streets, we admire the magnificent cathedral and the imposing bastions.

**Day 8 St Julian's - Valletta - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Radisson Blu Resort (5\*)



Situated in St Julian's Bay overlooking the picturesque Mediterranean, this city centre hotel is near popular shopping areas and other attractions, including restaurants and the casino. Rooms include air-conditioning, hairdryer, cable TV, telephone, safe, tea/coffee-making facilities and mini-bar. The hotel also has a lift, three restaurants, two bars, spa and gym, indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



St Julian's

### Dates

2024		2025	
May	15	April	23
June	5	May	7, 21
September	4, 11, 18	June	4
October	2, 9	September	3, 10, 17, 24
		October	7

Dedicated solo departure from £2,435 based on 9 October 2024

Single supplement: from £600

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

#### Please note:

- Solo departures include 7 dinners
- A room tax of between €1-2 per person per night (subject to change), is payable directly to the hotel on check-out.



Stay and explore



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## Northern Cyprus - History in the Present | 7 NIGHTS from £1,395

per person based on two sharing, 4 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 10 excursions and visits

- Guided tour to Nicosia (including entrance to Arab Ahmet & Selimiye mosques, and the Dervish Pasha Mansion)
- Excursion to Saint Hilarion Castle and Bellapais Abbey
- Guided tour to Famagusta (including Salamis and entrance to the Monastery of Saint Barnabas & Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque)

#### 3 days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**17 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
3 lunches  
7 dinners

#### PLUS

- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

To uncover a more traditional side to this popular island, explore its beautiful north with us. Staying in the historic harbour town of Kyrenia, we tour the island's intriguing capital, Nicosia, and call in at Büyük Han, a large caravanserai (roadside inn) where Silk Road travellers used to stop by. Visits to the atmospheric Bellapais Abbey ruins and ancient remains of Salamis city give you plenty of chances to ponder the people and cultures that forged today's Cyprus.

**Day 1 UK - Larnaca - Kyrenia.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Larnaca. On arrival we transfer to the north of Cyprus, and Kyrenia where we stay for the week.

**Day 2 Kyrenia.** This morning, we embark on an excursion in Kyrenia, to explore two remarkable sites. Saint Hilarion, dramatically sited on a rocky crag overlooking the glittering sea, was once a monastery and is also one of the best preserved of the Crusader castles. We have time to wander and take in the beautiful views.

Our day continues to Bellapais Abbey, a 13th-century Gothic monastery made rich by the gifts and donations offered by crusading knights and pilgrims. The impressive sanctuary may be in ruins, and the frescos of the life of Christ faded and fragmented, but the abbey is filled with an air of tranquillity and beauty.

**Day 3 Kyrenia.** Today is free to enjoy in the surroundings of your hotel. Or you may choose to take an optional excursion to the Karpas Peninsula, sometimes referred to as the panhandle. From your hotel, you'll travel into the past through old villages set in the shadow of the Five Finger Mountains. In the beautiful coastal village of Bogaz, you can watch the fishermen at work. At the archaeological site of Sipahi, you'll view the spectacular, intricately patterned mosaics of the Basilica of Agia Triada.

Your last stop is the Monastery of Saint Andrew, a peaceful site where both Greek and Turkish Cypriots come to worship. You may be lucky enough to spot some of the local wildlife, including many wild donkeys.

**Day 4 Kyrenia.** Enjoy a day at leisure; perhaps relax in the hotel or discover some of the surrounding sites including Kyrenia's historic harbour and grand castle.



**Day 5 Famagusta.** Today, we take a tour to Famagusta, stopping first at the 5th-century Monastery of Saint Barnabas, which is now a museum exhibiting magnificent Cypriot artefacts. Our tour continues with a scenic drive to the ancient city of Salamis. We'll roam the extensive ruins here including the marble columns, ancient baths and Roman theatre.

Later, we arrive in the old city of Famagusta with time at leisure to wander the streets of charming shops selling silver and copperware amongst others.

**Day 6 Kyrenia.** Today is free, or join an optional excursion to see the west coast of Cyprus. Begin by exploring the region of Güzelyurt, commonly referred to as the 'Fruit Garden of Cyprus' being located in a fertile alluvial plain. Visit the 18th-century Saint Mamas Monastery and the Güzelyurt

Museum located next door. Continue to Soli, an ancient city kingdom with many Roman remains to independently explore.

**Day 7 Nicosia.** This morning, a guide introduces us to the highlights of Nicosia, the divided capital of Cyprus. We see the Arab Ahmet and Selimiye Mosques, the latter being housed within the grand Gothic Cathedral of Saint Sophia. We also see the Dervish Pasha Mansion and the 16th-century Great Inn (Büyük Han), the largest of the island's historical roadside inns, known as caravanserai. Please note: Selimiye Mosque is currently closed for renovations and it may not be possible to visit during your excursion.

**Day 8 Kyrenia - Larnaca - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



### Oscar Resort Hotel (4\*)

The hotel has its own private beach, with three outdoor swimming pools including a wave pool. There are two restaurants and a poolside snack bar, a wellness spa centre and tennis courts. Rooms are en suite with air-conditioning, satellite television, telephone, mini-bar, hairdryer, and safe. Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

### Dates

2024		2025	
June	5, 12	May	7, 14
September	4, 11, 18	June	11, 18
October	2, 9	September	3, 10, 17, 24
		October	1, 8, 15

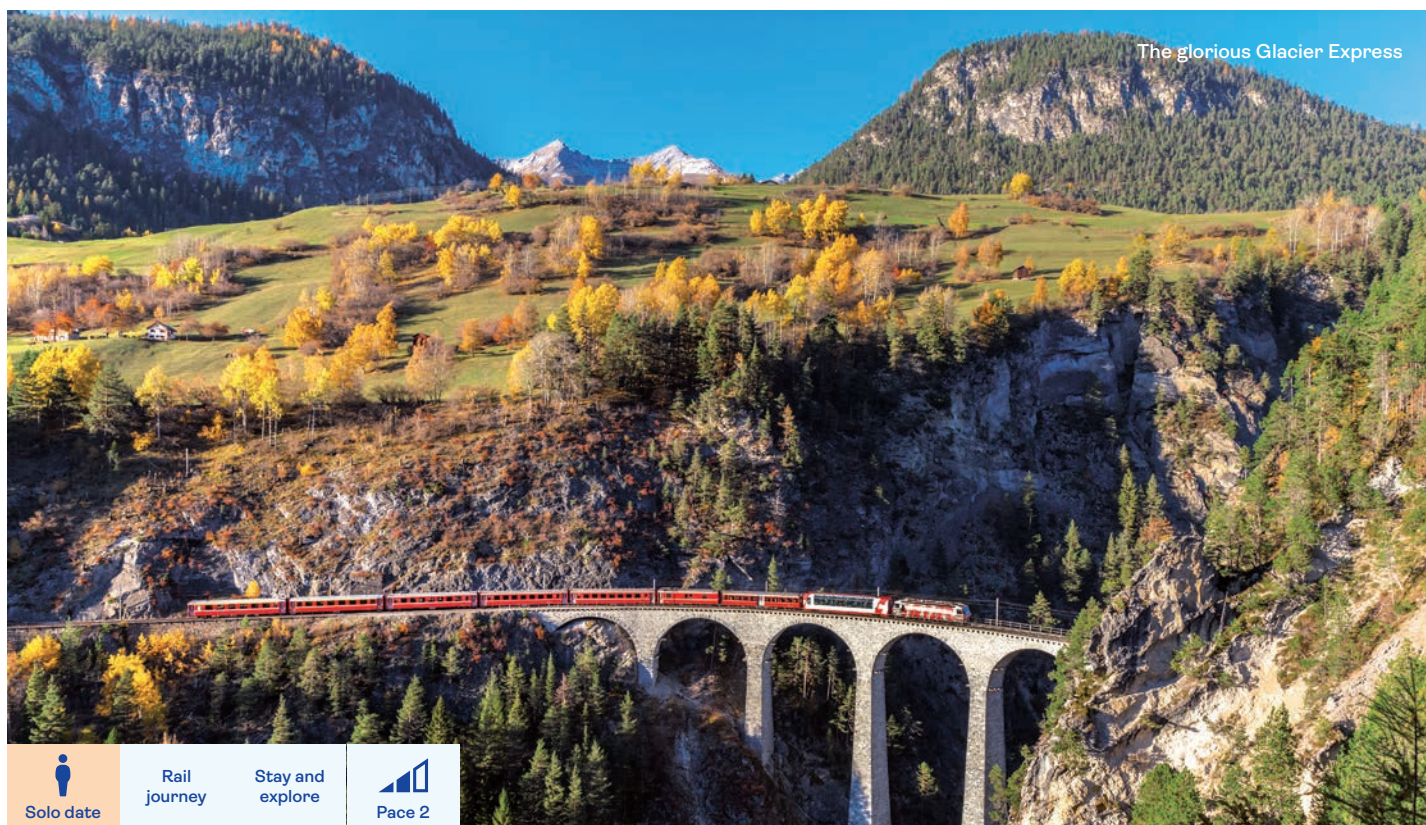
Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

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Nicosia



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## Switzerland's Spectacular Rail Journeys | 7 NIGHTS from £2,235

per person based on two sharing, 21 August 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 4 excursions and visits

- Guided walking tour of Davos
- Excursions on the Bernina Express and the Glacier Express
- Excursion to Vaduz, Lake Constance and Lindau, including a lake cruise

#### 2½ days - free time

#### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or Swiss International Air Lines from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**10 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
3 dinners

#### PLUS

- Davos Klosters Premium Card - entitles you to free (2nd class) travel on Rhaetian Railway between Klosters-Dorf-Davos-Filisur; entry to Davos Leisure Centre; free travel on local buses; and reduced day tickets on mountain railways and cable cars in Davos & Klosters and Schatzalp
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

With extraordinary rail routes (picture tunnels through snow-covered mountains and bridges over steep-sided valleys), Switzerland is made for memorable train travel. Join us from our tour base in Davos as we take two of its most iconic 'express' journeys. Board the Bernina Express to climb the vertiginous 2,253m Bernina Pass and descend the incredible 110m-long spiral viaduct at Brusio. Then marvel at the astonishing Alpine views from the gratifyingly slow-paced Glacier Express, and swap rails for water as we cruise scenic Lake Constance.

**Day 1 UK - Zurich - Davos.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Zurich. On arrival, we transfer to the high Swiss Alps and the resort of Davos in the Landwasser. Enjoy a welcome drink, meet your fellow travellers and take dinner at the hotel.

**Day 2 Davos.** Enjoy a guided morning walking tour of Davos to introduce you to Europe's highest city. Davos is a year-round destination. In the summer, enjoy free access or discounted prices on gondolas, cable cars and trains, providing access to the mountain trails and amazing views. Many of these mountain cable cars end at mountain restaurants offering amazing views for lunch; and there are countless well-marked hiking trails close to town. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

#### Day 3 Bernina Express (Davos - Tirano).

On our full-day excursion we'll join the Bernina Express in Davos for one of the most impressive scenic rail journeys in Switzerland, climbing the 2,253-metre Bernina Pass and descending dramatically on your way into Italy. There'll be free time in historic Tirano to enjoy its delightfully old town centre, before returning to Davos by coach.

**Day 4 Davos.** Take time to enjoy your surroundings with a day at leisure. Perhaps make use of your included discount pass and enjoy cable-car rides up onto the Jakobshorn, Parsenn or Rinerhorn. Or, if you seek rest and relaxation amid unspoilt nature, head off on foot, by bike or by horse-drawn carriage up the romantic side valleys of Sertig, Dischma or Flüela. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.



**Day 5 Andermatt.** We join the famous Glacier Express train for a breathtaking journey through the high Alps, to the traditional Swiss resort of Andermatt. The 'slowest express train in the world' takes you through the heart of Switzerland, with stunning views of the impressive Alpine landscape, from the depths of the Rhine Gorge up to the 2033-metre high Oberalp Pass. For more than 80 years, the Glacier Express has borne witness to some of the proudest pioneering feats of Alpine railway engineering, including no fewer than 91 tunnels and 291 bridges.

**Day 6 Vaduz - Lake Constance - Lindau.** On today's full-day included excursion there will be a short stop in Vaduz to enjoy views of the Rhine and the castle. From here we

journey onward to Lake Constance where we cross the border into Germany and stop at Lindau, a charming Bavarian lakeside town. From here we take a cruise across the lake before rejoining the coach for the journey back to Davos.

**Day 7 Davos.** With your day of leisure, perhaps visit Davos Lake or the Monstein Brewery - the highest brewery in Europe. Dinner is included tonight.

**Day 8 Davos - Zurich - UK.** Today we transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



**Precise Tale Seehof Davos (5\*)**



As one of the most traditional hotels in the Alpine town of Davos, the hotel is well located next to the promenade, with a spa, indoor pool, three restaurants (including a fondue restaurant) and a lounge bar. Rooms are spacious with TV, Wi-Fi, mini-bar, complimentary water, hairdryer, bathrobes and slippers. *Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

**Dates**

2024		2025	
June	12, 19, 26	June	11, 18, 25
July	3, 10, 17, 31	July	2, 9, 16, 30
August	7, 14, 21, 28	August	6, 13, 20, 27
September	4, 11	September	3, 10

Dedicated solo departure from £3,535 based on 7 August 2024

Single supplement: from £550

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

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The Chapel Bridge in Lucerne



## Grand Tour of Switzerland | 8 NIGHTS from £3,395

per person based on two sharing, 22 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 11 excursions and visits

- Folklore show in Lucerne
- Walking tour of Lucerne
- Excursion to Mount Rigi (*including boat journeys Lucerne - Brunnen/Vitznau - Lucerne; train from Brunnen to Arth Goldau; and cogwheel train, Arth Goldau - Rigi Kulm - Vitznau*)
- Paddle steamer ride, Lucerne - Flüelen
- Journey on Gotthard Panorama Express route, Flüelen - Locarno
- Ticino ticket (*free Ticino public transport & cable car discounts*)
- Centovalli train journey, Locarno - Domodossola
- Return Cogwheel train, Zermatt - Gornergrat
- Golden Pass Panoramic train from Zweisimmen to Montreux

#### 2 days - free time

#### 8 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**13 meals:** 8 breakfasts  
5 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- VIP door-to-door travel service
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

From the 3,000m summit of Gornergrat to the idyllic shores of Lake Maggiore, this tour's spectacular highlights make 'grand' a fitting title. You'll take several amazing journeys on cogwheel and regional trains to get a true sense of the country and its unforgettable panoramas. You'll see the silhouette of the Matterhorn come into view, stroll around the elegant city of Brig, lay your head in the famous resort of Zermatt and sail the length of beautiful Lake Lucerne. Breathtaking.

