



# Let's explore together...

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

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

For 2026, we've thoughtfully reimagined our European Signature collection to make your holiday extraordinary. Signature tours include *extra* special Signature experiences, an average group size of just 22 guests, two local guides on most tours and a minimum of four-star accommodation.

From this year, we've also reduced the group size on our Classic tours to just 36 guests.

Each one of our holidays is meticulously crafted with you in mind, and all of us at Riviera are committed to ensuring your holiday is truly exceptional from start to finish. I very much hope you enjoy browsing through our brochure and that we can inspire you to join us very soon.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Phil Hullah
Phil Hullah
Chief Executive Officer



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# The Riviera difference

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

# Unrivalled holidays, created by our Masters of Travel

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

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

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

## We'll look after you like family

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

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

## Luxury travel, without the price tag

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

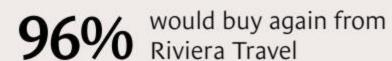
We believe that luxury travel shouldn't cost the earth and we offer the best value for money – we're so confident you won't find the same quality of experience for less elsewhere that if you do, we'll refund you the difference.

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

# You make the choices, we do the hard work

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















# Holiday happiness. Guaranteed.

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

## Unbeatable pricing

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



#### **PRICE PROMISE**

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



#### **QUALITY PROMISE**

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

## **Book with confidence**



#### **HAPPINESS GUARANTEED**

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



#### YOUR MONEY IS SAFE AND SECURE

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



#### 24/7 ACCESS TO UK BASED TEAM

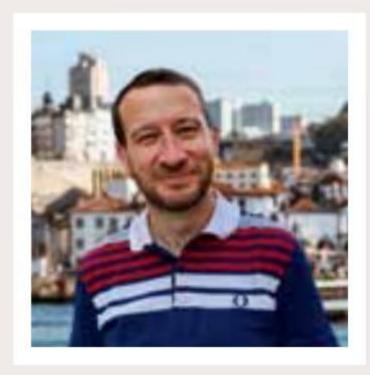
We're on hand before and during your holiday. If anything were to go awry during your travels, you can call our emergency number at any point.





# Extraordinary adventures are our speciality

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



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





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

Joanne Head of Product – Short Haul



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

Frank
Tour Manager

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

Excellent tour. Brilliant sites. Very knowledgeable and entertaining Tour Manager and great local guides... This is our third tour with Riviera Travel and we will use them again!

A lovely, well planned holiday, everything went very smoothly. We cannot speak too highly of our guide, Fiona, who was really fantastic, she was attentive, caring and made everything go smoothly.

Pauline

Malta Uncovered November 2024

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Excellent taster trip to Portugal. Covered major sights and experiences of Lisbon, Porto and a few other places. Hotels were all excellent – clean, comfortable, good locations and great breakfasts. Small group of only 22 people, so you got to know others quickly.

Mary
Lisbon, Porto & the Douro Valley June 2024
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# Explore with our experts

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

## **Experienced Tour Managers**

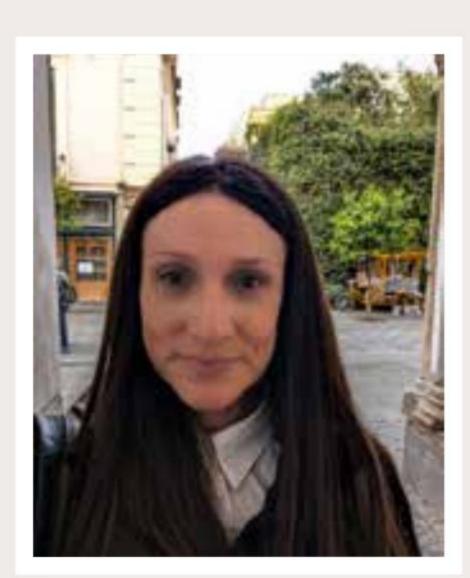
Every Riviera Travel holiday is accompanied by an experienced Tour Manager. They play several roles most adeptly; a group leader who works tirelessly to oversee every single detail and a destination expert able to offer revealing insights into local life. Knowledgeable, kind, well organised and resourceful – this is how our customers describe our Tour Managers. As well as a great sense of humour they all share a genuine interest in the places that we visit. Many have been with us for more than a decade, some even two. For them, being a Tour Manager is not just a job – it's a passion, and you'll learn far more from them than you would any guidebook.

## Informative local guides

Welcoming local guides join you on walking tours and guided tours. They are on hand to share their in-depth knowledge on art and architecture, history, local culture and so much more. Personal stories and anecdotes are sure to broaden your perspective and enrich your experience of the places our local guides call home.

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

Bernadette Tour Manager







# Flexibility and choice

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

## **Pre-holiday**

#### **INSURANCE AND AIRPORT EXTRAS**

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

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

#### **DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSFER**

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

#### **AIR AND RAIL UPGRADES**

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

#### **TOUR-ONLY OPTION**

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

#### **UPGRADE YOUR HOTEL ROOM**

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

## Let someone else carry the load

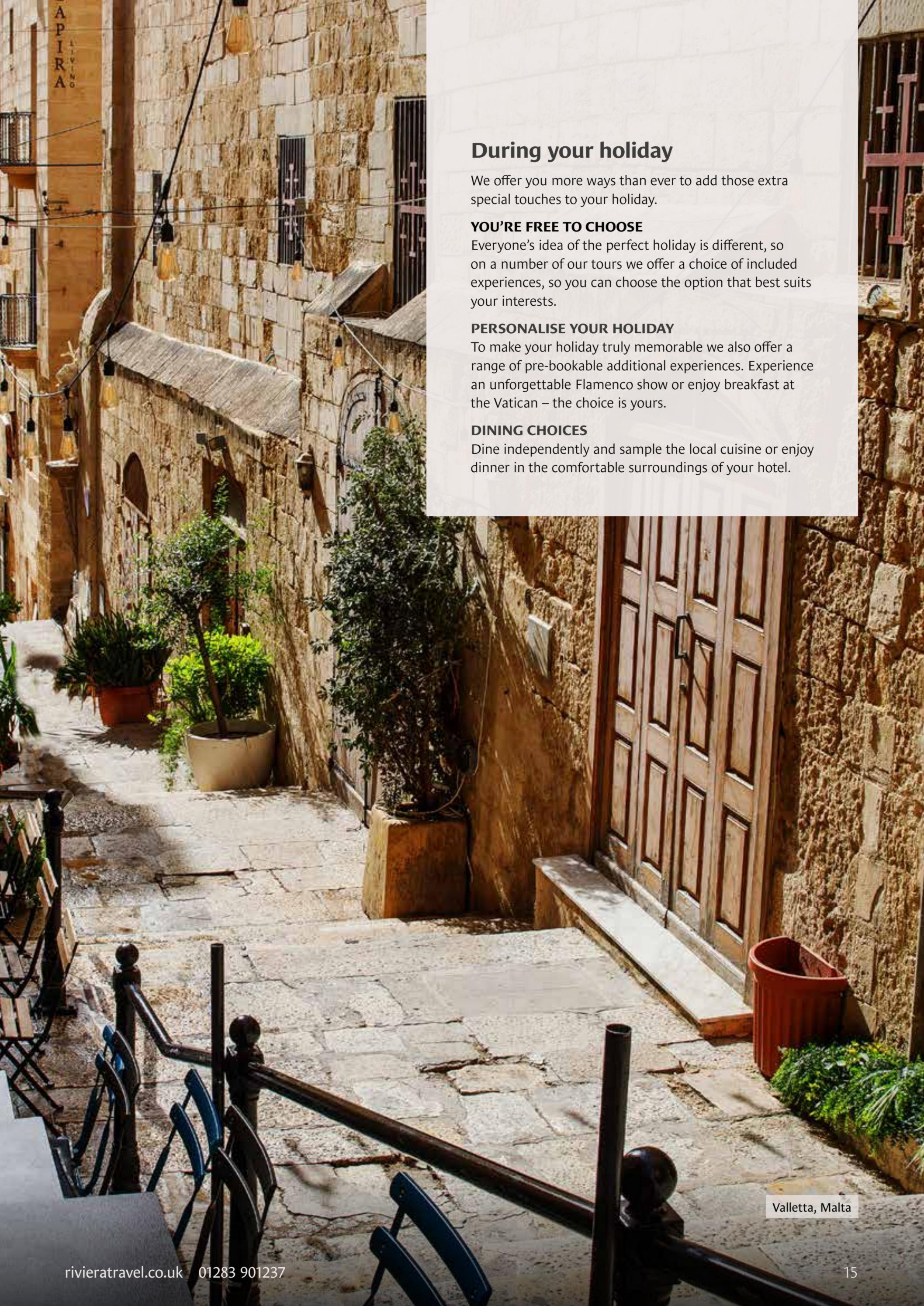
If you find carrying your own luggage a stressful way to start and end your holiday, then we can help on a selection of our European tours. **The Baggageman** will arrange a luggage collection and delivery service between your home and your hotel, on both your outbound and return journeys. This is a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

We have negotiated exclusive prices for Riviera guests from £185 return for one case or from £265 return for two cases. Early booking recommended. Further details can be found on their website thebaggageman.com or call 01844 264890

## Our friendly team of travel advisers

We will be happy to help you customise your holiday to your requirements – give our friendly team a call on **01283 901237** to discuss the options.







# Choose the right tour for you

We know there's no 'one size that fits all' when it comes to your ideal holiday. That's why we have different tour types for you to choose from.

## **Classic tours**

These are the 'classic' tours you know and love, with so much included in the price you pay, as shown on the next page. For 2025, we've reduced the group sizes down to a maximum of just 36 quests.

## Signature small group tours

To experience something extra special, choose a Signature tour. Enjoy everything that's included on our Classic tours, but with some exclusive additional elements. Experience a smaller group, with an average group size of just 22 guests, maximum 25, providing a much more intimate experience. There are additional bespoke Signature experiences included too, as well as two knowledgeable local guides on most excursions.

## **Solo holidays**

These are specifically for solo travellers who want to travel with other like-minded explorers on dedicated solo departures. Visit **rivieratravel.co.uk/solo** to view our full solo holiday collection.

# **Group holidays**

If you're a group of 10 or more, an organised club, a society or even just an adventurous set of friends, then booking as a group will be best! We have a dedicated team who really understand the intricacies of booking as a group to look after you from start to finish.

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

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

Find out more at rivieratravel.co.uk/group-bookings or call 01283 742322

## **Grand tours**

Do your holidays always end too soon? Then our new Grand tours, within our Signature collection, are just what you need! They're longer tours – up to 13 days – offering a richer and more immersive holiday where you'll discover even more of Europe.

## Walk & Discover tours

Our Walk & Discover holidays are a blend of the classic tours, thoughtfully balanced with stimulating walks accompanied by specialist guides. The overall group size is up to 36 guests and walking groups include approximately 18 guests.



We so enjoyed our well-organised and interesting tour with Riviera Travel to Lake Maggiore and surrounding areas! Matt, our Tour Manager, was very good, and always made sure that all the arrangements were done properly! Matt was very informative about all the different places that we visited, and made sure that the group stayed together and didn't get lost! His timing was excellent, and very particular! Thank you Matt and Riviera Travel!

Heather

Lake Maggiore, Orta & the Matterhorn October 2024

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# Unbeatable value which includes so much

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



### Return flights from your local airport at no extra cost

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



## **Travel in comfort**

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



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

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



#### **Local taxes**

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



## Breakfast each morning, plus other meals

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



#### **Experienced Riviera Tour Manager**

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



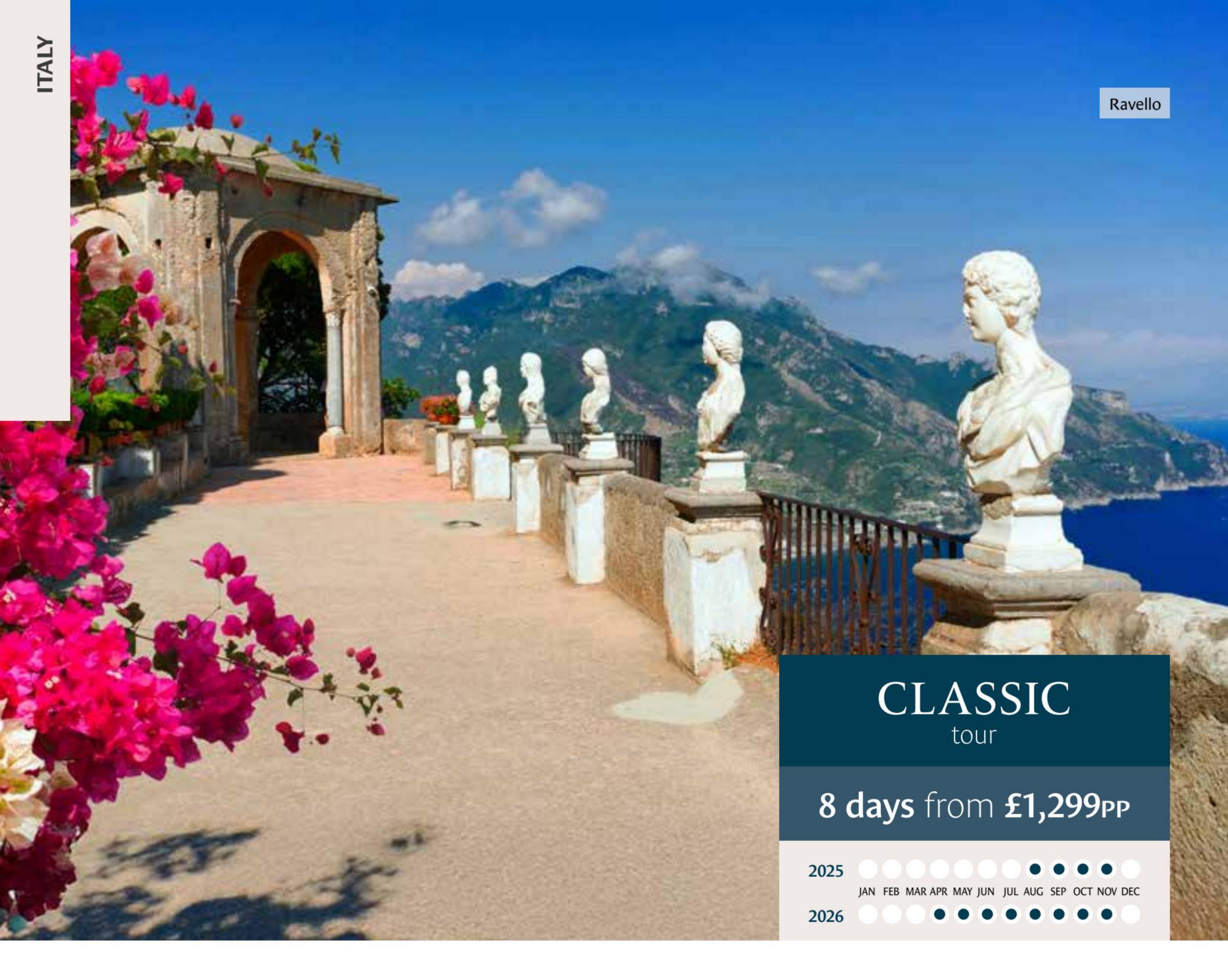
#### Insightful excursions and visits with local guides

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



## Free time to explore

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



# Pompeii, Capri & the Bay of Naples

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







## **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sorrento

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

#### DAY 2 – Walking Tour of Sorrento

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

Included Experience – Walking tour of Sorrento

#### DAY 3 – Pompeii

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

Included Experience - Guided tour of Pompeii

#### DAY 4 – Capri

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

**Included Experience** – Visit Capri

#### DAY 5 - Free day

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

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

Experience the sublimely beautiful Amalfi coast as we wind around spectacular pine-clad cliffs that tumble down into the turquoise Mediterranean. Our coastal

drive takes us above the exclusive resort of Positano, haunt of celebrities. We visit the stunning village of Ravello with its enchanting main square, 13th-century cathedral and the medieval Villa Rufolo. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 7 – Authentic farm lunch (plus Herculaneum for 2026 only)

Escape the hustle and bustle of Sorrento town and enjoy an immersive day exploring the surrounding countryside, taking in the views looking down towards the Mediterranean sea and the Bay of Naples, before experiencing an authentic farm lunch using delicious locally produced ingredients in a rustic, family-owned working farm. Learn how mozzarella is made using traditional techniques and enjoy a tasting of locally produced olive oil, plus of course the local limoncello.

(2026 only) In the morning we visit Herculaneum, where our local guide will bring the history to life. Although less well known than Pompeii, it too was buried when Vesuvius erupted in AD70, but the state of preservation of the buildings is generally far superior. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Enjoy a rustic farm lunch, plus (2026 only) visit to Herculaneum

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included. (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.\*

\*Stays at the Michelangelo are on a B&B basis only.

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

Visit our website for full holiday details and hotels.



**Upgrade** to a SIGNATURE small group tour

8 days from £2,039PP











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#### Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...

A smaller group size – average of 22

Extra special Signature experiences

#### **Lunch in local winery on the slopes** of Vesuvius

After a fascinating tour of Pompeii on day 3, enjoy a light lunch in a local winery with fresh local produce along with a selection of 3 local organic wines, on the slopes of Vesuvius.