**Day 1 UK - Zurich - Lucerne.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Zurich. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Lucerne. This evening enjoy dinner at a local folklore show.

**Day 2 Lucerne - Mount Rigi.** After a walking tour of the charming city, we'll sail across Lake Lucerne to Brunnen for a train to Arth Goldau where we board a cogwheel train for the climb to the top of Rigi Kulm, Mount Rigi's highest peak. From the top, we'll enjoy sweeping views of the glistening lakes and mountains below. Once you've had your fill of the sights, we'll take the cogwheel down to Vitznau where we'll return across the beautiful lake to Lucerne.

**Day 3 Lucerne - Locarno.** Board a paddle steamer to sail the length of Lake Lucerne, edged by the Alps which become even more impressive as we head south. At Flüelen, we meet the train to continue our panoramic journey on the Gotthard Panorama Express route, twisting up steep inclines through wonderful mountain scenery and the Gotthard tunnel, before descending past Lake Maggiore to Locarno.

**Day 4 Locarno.** Today is entirely yours to enjoy Locarno at your own pace. Known as the town with the warmest climate in Switzerland, it's been a popular holiday destination since the Roman Empire. Situated on the shore of Lake Maggiore, you may like to take a gentle walk along the idyllic lake edge. Or use your Ticino ticket on the funicular and cable car, to visit the sanctuary of Madonna del Sasso, an important place of pilgrimage set amongst magnificent scenery.

**Day 5 Brig - Zermatt.** After breakfast we take a scenic train journey to Brig via the Italian town of Domodossola and the stunning Simplon Pass with its record-breaking tunnel, over 12 miles long. We have some free time to explore the wonderful city of Brig, with the large Stockalper Palace and its historic old quarter of aristocratic town houses. Later, our train journey continues to Zermatt.

**Day 6 Gornergrat.** Today we take an included excursion to Gornergrat. Our day starts by travelling on Europe's highest cogwheel train over dramatic bridges, past rocky ravines and through forests, to the summit of the Gornergrat, at 3,089m above sea level.



Once at the top, we have free time to take in the magnificent views over the jagged Matterhorn and the surrounding mountains, a breathtaking place to take lunch. Later, we return to the cogwheel train to make the beautiful journey back past mountain lakes to Zermatt, in time for dinner at the hotel.

**Day 7 Zermatt - Vevey, Montreux Riviera.** Another day of wonderful scenery awaits. We take a leisurely route, by train, to Montreux via Brig and Spiez, to appreciate glorious views as the track navigates the natural bends and inclines of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Region of Jungfrau-Aletsch.

En route we cross the Kander viaduct, pass the beautiful mountain Lake Oeschinen, and enjoy views over the spectacular Lötschen

Valley. The last part of the journey, from Zweisimmen, is possibly the most spectacular, where the line is at its narrowest and the view over Lake Geneva is remarkable.

**Day 8 Vevey, Montreux Riviera.** Enjoy a full day at leisure in the Montreux Riviera. Vevey's stunning lakeside setting means breathtaking views no matter which direction you look - it's a relaxing town perfectly made for wandering. You're also close to the city of Montreux, surrounded by vineyards, Lake Geneva and snow-covered mountains.

**Day 9 Vevey - Geneva - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home



The Gornergrat

## Dates

2024		2025	
September	1, 8, 15, 22	April	27
		August	24, 31
		September	7, 14, 21

Single supplement: from £1,100

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** In 2024 this tour operates as a standard tour and the maximum capacity may be higher than 24.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Hotel Astoria, Lucerne (4\*) • **2 nights** Belvedere Hotel, Locarno (4\*) • **2 nights** Hotel Sonne, Zermatt (4\*) • **2 nights** Astra Hotel Vevey, Montreux Riviera (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



Linderhof Palace



Pace 2

## NEW The Fairytale Tour - Best of Bavaria, Austria and the Italian Lakes

### 13 NIGHTS from £3,295

per person based on two sharing, 6 May 2025. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>s</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

#### Your holiday includes

##### Travel insurance

##### 16 excursions and visits

- Guided city tours of Munich; Innsbruck (including funicular); Verona
- Guided visit to Nymphenburg Palace and Amalienburg
- Scenic tour of Austria's Tyrol with visit to Rattenberg
- Visits to Swarovski Crystal Worlds; Oberammergau; Trautmannsdorff Castle botanical gardens; Verona's Roman Amphitheatre
- Guided tours of Linderhof Palace; Stams Abbey (including schnapps tasting); Merano; Bolzano
- Scenic drive on the Strada del Vino with wine tasting
- Scenic cruise on Lake Garda
- Amarone wine tasting

##### 1½ days - free time

##### 13 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**17 meals:** 13 breakfasts  
4 dinners

##### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

You'll feel like you're walking through all your favourite fairy tales at the start of this fabulous two-week tour. In Germany, we'll step inside Bavaria's gilded rococo palaces and hear stories of the reclusive King Ludwig II, and in Austria we'll take spine-tingling drives on zig-zag mountain passes and listen for distant cow bells on high alpine pastures. Italy promises a cruise on Lake Garda, before we head to Verona, home of the world's greatest love story, Romeo and Juliet.

**Day 1 UK - Munich.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Munich. On arrival we'll transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2 Munich.** This morning we'll get acquainted with Munich, capital of Bavaria. After a guided tour there's free time to explore and this evening, there's an optional excursion to visit a local brewery for dinner and beer tasting.

**Day 3 Nymphenburg and Amalienburg.** Another Bavarian icon today: this one, the royal palace of Nymphenburg. A local guide will show us through the sumptuous rooms and galleries. Afterwards we'll tour the smaller but equally extravagant Amalienburg.

**Day 4 Munich - East Tyrol.** Today we'll drive south into Austria and Tyrol, stopping for a snack (meats and cheese) at a brewery in Tegernsee and skirting the shore of Lake Achensee en route to a traditional Tyrolean village in the Inntal valley, our base for the next four nights.

**Day 5 Innsbruck.** It's a short drive to Innsbruck, ancient capital of Tyrol. After a guided tour, this afternoon we'll step onto the funicular and travel up into the mountains for bird's-eye views of Innsbruck.

**Day 6 Tyrol.** Today we'll explore Tyrol, Austria's picture-postcard destination in the heart of the Alps. We'll stop at a typical Tyrolean village, before continuing to Rattenberg, Austria's smallest town. After lunch, we'll visit Swarovski Crystal Worlds.



Innsbruck



#### Day 7 Linderhof Palace - Oberammergau.

This morning we'll hop back into Germany to visit one of King Ludwig II's smallest but most fanciful creations: Linderhof Palace. This afternoon we continue through the Bavarian Alps to visit Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play.

**Day 8 Stams - Merano.** This morning we visit Stams Abbey where - after a guided tour - we'll taste the home-made schnapps. After that we'll take one of Tyrol's famous mountain passes and cross the border into Italy and the spa town of Merano.

**Day 9 Merano.** There's a guided walk around Merano this morning. Later we'll head to Trautmannsdorff Castle for a leisurely afternoon in the beautiful botanical gardens.

**Day 10 Bolzano - Strada del Vino.** Today we visit Bolzano, gateway to the Italian Dolomites. A guide will show us around before we enjoy an afternoon drive on the Strada del Vino (Wine Road), with a tasting on the way.

**Day 11 Lake Garda - Verona.** Leaving Merano we drive south to Lake Garda, where we'll jump on a pleasure boat to cruise its shores. Later we'll rejoin our coach and drive the short distance to Verona.

**Day 12 Verona.** This morning we'll explore Verona on a guided walking tour and this afternoon there's a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre. Later, we'll visit a local bar for a glass of local Amarone wine.

**Day 13 Verona.** Our last full day is free - perfect for souvenir shopping or exploring independently. Otherwise, there's an optional visit with picnic lunch to Parco Giardino Sigurtà, one of the most beautiful parks in Italy.

**Day 14 Verona - UK.** We transfer to Verona airport for the return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting to take you home.



## Dates

### 2025

May	6, 27
June	10, 24
August	26
September	9, 16
October	7

Single supplement: from £1,200

**£If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Vienna House Easy by Wyndham München (4\*) • **4 nights** Hotel Schwarzbrunn, Tyrol (4\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Sonnenhof Merano (3\*) • **3 nights** Hotel Europa Verona (3\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*



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## Vienna, Prague and Budapest | 9 NIGHTS FROM £2,395

per person based on two sharing, 17 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>®</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 8 excursions and visits

- Guided tours of Prague and Prague Castle (including St George's Basilica, Old Royal Palace and Golden Lane); Vienna; and Budapest (including funicular ride to Buda Castle Hill)
- Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace
- Visit Bratislava
- Evening cruise on the Danube

#### 3½ days - free time

#### 9 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**12 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
3 dinners

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Wonderful architecture spanning the centuries, vast imperial palaces, ancient castles and churches and a fascinatingly rich cultural heritage. This trio of fine central European cities are brimming with delights. We begin by exploring Prague, including the famous 14th-century Charles Bridge, adorned with baroque statues. In Vienna, we visit treasures including the world-renowned State Opera and Schönbrunn Palace. Finally, in Budapest, we tour both sides of the Danube, including the immense Buda Castle and beautiful Parliament buildings.

Prague and the Charles Bridge





Buda Castle



**Day 1 UK - Prague.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Prague.

**Day 2 Prague.** You'll become convinced that Prague is one of Europe's most attractive cities on our guided tour this morning. Prague Castle is a fantastic monument to Czech history, displaying its story through the complex of architectural styles that's accumulated within its walls since the 9th century. This afternoon is at leisure for further sightseeing.

**Day 3 Prague.** Today is at leisure. Perhaps admire the city's magnificent baroque and Romanesque architecture or simply enjoy the views from the banks of the River Vltava. You'll also notice the city has a fine cultural tradition going back centuries - Haydn, Beethoven, Liszt and Mozart all spent time in Prague; and it was here that Figaro was first acclaimed and Don Giovanni received its first performance.

**Day 4 Vienna.** We journey through endless rolling vistas and dense forest today as we travel to the imperial grandeur of Vienna.

**Day 5 Vienna.** Soak up the sights of Vienna on a sightseeing tour. Renowned for its fine buildings, our tour includes views of the lavish, terraced gardens of Prince Eugene's Belvedere Palace, the State Opera, the sprawling Hofburg residence of Emperor Franz Joseph, and the Parliament buildings.

**Day 6 Vienna.** This morning we visit Schönbrunn Palace, a building of architectural splendour, commissioned as a summer residence by Emperor Leopold I for his son Josef I. Marie Antoinette, the Queen of France, spent her childhood there; and it's said that Mozart astonished the court with his musical performance at the tender age of six.

Decorated in the Rococo style of the 18th century, the apartments are adorned with frescoes, crystal chandeliers, priceless tapestries, and furniture. In the courtyard

stands the Wagenburg Museum, showing numerous coaches and sleighs from the Imperial era.

We return to the city centre, where the remainder of the day is free to further explore this fascinating and historic city.

**Day 7 Vienna - Bratislava - Budapest.** We journey to Bratislava for free time in Slovakia's capital. It has many fine buildings - its baroque and rococo palaces are as elegant as any in Vienna.

Late afternoon, we arrive in the beautiful city of Budapest. The plains of Pest are divided from the hilly area of Buda by the scenic River Danube, which inspired writers, artists and musicians for centuries. In Buda, Gellert Hill affords a wonderful view of the city, river and mountains. On the Pest side are the Parliament buildings and the National Museum, which contain remarkable treasures including the oldest skull yet found in Europe and Liszt's gold baton.

**Day 8 Budapest.** Join our local guide this morning for a tour of Budapest's fascinating sights and history. We'll take the funicular to visit the Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church and the Royal Castle on the Buda side, before crossing the Danube at the Margarete Bridge. In Pest, we'll see St Stephen's Basilica, the Parliament buildings, City Park and Heroes' Square. The afternoon is at leisure to explore further.

**Day 9 Budapest.** Explore the city independently today. Perhaps visit the bustling market hall, or relax and people watch with a coffee in Vörösmarty Square. The city takes on a different perspective at night, so we've arranged a wonderful cruise along the River Danube, regarded locally as the main thoroughfare.

**Day 10 Budapest - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Vienna's Town Hall

## Dates

2024		2025	
September	3, 17	May	27
October	1	September	2, 30

Single supplement: from £670

**§If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Hotel Royal (4\*) or Adria Hotel Prague (4\*) • **3 nights** ARCOTEL Wimberger Vienna (4\*) • **3 nights** Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Centre (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Lakeside Austria - Magical Zell am See

7 NIGHTS from £1,835

per person based on two sharing, 17 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

AUSTRIA



Mountain high, river deep. Austria's natural beauty is captivating and astounding in equal measure. Think deep valleys, pristine lakes, roaring rivers and lush pastures. This is nature at its best. Discover the source of Austria's endearing charm through its spectacular terrain, hearty cuisine and warm hospitality.

**Day 1 UK - Salzburg - Zell am See.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Salzburg. On arrival we transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2 Grossglockner High Alpine Road.** Journey to Austria's highest mountain, the Grossglockner. The Alpine Road stretches like a ribbon across 48km of the mountains leading to Austria's largest National Park - Tauren.

We'll stop at the Kaiser-Franz-Josefs-Höhe viewpoint over the glacier and take some time too for photographs at the fairytale setting of Fuscher Lake. We'll return via picturesque Heiligenblut and Lienz.

**Day 3 Zell am See.** Today is free. Maybe explore the chocolate-box town and its colourful chalets full of shops and restaurants). Or join an optional excursion to the lakes area of Salzkammergut.

**Day 4 Krimml Waterfalls - Kitzbühel.** We travel to Krimml Waterfalls, shrouded by mist and viridescent pine forests. We'll then head to Rattenberg and Kisslinger glassblowing shop for a demonstration of their centuries-old techniques. We complete our excursion in Brixen im Thale with a guided visit at a schnapps distillery.

**Day 5 Zell am See.** Today is at leisure. If you don't fancy travelling far there's much to enjoy at our base in Zell am See. From the hotel you could stroll towards the shores of the magnificent Zeller See, a bluer-than-blue lake.