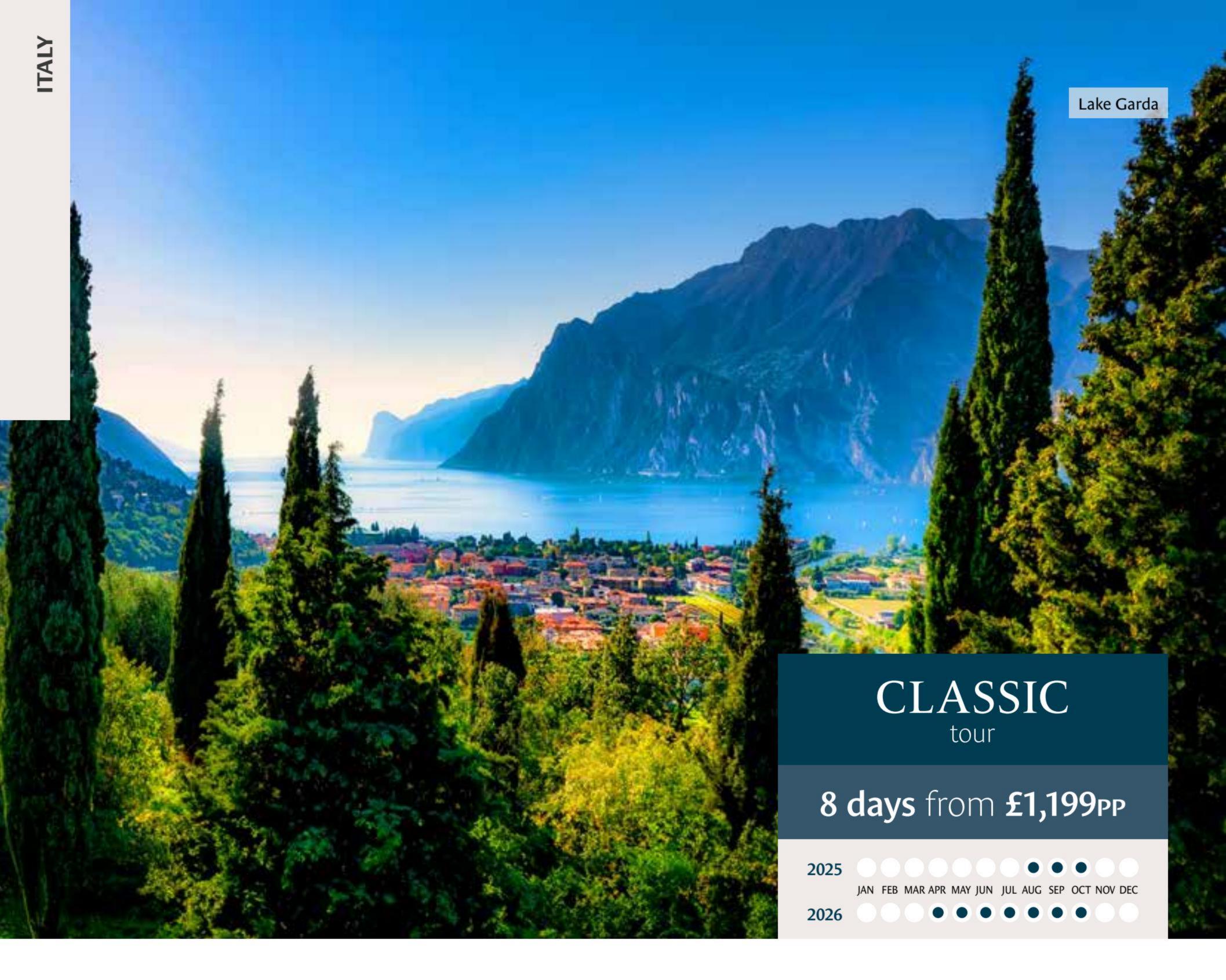
#### Listen to the enchanting sounds of Three Tenors in Sorrento

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

#### Private boat cruise around Capri

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





# Lake Garda, Venice & Verona

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





#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lake Garda

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

#### DAY 2 - Tour of Lake Garda

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

**Included Experience** – Tour of Lake Garda, both on land and by boat

#### **DAY 3 – The Dolomites**

After breakfast, we head north into the Dolomites, with its gorgeous pink and limegreen hues, where the houses resemble Swiss- or Austrian-style chalets, with window boxes bursting with flowers. We have plenty of stops to savour the scenery, as well as the opportunity to ascend on a cable car (subject to seasonal operation) to enjoy wonderful views. The splendour of this rugged landscape and its clean, crisp and invigorating mountain air really take your breath away. Its remoteness means it's home to a huge variety of rare wildlife. If you're lucky, you could see chamois, ibex, golden eagles and deer. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Tour the **Dolomites** 

#### DAY 4 – Free day

At the top of the lake, Riva del Garda is surrounded by pine-swathed peaks and the delightful Old Town is full of twisting streets, which you can explore today. (B,D)

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

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

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

#### DAY 6 – Free morning & vineyard visit

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

**Included Experience** – Tour and tasting at a local vineyard

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

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

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

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included. (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.\*

\*Stays at the Antico Borgo and Portici Hotels are on a B&B basis.

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



Juliet's balcony in Verona was added in the 20th century -Shakespeare never mentioned it in Romeo and Juliet!

Visit our website for full holiday details and hotels.





**8 days** from **£1,709**рР











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#### Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...



A smaller group size – average of 22



Extra special Signature experiences

#### **Traditional gondola canal cruise**

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



#### Wine tasting experience & lunch

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

#### **Aperitivo in Verona**

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



# Lake Como, St Moritz & the Bernina Express

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





#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival at Lake Como

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

#### DAY 2 – Lake Como & Bellagio

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

**Included Experiences** – Private boat trip and guided tour of Villa Balbianello and visit to Bellagio

#### **DAY 3 – The Bernina Express**

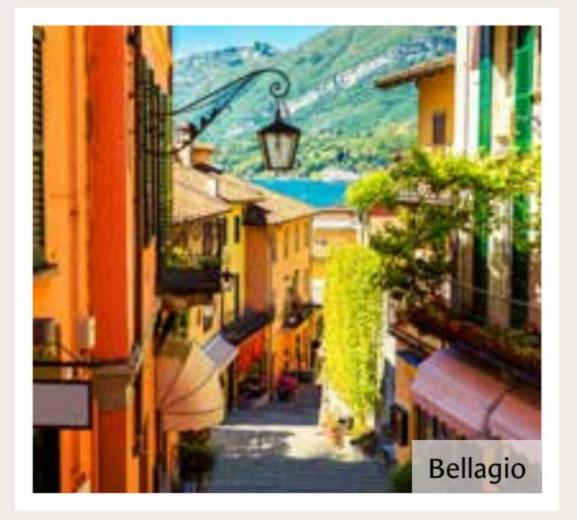
Spectacular scenery and extraordinary Swiss engineering blend on a full day tour. Firstly we ascend up the Valtellina, a classic alpine valley with soaring peaks rising steeply on both sides to Tirano, where we board the famous Bernina Express. One of the slowest 'express' trains in the world, it twists upwards in an amazing sequence of spirals, loops and tunnels to the summit at Ospizio Bernina, the highest through station in Europe. We descend through pretty pastures and dense pine forests to the chic resort of St Moritz, home of the infamous Cresta Run toboggan track. Here there is time for a spot of window shopping or perhaps a stroll around Lake St Moritz. We return via the Maloja Pass and yet more spectacular scenery to Lake Como. (B,D) **Included Experiences** – Enjoy a journey on the Bernina Express and visit St Moritz

#### DAY 4 – Lake Maggiore & Stresa

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

Included Experiences – Visit Stresa on Lake Maggiore and guided tour of Isola Bella





#### DAY 5 - Free day

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

#### DAY 6 – Lugano

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

Included Experience – Visit to Lugano

#### DAY 7 – Free day

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

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included. (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.\*

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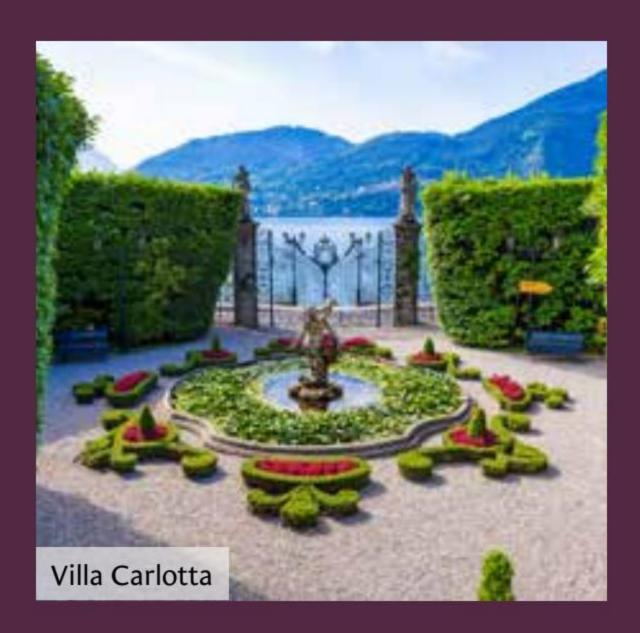
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#### **Bernina Express Upgrade**

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

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

On day 5, discover a true Italian treasure with an included visit to the 17th-century Villa Carlotta with its majestic views over the lake. From world-famous azaleas, heavenly camellias and exotic orchids, wander its magnificent gardens. Step back in time as you explore the villa's impressive interior with an included entrance to view its superb artworks, sculpture and antique furniture collected over three centuries.



### **Local aperitif at Villa Carlotta**

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

# Lake Maggiore, Orta & the Matterhorn

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





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## **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Stresa

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

# DAY 2 – Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

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

Included Experiences – Cruise to the Borromean islands and guided tour of Isola Bella

#### DAY 3 - Centovalli Railway

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

Included Experiences – Visit Cannobio and Locarno. Travel on the Centovalli Railway



The Centovalli Railway, linking Switzerland and Italy, crosses 83 bridges and 31 tunnels

#### DAY 4 - Lake Como

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

Included Experience – Visit Lake Como

#### DAY 5 - Free day

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

#### DAY 6 - Zermatt & the Matterhorn

We head into the high Alps on the Simplon Pass, an ancient traders' and smugglers' route. Marvel at lush wildflower meadows and dense forests crowned by snowy peaks. Nestling at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn, Zermatt chalets stretch along a valley floor of pastures alive with the sound of cowbells, while footpaths weave to lofty summits. For a closer view of the Matterhorn, take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat (chargeable locally). (B,D) Included Experience – Visit Zermatt and see the Matterhorn

#### DAY 7 - Lake Orta

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

Included Experiences – Visit Orta San Giulio and enjoy a boat trip to San Giulio island

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### Skybar on the lake

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



#### **Isola Madre Botanical Gardens**

On day 5, cruise to Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromean Islands and said to be the most authentic of the islands, with its verdant English-style garden. Wander the botanical gardens, home to an exotic mix of plants, birds and flowers, while taking in spectacular views of Lake Maggiore.



#### **Evening cruise on Lake Maggiore**

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



# Tuscany, Florence & Siena

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

### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Tuscany

Arrive in Tuscany and transfer to your hotel. (D)

# DAY 2 – San Gimignano & farmhouse lunch

We'll travel through Tuscany, arriving in San Gimignano, famed for its 14 medieval towers. You have time at leisure before visiting a family-owned farmhouse for lunch based on Tuscan recipes in a medieval village. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to San Gimignano and farmhouse lunch

#### **DAY 3 – Florence**

Our guided walking tour of Florence includes highlights such as the cathedral – or Duomo – and the Baptistry. This afternoon, skip the queues with a reserved visit to the Uffizi Gallery, which boasts artworks by Da Vinci

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and Titian, as well as Botticelli's masterpiece, Birth of Venus. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 4 – Lucca & Pisa

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

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Lucca and Pisa

#### DAY 5 - Free day

Enjoy a free day. (B,D)

#### DAY 6 - Siena

Today we have a guided tour of UNESCOlisted Siena, a jewel of Gothic and medieval architecture styles. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore further. (B,D)

Included Experience - Guided tour of Siena

#### DAY 7 - Volterra

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

Included Experience – Visit to Volterra

#### DAY 8 - Return home

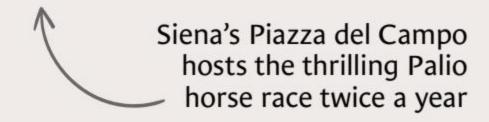
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# Florence & Tuscany

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

### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Florence

Arrive in Pisa and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Florence & Uffizi

Guided walking tour of incredible Florence and in the afternoon bypass the queues with a reserved visit to the Uffizi Gallery. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Florence and timed visit to the Uffizi

#### DAY 3 - Free day in Florence

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

#### DAY 4 - Lucca & Pisa

First we explore the delightful city of Lucca. We then drive to Pisa to the familiar sight of its Leaning Tower. This afternoon we head to our hotel in the Tuscan countryside. (B,D) **Included Experiences** – **Visits to Lucca** 

Included Experiences – Visits to Lucca and Pisa



# DAY 5 – Volterra, San Gimignano & farmhouse lunch

We'll also visit a family-owned farmhouse for lunch based on Tuscan recipes. We then continue to San Gimignano, one of Italy's most beautiful villages. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Volterra, San Gimignano and farmhouse lunch

#### DAY 6 - Siena

Today we enjoy a guided tour of Siena, a jewel of Italian architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish, before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Siena

#### DAY 7 – Free day

Enjoy a free day exploring further or taking a dip in the pool. (B,D)

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home (B)

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#### **Tuscan dinner**

On day 2, savour the flavours of some of Tuscany's most delicious dishes in a traditional restaurant.

#### **Boboli Gardens & Pitti Palace**

mesmerising views of Siena.

On day 3, immerse yourself in the rich history of the powerful Medici family. Stroll the historic gardens and explore the extraordinary palace.

Relax over a delicious local aperitivo
On day 6, sit back and relax over a delicious
local aperitivo whilst absorbing the most



# Puglia & Basilicata: Lecce, Alberobello & Matera

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







#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Lecce

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

#### DAY 2 - Lecce

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

#### DAY 3 - Gallipoli & local winery

Begin with a visit to Gallipoli, known as 'Città Bella' or 'beautiful city' thanks to its striking beauty, sandy beaches and historic centre. Wander through the quaint old town encased in defensive walls, with a robust 13th-century fortress on its eastern edge that's protected the lovely little town for centuries. Later, we stop at a local winery to learn about the importance and precision of winemaking in this region and, of course, enjoy tasting some local wines. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Gallipoli, winery tour and tasting

#### DAY 4 – Alberobello

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

Included Experiences – Tasting at olive oil mill and visit Alberobello

#### DAY 5 – Matera

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Matera

#### DAY 6 - Bari

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

Included Experience – Guided tour of Bari

#### DAY 7 - Free day

The entire day is at leisure to continue your discovery of magnificent Matera before an evening meal with your fellow explorers. (B,D)

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 6 dinners.

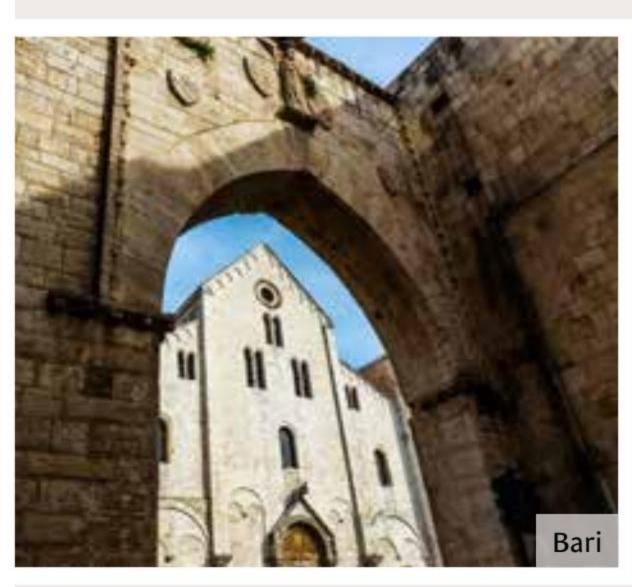
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# Puglia, Lecce & Vieste: Undiscovered Italy

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

## **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Lecce

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

#### DAY 2 - Tour of Lecce

Discover Lecce on a walking tour with a local guide. Later, enjoy free time to explore. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 3 - Alberobello

This morning we'll visit a family run olive oil mill for a tasting, and then in Alberobello, we discover how trulli were built. Later we continue to Matera to stay for two nights. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 4 - Matera

This morning we have a guided tour of Matera, then in the afternoon you can return to the hotel or explore Matera further. This evening, we savour regional dishes at a restaurant in the Old Town. (B,D)



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

#### DAY 5 – Bari

Witness the imposing medieval fortress and the Romanesque cathedral on a guided tour of Bari Old Town, and also the Basilica di san Nicola. Later, we call at a historic town before continuing on the Gargano peninsula coastal road to Vieste. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Bari

#### DAY 6 - Free day in Vieste

The coastal town of Vieste is an ideal place to unwind. (B,D)

#### DAY 7 – Peschici & Rustic light lunch

First we call at Peschici, a small fishing village before continuing to a rural agriturismo where we will enjoy a rustic lunch, as well as discover the art of handmaking pasta, before returning to Vieste. (B,L)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Peschici and hand-making pasta demonstration

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight.
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#### **Explore Lecce like a local**

On day 2, experience the real Lecce on a morning walking tour, sampling some local delicacies and visiting an authentic coffee shop.

#### **Traditional farmhouse lunch**

On day 3, visit a traditional Puglian farmhouse for a delicious lunch prepared with fresh ingredients directly from the farm.

#### **Gargano National Park**

On day 6, cruise along the shores of the Gargano National Park, soaking up the spectacular views over a refreshing drink and antipasti.



# Classical Italy: Florence, Siena, Assisi & Rome

This tour highlights the best of Italy's history, art, architecture, Tuscan countryside and culinary delights, from Rome to Siena and Assisi.

## Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Arezzo

Arrive at Rome airport and transfer to your hotel in Arezzo.

#### DAY 2 - Siena

We drive to Siena for a guided tour of this UNESCO site, including the cathedral featuring intricate carvings, some by Michelangelo himself. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Siena

#### DAY 3 - Florence & the Uffizi Gallery

On our guided tour of the 'Pearl of the Renaissance', marvel at the famous cathedral. This afternoon, skip the queues with a reserved timed visit to the Uffizi, followed by free time. (B)

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

#### DAY 4 – Arezzo

This morning, we have a walking tour of old Arezzo, seeing Romanesque churches juxtaposed with timber-beamed shops.



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This afternoon is free. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Arezzo

#### DAY 5 - Assisi

We drive to Umbria and Assisi, for a guided tour. See Assisi's flower-adorned streets and life-affirming views before we leave for Rome. This evening, enjoy some local cuisine at a restaurant chosen by us. (B,D) **Included Experience** – **Guided tour of Assisi** 

#### DAY 6 - Rome & Tivoli

This morning we have a guided tour of Rome, and in the afternoon we visit Tivoli. Choose to visit either the Renaissance Palace of Villa d'Este or the ruins of Hadrian's Villa. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rome and visits to Villa d'Este or the ruins of Hadrian's Villa

#### DAY 7 - Free day

Today you are free to explore.

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight.
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#### **Aperitif in Siena**

After the tour on day 2, relax with a local aperitivo, admiring the city's medieval skyline and architecture.

#### **Visit Castel Sant'Angelo**

On day 7, we visit Castel Sant'Angelo, decorated with Renaissance interiors and home to a collection of art and military memorabilia, use your skip-the-line ticket to explore at your leisure.

#### Rome gastronomic tour

After Castel Sant'Angelo, enjoy a Roman ritual: the aperitivo of a light drink paired with tasty nibbles in the Trastevere neighbourhood.