**Day 6 Salzburg.** We'll spend the day exploring magical Salzburg. Gaze upon the Alpine backdrop of an enchanting city steeped in rich cultural heritage. We take a guided tour of city - known as Mozart's birthplace - including the historic Old Town.

**Day 7 Hochkönig - Maria Alm.** This morning, we'll follow the Salzach River and head towards Mühlbach am Hochkönig, a former copper-mining town. We'll discover why the area is so popular with skiers and hikers, with an abundance of gorgeous mountain views, including The Hochkönig range - the highest in the Berchtesgaden Alps.

Afterwards, we'll make our way to the quaint village of Dienten, and learn fascinating folklore and the legend of 'devil holes'. We'll finish off our half-day tour with a slice of cake and coffee in the fairytale town of Maria Alm set in the foothills of the Steirerisches Meer mountains.

**Day 8 Zell am See - Salzburg - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 7 excursions and visits

- Excursion on Grossglockner High Alpine Road
- Excursion to Krimml Waterfalls, Rattenberg (*glassblowing demonstrations*) and Brixen im Thale (*schnapps tasting*)
- Half-day tour of Salzburg
- Tour to the Hochkönig, coffee and cake in Maria Alm

### 3 days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

### PLUS

- Tea and coffee after dinner
- Portable audio headset system on guided tours
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	14, 28	May	6, 13, 20
June	11, 18	June	10, 24
September	3, 17	July	1
		September	2, 16, 30

Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Hotel Zum Hirschen (4\*)

Located in the pedestrian zone of the scenic lakeside town of Zell am See, the hotel offers guests a comfortable Austrian stay. Rooms are spacious with a homely feel and come equipped with hairdryer, safe, WI-FI and satellite TV. Guests have complimentary use of the spa with sauna and whirlpool, and there's a cosy restaurant. During the summer the outdoor terrace is perfect for drinks and apple strudel.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

# Romania Tour - Grandeur of Bucharest and Tales of Transylvania

7 NIGHTS from £1,635

per person based on two sharing, 27 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.



ROMANIA

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 9 excursions and visits

- Guided city tours of Bucharest and Brasov
- Guided tours of the Palace of the Parliament, Peles Castle, Sighisoara citadel (including mini train transfers) and Bran Castle (including The Time Tunnel)
- Visit a rural village and fortified church
- Winery visit with sparkling wine tasting and lunch

### 2 days - free time

### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with British Airways or Tarom from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

### 12 meals:

- 7 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 4 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

On our Romania tour, you'll learn there's much more to this country than Gothic stories. We'll stay in Bucharest and Brasov as we peel back the layers of culture and history to reveal the rolling hills and rugged landscapes; vibrant cities and charming towns frozen in time; and thrilling castles and dazzling monasteries.

**Day 1 UK - Bucharest.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home, for your flight to Bucharest.

**Day 2 Bucharest.** Romania's capital city is a trove of great museums, stroll-worthy parks and tempting eateries. Its turbulent political past is plain to see from the severe Stalinist architecture - but the organic curves of 17th and 18th-century churches can be found hushed away in hidden corners. We enjoy a full-day tour, encompassing all the highlights and a guided visit of the Palace of the Parliament.

**Day 3 Bucharest.** Today is free for you to explore the city under your own steam. You could join our optional excursion to former President Ceausescu's Palace and the open-air National Museum of the Village.

**Day 4 Sinaia - Azuga - Brasov.** Peles Castle - the summer residence of the Royal Family - is a neo-Renaissance masterpiece. Sharp spires, timber-framed panels, and detailed brickwork surrounded by thick forest in every shade of green. We'll enjoy a guided tour this morning. This afternoon we're treated to a sparkling wine tasting at one of the country's most prestigious wineries nestled among the majestic Carpathian Mountains.

**Day 5 Brasov.** Imagine a huddle of pastel-coloured baroque buildings encircling a sun-bathed pedestrianised square.

Shoppers bustle from store to store browsing fabrics and local handicrafts, the sound of chatter and clinking glasses rings in the air from alfresco eateries. Welcome to Brasov - we'll spend the morning exploring this charming town together on our guided tour.

**Day 6 Sighisoara.** This morning we'll visit a Saxon fortified church, just one example of a number that exist in rural Transylvania. We'll continue to Sighisoara, where walking through its twist of medieval streets is a tranquil, fairytale-like experience. We'll spend time learning about the history, taking the mini train between the upper and lower citadel. This evening we'll enjoy a special dinner with wine tasting and a live folklore show at a local restaurant.

**Day 7 Bran Castle.** The morning is free. Maybe join an optional private visit to the nearby Liberty Bear Sanctuary - the largest animal welfare project in Europe. Later, we head to Bran Castle, or Dracula's Castle as it has come to be known. Our evening visit means we'll have the castle completely to ourselves for a private guided tour before a traditional Romanian feast in the restaurant below, which we'll reach via The Time Tunnel lift experience.

**Day 8 Brasov - Bucharest - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	9, 23	May	8, 22
June	13, 27	June	12, 26
September	5, 12, 26	September	4, 11, 25
October	10	October	9

Single supplement: from £800

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Hotel Capitol, Bucharest (4\*) • **4 nights** Aro Palace, Brasov (5\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Breathtaking Iceland

Seeking the Northern Lights | **4 NIGHTS from £1,915**

per person based on two sharing, 4 November 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>8</sup>.

Price reduction available if not required.

ICELAND



Go in search of the Northern Lights



Fly local

Stay and explore



Pace 2

How much magic can you experience in five days? In our Iceland introduction we watch for the Northern Lights by night, and take in volcanoes, waterfalls and glaciers by day. We marvel at the powerful Strokkur geyser, relax in the Blue Lagoon's thermal waters and conclude our tour in the cosmopolitan capital, Reykjavik.

**Day 1 UK - Reykjavik - Hella.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Reykjavik. On arrival our search for the Northern Lights begins as we head out into the countryside. We make a stop at Eldhestar horse park for a native Icelandic horse show.

**Day 2 Hella - Vík - Skógar.** Today we travel through the farmlands and mountains of southern Iceland, the region where one of the best-known of the 13th-century heroic prose, Njál's Saga, is set. The Seljalandsfoss and Skógarfoss waterfalls and the little village of Vík, with its black-sand beach, are among the highlights. Just off the coast you'll see the dramatic Reynisdrangar sea-stacks, which legend says are petrified trolls. We'll stop at Skógar to visit the Folk Museum with its collection of restored turf-roofed houses, and pass the Sólheimajökull glacier. Before returning to Hella, we'll visit the fascinating LAVA Centre to learn all about the earthquakes and volcanoes that have made Iceland what it is.

**Day 3 Hella - Gullfoss - Thingvellir - Reykjavik.** We enjoy a tour of Iceland's 'Golden Circle' today, taking in some of the country's most impressive natural wonders and historic sites. We see the magnificent two-tiered Golden Falls at Gullfoss and the thermal area of Great Geysir with its numerous hot springs, fumaroles and geysers. Strokkur geyser erupts every 10 minutes or so, reaching up to 30 metres in height.

We also visit Thingvellir, site of the world's first democratic parliament, the Althing, which first met here in 930. Thingvellir National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the dramatic canyon running through the park is the dividing fault line between two of Earth's tectonic plates. Later, we continue to Reykjavik.

### Day 4 Reykjavik - Blue Lagoon.

This morning we take a trip to the Reykjanes Peninsula and the famous Blue Lagoon, set in the middle of a black lava field, where you can immerse yourself in the warm, mineral-rich geothermal water. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Reykjavik this afternoon. The old town centre, Parliament House and National Museum are just some of the stops on the itinerary. We also visit the Aurora Reykjavik, a museum where we learn a little more about the Northern Lights.

**Day 5 Reykjavik - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

### Fly from an airport near you

Departures on 3 February and 10 November 2025 are dedicated groups flying from **Manchester**. Please call us for further details.



### Your holiday includes

#### Travel insurance

#### 5 excursions and visits

- Tour in search of Northern Lights and Eldhestar horse park
- Full-day tours of the South Shore (with Skogar Folk Museum and LAVA Centre) and the Golden Circle
- Blue Lagoon excursion
- Reykjavik city tour, including Aurora Reykjavik museum

#### 4 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Icelandair from London Heathrow or Gatwick (or selected Manchester groups). Supplements may apply from other airports

**7 meals:** 4 breakfasts  
2 lunches  
1 dinner

#### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Local Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

### Dates

#### 2024

September	23
October	7, 14
November	4, 11

#### 2025

January	20
February	3, 17, 24
March	3, 10
September	22, 29
October	6, 13, 20
November	3, 10, 24

Single supplement: from £95

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £20 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

#### Please note:

- 3 February and 10 November 2025 departures fly from/to Manchester instead of London.
- Whilst this is an excellent time to view the Northern Lights, it isn't possible to guarantee that they'll appear during your holiday.

### Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Stracta Hotel, Hella (3\*) • **2 nights** Fosshotel Reykjavik (4\*) or Grand Hotel Reykjavik (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# Icelandic Adventure | 9 NIGHTS from £4,095

per person based on two sharing, 7 May 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.



Glaciers to geysers, waterfalls to woodlands, Reykjavík and back. Join us as we circle this remarkable island nation, beginning and ending in its pocket-sized capital city. We'll take in geothermal landscapes and epic glacial scenery, and discover the colourful, quirky charm of Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital.

**Day 1 UK - Reykjavik.** Our VIP door-to-door transfer service collects you from home for your flight to Reykjavik. On arrival, we visit the Blue Lagoon.

**Day 2 Akureyri.** Transfer to Borgarfjörður, renowned for some of the best salmon fishing rivers in the world. We cross the Holtavorduheiði Plateau and travel through the village of Blonduos. At Vidimyri, we visit a 'turf church' built in 1836. We continue to Akureyri.

**Day 3 Akureyri - Húsavík - Tjörnes - Ásbyrgi.** Just a stone's throw from the Arctic Circle is Akureyri. We take a tour of the city before making our way to pretty Húsavík, the mountainous Tjörnes Peninsula, and then Ásbyrgi, home to a spectacular horseshoe-shaped canyon.

**Day 4 Lake Mývatn - Dettifoss - Egilsstaðir.** Our tour today includes the impressive Goðafoss waterfall, Lake Mývatn's lava fields and volcanoes, Namaskard's dramatic steam jets and sulphur pits, and then Dettifoss, one of the mightiest waterfalls in Europe. We stay in the beautiful town of Egilsstaðir located on the eastern bank of the Lagarfljót.

**Day 5 Egilsstaðir - Hofn.** We head southwards along the coastline of the eastern fjords to reach Almannaskard and Hofn. The star attraction here is the remarkable Vatnajökull Glacier, the world's third-largest icecap.

**Day 6 Kirkjubæjarklaustur.** Our glacier trail adventure continues along the coast to Jokulsarlon, home to Iceland's largest lagoons. The dramatic landscape of glistening glaciers defines magnificence, set beneath the towering Oraefajokull - Iceland's highest peak at 2,109m.

**Day 7 Hveragerdi.** Today we take in stunning views of the Eyjafjallajökull and Myrdalsjökull glaciers. We then head to a birdwatcher's haven - Reynishverfi or Dyrholaey headland (closed to the public in May and June for nesting season). Continuing eastwards, we pass the Skogarfoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls and arrive later at Hveragerdi.

**Day 8 Gullfoss - Reykjavik.** The thermal area of Great Geysir dazzles with springs, steam vents and mud pools. The star is the Strokkur, which erupts every 10 minutes, sending up a column of boiling water to a height of 30m. At Gullfoss, visit Iceland's best known and most beautiful waterfall, the two-tiered Golden Falls. Another highlight is Thingvellir, home of the world's first parliament and now a national park.

**Day 9 Reykjavik.** Today is free to explore this intriguing city at leisure. Or you may have pre-booked a whale watching tour.

**Day 10 Reykjavik - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Where you'll stay

**1 night** Fosshotel Reykjavik (4\*) • **2 nights** Hotel Kea, Akureyri (4\*) • **1 night** Hótel Hallormsstaður, Egilsstaðir (4\*) • **1 night** Hotel Hofn (3\*) • **1 night** Hotel Klaustur, Kirkjubæjarklaustur (3\*) • **1 night** Hotel Ork, Hveragerdi (4\*) • **2 nights** Fosshotel Reykjavik (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

\*Multiple stays



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 20 excursions and visits

- Visit the Blue Lagoon
- Borgarfjörður, Skagafjörður and Vidimyri
- Akureyri, Húsavík and Ásbyrgi
- Goðafoss, Lake Mývatn, Namaskard and Dettifoss
- Jokulsarlon and Vatnajökull National Park
- Reynishverfi or Dyrholaey, Skogar Folk Museum, Skogarfoss and Seljalandsfoss
- Great Geysir, Gullfoss and Thingvellir

### 1 day - free time

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Icelandair from London Heathrow or Gatwick.

### 9 nights in hotels

**14 meals:** 9 breakfasts  
5 dinners

### PLUS

- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Local Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	7, 28	May	13, 18, 27
June	25	June	10, 24
July	23	July	8, 22
August	13	August	12
		September	2, 7

Single supplement: from £800

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £100 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Tailor your trip

Why not extend your holiday with some extra time in Reykjavik? Speak to our travel advisors for details.

# Captivating Norway | 7 NIGHTS from £2,435

per person based on two sharing, 15 May 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>®</sup>. Price reduction available if not required.

NORWAY



Rail journey



Page 1

Bergen's colourful wharf

The classic image of Norway is a tranquil fjord flanked by steep mountains. On this fantastic tour you'll experience just that, plus thriving Oslo, where you can learn of Viking ships, the art of Edvard Munch and the country's folk history perhaps.

We also visit Heddal stave church, ride the vertiginous Flåm Railway and stroll along Bergen's historic harbour.

**Day 1 UK - Oslo.** Our VIP door-to-door transfer service collects you from home for your flight to Oslo.

**Day 2 Oslo.** Spend your day at leisure meandering amongst the city's eye-catching architecture and abundance of world-class museums. Oslo is home to cultural institutions that include the National Theatre and the Norwegian Opera and Ballet.

Alternatively you might like to delve into the past with a visit to the Vikingskipshuset, a museum housing impressively preserved Viking ships and a large collection of artefacts that were buried within them.

**Day 3 Telemark.** Today we embark on a guided excursion to explore the Telemark region, including magnificent Heddal, the most beautiful of Norway's remaining stave churches. We also cross the mountains to see Rjukan, a town that became the centre of one of the most daring sabotage missions in WWII. We visit the Vemork powerplant and the Folk Museum.