# Umbria, Perugia & Assisi: The Heart of Italy

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

### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Perugia

Arrive at Rome or Perugia airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Perugia & free afternoon

Explore Perugia on a guided tour, from Corso Pietro Vannucci to Piazza IV. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Perugia

#### DAY 3 – Assisi

This morning, travel to Assisi to visit the Basilica of St Francis with a local guide, and enjoy free time.(B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Assisi

#### DAY 4 - Lake Trasimeno & Cortona

In the morning, we travel to Lake Trasimeno on the ferry from Passignano to Isola Maggiore, before continuing to Cortona with free time to explore. (B)



**Included Experiences** – Visit Cortona and cruise across Lake Trasimeno

#### DAY 5 – Spoleto & wine tasting

We begin our day with a guided tour of Spoleto. Then, we visit a leading Sagrantino di Montefalco wine producer for a tour and tasting. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Spoleto and wine tasting

#### DAY 6 - Frasassi Caves

In the morning, we explore the stunning Frasassi Caves. Later we return to Perugia. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of the Frasassi Caves

#### DAY 7 – Orvieto & Agriturismo lunch

This morning, we visit Orvieto, with ancient ruins in underground caves. We then enjoy a traditional meal at a local agriturismo. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit Orvieto and enjoy lunch at an agriturismo

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### Dinner at a family-run restaurant

On day 4, enjoy a truffle-based dinner in Perugia, with delicious alternatives for nontruffle lovers.

#### Wine tasting upgrade

On day 5, enjoy an enhanced wine tasting with Sagrantino, local cheeses, and cold cuts.

#### Olive oil tasting

On day 6, visit the Frasassi Caves, then taste local olive oil at a mill in Bevagna.



# Lucca, Portofino & the Cinque Terre

Hardly any distance separates Lucca and Pisa from Portofino, the Cinque Terre and Genoa, but their treasures offer a diverse experience.

## Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lucca

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

#### DAY 2 - Lucca & free afternoon

After breakfast, a local guide will bring Lucca's history to life, highlighting its Roman grid and amphitheatre. (B,D) Included Experience – Guided tour of Lucca

#### DAY 3 - Pisa

After breakfast, we drive to Pisa for a guided tour. We return to Lucca for an afternoon at leisure, and enjoy a traditional Tuscan dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Pisa

#### DAY 4 - Porto Venere

We explore Liguria's stunning coast, visiting the Gulf of the Poets and the picturesque Porto Venere. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to Genoa. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Visit Porto Venere and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant



#### DAY 5 - Genoa & free afternoon

Morning guided tour of medieval Genoa, exploring narrow caruggi lanes and grand Renaissance palaces, followed by a free afternoon. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Genoa

#### **DAY 6 - Cinque Terre**

We spend the next two days exploring the Ligurian coastline by boat. After driving from Genoa, our private charter takes us to Cinque Terre (the 'Five Lands'), a stunning collection of five colourful villages. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Cinque Terre by boat

#### DAY 7 - Portofino

After a morning drive from Genoa to the Italian Riviera, we sail to Portofino, offering a walk to the headland with spectacular views. This afternoon, we return to Genoa with free time to explore. (B)

Included Experience – Sail to Portofino

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### **Enhanced dining experience**

On day 3, savour an upgraded dinner in Lucca with local delicacies and Tuscan wine.

#### Genoese pesto experience

On day 5, visit Genoa's basil greenhouses, learn the art of pesto-making and enjoy a tasting with focaccia and local wine.

## Portofino aperitif

Relax with an Italian aperitif, enjoying the charming harbour view at Portofino's Piazzetta.



# Hidden Italy: Padua, Vicenza & Mantua

Discover Veneto's hidden gems: stunning architecture, historic cities, rich culture and Italy's finest wines on an unforgettable northeastern Italy tour.

### **Your Itinerary**

## DAY 1 – Arrival in Castelfranco Veneto

Arrive at Venice or Treviso airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Padua

We begin with a visit to the UNESCOprotected Scrovegni Chapel to see the impressive frescos by the Tuscan maestro Giotto, which depicts events in the lives of the Virgin Mary and Christ. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the city's historic centre. (B) Included Experiences – Visit Padua and entry to Scrovegni Chapel

#### DAY 3 – Vicenza

Today, we head southwest to Vicenza, a city known for its Palladian architecture. As the home of architect Andrea Palladio, the city is a living museum of his designs. On our guided tour, we'll see the Piazza dei Signori,

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the Basilica with its marvellous clock tower, and the astonishing Teatro Olimpico. Free time is included this afternoon, along with a complimentary museum card granting free entry to many of Vicenza's attractions. (B) Included Experience – Guided tour of Vicenza

#### DAY 4 – Mantua & Palazzo Ducale

Today, we journey to the medieval city of Mantua. It is the setting for Verdi's Rigoletto and Shakespeare had an impassioned Romeo exiled here. During our guided tour of the old town, its UNESCO World Heritage status becomes strikingly evident. This afternoon, we visit the Palazzo Ducale, decorated and furnished by some of the greatest artists of their time offering a window into the opulent past of one of Italy's most famous princely families. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Mantua and visit to Palazzo Ducale

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

After breakfast, we visit Bassano del Grappa, nestled in the foothills of Monte Grappa. Famous for its wooden bridge, the town is also known for grappa, an Italian after-dinner drink. We tour a local distillery, tasting this fragrant brandy while learning about its production. In the afternoon, we continue to Valdobbiadene, renowned for its Prosecco. At Villa Sandi, we enjoy a guided tour of the villa and a wine tasting in its luxurious Murano glass-filled rooms. (B)

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

#### DAY 6 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast

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# Sardinia: Alghero, Costa Smeralda & Corsica

Explore Italy's unspoiled coastlines, prehistoric sites, traditional villages and unique cuisine for a truly distinct experience.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Cannigione

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

#### DAY 2 - Costa Smeralda

We explore Costa Smeralda's charming towns and villages, with free time in the afternoon to visit Cannigione or relax. (B,D)

#### Included Experience – Costa Smeralda

#### DAY 3 - Bonifacio

We drive to Santa Teresa di Gallura then take a ferry to Bonifacio. After a guided tour of the old town, enjoy free time to take in stunning views before we return to Sardinia. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Bonifacio's old town

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

We visit a cork museum and a typical Sardinian town before heading to Alghero, with free time for lunch. Later we enjoy



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a traditional dinner at a family-run agriturismo. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Cork Museum and typical Sardinian dinner

#### DAY 5 - Alghero & wine tasting

Our guided tour of Alghero explores its well-preserved old town. After some free time, we drive along the scenic coastline to a Sardinian wine region. We tour a familyowned wine estate and its vineyard, and enjoy a wine tasting. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Alghero and wine tasting

#### DAY 6 - Free day in Alghero

You have the entire day free. (B)

#### DAY 7 - Nuraghe & Bosa

We drive through the Valley of the Nuraghi and visit Nuraghe Santu Antine. Later, we visit Bosa with free time before returning to the hotel. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Nuraghe Santu Antine and Bosa

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 4 dinners.

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#### Drinks & canapés at Vigneti Surrau

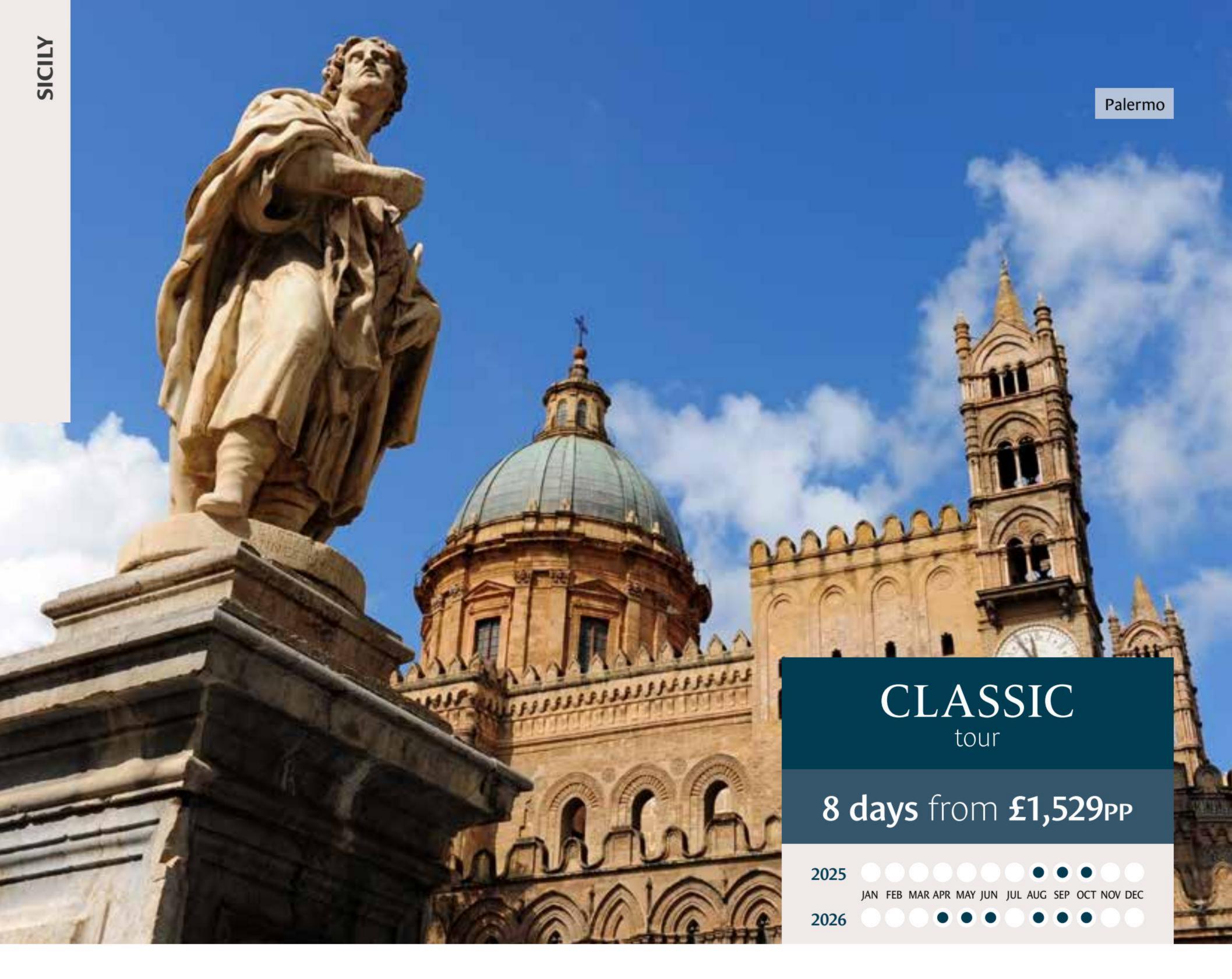
After exploring Costa Smeralda on day 2, visit Vigneti Surrau for stunning views, elegant architecture and a glass of delicious wine.

#### **Cruise the Neptune Caves**

Early on day 6, cruise to the magnificent Neptune Caves, Italy's largest marine caves, for a guided tour.

#### Enjoy an aperitivo at a Skybar

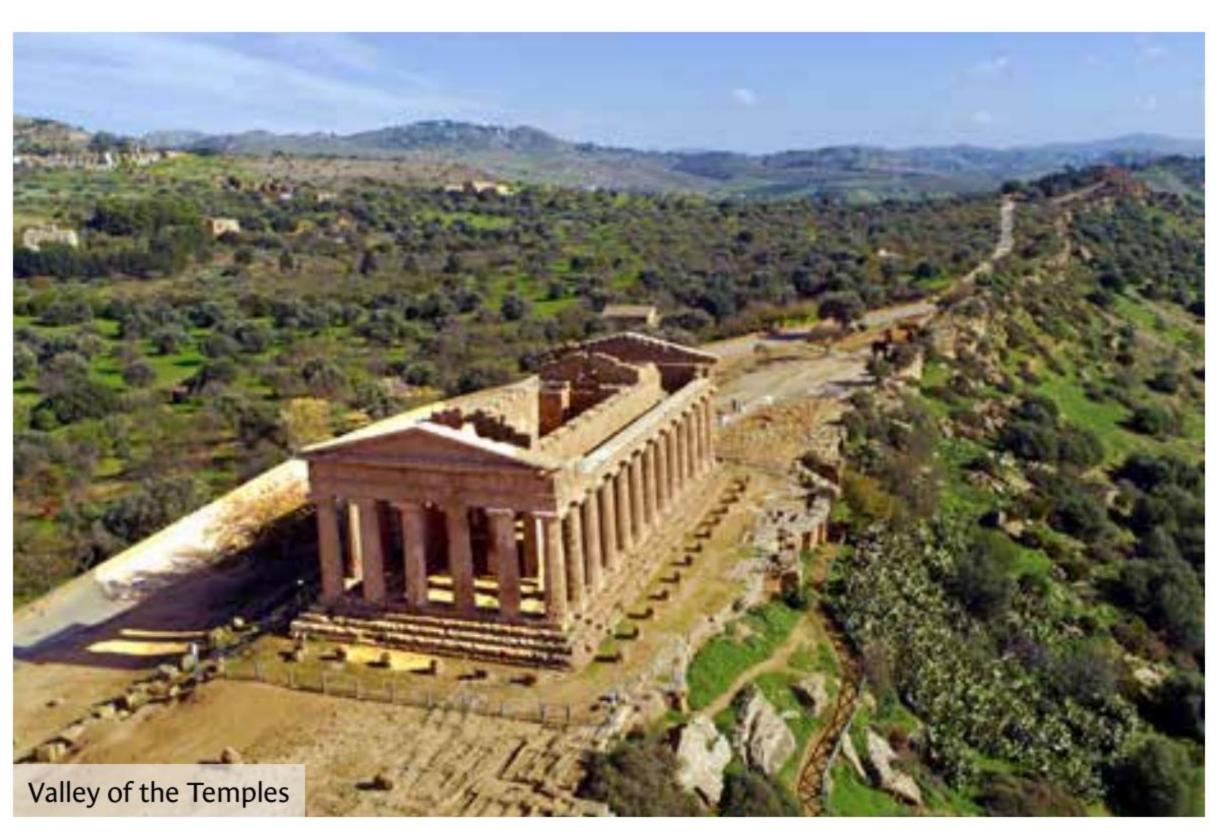
End day 6 with panoramic views of Alghero's old town and bay from a skybar.

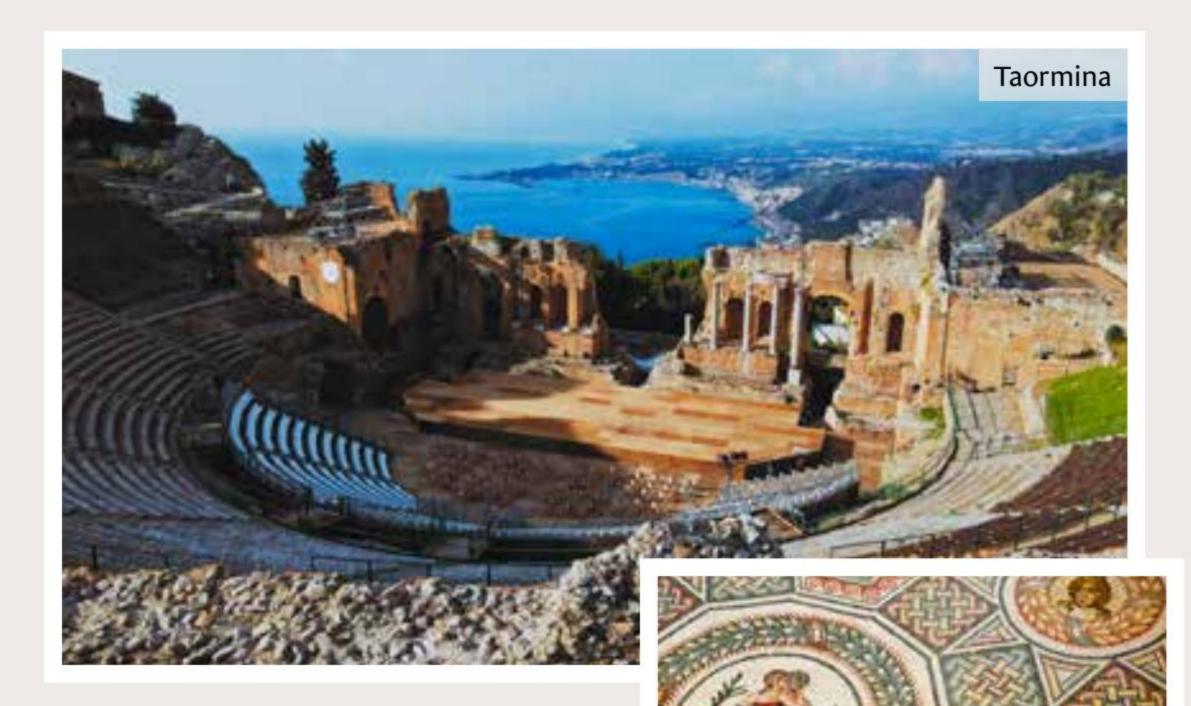


# Sicily

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







#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Sicily

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

#### **DAY 2 – Valley of the Temples**

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of the Valley of the Temples

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

A drive to the small town of Piazza Armerina brings us to an extraordinary archaeological site only discovered in the last century: the Villa Romana del Casale. On our guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site you'll see the remains of pastel-coloured frescoes on the walls and stunning mosaics. For lunch we'll call at a traditional 'agriturismo' restaurant in the hilly countryside. We'll enjoy authentic Sicilian food from the farm on-site, including antipasti and homemade dishes before continuing to the Taormina area. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of the Roman Villa at Piazza Armerina and lunch at a traditional 'agriturismo'

#### DAY 4 - Taormina

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

**Included Experience** – Visit Taormina

#### DAY 5 - Mount Etna

Dominating eastern Sicily is Europe's highest volcano, Etna. This morning we'll take the drive as near to the snow-capped summit as possible. Ascending the winding road, the landscape becomes increasingly eerie and alien, with razor-sharp black rocks in contorted formations. As we near the cable car station itself you can enjoy extensive views over the whole area. Subject to weather conditions, there's the opportunity to take the cable car to explore even higher levels. (B,D)

Piazza Armerina

Included Experience – Visit Mount Etna

#### DAY 6 – Free day

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

#### DAY 7 - Siracusa

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

**Included Experience** – Visit to Siracusa

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### Taormina aperitivo

A great way to unwind after spending day 4 exploring Toarmina, relax with a drink in style with a delicious array of delicacies and sensational views over Taormina and the stunning surrounding coastline.

#### **Mount Etna winery**

End your morning on day 5 on the fertile lower slopes of Mount Etna, in these stunning surroundings with breathtaking views over the lush vineyards, you'll gain an insight into the unique conditions that produce such interesting organic wines. A wonderful lunch will follow and tempting local dishes will be paired with a perfect selection of robust red and fragrant white wine.