**Day 4 Voss.** Today we make the journey from Oslo to Voss by train on a scenic journey along the Bergen Railway. This is considered one of the world's most scenic train routes, carrying you across high mountain plateaux and capturing breathtaking views of the Hardangerjøkulen glacier.

**Day 5 Flåm Railway.** Today we board the spectacular Flåm Railway to Flåm. This 20km-long track is one of the world's steepest and most spectacular railway lines, taking you through magnificent scenery of mountains and waterfalls. On reaching Flåm, we transfer to the port for a cruise on the placid waters of stunning Aurlandsfjord and UNESCO-listed Nærøyfjord - Europe's narrowest fjord is contained within unbelievably steep mountains.

**Day 6 Bergen.** Our scenic journey today takes us on twisting roads, via popular Steinsdalsfossen and alongside the magnificent Hardangerfjorden, to Bergen.

**Day 7 Bergen.** Bergen was founded over 900 years ago by Olav Kyrre, King of Norway. The small settlement became a capital within 150 years. The title didn't last long but its location ensured it continued as an important trade city. We have an included tour of this modern city, taking in the important sites. The afternoon is free to explore.

**Day 8 Bergen - UK.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Flåm Railway

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 3 excursions and visits

- Excursion to Telemark, including Heddal stave church and Rjukan
- Flåm Railway and fjord cruise
- Bergen city tour

### 1½ days - free time

### 7 nights in hotels

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Norwegian from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
7 dinners

### PLUS

- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	15	May	14
June	5, 12, 19	June	4, 11, 18
August	7, 21	July	16
September	4	August	6, 13, 20
		September	3, 10

Single supplement: from £720

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** On 15 May 2024 departure, days 2 and 3 are swapped.

## Where you'll stay

**3 nights** Clarion Hotel The Hub, Oslo (4\*)  
**• 2 nights** Scandic Voss (4\*) **• 2 nights** Scandic Bergen City (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# The Best of Norway by Rail and Sea - to the Top of the World | 10 NIGHTS



The Seven Sisters Waterfall of Geirangerfjord

Cruise  
& Tour

Rail  
journey

Havilla  
Voyages



Pace 2

Pass ravines and thundering waterfalls on the Flåm Railway. Cruise through the awe-inspiring Geirangerfjord. Take an epic voyage aboard a fully electric ship to bask in the Midnight Sun and conquer northernmost Europe at North Cape. This journey into the heart of the Norwegian fjords and beyond will uncover one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

**Day 1 UK - Bergen.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Bergen. We enjoy a short orientation tour, before checking into our hotel.

**Day 2 Flåm Railway - Aurlandsfjord - Nærøysfjord.** Step aboard the Flåm Railway for a trip down the longest and deepest fjord in Europe, the Sognefjorden to the pretty village of Flåm. We'll pass ravines, waterfalls, mountains, and chocolate box houses, then board a fully electric boat to cruise silently through the fjord.

**Day 3 Loen.** Our scenic drive crosses the beautiful wide Sognefjord, before climbing up into the mountains. We'll stop at the Norwegian Glacier Museum before journeying along Innvikfjorden to Loen.

**Day 4 Geirangerfjord - Molde/Andalsnes.** From Hellesylt we board a ferry for a journey past Geirangerfjord towering cliffs, waterfalls and deep blue waters. Then we climb the hairpin bends of Eagle Road - the sight from the top is quite spectacular - and the narrow Trollstigen serpentine road back down the mountain. We stay in Molde or Andalsnes.

**Day 5 Rauma Railway - Trondheim.** The Rauma Railway is famed for its picturesque mountain route. From Dombås we take the Dovre Railway down to the sea, for a tour of Trondheim including magnificent Nidaros Cathedral.

**Day 6 Trondheim.** We step aboard our fully electric ship, Havilla Pollux. As we sail north, head to the Observation Lounge for panoramic views.

**Day 7 Brønnøysund - Svolvær.** We cross into the Arctic Circle today, as we pass by Scandinavia's largest glaciers, the world's strongest tidal current and maybe even a soaring majestic sea eagle. This evening, Lofoten's tiny fishing villages make for a beautiful backdrop.

**Day 8 Stokmarknes - Tromsø - Skjervøy.** We reach Tromsø, known as the 'Gateway to the Arctic'. This is the land of the Sami, Norway's indigenous people and there's an opportunity to learn about their unique culture. The afternoon in Tromsø is free - a must-visit is the Arctic Cathedral.

**Day 9 Hammerfest - Honningsvåg (North Cape) - Berlevåg.** The North Cape is as far north as you can go - by land and sea - and rises 307 metres straight up from the Arctic Ocean. You'll simply feel on top of the world.

**Day 10 Kirkenes.** Each winter, 25 tonnes of ice and 15,000 cubic metres of snow are shifted to build Kirkenes' Snowhotel. It's an absolute wonder to see the intricate and beautifully decorated snow suites. We disembark this morning for a guided tour and a chance to meet the resident huskies and reindeer.

**Day 11 Kirkenes - UK.** We transfer to the airport and your return flight to the UK. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



NORWAY

## Your holiday includes

Travel insurance

7 excursions and visits

½ day - free time

6 nights in hotels and 4 nights cruise on Havilla Pollux

**International flights.** Prices are based on return flights with Scandinavian Airlines from London Heathrow via Oslo. Supplements may apply from other airports

**24 meals:** 10 breakfasts  
4 lunches  
10 dinners

### PLUS

- Drinks party on board
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2025 dates available soon

Please see our website for details.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Scandic Ørnen (4\*) or Scandic Bergen City (4\*) • **1 night** Hotel Loenfjord, Loen (4\*) • **1 night** Scandic Seilet, Molde (4\*) or Grand Hotel by Classic Norway Hotels, Andalsnes (4\*) • **1 night** Scandic Solsiden (4\*) or Scandic Lerkendal (4\*), Trondheim or Bårdshaug Herregård, Orkanger (4\*) • **4 nights** Havilla Pollux (4\*) • **1 night** Scandic Kirkenes (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

# The Highlights of Scotland Tour

- its history and culture uncovered | **8 NIGHTS from £2,335**

per person based on two sharing, 29 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.

Price reduction available if not required.



Culzean Castle

Rail  
journey



Page 2

From Loch Ness to St Andrews and Cairngorms to Culloden, this holiday introduces you to the true highlights of Scotland. Tour historic castles, cathedrals and battlefields, explore thriving cities, and step on board the beautiful Jacobite steam train and the Royal Yacht Britannia.

**Day 1 Glasgow.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Glasgow.

**Day 2 Glasgow.** First up is glorious Culzean Castle. This 18th-century castle is perched high on the Ayrshire cliffs and filled to the turrets with the treasures of its former inhabitants. Surrounding it is a 260-hectare estate planted with conifer and beech woodland and dotted with secret follies and fruit-filled glasshouses. Returning to Glasgow, we'll visit its magnificent Gothic cathedral - the largest in Scotland (and one of the oldest). After our stop here, you'll have free time to explore the city.

**Day 3 Glasgow - Fort William.** Just outside Glasgow, we'll pause to see the Falkirk Wheel and the Kelpies. Next, we'll enter the world of Scotland's Renaissance kings and queens as we tour grand Stirling Castle, with its imposing Great Hall and peaceful gardens. Our final stop for the day is Dunblane Cathedral, one of Scotland's few surviving medieval churches. From here, we'll make our way north-west to Fort William.

**Day 4 Jacobite steam train - Cairngorms National Park - Aviemore.** The 'greatest railway journey in the world' awaits us this morning. We'll clamber aboard the Jacobite steam train for an 84-mile round trip that'll showcase some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery. We'll then take the scenic route to Aviemore, passing mountains and munros as we travel through the wild landscapes of the UK's biggest national park: Cairngorms.

**Day 5 Culloden - Inverness - Loch Ness.** This morning, we'll pay a visit to the battlefield at Culloden, scene of the final

Jacobite uprising in 1746. The visitor centre offers a poignant look at the conflict and its background. After free time for lunch in Inverness, our final stop for the day is Loch Ness.

**Day 6 Aberdeen.** Nestled in the beautiful Findhorn Valley is the sprawling Logie Estate, home to forest, farmland and a winding, salmon-filled river. We'll stop here for a guided tour of the gardens on our way to Aberdeen. Free afternoon or join us for an optional whisky tasting.

#### Day 7 St Andrews - Edinburgh.

This morning, you'll have the chance to explore the lovely little town of St Andrews. Arriving in Edinburgh, we'll step aboard the former 'floating palace' of Queen Elizabeth II, the Royal Yacht Britannia.

**Day 8 Edinburgh.** Enjoy a free day in Edinburgh, one of the UK's most beautiful cities.

**Day 9 Edinburgh.** Transfer to the airport for your return flight. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



Edinburgh's Royal Mile



## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 11 excursions and visits

- Visits to Culzean Castle, Glasgow Cathedral, Stirling Castle, Dunblane Cathedral, Culloden battlefield, Loch Ness, St Andrews (including cathedral), and the Royal Yacht Britannia
- Jacobite steam train ride
- Scenic drive in Cairngorms National Park
- Guided tour of the Logie Estate gardens

### 1½ days - free time

### 8 nights in hotels

**Return flights.** Prices are based on British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**14 meals:** 8 breakfasts  
6 dinners

### PLUS

- Welcome drink
- Scotland Explorer Pass (includes Edinburgh Castle)
- Portable audio headset system on excursions
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	12	May	11
June	2, 16	June	1, 15
September	1, 15, 29	August	31
		September	14, 28

Single supplement: from £700

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Novotel Glasgow Centre (4\*) • **1 night** The Alexandra Hotel, Fort William (3\*) • **2 nights** Grant Arms Hotel, Aviemore (4\*) • **1 night** Leonardo Hotel Aberdeen (4\*) • **2 nights** Mercure Edinburgh Haymarket Hotel (4\*)

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

# Jersey's Joie de Vivre | 7 NIGHTS from £1,735

per person based on two sharing, 10 June 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.



JERSEY

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 5 excursions and visits

- Full-day island excursion including Bouley Bay and Gorey
- Excursion to Jersey Lavender Farm
- Full-day island excursion including Eric Young Orchid Foundation, La Mare Vineyard (including winery tour, tasting and cream tea), and Jersey Pearl

### 3½ days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**Return flights.** Prices are based on British Airways from London Heathrow or Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**9 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
2 dinners

### PLUS

- Welcome drink
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

Blending British and French influences, Jersey is as intriguing as it is relaxed. We'll explore the island from our base in historic St Helier. Highlights include a visit to pretty Bouley Bay, and a cream tea and wine tasting at a local vineyard. Plus, there are days at leisure to sightsee at your own pace.

**Day 1 St Helier.** Our VIP door-to-door transfer service collects you from home for your flight to Jersey. On arrival, we'll transfer the short distance to St Helier and our hotel.

**Day 2 Bouley Bay - Gorey.** Our first stop of the day is Bouley Bay, home of the legendary Black Dog - a myth created by smugglers to keep local folk away from the bay and their clandestine activities. We then continue to Gorey. Its castle was built to protect Jersey against the French in the early 13th century, when King John lost his rule over territories in Normandy.

**Day 3 St Helier.** You're free today. There are several worthy gardens and parks to enjoy including the Howard Davis Park and Les Jardins de la Mer, complete with a water maze.

Alternatively, a shuttle bus can transport you to the Jersey War Tunnels. Originally intended to be a barracks and ammunition store for the occupying forces during World War II, it is now a thought provoking museum to this dark era.

**Day 4 Jersey Lavender Farm.** This morning we make our way to Jersey Lavender Farm. Although the lavender fields may not be in bloom when we visit, we'll be taken on a guided tour and learn about everything from how the farm started, to the filling and labelling of bottles.

*Please note: The lavender fields usually begin to show their colour from late May and are harvested from late June to early August.*

**Day 5 St Brelade's Bay - St Mary.** We embark on our second full-day exploration of the island.

We'll make a stop at St Matthew's Church, famous for the glasswork on the font, altar and cross, created by René Lalique and thought to be his greatest achievement.

We'll also call in at the Eric Young Orchid Foundation before heading for the north coast. The day then includes stops at La Mare Vineyard for a wine tasting and cream tea, Jersey Pearl centre, and Corbiere Lighthouse for a photo stop.

**Days 6-7 St Helier.** Further time to relax and enjoy this lovely island. Perhaps visit the world-famous Jersey Zoo and Wildlife Conservation Centre.

**Day 8 St Helier.** Transfer to the airport for the return flight. Upon arrival, your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Pomme d'Or Hotel (4\*)

This historic hotel is excellently located in the centre of St Helier, overlooking Liberation Square and the marina. Both the hotel's public areas and bedrooms are decorated in a contemporary style. Facilities include an award-winning AA 2 Rosette restaurant, carvery style restaurant, bar and café bar. Included, three-course evening meals are normally taken in the carvery restaurant. All rooms are en suite with air-conditioning, telephone, TV, safe, trouser press or iron with ironing board, tea/coffee-making facilities and hairdryer. The hotel has a lift to all floors and guest rooms for the disabled traveller (subject to availability).

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	6, 20	May	5, 12
June	3, 10, 17	June	2, 9, 16, 30
July	1	September	1, 15
September	2, 16		

Single supplement: from £450  
Executive room: from £60pp  
Harbour View room: from £110pp  
Premier room: from £200pp

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

# Guernsey Short Break | 7 NIGHTS from £1,635

per person based on two sharing, 28 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover\*. Price reduction available if not required.

GUERNSEY



With literary heritage, gorgeous beaches and a rich military history to discover, your week in Guernsey will fly by. Staying in picturesque St Peter Port, we'll seek out sandy bays and Victorian gardens, and explore the museums at 800-year-old Castle Cornet. We'll also sail over to peaceful Sark for a memorable day.

**Day 1 St Peter Port.** Our VIP door-to-door transfer service collects you from home for your flight to Guernsey. On arrival, we transfer to the hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 2 St Peter Port.** We'll enjoy a guided walking tour of St Peter Port which will reveal a rich, fascinating history. Discover where Victor Hugo wrote 'Les Misérables' and where the Germans were shopping in the book 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. Explore the delightful streets further, while you're at leisure this afternoon.