#### Ortigia boat trip

On day 7, see Ortigia from a different angle as we enjoy a boat trip today. We sail towards the golden-hued limestone cliffs and explore some of the most impressive caves before heading towards Ortigia seafront for a closer view. Ortigia is renowned for its historic architecture, and there is no better place to take it all in than by enjoying a view of it from the sea as we sip a refreshing drink and enjoy a local delicacy onboard.





# Western Sicily, Palermo & the Aeolian Islands

Discover Western Sicily's cultural heritage and natural beauty, including prehistoric cave dwellings, Greek ruins, Palermo, Cefalù, Lipari and Marsala wine tasting.

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Trapani

Fly to Palermo and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Erice

Erice is a wonderfully preserved medieval village towering over the western coast. We will explore on our guided tour of the city, with free time to explore further. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Erice

#### DAY 3 – Segesta & Marsala

We visit Segesta for a guided tour. In Marsala, we discover the history of the town's famous fortified wine at a leading producer, followed by a tasting. We also visit a family-run museum to learn about Marsala's ancient sea salt production. (B) **Included Experiences** – Guided tour of

Segesta, learn about salt-panning and a tasting of Marsala

#### DAY 4 - Palermo

In Sicily's capital we have a guided tour unlocking the mysteries of its past. During our visit we will also see the Norman Palace, Palermo's undisputed artistic gem. (B,D)



**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Palermo and visit the Norman Palace

#### DAY 5 - Free day in Cefalù

This morning, after a short orientation walk of Cefalù, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy. (B,D)

#### DAY 6 – The Aeolian Islands

We take a scenic drive along Sicily's north coast, then cruise to the Aeolian Islands, passing Vulcano before reaching Lipari, with free time to explore. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Cruise the Aeolian Islands and visit Lipari

#### DAY 7 – Madonie Natural Park & Castelbuono

We visit Madonie Regional Natural Park, explore the hilltop village of Castelbuono, then return to Cefalù for a final dinner. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Madonie Natural Park and Castelbuono

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### Dine in an authentic Sicilian restaurant

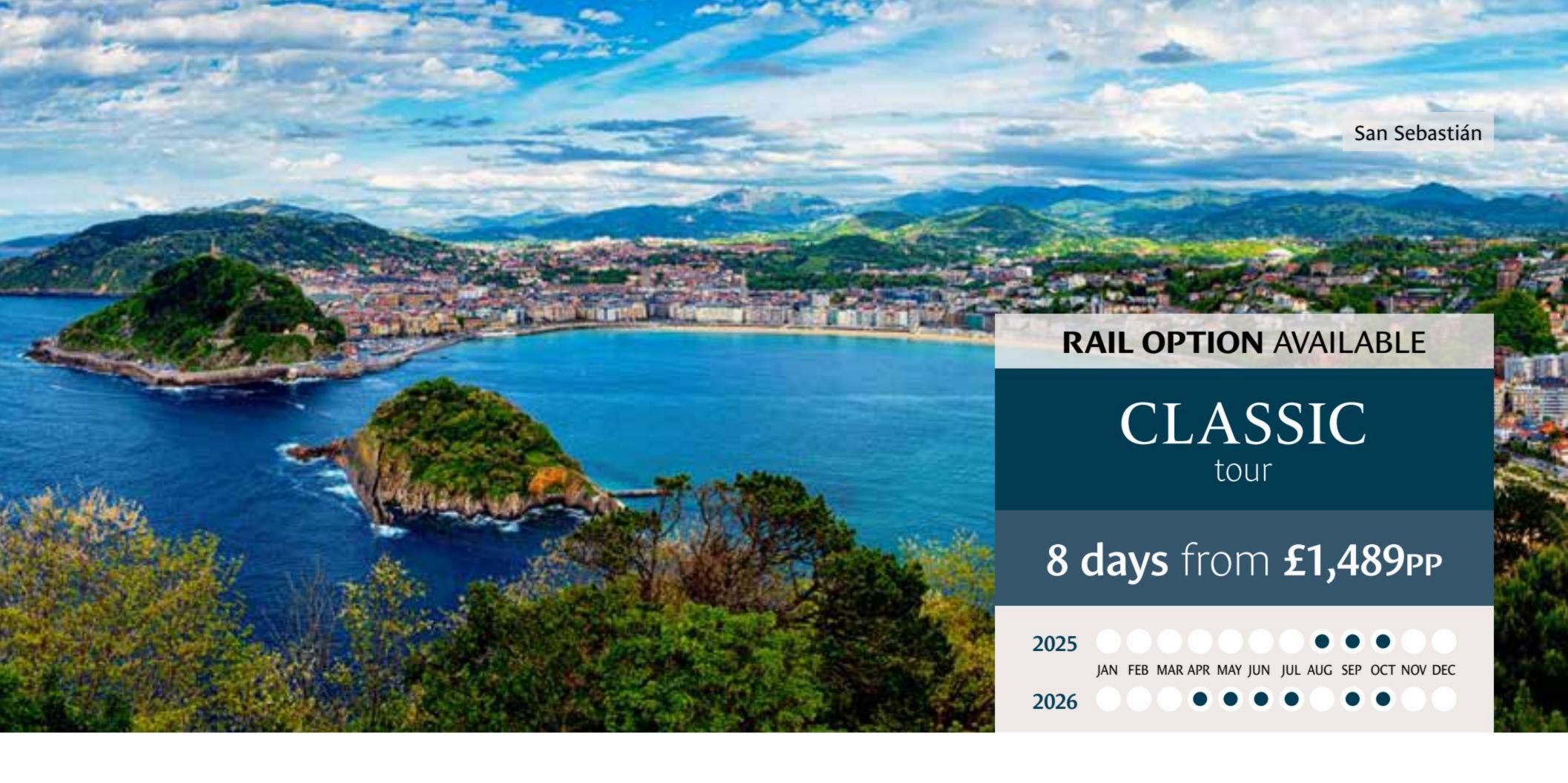
On the evening of day 2, dine in Trapani, enjoying authentic Sicilian pasta dishes.

#### **Upgraded wine tasting experience**

On day 3, enjoy an upgraded wine tasting with food at a Marsala winery.

#### Afternoon tea

Afternoon tea in historic five-star hotel located in the heart of Palermo. Here you will indulge in a delicious afternoon tea including – fine teas, light sandwiches, pastries, cakes and scones.



# Spain's Basque Country, La Rioja & Burgos

Explore Basque culture, Camino de Santiago pilgrimage stops, Rioja wines, stunning scenery and the majestic Pyrenees, spanning northern Spain to southwestern France.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Bilbao

Fly or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras via Paris and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - San Sebastián & free afternoon

This morning, we explore San Sebastián bay and the old town. The tour ends at a traditional bar to sample pintxos. The rest of the day is free. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of San Sebastián and sample traditional pintxos

#### DAY 3 – Bayonne

This morning we enjoy a guided walking tour of Bayonne. In the afternoon, 2025 tours visit La Rhune mountain railway, while 2026 tours visit Villa Arnaga and its beautiful gardens. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Bayonne and La Rhune mountain railway (2025) or Villa Arnaga (2026).

#### DAY 4 - Pamplona & Rioja Winery

This morning we visit Pamplona. In the afternoon, we follow part of the pilgrimage route through La Rioja, followed by a



guided winery tour and tasting. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking
tour of Pamplana and guided tour and

tour of Pamplona and guided tour and tasting at a traditional winery

#### DAY 5 – Burgos & free afternoon

After a guided tour, enjoy free time.
Tonight, we enjoy Castilian dishes. (B,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of
Burgos

#### DAY 6 - Bilbao

We journey to Bilbao and visit the famous Guggenheim Museum, with free time. (B) Included Experience – Visit the Guggenheim Museum

### DAY 7 – Santillana Del Mar & Altamira Cave Museum

We visit Santillana del Mar then the Altamira Cave Museum. Alternative itineraries may be offered on some departures. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Santillana del Mar and Altamira Cave Museum

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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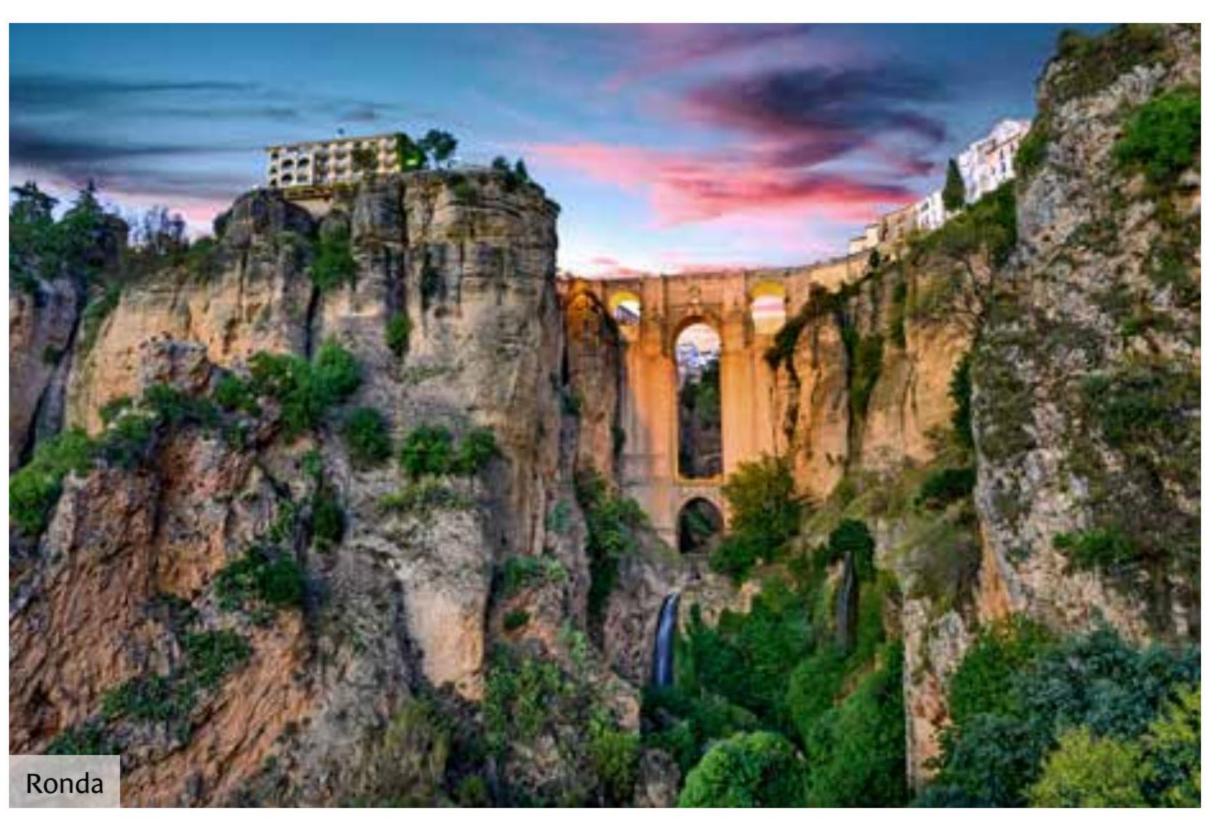




# Classical Spain: Seville, Córdoba & Granada

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







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malaga

Arrive at Malaga airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Ronda

Built on a ridge and split by a most impressive gorge plunging down hundreds of feet, much of Ronda's appeal lies in its spectacular views and clear mountain air. We continue our drive into the countryside beyond, which is both very scenic and quite isolated. Another treat awaits in Seville, our final destination for the day, where this evening we enjoy delicious tapas. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Ronda. **Evening traditional Tapas experience** 

#### DAY 3 - Seville

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Seville with a local guide

#### DAY 4 – Free day in Seville

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

#### DAY 5 – Córdoba

We head to delightful Córdoba, with decorated patios adorned with flowers. Cordoba was the ancient capital of the



The tradition of tapas in Spain encourages socialising, as they are meant to be shared!

Moors and is principally famous for a single building - the Mezquita - the grandest and most beautiful mosque constructed in the Moorish world. Another highlight is the immense, well-preserved Roman bridge. We then continue our journey to the city of Granada. (B)

**Included Experience** – Tour of the Mezquita with a local guide

#### DAY 6 - Granada & The Alhambra

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

Included Experience - Visit to the Alhambra

#### DAY 7 - Return flight

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

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#### **Entrance to the Alcázar Palace, Seville**

The magnificent Alcázar Palace is one of the world's oldest palaces still in use as a royal house. On day 3 we have included entrance to the palace this afternoon, giving you the opportunity to explore at your own pace. So, why not lose yourself amid the cool patio courtyards, elaborate gardens and fragrant orange trees and soak up the unique atmosphere of one of Europe's oldest palaces.



#### Stunning Seville rooftop aperitif

You'll feel like you have the best seats in the house, high above the rooftops of Seville. Relax with an aperitif and a mini tapas selection and make sure you have your camera ready to capture every perfect moment as the late afternoon sun lights up the city.

#### **Authentic flamenco performance**

After spending day 4 at leisure, this evening experience a truly authentic performance of flamenco in an intimate venue. Gain an insight into the meaning, style and rhythm of the dances – the proximity of the stage will allow you to see every mesmerising detail, whilst admiring the superb artistry of the musicians and dancers. For them, flamenco is not just a job, it is a way of life.





# Madrid, Salamanca & Toledo

Explore Spain's culture, history and cuisine in cities like striking Salamanca, Roman Segovia, medieval Toledo and marvellous Madrid, amidst diverse landscapes.

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Salamanca

Arrive at Madrid airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Salamanca & free afternoon

We have a guided walking tour of Salamanca's old town, a UNESCO-listed site. Highlights include the 14th-century Romanesque Old Cathedral, the 16thcentury Gothic-Baroque New Cathedral, and the historic University of Salamanca, Spain's oldest university. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Salamanca

#### DAY 3 – Segovia

Segovia, with over 2,000 years of history, boasts an enchanting skyline and the world-renowned Roman aqueduct, a UNESCO wonder. The fairytale Alcázar fortress features opulent rooms, impressive courtyards and panoramic views. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Sergovia

#### DAY 4 - Madrid & free afternoon

Explore Madrid by coach and on foot, visiting landmarks like Plaza Mayor, the



Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, Plaza de España and Puerta del Sol. Enjoy free time in the afternoon. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Madrid

#### DAY 5 - El Escorial & free afternoon

Today, visit the UNESCO-listed San Lorenzo de El Escorial monastery. After exploring the Sierra de Guadarrama mountains, return to Madrid for an afternoon of free time. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to El Escorial monastery

#### DAY 6 - Toledo

Enjoy a guided tour of Toledo, Spain's former capital and UNESCO site, exploring its monasteries, bridges and gates. You'll also visit the famous Alcázar and striking Gothic cathedral. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Toledo

#### DAY 7 - Return flight

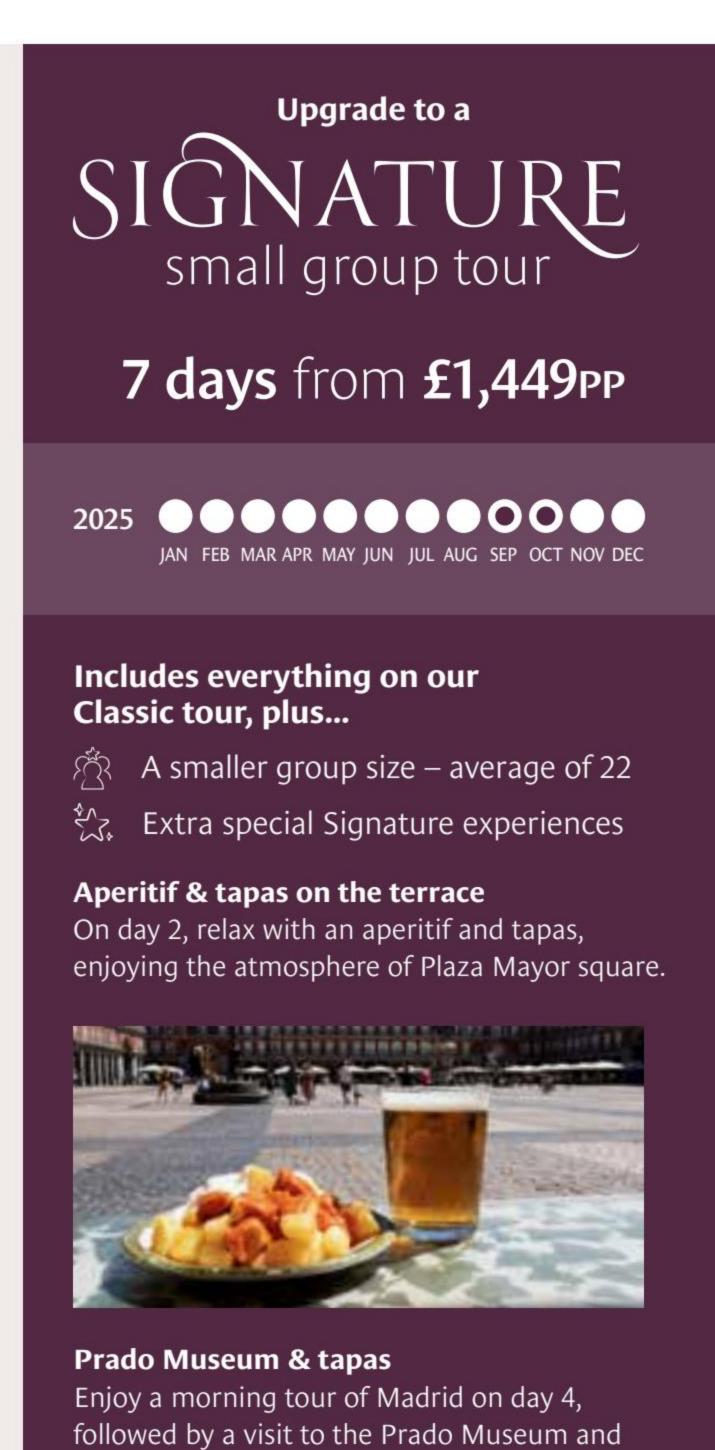
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tapas with local wine.



# Lisbon, Porto & the Douro Valley

Explore Lisbon's maritime heritage, Sintra's palace, Coimbra's university, Porto's port lodges, the beautiful Douro Valley and chic Cascais.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Lisbon

Arrive at Lisbon airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Lisbon tour & free afternoon

This morning, we discover Lisbon's many highlights on a guided tour, including the Monument to the Discoveries, Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. We also see the impressive Terreiro do Paço square. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Lisbon

#### DAY 3 – Sintra

We take a short drive to the town of Sintra, where we visit the National Palace. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit Sintra and its National Palace

#### DAY 4 - Coimbra University

Today we'll travel to Coimbra, renowned for the impressive Roman aqueduct and the university, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which we'll visit. (B,D\*)

Included Experience - Visit to Coimbra



#### DAY 5 - Porto

Explore Porto on a guided tour today. We'll also visit Taylor's for a port wine tour and tasting. (B,D\*)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Porto and Taylor's port lodge

#### **DAY 6 – The Douro Valley**

We explore the Douro River before arriving in the delightful small town of Pinhão, where we visit one of the local port estates (quintas) to sample its famous wines. (B,D\*)

Included Experiences – Tour the Douro Valley, visit Pinhão and local quinta

#### DAY 7 – Óbidos & Cascais

We travel to Óbidos, a medieval walled town, where there's time to explore. Then, we head to Cascais. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Óbidos and Cascais

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 3 dinners\*.