**Day 3 Island Tour.** Today, an included half-day tour reveals the highlights of this beautiful island and uncovers more of Guernsey's unique coastline, scattered with old towers overlooking bays of golden sands, inspiring cliff views and extensive countryside.

**Day 4 St Peter Port.** Today is free. Why not take a stroll along the bustling high street or head over to the Old Quarter, where you'll find a treasure trove of quirky shops selling antiques, paintings and coffee.

**Day 5 Sark.** Our full-day excursion takes us by boat to Sark. Choose either to walk up the harbour hill footpath which leads to the village, with its selection of quaint shops and cafés, or take a seat for a ride on the 'toast-rack' - the tractor-drawn bus. As there are no cars on Sark, the pace of life is leisurely and relaxed.

**Day 6 St Peter Port.** We'll take a walk from the hotel to Candie Gardens, a beautiful Victorian garden with gorgeous views of

St Peter Port Harbour and the neighbouring islands. You may like to then follow a trail around the capital or into the countryside - fresh-smelling pine forests and 17 miles of stunning cliff paths are within easy access.

**Day 7 Castle Cornet.** Castle Cornet was constructed to defend the English island from France. After several battles between the two nations, it still guards St Peter Port harbour today. On our visit to this vast, 800-year-old castle, explore five museums detailing notable events, visit the historic gardens and witness the Napoleonic Noon-Day Gun, fired daily.

**Day 8 St Peter Port.** We transfer to the airport for the return flight. Upon arrival your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.

## Best Western Moores Central Hotel (3\*)

A warm welcome is assured at this lovely townhouse hotel - a former home of the De Saumarez family, renowned in Guernsey's history. Run by the same family for almost 60 years, the hotel is one of Guernsey's best known and enjoys a prime position in the centre of St Peter Port, only minutes from the picturesque marinas and sea front. Facilities include a restaurant, patisserie and brasserie, bar, carvery, and health suite, which has a Jacuzzi, sauna and a fitness room. There is free Wi-Fi. The 46 en suite rooms have TV, radio, hairdryer, and telephone.

*Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.*

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 5 excursions and visits

- Guided walking tour of St Peter Port
- Half-day tour of Guernsey's highlights
- Full-day excursion to Sark
- Walking visit to Candie Gardens
- Visit to Castle Cornet

### 2½ days - free time

### 7 nights in hotel

**Return flights.** Prices are based on Aurigny from London Gatwick. Supplements may apply from other airports

**9 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
2 dinners

### PLUS

- Welcome drink
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Porterage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	11	May	10
June	15, 29	June	14, 28
July	13	July	5
August	31	August	30
September	14, 28	September	13, 27

No Single supplement - limited availability. Single supplement double for sole £550. Superior room £150

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

**Please note:** St Peter Port is located in an area of steep coastline. The gradient can be challenging for those with walking difficulties.

# The Best of Ireland

Heritage of the North and South | **7 NIGHTS from £2,035**

per person based on two sharing, 24 September 2024. Including insurance and cancellation cover<sup>6</sup>.  
Price reduction available if not required.



The Cliffs of Moher



IRELAND

Experience the highlights of the Emerald Isle over 8 days. In Northern Ireland, we'll see the incredible basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway and visit the immersive Titanic exhibition. Crossing into Ireland, witness the spectacular Cliffs of Moher and scenic Ring of Kerry. We'll finish in Dublin - perhaps with a Guinness or two.

**Day 1 Belfast.** Our VIP door-to-door travel service collects you from home for your flight to Belfast. On arrival we transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2 Carrickfergus - Causeway Coastal Route.** This morning, we depart on the Causeway Coastal Route - alongside the glens of Antrim. The first stop is Carrickfergus Castle, one of Northern Ireland's most striking medieval monuments. We continue to the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway. This geological feat is an unforgettable force of nature; or maybe you'll choose to believe the myth that this was the handiwork of a local ogre!

**Day 3 Titanic Exhibition - Enniskillen - Athlone.** We'll depart for our excursion to the Titanic Belfast Exhibition, to learn the story of the Titanic, from its construction to the infamous maiden voyage.

Journeying south, we'll stop at Enniskillen for a cruise on Lough Erne, home to 160 wooded islands. We later arrive in Athlone.

**Day 4 Cliffs of Moher - Cork.** We'll travel around Liscannor Bay and encounter the rugged Cliffs of Moher rising some 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. This naturally impressive scenery is worth a small diversion as we make our way to Cork.

**Day 5 Blarney Castle - Ring of Kerry.** We'll visit Blarney Castle, a 15th-century tower house surrounded by lovely gardens and home to the fabled Blarney Stone. We'll then head to Killarney National Park, where Ireland's highest mountains sweep

down to lake shores. We'll drive on the Ring of Kerry - a 179km route of raw natural beauty and spectacular scenery.

**Day 6 Waterford - Dublin.** This morning we depart Cork for Ireland's oldest city, Waterford, home to the famous crystal glass. We take a look at the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre to learn of its time-honoured trade, before making our way to Dublin, where we'll spend the next two nights.

**Day 7 Dublin.** Today we introduce you to the Republic of Ireland's capital city and visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum. The rest of the day and evening is free, so why not enjoy one of the many restaurants in Temple Bar and take in the atmosphere of this lively city.

**Day 8 Dublin - UK.** We transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Upon arrival your vehicle will be waiting for the journey home.



UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway

## Your holiday includes

### Travel insurance

### 10 excursions and visits

- Visits to Carrickfergus Castle, the Giant's Causeway, Titanic Belfast Exhibition, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, the Ring of Kerry, Waterford Crystal and EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
- Cruise on Lough Erne, Enniskillen

### ½ day - free time

### 7 nights in hotels

**Return flights.** Prices are based on British Airways from London Heathrow. Supplements may apply from other airports

**10 meals:** 7 breakfasts  
1 light lunch  
2 dinners

### PLUS

- Welcome drink
- **VIP door-to-door transfers**
- Tour manager
- Travel in destination by coach
- Portage

## Dates

2024		2025	
May	14	May	13
June	4	June	3
July	2	July	1
August	27	August	26
September	10, 24	September	9, 23

Single supplement: from £880

**If you choose to opt out of the included insurance and cancellation cover, a reduction applies of £40 - see pages 112-115 for details.**

Price is subject to change and will be confirmed upon enquiry. Price promise, ABTA and ATOL protected.

## Fly from an airport near you

You can also fly from **Manchester**  
(Subject to availability, supplements may apply.)  
Please call us for further details.

## Where you'll stay

**2 nights** Culloden Estate & Spa, Belfast (5\*)  
• **1 night** Hodson Bay Hotel (4\*) or Sheraton  
Athlone Hotel (4\*) • **2 nights** The Kingsley Hotel,  
Cork (4\*) • **2 nights** Iveagh Garden Hotel,  
Dublin (4\*)

Local ratings. Accommodation may change, but will always be of a similar standard.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent.

Your key rights under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 are:

- Travellers will receive all essential information about the package before concluding the package travel contract.
- There is always at least one trader who is liable for the proper performance of all the travel services included in the contract.
- Travellers are given an emergency telephone number or details of a contact point where they can get in touch with the organiser or the travel agent.
- Travellers may transfer the package to another person, on reasonable notice and possibly subject to additional costs.
- The price of the package may only be increased if specific costs rise (for instance, fuel prices) and if expressly provided for in the contract, and in any event not later than 20 days before the start of the package. If the price increase exceeds 8% of the price of the package, the traveller may terminate the contract. If the organiser reserves the right to a price increase, the traveller has a right to a price reduction if there is a decrease in the relevant costs.
- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee and get a full refund of any payments if any of the essential elements of the package, other than the price, are changed significantly. If before the start of the package the trader responsible for the package cancels the package, customers are entitled to a refund and compensation where appropriate.
- Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee before the start of the package in the event of exceptional circumstances, for instance if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.
- Additionally, travellers may at any time before the start of the package terminate the contract in return for an appropriate and justifiable termination fee.
- If, after the start of the package, significant elements of the package cannot be provided as agreed, suitable alternative arrangements will have to be offered to the traveller at no extra cost. Travellers may terminate the contract without paying any termination fee, where services are not performed in accordance with the contract and this substantially affects the performance of the package and the organiser fails to remedy the problem.
- Travellers are also entitled to a price reduction or compensation for damages or both where the travel services are not performed or are improperly performed.
- The organiser has to provide assistance if the traveller is in difficulty.
- If the organiser or the retailer becomes insolvent, payments will be refunded. If the organiser or, where applicable, the retailer becomes insolvent after the start of the package and if transport is included in the package, repatriation of the travellers is secured. We have taken out insolvency protection with the following entities:

**For flight-based holidays:**

Civil Aviation Authority of 45-59 Kingsway London WC2B 6TE. [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk), telephone 0330 103 6350, email [claims@caa.co.uk](mailto:claims@caa.co.uk).

**For package holidays that do not include a flight:**

ABTA – The Travel Association of 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ. [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com), telephone 0203 758 8779, email [customerprotection@abta.co.uk](mailto:customerprotection@abta.co.uk).

Customers may contact these entities if services are denied because of our insolvency.

Please note that calls from UK landlines cost the standard rate, but from mobiles may be higher. Check with your network provider.

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 are available at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/>

## Prices

The prices shown in our brochures should be used as a guide only, are based on current charges and costs and may go up or down. We reserve the right to alter the prices of any of the holidays shown in our brochures, and will notify you of the current price prior to any booking – please call us or visit our website for the most up-to-date prices. Our holidays, and the prices at which they are advertised are always subject to availability and supplements may apply. Prices can be influenced by taxes such as (where relevant) air passenger duty, aircraft insurance, security, fuel and other associated costs. Prices can also be affected by exchange rates, availability, suppliers' costs and economic trends. You will be advised of any differences to any elements of the holiday, including the price, before your booking is confirmed. In the case of discounted prices and other special offers, please note that there are only a limited number of places available at the special offer prices. The offers in this brochure supersede any previously advertised offers and cannot be combined. We reserve the right to reduce, extend or withdraw the offers at any time, without notice.

## Payment Methods

Payment may be made by debit or credit card (without charge).

## Passports

The following information is for British Citizens only.

A standard 10-year British passport is required for all holidays, which must be less than 10 years old and valid for at least six months beyond your planned date of return travel (exceptions may apply). If your passport expires earlier, it may still be acceptable, but you should contact your local passport office or the consulate/embassy of the country to be visited for detailed advice.

It's essential that you check whether you're in possession of a valid passport before you make your holiday booking, and allow sufficient time for any applications to be processed.

If your passport is endorsed in any way, you should check immigration requirements with the relevant embassy or consulate of the country to be visited. You should also be aware that if your passport contains previous entry or visa stamps of certain countries you may encounter problems when visiting other countries - e.g. a passport indicating you have previously travelled to Israel may not be accepted by a number of Arab countries. We recommend that you have at least three blank pages in your passport to cover potential immigration formalities which may be required in some countries.

NOTE: Some travellers including those with certain serious communicable illnesses, criminal records, previous deportations, visa overstays and other problems may not be eligible by law to enter certain countries. Such travellers must check with the embassy or consulate of the country to be visited in order to ascertain if they are eligible to apply for a special restricted visa.

**We can provide information on immigration requirements if your passport was issued in the UK and endorsed 'British Citizen'. Holders of a British Subject passport and Non-British Citizens should check immigration requirements with the relevant embassy or consulate of the country to be visited, as should customers with Dual Nationality/Renounced Citizenship.**

## Entry requirements

Whilst we'll tell you if there are any material changes, it is your responsibility to ensure that you understand and adhere to all entry requirements for the countries you're visiting (and what's required upon your return to the UK). Our partners at CIBT (see below) have created an accurate tool to help you easily check requirements, which you can find at <https://cibtvisas.com>

In addition, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office's travel advice also contains information on entry requirements at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>. **Passport and visa requirements can change before departure; therefore we recommend you regularly familiarise yourself with the latest requirements.** We're unable to accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport/entry/immigration requirements.

In general, you should apply for your visa (if relevant) around 10-12 weeks prior to your departure date (exceptions may apply). For all tours where a passport is required to be sent to an embassy, it should be noted that once your passport has been lodged with the embassies, you'll be unable to retrieve it until the visa has been issued. It's therefore important that you do not require your passport during this period. We will not be liable if any delay occurs within the embassies. If you have already made other travel arrangements, please contact us prior to making your reservation.

**Cruise ship visits** - Please bear in mind, that on selected cruises where a visa is required for a port of call, the cruise line may arrange a group visa (included in the price of your holiday), however in some cases such as Russia, this group visa only allows you to join organised ship excursions and if you wish to explore independently you must apply and pay for your own visa.

**Visa procurement provider, CIBTvisas** - Should you require assistance with your visa application, we have partnered with CIBTvisas for this purpose. They'll provide guidance with the required documents; complete application forms online on your behalf; review your application before it's submitted to the respective consulate or embassy thus avoiding delays; check the issued visa; and despatch your passport securely as per your instructions. Saga Holidays visa applicants receive discounted rates compared to CIBTvisas' retail/public fees. Travellers who are not British Citizens can also check their visa requirements at [www.cibtvisas.co.uk/sagaholidays](http://www.cibtvisas.co.uk/sagaholidays) and usually, CIBT can assist with most nationals who reside in the UK. Their operating hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm.

To download the applicable visa pack for your destination, please visit [www.cibtvisas.co.uk/sagaholidays](http://www.cibtvisas.co.uk/sagaholidays), call 020 7593 6209 or email [specialservices@cibtvisas.co.uk](mailto:specialservices@cibtvisas.co.uk). Note that calls from UK landlines cost the standard rate, but from mobiles may be higher. Check with your network provider.

Please note that if you choose to use CIBTvisas, you'll be dealing with them directly in relation to the services they provide. Whilst we recommend CIBTvisas, we are not responsible for any delays or problems encountered through their use and, in the event this leads to cancellation or alterations to your holiday, our Booking Conditions apply, and we will not be held liable for any costs you may incur as a result. You are also responsible for advising CIBTvisas of any changes or cancellations.

**Alternative visa procurement provider and other options** - Other visa procurement providers are available, and it may also be possible to obtain your visa independently (sometimes at a lower cost), via the relevant country's embassy website. Please visit the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website, which provides up-to-date information and advice on each country's entry requirements - [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice).

## Health/fitness requirements

The Department of Health offers travellers health advice at <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>, <https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/home> or <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/>. We strongly recommend that if you're concerned about any health issue (including DVT) you should consult your GP in advance of travel. It's essential that you have comprehensive insurance that covers you for any medical treatment or repatriation costs whilst on tour.

**Immunisation/vaccinations** - Aside from COVID-19 requirements, immunisation and vaccination requirements may change without notice and inoculations/precautions can be specified as a condition of entry, or just as an advisory only. We'll advise you of any destinations that stipulate compulsory inoculations as a condition of entry. For other immunisations, local conditions are subject to change and we strongly suggest that you consult your GP for more detailed and current information for your time of travel.

**Medical conditions/disabilities** - In order to ensure the suitability and enjoyment of your holiday, you must let us know before a booking is made if you or anyone in your party has any mobility restrictions, disabilities or medical needs. If there is any change in circumstances for you or a member of your party, or you or a member of your party develops a new medical condition between the date of booking and the date of departure of your holiday, please call us so that we can check that the holiday is still suitable for you. Please visit our Accessibility and support pages at [travel.saga.co.uk/accessibility-and-support.aspx](http://travel.saga.co.uk/accessibility-and-support.aspx) for more information.

It is your responsibility to ensure you are medically fit to travel. If you are in any doubt, you must seek medical advice before you travel. Please note that some suppliers such as airlines and cruise lines may request certification from your GP to confirm that you are fit to travel. We regret that we cannot be held liable for any costs you may incur as a result.

Due to the historic nature and layout of some towns together with local transport regulations - particularly in Europe - access by coach to hotels and places visited may be limited. Hotels may also be located on hilly terrain. Customers are advised that a significant amount of walking at a steady pace may be involved. Many of the places visited are extremely old and there are often cobbled streets, uneven steps and terraces. It is important that you take extra care when walking and wear appropriate footwear. Please refer to the pace guide found in our brochures and if you have any difficulty in walking or mobility problems, please contact us and we'll be happy to advise you on the suitability of any particular holiday.

**Optional travel insurance** - For UK residents only, insurance, underwritten by Astrenska Insurance Limited, is offered with all our overseas holidays, river cruises and ocean cruises unless otherwise stated and subject to terms and conditions. A policy document will be sent with your confirmation invoice. A summary of the cover is shown below. (For holidays in mainland Britain please call for a summary of cover).

## Summary of cover

1. (a) Medical Expenses up to £5,000,000
- (b) Hospital Benefit £20 per day (max. £500)
2. Curtailment up to £7,500 for holidays and river cruises, up to £10,000 for European ocean cruises, up to £50,000 for worldwide ocean cruises
3. Personal Accident up to £15,000
4. Criminal Injury Benefit up to £100,000
5. (a) Baggage up to £1,500 or up to £2,500 for ocean cruises
- i) Single Article limit £250 or £300 for ocean cruises
- ii) Overall Valuables limit £350
- (b) Temporarily Lost Baggage over 12 hours up to £100 or up to £150 for ocean cruises
6. Money and Documents up to £500 Cash limit £200
7. Loss of Passport Expenses up to £200
8. Personal Liability up to £1,000,000
9. Missed Departure up to £500 (Europe), up to £1,000 (worldwide)
10. Travel Delay - Transport
- (a) Deposit/Cancellation Charges up to £7,500
- (b) Compensation up to £150
11. Legal Expenses (claims for compensation for personal injury or death) up to £50,000.

For sections 1(a), 2, 5(a), 6 and 10(a) above, the first £70 of each and every claim is excluded. Please read the policy booklet carefully to ensure the cover fully meets your needs. Please note that the optional travel insurance and additional cancellation rights are only available for overseas holidays where the included cruise, flights or ferry elements of the holiday are taken. If you arrange your own travel abroad, you will not be covered and should make alternative arrangements. If you feel you need increased baggage cover please check your home contents insurance policy first, as most people can have their personal possessions insured under this policy while they are away.

**Insurance policy documents** - If you choose to take the insurance we will send you the insurance policy documents with your holiday confirmation/ invoice, or you can call us to request them earlier. If the policy does not meet your requirements, you are entitled to cancel at any time prior to your date of departure. The policy documents contain full details of the cover provided, our complaints procedure, terms and exclusions – we recommend that you read them carefully.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is in twin/double bedded rooms, the majority of which have private bath/shower and toilet - occasionally this will be shower and toilet only, particularly in cruise ship cabins. In rainforest, safari and desert locations, accommodation may be in lodges or campsites where standards vary and toilet facilities may not be en suite. Where we provide written details of guest room facilities in our brochures, we can't guarantee that all rooms will be equipped as such. Similarly, images provided in our brochures are for illustrative purposes only.

**Disruption** - There may be redevelopment, expansion, building or roadworks taking place in the vicinity of your hotel during your holiday, and associated noise can be unavoidable. This may occur without warning to us. If we know in advance of any impending work that could cause disturbance, we'll make every effort to inform you as soon as possible. If you do have a complaint at your hotel or indeed for any other service, you must tell your tour manager or the hotelier who will try and solve the problem on the spot.

**Single rooms** - Despite the fact that single rooms carry a supplement, single accommodation is not always the same size as twin/double accommodation, particularly in Europe due to the age and character of many hotels. Single rooms may not always be in the same area of the hotel as a twin/double, and the single supplement does not necessarily mean a twin/double room will be provided for single occupancy (unless specifically stated).

**Triple occupancy** - When booking a triple room, a third person is required to either share existing beds or an extra bed is placed in the room which can be a camp-style bed or a sofa bed. The addition of an extra bed can make accommodation cramped. Rooms with three beds may not be available at all hotels. If a bed share is not appropriate and an additional single room has to be booked, this will be charged as an extra.

**Upgraded rooms** - All upgraded rooms are subject to the hotel's availability at the time of the request and are only guaranteed once we've confirmed this to you. The room facilities and upgrade descriptions are correct at the time of going to print.

**Swimming pools** - Where a hotel has a swimming pool, the period when the pool is available is at the hotelier's discretion and is often seasonal. This may be affected by weather or essential maintenance. These situations are beyond our control.

## Coaches

The type and size of coach allocated will be appropriate to the group size. Single travellers are likely to be seated alongside another single traveller. Although we do try to provide coaches with toilets on board wherever possible, we regret that this facility cannot be guaranteed (particularly for smaller groups in smaller vehicles). It's also possible that, in certain parts of the world, the toilet may have to remain locked at the discretion of the driver where disposal points are not easily accessible. Regular stops are made on every tour for the comfort of all on board.

Legal requirements regarding the use of seat belts on coaches vary from country to country. We believe health and safety is paramount and so we will not use any seat that does not have another directly in front of it unless a seat belt is fitted. The tour manager will continue to implement the system of seat rotation; however this may exclude certain seats where seatbelts are not fitted.

Wi-Fi on board coaches (where specified) is only suitable for light internet browsing, may have a restriction on the total number of users at one time, and availability may vary as connections rely on the local signal strength of mobile networks. The service may also not be fitted to transfer coaches or those used for local services.

## Flights

**Direct flights** - Where the term 'direct flight' is applied, this refers to a flight involving no change of aircraft; however the aircraft may make stops en route. Where a flight is indirect this will be advised to you, although airlines can still make late changes to their schedules from time to time.

**Flights from an airport near you** - On a number of our holidays, where flight schedules allow, we offer the option to fly internationally from your local airport (subject to availability). When taking this option, your flight may not arrive at the same time as the main group, in which case it will be necessary for us to arrange a private transfer from the airport to your first hotel (and from your last hotel to the airport).

**Making your own flight arrangements** - Please note that if you make your own international flight arrangements and join one of our tours in the destination, our VIP door-to-door travel service does not apply.

**Onboard meals** - On short haul flights, airlines offer minimal or no complimentary snacks or refreshments and special meal requests are rarely available.

**Seating** - Although every effort is made to secure seating on the aircraft to satisfy requests, we cannot guarantee that your choice of seats will be available or that seats together can always be obtained. Requests for extra legroom on aircraft are so frequently requested that it is unlikely to be available.

## Meals

Where meals are included in a holiday, there may be a set or table d'hote menu and as part of a group booking included meals are generally eaten together at a designated time. When a choice of menu is offered, it's possible that you'll have to make your meal selection in advance.

When requesting vegetarian meals or special dietary requirements, the choice can be limited. The standard of breakfast in various countries will differ to the UK. An additional charge may be made for fruit juice or for hot dishes. Continental breakfast usually consists of tea/coffee, rolls and jam. A buffet breakfast usually consists of tea/coffee, a choice of breads, rolls or croissants, cereals, fruit, cheeses and cold meats.

## Pre-bookable excursions

For your convenience, our most popular optional excursions are available for you to pre-book and pay for prior to your departure. The operation of excursions can be subject to minimum numbers and favourable weather conditions. If your pre-booked excursion is cancelled for operational reasons you'll receive a full refund on your return home.

## Rail travel

Our holidays featuring rail travel aren't suitable for wheelchair users, those with walking difficulties or significant health problems. Luggage handling at train stations is generally not included and porters and trolleys may not always be readily available. You should be aware that you're responsible for your own luggage and will be required to carry it to and from the station entrance to the trains. We therefore recommend wheeled suitcases. We can't guarantee that your choice of seat will be available or that seats together can always be obtained. Customers on overnight services should note that accommodation is compact; twin berths are usually bunk beds.

## Tour managers

Where we state 'Local Tour Manager' this means that your tour manager lives or works in the region and will therefore meet you on arrival. We may use tour managers in this way in destinations where specialist local knowledge can really enhance your experience. We may substitute a UK-based tour manager for a local tour manager, or vice versa, at any time.

## VIP door-to-door travel service

You'll be advised of your pick-up time in your final documents. On rare occasions we may have to amend these times and reserve the right to do so. However, we'll always endeavour to provide at least five days' notice. Saga reserves the right to select the mode of transport for your journey. Any motor vehicles could be shared with up to 5 other passengers. Only one suitcase and one standard piece of hand luggage per person will be allowed. Your suitcase should be no more than the following dimensions: Height 58cm (23"), Length 73cm (29"), Width 25cm (10").

Therefore, please ensure you notify us as soon as possible on 0800 300 600, if you wish to take more than one suitcase and a piece of hand luggage each, or any walking aid/collapsible wheelchair (and haven't already informed us). We reserve the right to decline carriage and must advise that, should separate or additional transport arrangements be necessary, then these will be at your own expense.

Your luggage will remain your responsibility, so please make sure you check with your driver that all your bags have been loaded and removed from the vehicle.

## Weather conditions/National and local holidays

Local weather conditions can impact our holidays in all countries. Likewise, local conditions or road closures may require us to take alternative routes. In both circumstances, this may result in us being unable to visit a region or sight normally included in the itinerary. During local and national holidays certain facilities and museums may not be available.

## Holiday duration

The duration of holidays is described in the number of nights and in all cases includes the day of departure from the UK and the day of arrival back in the UK.

## Overseas standards

It's important to recognise that in certain countries standards/customs may differ from those we're accustomed to. Restaurants and hotel services are often quite different, roads can be little more than bumpy tracks and poverty is ever-present. Energy conservation measures may mean that hotels are obliged to limit services such as air-conditioning, water and electricity. The legal and safety requirements of some countries are of a lower standard than the UK.

## Privacy and data

We want all our customers to enjoy completely successful holidays. However, anyone with a medical condition or disability or a dietary/religious requirement should be aware that information supplied to us will need to be passed to other companies and persons who supply the various parts of our travel arrangements. The suppliers may, depending upon your choice of holiday, be based outside the UK, where controls on data protection may not be as stringent. We will not however, pass this information to any party that is not responsible for your travel arrangements.

## Essential travel advice

Your safety and security is our first consideration. We act on any advice from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advising against travel to a certain country; however, we do recommend that you regularly check their travel advice before and after you make a booking. For the latest travel advice from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, please go to - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>. Although we take every precaution in looking after you on tour, your responsibility for your personal safety and welfare and the care of your possessions remains as it would be whilst at home. Extra care should be taken when walking around cities, especially at night, and we recommend you stay in well lit, populated areas. It is also wise to avoid carrying valuables or wearing expensive jewellery.

## Special requests

These should be advised at the time of booking. Although we endeavour to meet special requests, this is dependent upon our suppliers and we cannot guarantee your request. We cannot accept any booking that is conditional upon a special request being met.

## Saga Touring Price Promise

On rare occasions we may choose to subsequently reduce the price of your holiday to below what you have already paid (after any discounts have been applied). If you find your escorted group tour advertised with Saga Holidays for less than you paid for it, we'll credit the difference to you towards a new Saga escorted group tour booked within two years from the date of issue (please note we're unable to accept credits for deposit payments). The Saga Touring Price Promise applies as long as the discounted tour is the same package offered and the same departure date under the same terms of sale (which means the full terms that apply to your holiday contract). In calculating any possible saving due, we'll take into consideration all offers and discounts that were applied at the time of booking and compare the overall price that you've been charged with the current price.

# BOOKING CONDITIONS

All holiday bookings are with Saga Travel Group (UK) Limited (trading as Saga Holidays) and are subject to these booking conditions. Where included in our brochure, these booking conditions are correct at the time of going to print, but please see the booking conditions on our website for the latest version. The booking conditions, along with the documents they refer to form our agreement with you. It is important that you read the booking conditions as they not only define our obligations but also impose some important commitments upon you. If any part of the booking conditions is found by any court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity will not affect the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

## 1. Your holiday contract

When you make a booking, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept, and do accept on behalf of your party, the terms of these booking conditions. A contract will exist as soon as we issue our holiday confirmation. It is your responsibility to provide accurate details at the time of booking, including ensuring passenger details exactly match passport details. It is also your responsibility to check that the information on the holiday confirmation and ATOL Certificate (if relevant) issued to you is correct and includes details of everything you have booked (including flights, hotels and other services). If any of the passenger or holiday details on the holiday confirmation or ATOL Certificate (if relevant) are incorrect or incomplete, you must notify us immediately. We will pass on any additional charges we incur as a result of any details not being correct. We reserve the right to refuse to accept and/or not proceed with any booking at any time at our sole discretion. This contract is governed by English law and the jurisdiction of the English courts. You may however choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you live there and wish to do so. A complaint may be referred to arbitration - see section 15.

## 2. Age qualification

Saga holidays are for anyone aged 50 or over. A travelling companion or family member travelling with you may be aged 40 or over. Please note there may be non-Saga guests (including children) travelling at the same time as you and in the same residence during your holiday, for whose behaviour we cannot accept responsibility.