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#### Traditional bakery visit

After touring Lisbon on day 2, enjoy the famous pastel de nata with port, learning its secrets at a traditional bakery.

#### **Fado performance with dinner**

Also on day 2, enjoy traditional fado music and savour mouth-watering Portuguese dishes at a Lisbon restaurant.

#### Port wine tasting

Gain greater insight into port's unique characteristics with an exclusive tasting on day 5.

# Malta Uncovered

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





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#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malta

Arrive at Malta airport for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Valletta

Today we visit 16th-century Valletta for a guided walking tour. The entire city is a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site originally built by the Knights of Saint John. At its heart is Saint John's Co-Cathedral, a Baroque gem with an intricate marble floor, gold leaf ceiling and fine paintings. We also visit the Malta Experience, which tells the story of the island. In the afternoon you may want to see the National Museum of Archaeology, the Grand Master's Palace or the National War Museum at Fort Saint Elmo, which houses a replica of the island's George Cross. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 3 - Gozo

Gozo is just a short ferry ride away, and today we explore this sleepy island and its capital, Victoria (also known as Rabat). We drive through a landscape of terraced fields, fragrant wildflowers and thyme to Dwejra Bay. We then visit the largest and best preserved of the island's prehistoric temple sites, Ggantija, dating from around 3600 to 3200 BC, making it even older than the Pyramids and Stonehenge. (B,D)

Included Experiences - Guided tour of Gozo and visit to Ggantija

#### DAY 4 – Free day

A free day to spend as you wish – you may choose to relax at your hotel, but there's also much to explore locally. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Rabat & Mdina

We walk through the Rabat's beautiful medieval streets to Saint Paul's Catacombs, the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta, then visit the Wignacourt Museum, formerly the Baroque residence of the Chaplains of the Knights of Saint John and now a superb museum. Next, we head to beautiful Mdina, one of the finest ancient walled cities in Europe. We have time for lunch before visiting the Rotunda of Mosta, a church with the third largest dome in the world. (B,D)

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





#### DAY 6 – Free morning & wine tasting

The morning is free to do as you wish. This afternoon we visit a prestigious wine estate near Mdina, the ancient capital. After a tour of their vineyard, we'll enjoy a tasting of some of their superb wines. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Tour and tasting at a prestigious wine estate

#### DAY 7 - The Blue Grotto & Neolithic **Temples**

This morning we drive to Malta's rugged coast where you can view the Blue Grotto. We continue to Hagar Qim, a UNESCOlisted megalithic temple; one of the chambers has an elliptical hole hewn from the limestone to align with the sunrise on the summer solstice. We stop at the pretty port of Marsaxlokk, where fishermen have landed their catches and repaired nets on its picturesque quayside for centuries. Later we visit Citta Vittoriosa and enjoy a short walking tour of the fortified city. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### Unwind at the rooftop bar

Savour the taste of a traditional Maltese drink at the hotel's rooftop bar on day 2 of your tour. Take a moment to unwind with your fellow travellers and gaze out at the stunning panoramic vistas of Mellieha and the surrounding terraced hillsides.



#### Afternoon tea at Palazzo Parisio

Take a break from the busy city life of Old Valletta by visiting the breath-taking gardens of 18th-century Palazzo Parisio. The palazzo draws inspiration from the English aristocracy and has become a popular spot for afternoon tea on the island. On day 5, enjoy an exquisite range of traditional delicacies amidst the picturesque Italian gardens, including an assortment of cakes and pastries made inhouse by their talented pastry chefs.



#### Maltese winery & lunch

On day 6, experience an elevated wine tasting at one of Malta's premier wine producers. Indulge in a delectable assortment of local wines paired with a light lunch that features Maltese delicacies and fresh salads perfectly crafted to enhance the intricate flavour profiles of the wine.



### Madeira: The Pearl of the Atlantic

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

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Funchal

Arrive at Funchal airport for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Funchal

We enjoy a guided walking tour of Funchal, stopping for a tasting of Madeira wine. Later, we visit the stunning Palheiro Gardens. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 3 - Western Madeira

Visit Cabo Girão, then explore Ribeira Brava and Madalena do Mar. We ascend to Paúl da Serra plateau and travel through Seixal village, before reaching São Vicente. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 4 - Monte

Visit Monte and enjoy a guided tour of the Monte Palace Tropical Garden. Return to Funchal by coach, cable car or a thrilling Monte toboggan ride. Option for afternoon tea at Reid's Palace. (B,D)



☐ Single-centre tour

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

#### DAY 5 – Eastern Madeira

After enjoying stunning views at Ponta do Rosto, Porto da Cruz and Santana, we explore the UNESCO-listed Ribeiro Frio National Park. We ascend to Pico do Arieiro, with a view of Pico Ruivo. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 6 – Free day

Enjoy time at leisure today. (B,D)

#### DAY 7 - Curral das Freiras & Câmara de Lobos

We drive to Eira do Serrado and enjoy views down to the Valley of the Nuns and sample the chestnuts cultivated here. Then we head to Câmara de Lobos. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit Curral das Freiras and Câmara de Lobos

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included. (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.

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#### Aperitif & canapés

Relax on day 2 with an aperitif and canapés on the hotel terrace, enjoying stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean.

#### Vineyard visit with lunch

After exploring Santana on day 5, visit a renowned local winery for a tour and tasting, followed by a delicious Madeiran lunch.

#### Afternoon tea at Reid's Palace

Indulge in afternoon tea on day 6, enjoying freshly baked scones, sandwiches, cakes and stunning ocean views.





### **Bruges**

#### **Your itinerary**

### **DAY 1 – Arrival in Bruges**Travel by Eurostar to Lille and

Travel by Eurostar to Lille and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Bruges walking tour

Enjoy a morning guided walk through the old town. The rest of the day is free. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Bruges

#### DAY 3 – Ypres, Passchendaele & Tyne Cot Cemetery

Late morning visits to Ypres and Great War battlefields, followed by the Passchendaele Memorial Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Ypres, Passchendaele and Tyne Cot Cemetery

#### DAY 4 - Return home

After a morning visit to a chocolatier and watching a chocolate-making demonstration, transfer to Lille for your Eurostar departure. (B)

### **Included Experience** – Visit to a chocolatier

All Eurostar and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast

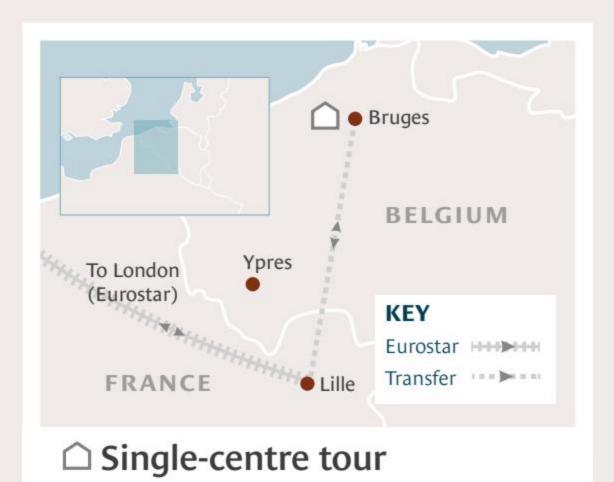


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### **Paris**

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Paris

Travel by Eurostar to Paris and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Guided City Sightseeing Tour

After breakfast, enjoy a coach tour seeing the famous sights. We continue to Versailles, where there's free time before returning to the hotel. Later, take a coach tour 'by night' of Paris. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Paris and visit to Versailles town

#### DAY 3 - Montmartre

This morning, we visit
Montmartre. The afternoon
is at leisure. You can opt for a
cabaret show this evening at
the Paradis Latin. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit Montmartre

#### DAY 4 - Return home

Transfer to Gare du Nord for your Eurostar departure. (B)

All Eurostar and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast

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### **Timeless Provence**

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





#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Aix-En-Provence

Arrive at Nice, Marseille or Montpellier airport, or journey by Eurostar and highspeed TGV to Aix-en-Provence.

#### DAY 2 - Tour of Aix-En-Provence

Aix-en-Provence was founded as a spa town by the Romans. During a morning guided walking tour you'll see what inspired Paul Cézanne to produce numerous paintings here. The afternoon is free so perhaps visit Cézanne's perfectly preserved workshop. Tonight we dine in a local restaurant. (B,D) Included Experience – Guided walking

tour of Aix-en-Provence

#### **DAY 3 – The Camargue**

We head to the Camargue, the delta of the great Rhône River and a saltwater marshland teeming with around 400 species of birds, including pink flamingos. We take a guided boat trip to explore this wetland environment – bring your binoculars! We then visit Arles, a prosperous Roman regional capital from the 1st century AD. Marvel at the impressive UNESCO-listed monuments on a walking tour, including the Roman amphitheatre and the Place du Forum, now a square with vibrant cafés and restaurants. There's free time, perhaps to seek out locations associated with Vincent Van Gogh. (B)

Included Experiences - Boat trip with commentary through the Carmargue and a guided tour of Arles

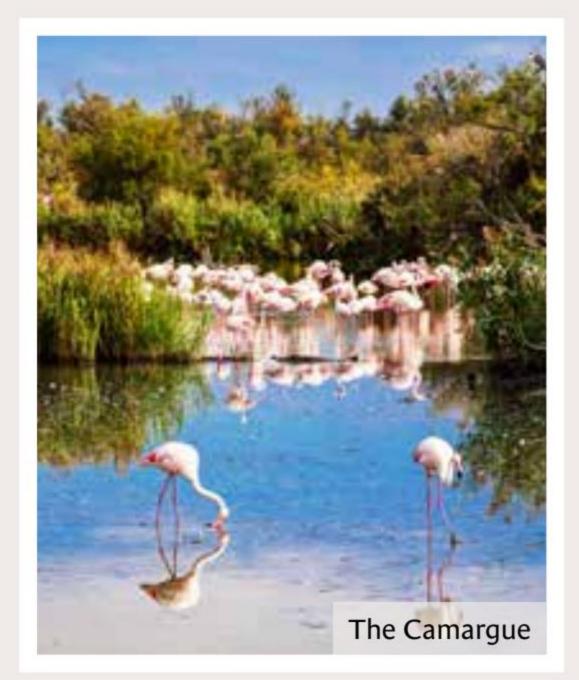
#### **DAY 4 – Luberon Mountains**

We travel to the stunning Luberon Mountains. The landscape in this designated Regional Nature Park changes from flat plains dotted with olive and peach groves to sloping vineyards and then, higher up, rows of lavender whose fragrance mingles with pine and wild herbs to give the unmistakable aroma of rural Provence. (B) **Included Experience** – Experience the

#### DAY 5 – Avignon

**Luberon Mountains** 

We visit historic Avignon and the incredible Palais des Papes, one of Europe's largest Gothic buildings. Or you could choose the Petit Palais Museum, which houses an excellent collection of more than 300 paintings from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. And a walk on the city's celebrated 12th-century bridge will have



you singing a certain French song. We return to Aix via the Pont du Gard, an aqueduct constructed in the 1st century AD, considered a wonder of the ancient world.

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Avignon and the Pont du Gard

#### DAY 6 - Free day

Enjoy a free day to explore as you wish. (B)

#### DAY 7 - Cassis

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

**Included Experience** – Boat trip in Cassis

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

All flights or Eurostar/TGV and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 2 dinners\*

\*Stays at the Novotel Aix En Provence also include 1 dinner at the hotel.

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#### **Traditional French aperitif**

On the 1st evening of your tour enjoy a traditional French aperitif, known as 'Apero time' in France with canapés on the terrace of your hotel, while you soak up the atmosphere of the elegant city of Aix en Provence.



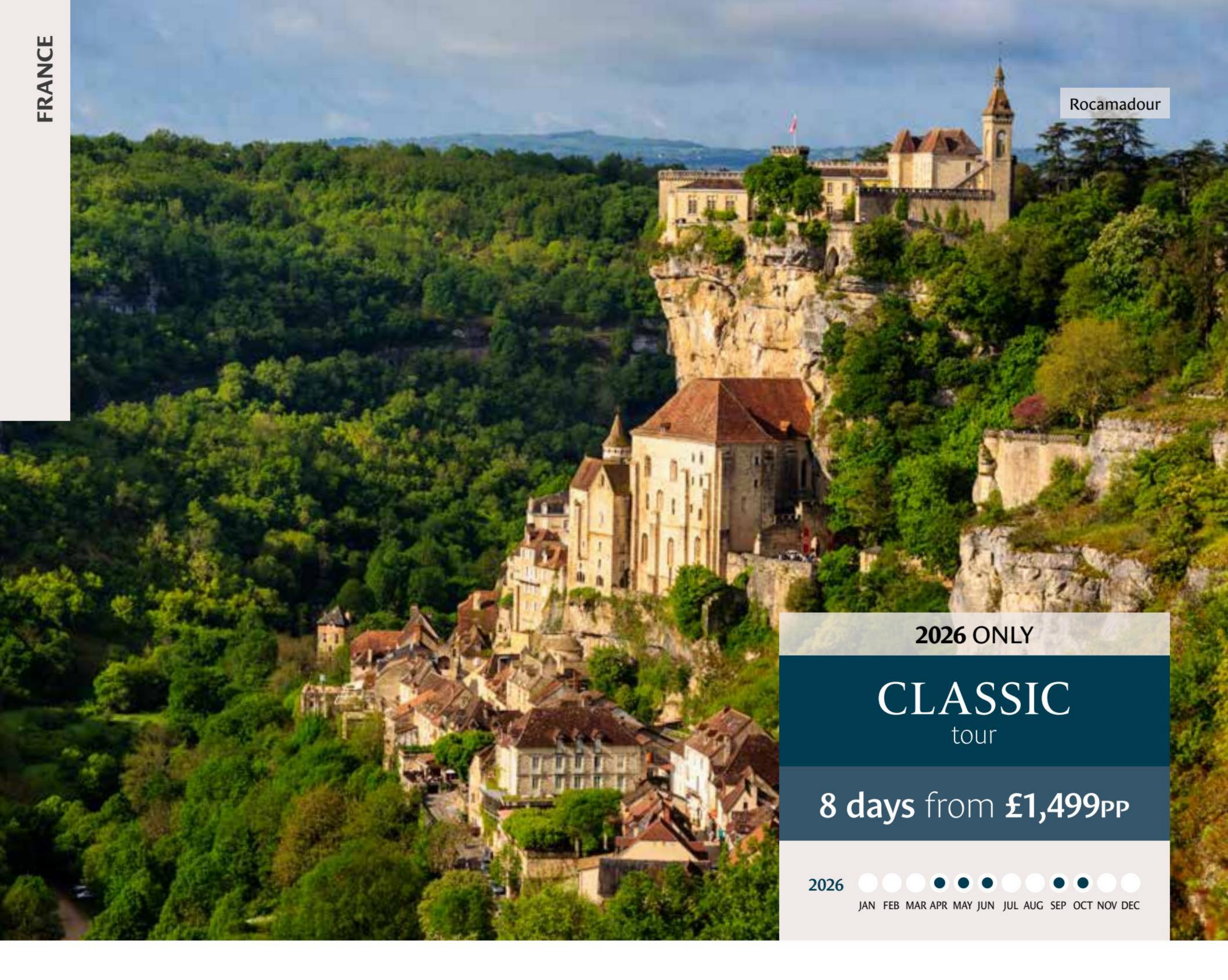
#### Wine tasting

Sample amazing wines on day 2 at one of Provence's leading organic wineries. Discover how these crisp, delicately perfumed wines are produced and then enjoy a glass or two with lunch against the delightful backdrop of this charming wine estate.



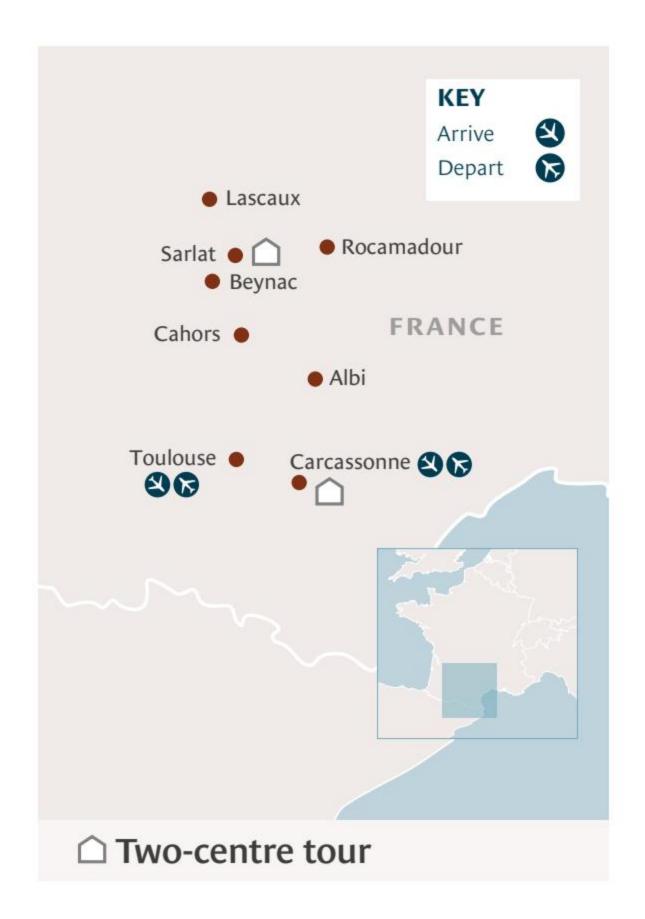
#### Aperitif & dinner

On day 6, we dine at a renowned local restaurant which proudly holds the accreditation of 'Maître Restaurateur'. Begin the evening with a refreshing aperitif in the delightful gardens before savouring the exquisite flavours of the gourmet menu in enchanting surroundings. Freshly prepared seasonal ingredients promise a truly memorable Provencal feast and our gastronomic experience will be completed with a selection of local wines.



# Dordogne, Albi & Carcassonne

Immersed in France's bucolic rural heart, see its charming honey-coloured rural villages, sophisticated prehistoric art, gorgeous gardens and timeless medieval towns bursting with market-day life.