## 3. Your financial protection and peace of mind

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays.

**3.1** - For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence number 11746 issued by the CAA of Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 OYR, www.caa.co.uk, telephone 0333 103 6350, email claims@caa.co.uk. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where we aren't able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims

which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

**3.2** - When you buy a package holiday that doesn't include a flight or you receive an ATOL Certificate but all the parts of your trip are not listed on it, financial protection for your package holiday or the parts that are not ATOL protected is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA - The Travel Association of 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ, www.abta.com.

You agree to accept that in the event of our insolvency, ABTA may arrange for the services you have bought to continue, or for a suitable alternative to be provided at the same cost as your original booking. You also agree to accept that in circumstances where the travel service supplier provides the services you have bought, you agree to pay any outstanding sum under your contract with us to that alternative travel service provider. However, you also agree that in some cases the services will not be provided, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under ABTA's Scheme of Protection (or your payment card issuer where applicable) for a refund of the monies you have paid.

**3.3** - In addition to the above, monies paid to us for flight-based holidays requiring an ATOL Certificate are protected through the operation of a CAA approved trust account controlled and administered by an independent trustee. You agree that all monies you pay to us for the flight-based holiday (excluding any amounts paid to us in respect of travel insurance) will be paid into a separate and designated trust account and will be held there on trust for the trustees of the Air Travel Trust (or in some cases for) pursuant to a trust deed entered into between us, PT Trustees Limited and the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust. Money paid into that trust account may only be released in accordance with the terms of the trust deed. This means that for all flight-based holidays, in the event of our insolvency, funds will be available to ensure that you are not left stranded abroad or, in the event your holiday is in the future, you will be refunded any money you have paid in advance.

Please note that items not purchased through us will not be protected.

## 4. Your holiday price

**Price** - All holidays advertised on our website and in our brochures are subject to availability and the advertised prices may have changed by the time you book your holiday. We will notify you of the current price prior to any booking. We reserve the right to alter the price of any holiday, introduce supplements or correct pricing errors at any time.

After you've made a booking, we can only change your holiday price in certain circumstances. Changes in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from changes to the cost of fuel or other power sources, the level of taxes or fees imposed by third parties including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports or exchange rates, mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. In any event, we guarantee that there will be no change to the price within 20 days of your departure (unless you amend your booking). We will also absorb, and you will not be charged for, any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes any amendment charges. You may be charged for the amount over and above that. If this results in an increase equivalent to more than 8% of the price of your travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value) or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel you must do so within the time period shown on your final invoice.

Should the price of your holiday go down due to the cost changes mentioned above, then any refund due will be paid to you. We will deduct from this refund our administrative expenses incurred. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

We reserve the right not to be legally bound in the case of incorrect pricing and acknowledgement of such an error does not mean acceptance of it.

**Local taxes** - Please note that local taxes are not included within the holiday package price and where necessary these will need to be paid locally by you. We will, wherever possible, advise you at the time of booking if these apply, but please bear in mind that local taxes may be imposed after you have made your booking. If you choose not to proceed this will be treated as a cancellation by you (see section 10).

**Optional ad hoc services** - We provide you with the option to specifically request extras which are in addition to or adaptations of our standard packages. Prices for optional ad hoc services such as extensions, extra accommodation, upgrades, additional flights that are not part of a standard Saga allocation and domestic flights ('ad hoc' services) can vary depending on when you book. Please note that adding an ad hoc service may result in additional non-refundable charges to our standard packages due to changes in flight dates, changes to our standard allocated accommodation periods and additional costs passed to us from third party suppliers. They may also result in an additional or higher non-refundable deposit being payable. You will be notified of the total price of your holiday prior to booking, along with any additional or higher non-refundable deposit amount payable.

Please note that where a flight upgrade has been booked and there is a change of airline prior to your departure date it may not be possible to offer an equivalent upgrade or there may be an additional cost payable (we will refund you the difference if the upgrade with the new airline is of a lower value). In this situation, we will offer you the opportunity to revert to economy class and refund you the cost of the upgrade, pay any additional costs for the equivalent upgrade or cancel with a full refund of all monies paid. Compensation will not be payable.

**Optional Travel Insurance:** Please note that if you choose to take our optional travel insurance, the cost of this will be set out in your holiday confirmation and is separate from the cost of the holiday package. The insurance premium must be paid at the same time as you pay the balance of your holiday package cost.

## 5. Seamless travel from door to tour.

**VIP door-to-door travel service** - The majority of our VIP door-to-door transfers are not exclusive to one booking. Journeys may be undertaken via additional addresses and may involve a change of vehicle. For journeys of less than 100 miles, we may deviate from your direct route by up to 30 minutes. For journeys over 100 miles, we may deviate from your direct route by up to 60 minutes. VIP door-to-door transfers are available within mainland UK. This will either be a road transfer from your home to a London airport, or a road transfer to a regional airport for a connecting flight, as determined by us and to be advised at time of booking. Connecting flights are subject to schedules and availability. In the Scottish islands and Sark where vehicle access is restricted we invite guests to nominate a mainland address for their pick up. At busy times of the year, we supplement this service with carefully selected, private chauffeur driven vehicles which offer the same standard transfers.

**International flights from regional airports:** If you choose to fly internationally from a regional airport, flights are subject to schedules and availability. Applicable supplements will be quoted once flight schedules become available, which may be after your initial booking date. Additional or higher non-refundable deposits may be payable for flights with low-cost airlines. Due to differing flight schedules, we may arrange a separate or private transfer from the airport to your first hotel (and from your last hotel to the airport).

## 6. Group sizes

Your holiday will be cancelled if the minimum number of customers is not reached. For Small Group Tours & Ocean Cruises the minimum number of customers is 10 and for Standard Tours and River Cruises the minimum number of customers is 20. If the minimum number is not reached, we will inform you or, if applicable, your travel agent in advance of your balance due date and you will have the option to move to an alternative date or holiday (additional costs may apply) or receive a full refund of all monies paid. See section 12 for information relating to cancellation for any other reason.

## 7. Paying for your holiday

Unless specified otherwise, when you make your booking, you must pay a deposit amount per person of £250 for short haul holidays and £395 for long haul. Please note some holidays and flights with low-cost airlines may require an additional or higher non-refundable deposit. You'll be advised of any additional or higher non-refundable deposits at the time of booking.

The balance of the price of your travel arrangements must be paid at least 75 days before your departure date, or as advised at the time of booking and stated in the holiday confirmation. Unless you're otherwise advised, bookings made after the balance due date (as set out above) must be paid in full at the time of booking and we cannot confirm your booking until full payment is received. If the deposit and/or balance is not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid in time, we'll retain your deposit to cover costs incurred.

**Low deposit offers** - Occasionally, we may promote low deposit offers for a specified time period. Please note some holidays may require an additional or higher non-refundable deposit. You'll be advised of these exceptions at the time of the booking.

**Refunds** - If you are entitled to any refund(s) relating to your booking, this will be paid to the lead passenger who made the booking, usually by the same payment method that was used to pay us. In the case of card payment, refund(s) will be made to the appropriate card account(s). Any fees incurred when making a payment will not be refunded unless we cause the cancellation. No refund is available after your departure date if you attend part of the holiday only, or vary or extend the holiday arrangements.

## 8. If you change your booking

If, after our holiday confirmation has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example, your chosen departure date or accommodation, we will do our utmost to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the **person who made the booking** or, if applicable, your travel agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge of £25 per person, and any further cost we may incur in making this alteration. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should therefore contact us as soon as possible. Note: Certain travel arrangements (for example, flights with low-cost airlines) may not be changeable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

## 9. Transferring your booking

You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to this booking, by giving us notice in writing at least 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

## 10. If you cancel your holiday

You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements at any time. Notification must be from the **person who made the booking** or, if applicable, your travel agent and the cancellation will only be effective from the date it is received by us. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay cancellation charges as per the table at the end of these booking conditions, or as advised by your sales consultant (see also the exception below). Please note that any additional or higher non-refundable deposits paid will be included in the cancellation charges set out in the table at the end of these booking conditions or advised by your sales consultant. Should cancellation occur before your balance due date, the cancellation charge will, therefore, be loss of deposit plus any additional and/or higher non-refundable deposit paid. You can cancel your booking without paying cancellation charges if the performance of your package, or the carriage of passengers to your destination, is significantly affected by Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances. **Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances** means a situation that is, in our opinion, beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include, but are not limited to, war, threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, Government action or

restraint, industrial disputes, natural or nuclear disasters, fire, low or high water levels, adverse weather conditions including hurricanes, pandemics, epidemics, health risks, unavoidable technical problems with transport, damage and accidents from machinery or engines and closed or congested airports. In such circumstances, we will arrange for your booking to be terminated and for you to receive a full refund. We will observe advice provided by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

### Please note:

- Customers who have purchased the optional travel insurance benefit from additional cancellation rights under these booking conditions (see 'Additional cancellation rights' under section 14).*
- For customers who have not purchased the optional travel insurance, if the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your own insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.*
- If one person sharing a twin/double or triple room or cabin should cancel, the remaining participants would then be required to pay the relevant single supplement or forfeit the triple reduction.*

## 11. If we change your booking

We plan the holiday arrangements many months in advance and, although unlikely, we may need to make changes. It is a term of your booking that we are able to make changes to any aspect of your booking. If the change is insignificant, we will ensure that you are notified about it.

Examples of **insignificant changes** include, but are not limited to, changes to airline carriers; changes to aircraft type; alterations of your onward/return flights which do not result in a change to date of departure; change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard; flights becoming indirect; closure of hotel facilities for improvement; building works; changes to advertised amenities; changes to itineraries; changes to included and optional excursions and entertainment. Please note we will not pay compensation or offer alternative options if we make an insignificant change.

If, before departure, we have to significantly alter any of the main characteristics of the travel services that make up your holiday package, you will have the rights set out below.

**11.1** - We will contact you and you will have the choice of accepting the change or having a refund of all monies paid. You can also accept an alternative holiday of a comparable standard, if available. If the alternative holiday is of a lower value, we will refund any price difference.

We will tell you the procedure for making your choice. Please read any notification of changes carefully and respond promptly as if you do not respond to us within the timescale given your booking may be cancelled.

**11.2** - If you choose to accept a refund:

- we will pay compensation as per the table at the end of these booking conditions except where the significant change is due to Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances. This standard payment will not affect your statutory or other legal rights;*
- we will provide a full refund of your travel insurance premiums if you paid them to us.*

Examples of **significant changes** include, but are not limited to, a significant change of resort or holiday duration, where your stay is for 3 nights or more; a change of accommodation to that of a lower rating category for 3 nights or more; a change in departure date; a change of departure airport (except between London airports, between Birmingham and East Midlands airports, between Sheffield, Doncaster, Manchester and Leeds Bradford airports, or between Liverpool and Manchester or between airports in Scotland) or your cruise being cancelled by the cruise company or shipping line.

Please note that we do not accept any responsibility or liability for any consequential loss or expenses you may incur from arrangements you have made with any other party or parties.

## 12. If we cancel your holiday

We reserve the right to cancel your booking. We will not cancel after the balance due date, except for **Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances** or a failure by you to pay the final balance. If your holiday is cancelled (for reasons other than a failure by you to pay the final balance) you can either have a full refund of all monies paid or, where available, accept an offer of alternative comparable travel arrangements. We will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value. In the event a refund is paid to you, we will:

- provide a full refund of your travel insurance premiums if you paid them to us; and
- pay compensation as per the table at the end of these booking conditions except where the cancellation is due to Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances. This standard payment will not affect your statutory or other legal rights.

Please note that we do not accept any responsibility or liability for any consequential loss or expenses you may incur from arrangements you have made with any other party or parties.

## 13. Insurance

It is a condition of your booking that you're adequately insured for your trip. If you did not purchase the optional travel insurance and additional cancellation rights, or if we're unable to offer the optional cover, we strongly advise that you arrange adequate insurance cover as soon as possible. You must be adequately insured for all your needs to cover all contingencies such as cancellations, medical expenses, repatriation, and baggage cover. We reserve the right to request a copy of your insurance. While on holiday, should you choose to take part in any activity which can be deemed as being of a hazardous nature (for example, hang gliding, hot air ballooning, white-water rafting, etc.), it is essential to ensure that cover is provided under the terms of your travel insurance. If you are in doubt, you should contact your insurer. The organisers of some adventure activities that you may choose to take part in whilst on holiday may request that you sign a waiver of their liability for risks involved. We must draw your attention to the fact that by signing such a document you may well lose any rights to claim for damages in respect of death, injury, or loss of or damage to property even if negligence on the part of the activity organiser is proven to have occurred.

**Bookings made 18 months or more before departure:** This section only applies to holidays offered with the optional travel insurance and additional cancellation rights. The optional travel insurance and additional cancellation rights in section 14 cannot be offered with holidays booked more than 18 months before departure. Customers who wish to include the optional travel insurance and additional cancellation rights will have their booking held until 18 months before the departure date. Should you need to cancel prior to your booking being confirmed, a full refund will be available. Once within 18 months of departure, the optional travel insurance and additional cancellation rights can be added and the holiday confirmed. This is subject to the normal insurance policy conditions and these booking conditions.

The optional travel insurance will only provide cover for any claims caused by or relating to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), or any mutation thereof, under the 'Emergency medical associated expenses' section of your policy book. This section provides insurance for emergency medical and associated costs not covered by the National Health Service or any reciprocal health agreement.

## 14. Additional cancellation rights

Where you have chosen to include the optional travel insurance, Saga will provide you with the following rights (subject to the provisions set out in this section 14):

For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

**Business Associate** – Someone who works at your place of business and who, if you were both away from work at the same time, would prevent the business from running properly.

**Close Relative** – Your marital/ common law partner (defined as living together at the same address and including same sex relationships), parent, parent-in-law, child, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or fiancé(e).

**Home** – The address where you live permanently in the UK.

**You/Your** – The person(s) named on the booking invoice/holiday confirmation issued by Saga.

Summary of rights: We will refund all the money you have paid to us, less your deposit; subject to the provisions set out in section 7, paid for European and Worldwide holidays, river cruises and non-saga ocean cruises if the cancellation is due to:

- (a) *unexpected serious illness which prevents you from travelling, or death of you or a member of your party*
- (b) *death or disablement (by accidental bodily injury or sickness) of your Close Relative or Business Associate, or of any person with whom you had arranged temporarily to reside during your holiday.*
- (c) *jury service, attendance solely as a witness at a court of law or redundancy (provided your employment has been on a continuous full-time basis with the same employer for at least 24 months).*
- (d) *accidental damage to your home through fire, storm or flooding within 14 days of the planned departure date, rendering it uninhabitable.*

We will deduct the cost of any UK connecting or domestic flights and any cancellation charges from the suppliers of any ad-hoc service from any money refunded to you. You must send us a valid medical certificate for (a) or (b) above or the relevant official documentation for (c) or (d) as soon as is practicable, otherwise we will be unable to refund you.