#### **DAY 1 – Arrival in Sarlat**

Arrive at Toulouse or Carcassonne airport, or take a train via Paris to Souillac station, for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Sarlat & Lascaux

On our walking tour of this ancient market town, we'll discover how Sarlat was shaped by the conflicts in the Middle Ages. This afternoon we travel back around 17,000 years to prehistoric France and the famous cave of Lascaux, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We also visit the International Centre for Cave Art. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Sarlat and visit the International Centre for Cave Art at Lascaux

#### **DAY 3 – Rocamadour & Marqueyssac**

We journey to the medieval cliffside village of Rocamadour. This near-vertical settlement with its buildings hewn into a canyon overlooking the Alzou River is breathtaking. Our next stop is Marqueyssac and its spectacular 'hanging gardens' where you can meander through a display of 150,000 hand-clipped box hedges, passing dry-stone huts and water features, cypresses and pines. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Rocamadour and Marqueyssac

#### DAY 4 – Beynac, Domme & La Roque-Gageac

We stop at Beynac and the imposing chateau before continuing to the magnificent walled town of Domme. You can stroll around its impressive fortifications, the handsome dwellings and delightful covered market. At picture perfect La Roque-Gageac we board a gabare, a traditional river boat, for a relaxing trip along the Dordogne. (B)

Included Experiences - Visits to Beynac, Domme and La Roque-Gageac for a boat trip along the Dordogne

#### DAY 5 - Cahors

This morning we travel south to delightful Cahors, with its splendid 14th century fortified Valentré Bridge. The countryside gradually changes from rolling wooded



Lascaux's paintings were discovered in 1940 by four teenagers and their dog

slopes of lush green to the paler yellows, ochres and endless fields of sunflowers so typical of southern France. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit Cahors

#### DAY 6 - Carcassonne & free afternoon

Situated on a rocky outcrop on the banks of the Aude River, Carcassonne's magnificent UNESCO-listed La Cité is surrounded by 52 roofed towers and serrated battlement. Our morning's guided tour includes the Castle of the Counts, Basilica Saint-Nazaire Saint-Selse and La Cité's two imposing gates. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the old-world atmosphere. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Carcassonne

#### DAY 7 - Albi

We explore beautiful Albi, on a guided walking tour. Nearby is the Palais de la Berbie, built for the medieval Bishops of Albi, housing a museum dedicated to artist, Toulouse-Lautrec. Or you could amble around Albi's old town (another UNESCO World Heritage Site). (B)

Included Experience - Guided tour of Albi

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 2 dinners.

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#### **Tour & lunch at Chateau de Pennautier** On day 6, indulge in the true French passion for superb food and wine as you are invited to a wonderful lunch at the family owned Chateau de Pennautier. You'll be taken on a private tour of its cellars before sampling some of the wines produced here



#### **Dinner at La Barbacane**

Dine in style at the Michelin star restaurant, La Barbacane in Carcassonne on day 7, where you'll be served the most exceptional seasonal menu dishes, delivered with impeccable service and finesse.



# Highlights of Normandy: Monet's Garden, Rouen & Honfleur

Discover the essence of Normandy and medieval Rouen, plus charming Honfleur, rural landscapes and delicious local produce.

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Rouen

Travel by Eurostar to Paris and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Walking tour of Rouen

Enjoy a guided walking tour of medieval Rouen. We'll visit the remarkable Notre-Dame Cathedral, which has been destroyed in a fire, damaged by wars and rebuilt over the centuries. You have the afternoon free to explore. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Rouen

#### DAY 3 - Honfleur

Spend the day discovering Honfleur's many delights before we return to Rouen in the late afternoon. Its charming old harbour is surrounded by colourful houses from the 16th to 18th centuries. From September 2025, we'll also visit La Mora Museum, which features the reconstructed flagship of William the Conqueror. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Honfleur



#### DAY 4 - Gold Beach

After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the historic Gold Beach, famously associated with the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. At Arromanches, you can visit one of the most insightful museums in the region, where the remains of the Mulberry Harbour still stand as a testament to the ingenuity of the Allies, or explore the fascinating old town further. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Arromanches and Gold Beach

#### DAY 5 - Monet's Garden & return home

Claude Monet's paintings are some of the most exquisite works of art ever produced, and you will witness first-hand the spectacular displays of colour at the artist's house and garden at Giverny. Later we continue to Paris for your return by Eurostar. (B)

### **Included Experience** – Visit Claude Monet's house and garden

All Eurostar/TGV and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast

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The Bayeaux Tapestry Museum is currently closed for renovations until October 2027.

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Norman cheeses and finished with a glass of

Calvados, Normandy's famous apple brandy.



# Monet's Garden, the Loire Valley & Fountainebleau

Take in beautiful Claude Monet's garden, opulent Fontainebleau and the splendid Loire's châteaux, with exquisite landscapes and incomparable wines.

#### **Your Itinerary**

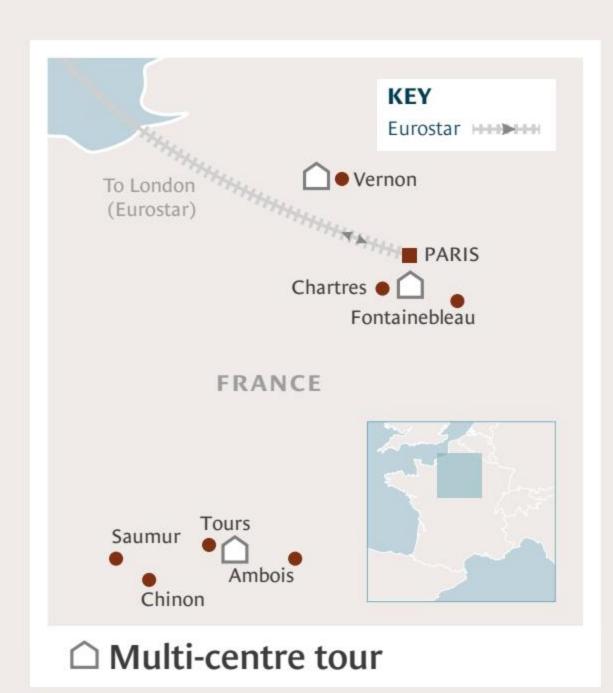
#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Vernon

Arrive in Paris and transfer to your hotel in Vernon for one night with dinner. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Monet's Garden & Chartres

Today we visit Monet's house and garden, renowned for its Japanese-inspired water garden and lily pond. The outstanding house is filled with Monet's paintings and objects that offer a glimpse into the life of this beloved artist. Later, we continue to Chartres, where the cathedral stands majestic with its stained-glass windows. We arrive in picturesque Tours, where we'll stay for four nights. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Monet's home and Garden & Chartres



#### DAY 3 – Tours & Chenonceau

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of wonderfully preserved old Tours, learning about its rich history from Gallo-Roman times and its time as the medieval capital of France. This afternoon, we visit Chenonceau, the stately home of Mary Queen of Scots on the River Cher. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Tours and visit to Chenonceau

#### DAY 4 – Fontevraud Abbey & Saumur

This morning, we have a guided tour of Fontevraud Abbey, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site, once a royal retreat for some of the world's most powerful people. Next, we head to Saumur, the 'pearl of Anjou' and a delightful stop for lunch. This afternoon, we visit the Ackerman wine cellars for a tasting of some of their award-winning Saumur wines. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Fontevraud Abbey and visit to Saumur with wine cellar tasting

#### DAY 5 – Chinon & Villandry

In the morning, we visit the medieval town of Chinon, dominated by the imposing castle where Joan of Arc first met the Dauphin. You have free time to explore. We travel down the beautiful Loire Valley to Château Villandry, famous for its unique gardens of colourful vegetables. (B)

Included Experiences - Visit Chinon and Château de Villandry

#### DAY 6 – Amboise & Le Clos Luce

Visit delightful Amboise nestled on the banks of the River Loire. Nearby is the Château of Clos Lucé, famous as Leonardo da Vinci's final abode. Today, it houses the Leonardo da Vinci Museum dedicated to his work. On display are models of his innovations and a copy of the Mona Lisa. Afterwards, we continue to our final hotel. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Amboise and Le Clos Luce

#### DAY 7 – Fontainebleau & return home

Visit the beautiful Château of Fontainebleau, the summer residence of many French monarchs including Napoleon. Most impressive are the exquisite furniture and formally designed grounds. Later, we transfer to Paris for your Eurostar departure. (B) **Included Experience** – Visit the Palace of

Fontainebleau

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# Switzerland, the Matterhorn & the Glacier Express

An exhilarating tour of the Swiss and Italian Alps, exploring Lakes Geneva and Maggiore, travelling on the Glacier and Bernina Express and taking in views of the iconic Matterhorn. Spectacular scenery, awe-inspiring views of glaciers and snow-covered peaks, forested slopes and lush meadows – welcome to Switzerland.





#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Brig

Fly to Switzerland. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Zermatt & The Matterhorn

Our trip takes us up the Mattertal Valley. Lush meadows covered with wildflowers and studded with tiny shepherds' shelters give way to dense forests crowned by snow-capped mountains. We traverse towering viaducts and pass streams and waterfalls before arriving at Zermatt, home of the Matterhorn mountain. To gain a better view, opt to take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat (additional charges apply) or relax in one of Zermatt's cosy cafés. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Zermatt and see the Matterhorn

#### DAY 3 – Lake Maggiore

Today we visit Lake Maggiore, where just offshore are the fascinating Borromean Islands, of which one of the highlights is the Baroque Palazzo on Isola Bella. We cruise across the lake to the island where we have a guided tour – its resplendent rooms feature refined furniture, sculptures and paintings while outside exquisite terraces are planted with citrus trees and magnolias. (B,D).

Included Experiences – Visit Stresa, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Maggiore and have a guided tour of Isola Bella

#### DAY 4 - Montreux

We travel to Montreux, on the shores of Lake Geneva, where you have a free day to explore. You could take a paddle steamer cruise or ride the cog railway to the 6,700 feet peak of Rochers-de-Naye. Or perhaps you'll explore the imposing 13th-century Château de Chillon? If you prefer to stay around Brig, there are easy walks close by. Alternatively take a train, cable car and gondola up to the 8,684-foot summit of the Bettmerhorn, for amazing views over the Great Aletsch Glacier, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit Montreux

#### DAY 5 - The Glacier Express

Today we enjoy one of the world's most legendary railway journeys – the Glacier Express. The trains feature panoramic windows so you can take in the spectacular views. Covering a distance of around 75 miles, the train twists its way through ever





more dramatic peaks, waterfalls, pine-clad hillsides and ravines on our four-hour ride. The highest point on our journey is the Oberalp Pass at 6,700 feet, where we're high above the treeline – snow can remain on the ground here well into June. Another highlight is the Upper Rhine Gorge – sometimes called the 'Swiss Grand Canyon', it was largely inaccessible until the railway was opened in 1903. After an unforgettable journey aboard the Glacier Express, we arrive in Chur. From here our coach takes us up to Klosters, renowned as a favourite ski resort of King Charles and other members of the Royal Family. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Travel on the Glacier Express

#### DAY 6 - Free day in Klosters

Today is free for you to explore. Whilst in Klosters, you have easy access to the peaks via cable cars and chair lifts, many of which are included in your complimentary travel pass subject to the scheduled timetable – they'll transport you high into the mountains for tremendous views and walking opportunities. (B,D)

#### DAY 7 – The Bernina Express

Today we take the famous Bernina Express to Tirano. The railway is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the route ascends in spirals and loops through 55 tunnels and across 196 bridges past Saint Moritz to the summit at Ospizio Bernina at 7,392 feet. The train then winds down through pretty pastures and pine forests to Tirano. Enjoy the historic buildings, piazzas and riverside cafés before boarding a coach and returning to Klosters via the stunning Upper Engadine Valley over the Flüela Pass (normally open late May to mid October). (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Journey on the Bernina Express and visit Tirano

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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# **Explore Château Chillon with wine tasting**

The wine cellar at the château dates back many centuries and on day 4 we have a guided tour concluded with a private wine tasting. Sample a selection of the unique Clos de Chillon wines, made with grapes from the vineyards which you can see along the shores of Lake Geneva. These special wines are aged in barrels in the ancient underground cellars and they can only be sampled and purchased at the château.



#### Bernina Express upgrade

From Tirano settle into your upgraded firstclass seat in a spacious carriage, sit back and soak up the dazzling mountain views as you ride the legendary Bernina Express in style and comfort on day 7 of your tour. This worldfamous journey will be something special as you recline in luxury in extra spacious leather seats to stretch out and relax whilst admiring the stunning landscapes through the train's panoramic windows.

#### **Experience traditional Swiss Fondue**

No visit to Switzerland is complete without sampling a fondue, a sumptuous dish with humble beginnings which date back to the 18th century. On day 4 of your tour experience all the flavours and tradition at a private fondue evening in a hand-picked local restaurant.





### Lakes & Mountains of Austria

Experience Austria's towering mountains, glaciers, Lake District, alpine villages, Salzburg's gems, pristine scenery, pine forests and serene lakes.

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Salzburg

Arrive at Munich airport for the transfer to your hotel in Salzburg.

#### DAY 2 - Salzburg

Tour captivating Salzburg with our guide, who will reveal its hidden gems. There's free time after to explore Mozart's birthplace and filming locations featured in The Sound of Music. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Salzburg

#### DAY 3 - Salzkammergut

We leave Salzburg for Salzkammergut, Austria's Lake District, which features over 70 lakes, starting with Mondsee. The route passes sparkling lakes, green pastures, and the spa town of Bad Ischl. Continuing through mountains and forests, we stop in



St Wolfgang. There's free time before we return to Salzburg in the late afternoon. (B)

Included Experiences – See Salzkammergut and visit Bad Ischl

#### **DAY 4 - Hellbrunn Palace**

A short drive from Salzburg takes us to Hellbrunn Palace, famous for its themed rooms and unique Wasserspiele 'trick fountains'. A local guide leads the tour before we head into the High Alps to stay four nights in Zell-am-See. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Hellbrunn Palace and Gardens

#### DAY 5 – Krimml Waterfalls

Explore outstanding alpine terrain through woodland and peaceful pastures into an ever-narrowing valley, stopping at the Krimml Waterfalls. We'll take a gentle stroll to see this amazing series of waterfalls tumbling almost 1,300 feet. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit the Krimml Waterfalls

#### DAY 6 – Grossglockner

Today, we travel along one of Europe's oldest alpine routes to Austria's highest mountain, the Grossglockner. The landscape shifts from meadows to pine forests, then snow and ice at the Pasterze Glacier and the 'Emperor's Viewpoint', which offers stunning panoramas. (This excursion is subject to weather conditions.) (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Tour the Alpine Road and see the Grossglockner



#### DAY 7 - Free day

You have the entire day at leisure. Ride the cable car to Kitzsteinhorn, a 10,500-foot peak in the High Tauern range, stroll around Kaprun or visit nearby Lake Zell for a steamer cruise. (B,D)

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 4 dinners.

Please note: During this tour we visit the Grossglockner (around 8,200 ft above sea level) and you have the opportunity to visit the Kitzsteinhorn in your free time (reaching around 11,400 ft). Whilst this altitude should pose no problems for people with good general health, we recommend that if you are joining the holiday and suffer from breathing difficulties or a heart condition, you consult your GP before travel.

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# The Austrian & Italian Tyrol

Explore Tyrol's alpine beauty, Innsbruck's imperial history, Oetztal Valley's summits, Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's Zugspitze, and the heritage towns of Merano and Bolzano.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Seefeld

Arrive in Munich or Innsbruck and transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Innsbruck

After breakfast, we take the short drive along the Inn Valley to the Tyrolean capital, Innsbruck. Our local guide will take us on a walking tour of this delightful historic city, showing us the main highlights and offering informative insights into life here. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided walking tou

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Innsbruck

#### DAY 3 – Bolzano & Merano

We take the Via Claudia Augusta through the Südtirol. Our first stop is the town of Bolzano where you have the choice of two very different experiences; a walking tour with a local guide or entrance to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology. Our visit to the provincial capital, Bolzano, gives you the opportunity to experience this intriguing mix – Italian coffee and traditional Tyrolean



cakes make a great match! Next, we make our way to the pretty spa town of Merano, before returning to Seefeld via the Branner Pass. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Bolzano or visit the South Tyrol Museum, plus visit Merano

#### DAY 4 - Free day in Seefeld

Relax and enjoy the attractions around Seefeld such as golf at one of Europe's most picturesque courses, a horse-drawn carriage around Wildsee lake or a boat trip before selecting a village café for a coffee and a slice of chocolate torte. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Oetztal Glacier Road

A spectacular drive up the Oetztal Valley to remote Soelden, dwarfed by snowcapped mountains, then up the Oetztal Glacier Road at almost 9,300 feet. Watch out for chamois, eagles and marmots. We descend to enjoy a guided tour of the Cistercian monastery at Stams. Or, you can explore the village and its meadows and woodlands with an experienced local naturalist. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Travel the Oetztaler Glacier Road. Guided tour of Cistercian monastery

#### DAY 6 - Neuschwanstein

Travel into Bavaria and past Germany's highest mountain, the 9,718-foot Zugspitze. Then journey along the fabled 'Romantic Road' and grand 'German Alpine Road' to Neuschwanstein castle, which allegedly inspired Disney's *Sleeping Beauty* castle. Marvel at its sumptuous marbled halls, salons and dining rooms, extravagant tapestries and

murals on our guided tour. Afterwards we return to Seefeld. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle

#### DAY 7 - Achenseebahn

We head to Jenbach for an unforgettable trip on the Achenseebahn, a metre-gauge steam railway ascending from the Inn Valley using a cog system to the beautiful Achensee Lake. Then we head to medieval Rattenberg on the River Inn, renowned for glassmaking. Wander through the narrow cobbled streets, enjoy the views from its ruined castle or unwind with a coffee and strudel at a konditore. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Achenseebahn railway, Lake Achensee and Rattenburg

#### DAY 8 – Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.



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### Slovenia & Lake Bled

Explore Lake Bled, Ljubljana, Piran and Maribor, with scenic mountains, Adriatic coast promenades, fine wine, Lipizzaner horses and stunning views of the Karavanke and Julian Alps.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ljubljana

Fly to Ljubljana and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Ljubljana

This morning, we enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia's picturesque capital with a local guide sharing the stories behind the main sights and the pedestrianised old town. You have free time this afternoon. (B) **Included Experience** – **Guided walking** tour of Ljubljana

#### DAY 3 - Piran & Lipica

This morning, we visit Piran on the Adriatic Coast. You have free time to explore.

A short drive after lunch brings us to the Lipica Stud Farm, where we enjoy a delightful presentation of the famed Lipizzaner horses by the Classical Riding School. (B)

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



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#### DAY 4 - Ptuj & Maribor

We visit the picture-postcard town of Ptuj.
After free time, we follow the Drava to
picturesque Maribor for a walking tour with
a local guide. In the afternoon we visit a
local winery for a guided tour and tasting.
(B)

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

#### DAY 5 - Lake Bled

Today we enjoy a scenic drive to Lake Bled, a tear-shaped island sits on the lake's centre dazzling waters, topped with a fairytale church with a soaring spire. We take a relaxing ride to the island on a pletna, by traditional canopied boat. Back on shore, the rest of the day is free to explore. (B) **Included Experience** – **Visit Lake Bled** with boat ride to the centre island

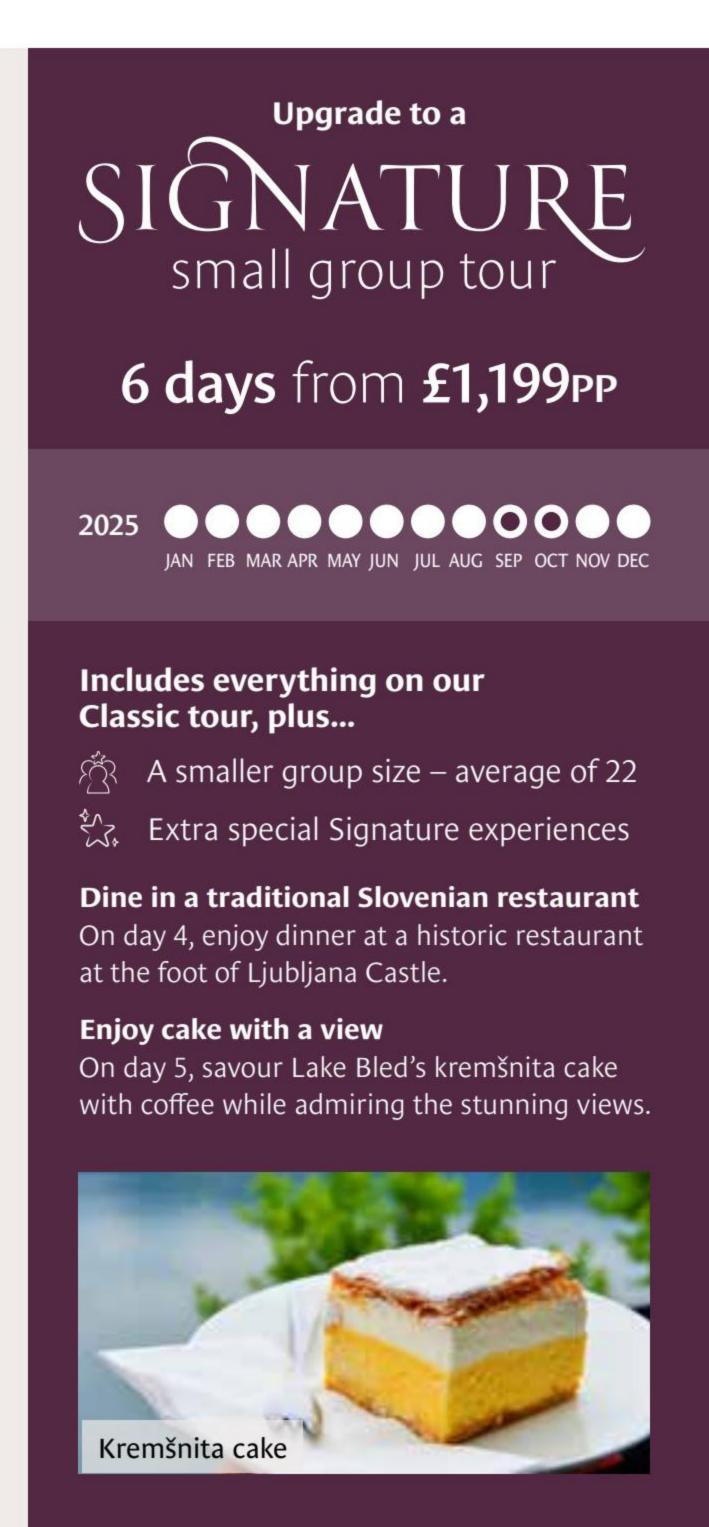
#### DAY 6 - Return flight

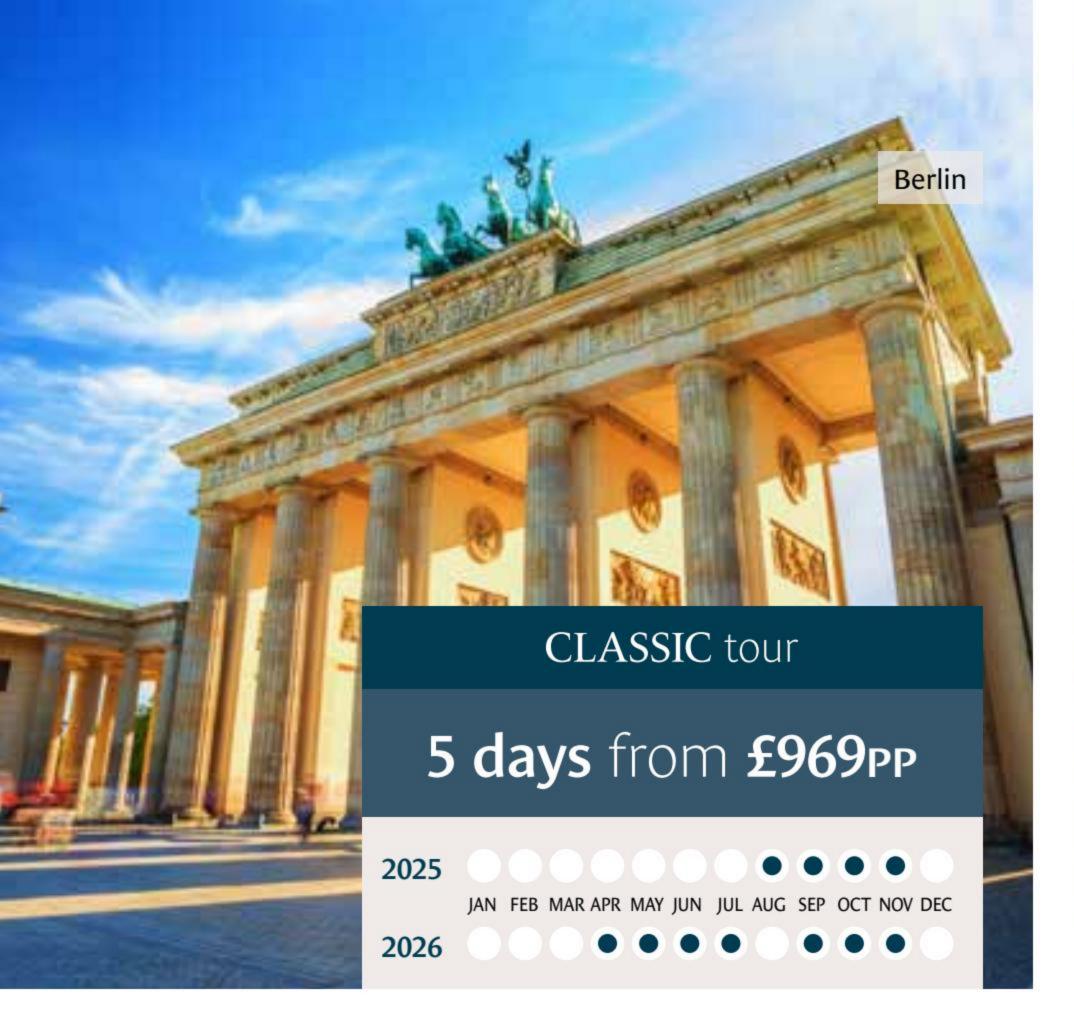
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### Berlin, Dresden, Meissen & Colditz

#### **Your itinerary**

**DAY 1 – Arrival in Berlin**Fly to Berlin and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Berlin

After a morning guided tour of Berlin's landmarks, the rest of the day is free. (B)

Included Experience –

Guided tour of Berlin

#### DAY 3 - Colditz & Meissen

We travel to Colditz, famous for its castle towers. Next, we visit Meissen for a tour of its renowned porcelain studio, before continuing to Dresden. (B)

Included Experiences – Tour of Colditz and guided tour of Meissen porcelain studio

#### DAY 4 – Dresden

Enjoy a walking tour of Dresden with your Tour Manager to discover its gems. The afternoon is at leisure. (B) Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Dresden

#### DAY 5 - Return flight

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

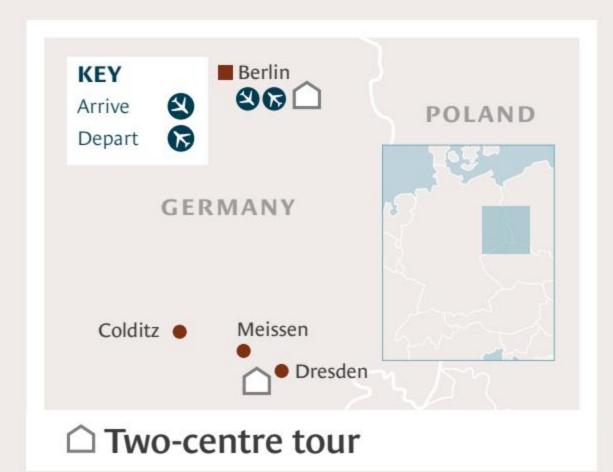
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### Krakow

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Krakow

Arrive at Krakow airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Krakow

After a guided walking tour of Krakow's historic centre, we visit the Wawel Royal Castle district with free time to explore the complex. This afternoon there's an opportunity to tour the famous 13th-century Wieliczka Salt Mines. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Krakow and Wawel Royal Castle District

### DAY 3 – Auschwitz & Birkenau

Today's visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau is entirely optional. We return to Krakow in the afternoon. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Auschwitz and Birkenau

#### DAY 4 - Return flight

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

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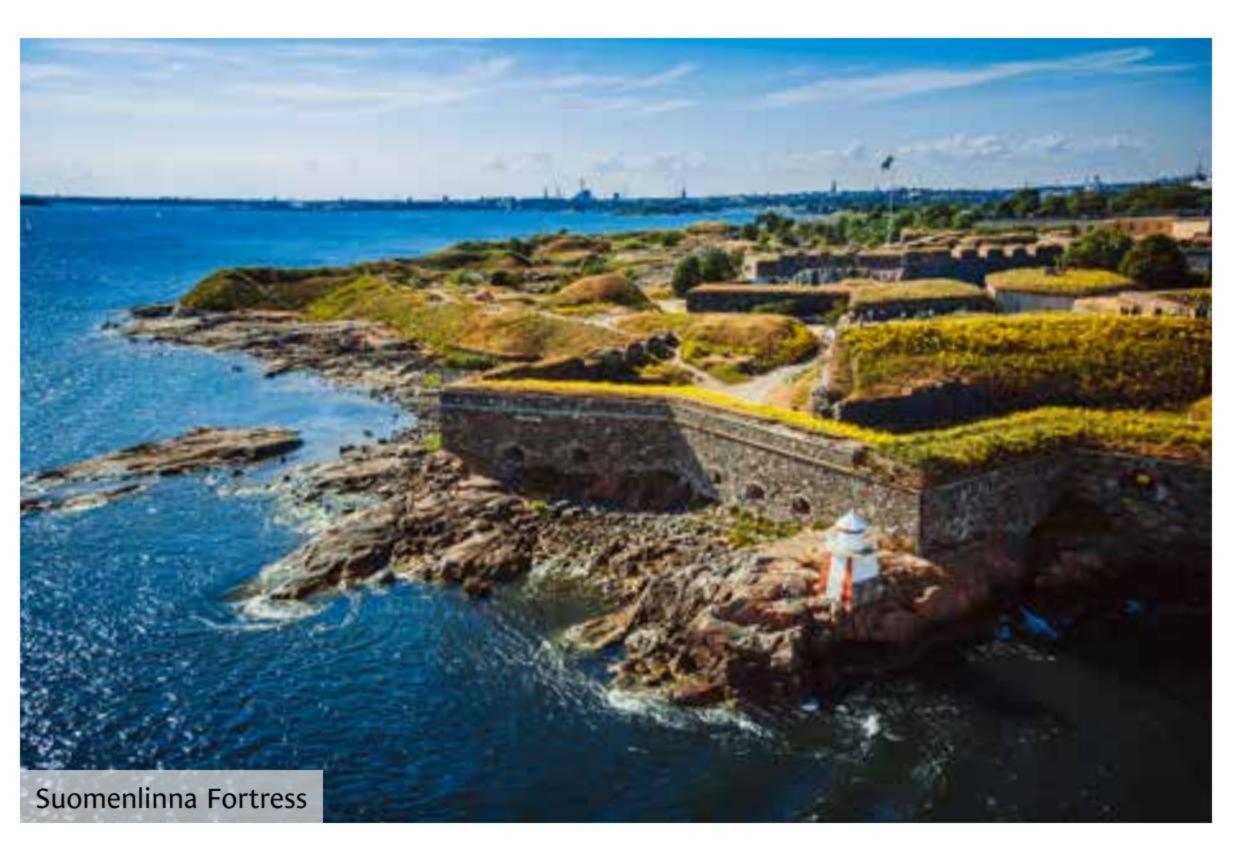




# Helsinki, Tallinn & Riga

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







#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Helsinki

Arrive at Helsinki airport for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Helsinki & free afternoon

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

#### **Included Experience** – Guided tour of Helsinki

#### **DAY 3 – Suomenlinna Fortress**

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

#### **Included Experience** – Guided tour of Suomenlinna Fortress

#### **DAY 4 – Kadriorg Palace**

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

#### **Included Experiences** – Guided tour of **Kadriorg Palace and gardens**

#### DAY 5 - Tallinn

Estonia's capital is like stepping back in time several centuries and we enjoy a walking tour of its centre with a local guide. Tallinn's fairytale UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town is a warren of atmospheric streets and buildings situated below an impressive hilltop upper district. After the tour there's some free time. Perhaps step into one of its

numerous pretty churches, visit the superb Estonian Maritime Museum or just relax in a café. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Tallinn

#### DAY 6 - Tartu

This morning we head to Tartu, passing rich farmland, traditional wooden barns and dense forests. Tartu is home to Estonia's most renowned university and is a vibrant cultural hub. Explore the Town Hall Square, with its famous Kissing Students fountain, pretty pink Town Hall and curious Leaning House and enjoy views of the Emajogi River. We set off again mid-afternoon to Latvia, arriving at its capital, Riga. After settling into our hotel, we head out to sample some local cuisine. (B,D)

#### Included Experience – Visit Tartu

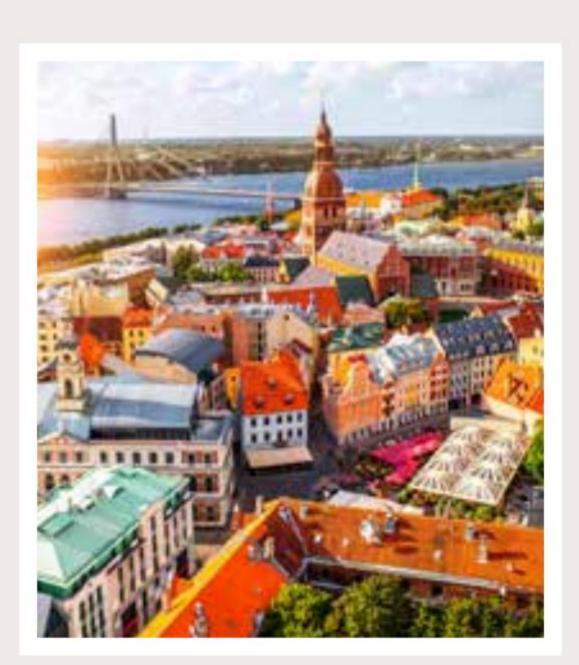
#### DAY 7 – Riga & free afternoon

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

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### **Balder Hall performance**

With its perfect acoustics, the Baroquestyle ballroom of Balder Hall is the perfect venue for a magical performance and we are entertained on day 2 of your tour, in these most historic surroundings. Perhaps there is no better way to fully appreciate the heritage of Finland than through the music of Jean Sibelius.



#### Street food walk

As you wander through Tallinn on day 5, sample typical Estonian delicacies as you explore the atmospheric centre in the company of a local, what better way to experience the aromas and distinctive flavours which are typical to Estonia.



#### **Brewery visit**

The craft beers of Tallinn are gaining in popularity and later this afternoon you'll visit a local brewery for a tasting. In these unique surroundings discover secrets of the brewing process which date back to the 16th century and later enjoy a delicious selection of the finest local beers as you reflect on an entertaining and insightful visit.



# Norway

Explore Norway's natural beauty, Viking heritage, wartime history, chic cities, Flam Railway, and majestic fjords, including the UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord.

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Oslo

Arrive at Oslo airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Oslo & free afternoon

On our panoramic tour of Oslo, get to know the city's highlights. An Oslo Pass is included for you to enjoy during your free time this afternoon. (B)

**Included Experience** – Tour of Oslo

#### **DAY 3 – Telemark**

Today we journey to Telemark and visit the Rjukan plant destroyed by Norwegian saboteurs. We then continue to Heddal to see Norway's largest medieval stave church. (B) **Included Experiences** – Visits to Rjukan and Heddal Stave Church

#### DAY 4 – Bergen Railway

We depart Oslo on the famous Bergen Railway, Europe's highest line between any two cities, before arriving in the mountain resort of Voss. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Travel on the Bergen railway



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#### DAY 5 – Flåm Railway

We enjoy an exhilarating ride on the Flam Railway, descending over 2,800 feet on one of the world's steepest railway lines. The journey ends in Flåm, where we board a ferry to Gudvangen across the Naeroyfjord. We return to Voss by coach. Please note that this day may operate in reverse. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Flåm Railway trip and cruise across UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord

#### DAY 6 – Voringfossen

Today we will ascend the valley to the famous waterfall at Voringfossen before travelling on to Eidfjord village on the banks of the Hardangerfjord. Later we continue to Bergen. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Voringfossen waterfall

#### DAY 7 – Bergen & free afternoon

After a walking tour of Bergen, you have the afternoon free. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Bergen

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included. (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 2 dinners.

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On day 2, enjoy a dinner of typical Norwegian cuisine at a local restaurant showcasing the nation's unique gastronomic techniques.

#### Ride the Floibanen Funicular

On day 7, take a scenic ride on the funicular from Bergen to the top of Mount Floyen.

#### **Magic Ice experience**

During the evening of day 7, visit Magic Ice to see its ice sculpture gallery and enjoy a frosty aperitif in the Ice Bar.