All travel documents must be returned to Saga. If you cancel for other reasons, you must still notify Saga in writing and you will be subject to any relevant cancellation charges as set out in section 10 and the table at the end of these booking conditions.

We will not be liable for cancellations when, at the time of booking the holiday, the person whose condition gives rise to the cancellation:

- (i) *had an illness in the past 12 months that has required treatment from a doctor, unless the condition was disclosed to and accepted by us;*
- (ii) *is travelling against the advice of a medical practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment abroad;*
- (iii) *is receiving, on a waiting list for, or has knowledge of the need for in-patient treatment for any condition unless the medical condition for which you are on a waiting list for inpatient treatment has been disclosed to us and accepted by us. Should you cancel as a direct result of you undergoing the inpatient treatment for which you are on a waiting list additional cancellation rights will not be provided;*
- (iv) *has been given a terminal prognosis by a medical practitioner.*

We will not cover any medical condition of a Close Relative or Business Associate whose health may affect your decision to travel if you were aware of it prior to booking your holiday. We will not be liable for cancellations arising directly or indirectly from:

- (i) *acts of terrorism in countries to which the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has advised against travelling;*
- (ii) *an accident or breakdown of the vehicle in which you are travelling for which a professional repairer's report is not provided;*
- (iii) *breakdown of any vehicle in which you are travelling if the vehicle is owned by you and has not been serviced properly or maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;*
- (iv) *withdrawal from service (temporary or otherwise) of an aircraft or sea vessel on the recommendation of the Civil Aviation Authority or a Port Authority, or any similar body in any country;*
- (v) *redundancy caused by, or resulting from, misconduct leading to dismissal, from resignation or voluntary redundancy, or where a warning or notification of redundancy was given prior to the date the optional insurance was purchased by you;*
- (vi) *suicide or attempted suicide, intentional self-injury, the effect of intoxicating liquors or drugs or flying other than as a passenger in a fully licensed passenger carrying aircraft. This exclusion applies not only to the insured persons but also to Close Relatives or other persons whose health may affect your decision to travel or cut short your trip;*
- (vii) *any circumstance arising after the date of booking, but prior to the date of issue of the optional insurance policy purchased by you.*

## 15. ABTA

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number Y174X. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we can't resolve your complaint, go to [www.abta.com](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 on [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com).

## 16. If you have a complaint

We are proud of our high reputation for customer satisfaction and strive to reach amicable settlement of the small number of complaints we receive. If you have a complaint about any of the services included in your holiday, you must inform our representative or locally appointed agent / hotel director or you can contact us via our duty office at [dutyofficer@sagatravelgroup.com](mailto:dutyofficer@sagatravelgroup.com) or by calling 01293 363214 as soon as possible to give us the best opportunity to put things right in resort. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow this up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Service Department at Saga Travel Group (UK) Ltd, PO Box 249, Seaham DO, SR7 1BG.

Alternatively, e-mail us at:

[customerservices@sagatravelgroup.com](mailto:customerservices@sagatravelgroup.com), giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. This will assist us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you.

If you fail to follow the requirement to report your complaint in resort, we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify it and this may affect your rights under this booking. Please also see section 15 above on ABTA.

## 17. Additional assistance

If you're in difficulty whilst on holiday and ask us to help we will provide appropriate assistance, in particular by providing information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance; and helping you to find alternative arrangements and any necessary phone calls/emails. You must pay any costs we incur, if the difficulty is your fault.

## 18. Our liability to you

We are responsible for the proper performance of all travel services included in this package. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. If any of the travel services included in your package are not performed in accordance with the contract, or are improperly performed, by us or the travel service suppliers, and this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements, 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: you or any member of your party; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the package and is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances. Except in cases involving death, injury or illness, our liability and the liability of any company within our group of companies (including our or their employees, agents and subcontractors) shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability 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 this 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 the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions.*

Copies of the travel service contractual terms or the international conventions shall be provided on request. Under passenger rights law, 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 publicised at relevant

airports and are available from airlines. If you are unhappy with your airline's response you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority (Telephone 020 7453 6888 or visit [www.caa.co.uk/passengers](http://www.caa.co.uk/passengers)) or the airline's approved Alternative Dispute Resolution body (visit [www.caa.co.uk/passengers](http://www.caa.co.uk/passengers) for details). Please note that 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.

You agree to assign to us any rights that you may have against a third party or person which have caused or contributed to our legal liability to you or which result in us incurring costs on your behalf. You agree that you will provide us and/or our insurers, with all reasonable assistance to pursue a claim against any third party or person.

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 doesn't 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. Note: this entire section 18 does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter into whilst on holiday (for example, for excursions, entertainment, amenities, activities (including Holiday Experience activities) other tours, meals and other purchases).

## 19. Your responsibilities

**19.1** Your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements.

**19.2** You are responsible for the behaviour of yourself and your party. We reserve the right to refuse or cancel your booking or to remove you or a member of your party from any tour or holiday if, in our view, your demeanour or behaviour, or that of a member of your party, is disruptive, dangerous, antisocial or annoying to other people. In such an event, no compensation or refund will be payable and you will be liable to pay any additional expenses reasonably incurred in arranging the curtailment.

**19.3** You are responsible for the carriage and care of your luggage throughout your holiday except for such times as it may be in the hands of an airline; where in such circumstances the airline's specific terms and conditions relating to the carriage of baggage will apply. Please ensure that your luggage is loaded on to all transport and be careful to take the correct luggage with you when you leave any mode of transport.

**19.4** You must comply with the terms and conditions of the third party suppliers of any travel services that form part of the package. Failure by you to observe such terms and conditions which are incorporated into this contract and available upon request may affect any compensation or liability we may have towards you.

## 20. Mobility and assistance

The cruise ships we use have a limited number of cabins adapted for use by those with restricted mobility and there is therefore a limit as to the number of disabled passengers or passengers with reduced mobility that they can carry. We reserve the right to refuse the carriage of any person if carrying such a passenger would breach any applicable safety requirement or law. We also reserve the right to refuse carriage if the design of the vessel and/or the port infrastructure and equipment would make carriage unsafe or not operationally feasible.

We reserve the right to require that a disabled passenger or a person of reduced mobility is accompanied by another fare paying person capable of providing assistance to ensure compliance with any applicable safety requirement or law or if the design of the vessel and/or the port infrastructure and equipment means that a disabled passenger or person of reduced mobility cannot be carried in a safe or operationally feasible manner without the assistance of another person. Please note that personal daily care

cannot be provided by any member of the ship's staff. Please advise us at the time of booking if you or any member of your party has reduced mobility, requires a specially adapted cabin or would require assistance in an emergency, or as soon as possible before departure should there be a change in circumstances. This is essential for travel by sea or inland waterways, as a risk assessment may need to be carried out prior to your departure. If you do not inform us of such a condition, we will not be liable if an airline or cruise line refuses to accept you or any member of your party as a passenger. In the same respect, for land-based holidays we need to be made aware of any special requirements that may affect your holiday as our representatives will only be able to provide support in an emergency.

Under passenger rights law, if you are disabled or have difficulty moving around, you can receive assistance when you fly. This free service is available to anyone with mobility problems, for example, because of your disability, age or a temporary injury. To take full advantage of the service you need to book at least 48 hours in advance of your flight. Please contact us as soon as possible prior to your departure. You can also visit our website at [saga.co.uk](http://saga.co.uk).

## 21. Holiday Information

**Delays:** If you are delayed at point of departure, we will do our best to arrange meals plus accommodation on overnight delays.

**Optional Activities:** Any optional activities (for example, excursions, entertainment, activities, amenities, other tours,) meals or other purchases ('Optional Extras') that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of your package holiday provided by us. For all Optional Extras, your contract will be with the operator/supplier of the relevant Optional Extra and not with us. We are not responsible for the provision of the Optional Extras or for anything that happens during the course of their provision by the operator/supplier. We cannot guarantee that the Optional Extras will be available during your holiday and they will only operate if a sufficient number of people wish to take part. Optional Extras are sold subject to the laws and the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the country or state where purchased. We have included them in brochures and on the website to illustrate your choice, not as a recommendation to take part. Our managers and local representatives are instructed not to act as agents in booking any alternative activities other than those approved by us. Any assistance they may offer at your request does not imply that they have acted as an agent or that these activities have been approved and offered for sale by us. If you intend to take part in any Optional Extras, please check your insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for anything that may be considered hazardous. If you are in any doubt, you should contact your insurer.

**Flight seats:** Actual seat numbers on flights booked by us cannot be guaranteed as there may be changes for airline operational, safety or security reasons. However, the airline will, where possible, re-accommodate your seats together and match your seating preferences. Where this is not possible, we will refund any applicable seating charges paid to us for the flights affected.

**Health formalities:** We will advise you with your holiday confirmation or, if later, upon becoming aware of any vaccinations that are required as a condition of entry to the country(ies) that you are visiting.

We recommend that you consult your doctor at least 12 weeks before departure, and they will advise you about any other vaccination or medical requirements. You may wish to refer to government health advice for your destination at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>.

### Food allergies or specific dietary requirements:

If you've got any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, it is important that you advise us at the time of booking. It is also essential that you make the maître d' aware (where relevant) of your allergies or dietary requirements after arriving and ask for information about ingredients before eating. Guests are also reminded that any required medications should be kept with them at all times.

**EU Banned Carriers List:** In accordance with Regulation (EC) no. 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a 'Community List' which contains details of air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the EU Community.

The Community list is available for inspection at: [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index_en.htm)

**Travel advice:** The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office provides up-to-date advice and safety information for British nationals travelling abroad. We recommend you regularly check this information by visiting <http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>.

## 22. Medical Information

You are responsible for ensuring that you declare any existing medical conditions, disabilities or mobility restrictions affecting you or a member of your party which may require assistance before you book your holiday or, if newly diagnosed after booking, immediately after diagnosis and no later than 48 hours before departure. We reserve the right at any time to ask customers to produce medical evidence of their fitness to travel (including submission of a medical certificate certifying suitability of the holiday).

If there is a change in your medical condition (or that of a member of your party) or you (or a member of your party) develop a new medical condition, please call us as soon as possible. This is essential for all bookings to see if the holiday is still suitable for you and, if you have taken the optional travel insurance, to see if we can continue to offer it. The insurance company will not accept a claim as valid if you do not do this. In addition, there are other instances where cover is not available under the Medical Expenses or Curtailment sections of our Saga Travel Insurance Policy Booklet. These include where the person(s) making the claim:

- (i) does not follow the advice of a medical practitioner
- (ii) is travelling to get medical treatment abroad
- (iii) has been given a terminal prognosis by a medical practitioner.

The Policy Booklet contains full details of the medical cover provided along with terms and exclusions. We recommend you read it carefully.

For travel by sea or inland waterways, a risk assessment may need to be carried out to confirm if your carriage is possible prior to your departure. If you do not inform us of such matters as set out above, we will not be liable if a transport provider refuses to accept you or any member of your party as a passenger.

For cruises, women who are up to 24 weeks pregnant by the end of the holiday are required to provide a medical certificate of fitness to travel. We cannot carry passengers who will be 24 weeks or more pregnant at the end of the holiday. We reserve the right to request a medical certificate at any stage of pregnancy and to refuse travel if we and/or the Master of the ship are not satisfied that you will be safe during your holiday. The doctors aboard the ships (if any) may not be qualified to deliver babies on board, or to offer pre or postnatal treatment, and no responsibility is accepted by us in respect of the ability to provide such services or equipment.

For air travel, you are subject to the terms and conditions of your airline, which will have its own policies. Please let us know if you or any member of your party are pregnant or become pregnant prior to departure.

## 23. Data Protection

Any personal data that you provide will be held securely and for the purpose you have provided it, in accordance with data protection legislation. We may need to disclose personal data to a third party including countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) for the purpose of providing your holiday. In addition, your data may be disclosed to regulatory bodies or public authorities such as customs or immigration for the purposes of monitoring and/or enforcing compliance with any regulatory rules/codes; and it may be used for marketing, offering renewals, research and statistical purposes and crime prevention. Where you provide information about

another person, we accept it on the basis that you have their permission to give us access to their personal data (including special category personal data) and that you have told them who we are and what we will use their data for, as set out above.

Where Saga has obtained your permission to do so, they will also contact you by post, telephone, email or other means to tell you about offers, products and services that may be of interest to you. At any time, you can opt out of receiving such information, revise the products you would like to hear about or change the method they use to communicate with you. You can update these preferences by calling 0800 988 5811. For further information about how Saga uses your personal information, please visit [saga.co.uk/privacy-policy](http://saga.co.uk/privacy-policy) or contact the Saga Group Data Protection Officer by email: [data.protection@saga.co.uk](mailto:data.protection@saga.co.uk) or post: Saga Travel Group (UK) Ltd, PO Box 249, Seaham DO, SR7 1BG.

**Please note:** We are committed to the ongoing training of our staff and this may involve the recording of telephone conversations.

## 24. Advance Registrations

You are able to secure your place on your desired holiday before the general release date with a refundable deposit of £50 per person. As soon as we are able to finalise your holiday plans, we will contact you to provide all the necessary details and collect any additional deposit. A contract will exist as soon as we issue our holiday confirmation. Should you decide against travelling on this holiday prior to receiving our holiday confirmation or if we are unable to confirm your chosen holiday, your deposit is fully refundable.

## 25. Travel Agents

When you buy a flight-based holiday through a travel agent, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by them on behalf and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by them, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us. When you buy a holiday not including a flight, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by them on our behalf at all times.

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Period before departure within which notice of cancellation or significant change is received by us or notified to you.	Compensation if we make a significant change.	If we cancel your holiday amount you will receive from us.	If you cancel your holiday amount of cancellation charge.
75 days or more	£Nil	Deposit only	Deposit only
74 - 43 days	£15	100% of holiday price + £15	50% of holiday price
42 - 29 days	£30	100% of holiday price + £30	75% of holiday price
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