# Stockholm & Copenhagen

Discover northern Europe's Viking and Hanseatic heritage, mixed with modern Scandinavian culture, vibrant waterfronts and contrasting traditions.

#### **Your Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Stockholm

Fly to Stockholm and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 – Stockholm city tour & Vasa Museum

Stockholm sprawls across a picturesque Baltic archipelago. On our city tour this morning, explore cultural and architectural highlights, including the medieval old town, Gamla Stan. We visit the Royal Palace, the king's residence and unmistakable jewel in Stockholm's crown. After lunch, we visit the Vasa Museum on Djurgården Island, home to the Vasa, the world's only preserved 17th-century ship and a unique art treasure. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Stockholm, visit to the Royal Palace and Vasa Museum

#### DAY 3 – Free day in Stockholm

The day is at leisure for you to explore this



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wonderful city. Your Stockholm Travelcard gives you unlimited travel on the city's public transport for a designated period. (B)

#### DAY 4 - Train to Copenhagen

Today we take a high-speed train journey lasting about 5 hours to Copenhagen. (B)

#### DAY 5 - Copenhagen

After breakfast, we enjoy a guided tour of Copenhagen. We'll see the Royal Danish Theatre, the Houses of Parliament, the magnificent Amalienborg Palace and the world-famous Tivoli gardens. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Copenhagen

# DAY 6 – Viking Museum & Frederiksborg Palace

Today we explore Denmark, starting in historic Roskilde with its impressive cathedral. We then visit the Viking Museum, which showcases five well-preserved 11th-century ships. Afterwards, we head to Frederiksborg Slot, a Renaissance palace often called the Nordic Versailles. The palace is now a national museum. We return to Copenhagen in the late afternoon. (B)

Included Experiences – Visits to Roskilde and its Cathedral, the Viking Museum, and Frederiksborg Palace and gardens

#### DAY 7 – Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast





Frederiksborg Palace is home to the world's largest collection of portraits from Denmark's royal history!

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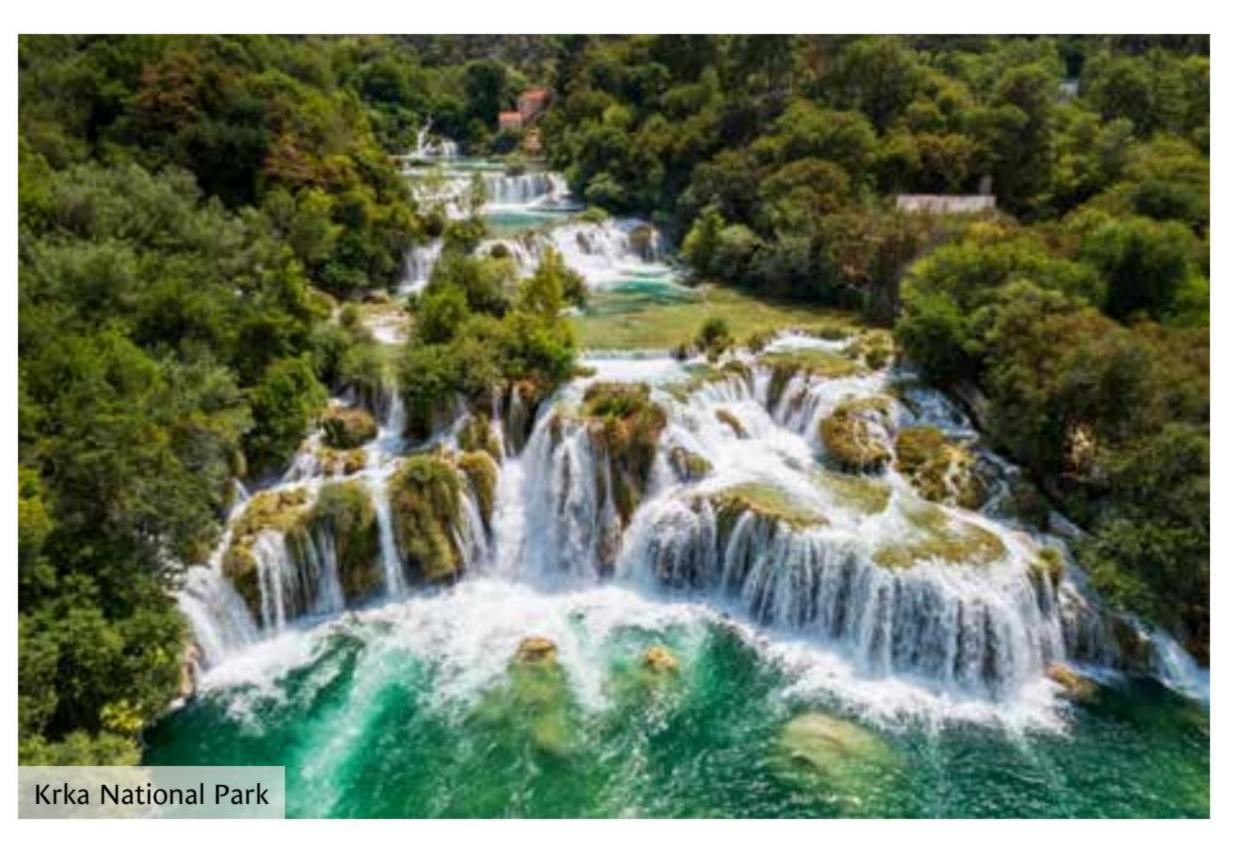




### Dubrovnik & the Dalmatian Coast

George Bernard Shaw thought Dubrovnik 'Paradise on Earth' and Lord Byron described it as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. On this tour you'll find that you can only agree with them. Witness the majesty of Diocletian's Palace in Split, cross or gaze at Krka National Park's waterfalls.





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Croatia

Arrive at Dubrovnik or Split airport for the transfer to your hotel in Omiš. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Krka Valley

Driving inland to the Krka Valley, we'll see the stunning sequence of lakes with reflections of the majestic surrounding peaks and luxuriant forests rippling on their surfaces. And witness one of the most dramatic stretches of the river as you walk past several tiers of waterfalls tumbling magnificently into a broad, shallow pool, before we take a boat trip. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Krka National Park with included boat trip

#### DAY 3 – Split & Trogir

We enjoy the spectacular Dalmatian coastline on our way to Split for a guided walking tour. We'll see the colossal palace of Emperor Diocletian, one of the great structures of the Roman Empire. Later, we visit the nearby medieval citadel of Trogir. The Old Town is actually an island. A wealth of Renaissance and Romanesque buildings line a maze of charmingly chaotic lanes and at the centre is the exquisite Cathedral of Saint Lawrence. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Split. Visit Trogir

#### DAY 4 – Mali Ston & Tasting

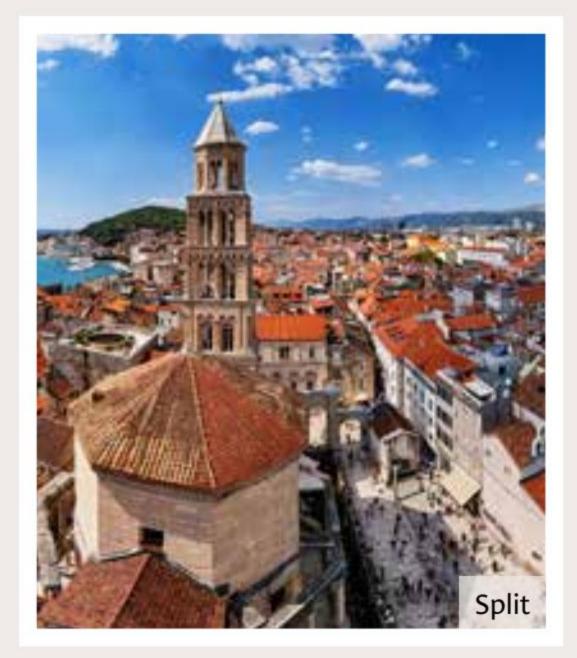
Today we explore the scenic Pelješac peninsula, renowned for its vineyards and seafood. The charming medieval towns of Ston and Mali Ston are famed for their salt production, with the oldest salt pans dating back over 4000 years. On arrival, we visit a traditional family-run wine cellar. Here, we'll immerse ourselves in the authentic flavours of Ston and Mali Ston. We will sample the locally produced wines with cheese and prosciutto. Our hosts will guide us through a selection of delicious local wines, sharing their knowledge and stories. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to the Pelješac peninsula and Ston, plus wine tasting with cheese and prosciutto

#### DAY 5 - Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik nestles in a location of outstanding natural beauty, and our walking tour with an expert local guide highlights the city's landmarks and intriguing history. In the afternoon, you're free to explore before we return to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Dubrovnik



#### DAY 6 – Free day in Dubrovnik

You have the day to yourselves, so what is it to be? The options are many and the choice is yours. (B,D)

#### **DAY 7 – Traditional Watermill & Cavtat**

We drive south through the lush fields and immaculate vineyards of Konavle. The rivers that flow through the valley encouraged the construction of mills for agricultural development but today only three remain operational. We visit one of these watermills to learn how woollen cloth was produced. Afterwards we enjoy a welcome drink made with homemade liqueurs and a selection of local cheeses, prosciutto, bread and wine for which Konavle is well known. We then visit Cavtat, a picturesque town on the Adriatic Coast set amidst an evergreen forest of pine and cypress trees. For lunch, perhaps have the catch of the day at one of the restaurants and cafés overlooking the palm-lined harbour. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit a traditional water mill and sample local delicacies. Visit Cavtat

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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#### **Toast your holiday**

After some truly spectacular discoveries on day 2, share your experiences over an aperitif and canapés in the comfortable surroundings of the hotel.

#### Soar high above the rooftops in **Dubrovnik**

On day 6, for an alternative view of Dubrovnik take the cable car ride to the top of Mount Srd. You can enjoy this experience at any time to suit you, although watching the sun set into the sea from this spectacular vista must be a highlight. As you ride high above the rooftops of Dubrovnik the views of the old town and the Dalmatian coastline beyond will take your breath away.



#### **Traditional Farm lunch**

For a taste of typical rural life, on day 7, travel into the heart of the lush countryside of Konavle where your welcoming hosts, the Novaković family, will show you around the farm and their wonderful garden. You'll be served with a selection of delicious seasonal dishes, created with fresh, home cultivated ingredients. You'll also have time to discover the wine cellar and explore the small museum which provides an insight into the history and tradition of this fascinating region.





# Montenegro: Budva, Cetinje & the Bay of Kotor

Let us take you on a tour of mysterious Montenegro, an unspoilt slice of the Mediterranean. With an intriguing mix of cultures and historical influences, and an incredible mountainous landscape bordered by the azure waters of the Adriatic, this tiny Balkan hidden gem has so much to offer.







#### DAY 1 – Arrival in Montenegro

Arrive at Dubrovnik, Tivat or Podgorica airport for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Budva & wine tasting

This morning is spent getting acquainted with Montenegro's most popular coastal town, which makes up part of the beautiful Budva Riviera. We'll explore within the Venetian old town walls with a local guide on a walking tour. Early afternoon we head inland to the Sipčanik wine cellar for a tour and tasting. Hidden underneath a vast vineyard, what was once a secret underground aircraft hangar operated by the Yugoslav People's Army is now a cavernous wine cellar. (B)

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

#### DAY 3 – Njeguši & Cetinje

Today we travel from the coast and through the mountains into Lovćen National Park, where we discover Njeguši on the slopes of Mount Lovćen. After a short stop we continue to Cetinje, the old royal capital of Montenegro. A tour of the russet-red Royal Palace of King Nikola precedes free time in the city. After a tasting of local mountain produce including honey, ham, cheese and a delicious doughnut-style dish that's typical of the region, we return to our hotel. (B) **Included Experiences** – Visits to Njeguši and Cetinje. Guided tour of the Royal Palace of King Nikola. Tasting of the local produce

#### DAY 4 – Stari Bar & Shkodër, Albania

Stari Bar or 'Old Bar' is a fortified town that now lies in overgrown ruins on the shrubby foothills of craggy Mount Rumija. A walk to the top of the ruins of the hillside fortress will reward you with enchanting mountain and countryside views. After our short stop in Stari Bar, a scenic drive past the old farming villages that sit in the green and fertile low-lying countryside takes us over the Albanian border. Shkodër, our destination in Montenegro's equally evocative next door neighbour, was founded in the 4th century by the Illyrians, making it one of the most ancient cities in the Balkans. The city's most impressive sights include St Stephen's cathedral and the striking, domed and turreted Ebu Bekr mosque. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Stari Bar and guided tour of Shkodër



#### **DAY 5 - Kotor & Perast**

Today we drive to the resplendent Bay of Kotor, the shores of this picture-perfect bay, which is a protected UNESCO World Heritage site, are dotted with sleepy fishing villages and charming old towns, and Kotor makes an ideal first stop. A little way around the bay we come to impossibly idyllic Perast, renowned for its man-made island, crowned by Our Lady of the Rocks, an attractive blue-domed church. We follow a boat trip to Our Lady of the Rocks with a scenic drive around the beautiful bay, then a ferry brings us back across the water for the return to our hotel. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Kotor and visit to Perast

#### DAY 6 - Free day

Today is a free day for you to explore.

#### DAY 7 – Ostrog Monastery & **Lake Skadar**

This morning we drive the mountain road to the miraculous Ostrog Monastery. Set into a sheer elevation of the Ostroška Greda rock, the Ostrog Monastery gleams like a pearl in the craggy cliff face. From the divine to the delightful, we now depart for Lake Skadar, the vast body of water that bridges Montenegro and Albania. After time for lunch at a lakeside village, we board a boat for a relaxing cruise. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Ostrog Monastery and enjoy a boat trip on Lake Skadar

#### DAY 8 – Return flight

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

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#### **Welcome aperitif**

What better way to start your holiday on the 1st evening, than with an aperitif on the terrace of our hotel? Enjoy delicious canapés made with fresh ingredients and a pre-dinner tipple.



#### Lunch & a tasting at one of Montenegro's most unusual wineries

When it comes to European wines, Montenegro wines are often overlooked, but they shouldn't be, and on day 2 of your tour we'll prove it with a visit to one of the country's wine-producers. Šipčanik winery boasts an unusual wine cellar. What was once a secret underground military aircraft hangar is now a wine cellar. After a tour of the winery, we'll enjoy an aperitif before sitting down for a private lunch.

#### Take a cable car up Lovćen mountain

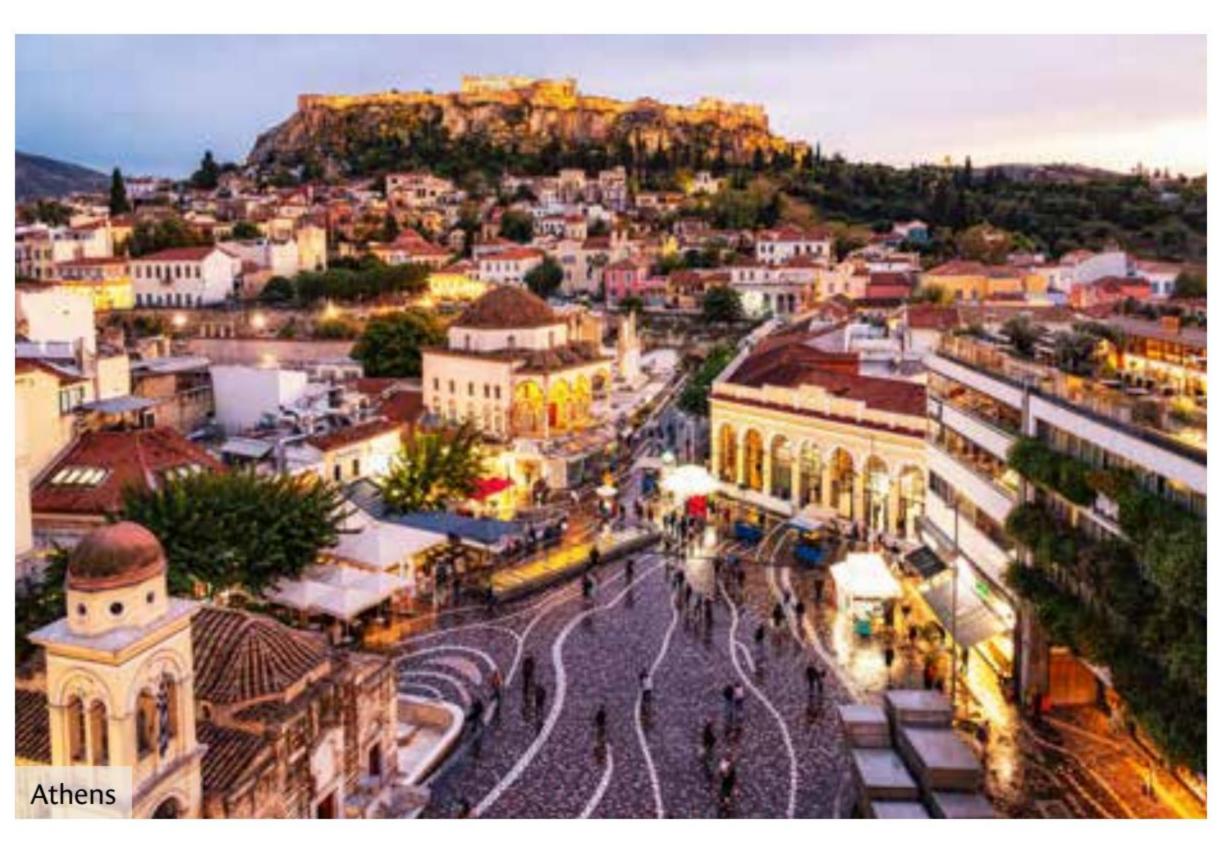
After our tour of Kotor Town on day 5, you'll ascend 1300 metres up by cable car to one of Montenegro's most famous mountains, the Lovćen, with views of the bay below. At the top, we'll be treated to a bird's eye view of the jewel-like bay as we stop for a light lunch and a glass of wine in the restaurant.



# Classic Greece

The crucible of civilisation, democracy, theatre, and philosophy. Its blue skies, outstanding welcome and the zest for life inside every Greek are a true revelation. Greece is synonymous with antiquity, with Athens a city of intriguing paradoxes – ancient yet modern; a capital city, yet in places as intimate as a village.





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#### **DAY 1 – Arrival in Athens**

Arrive at Athens airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Athens

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Athens. Why not explore the charming district of Plaka, crammed with neo-classical mansions, balconies overflowing with geraniums and twisting cobbled lanes lined with homely tavernas. After free time for lunch, we depart for Delphi, driving north past Mt Pendeli and through Thebes, to Mt. Parnassus. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Short panoramic tour of Athens

#### DAY 3 – Delphi

Delphi is incredible, with a unique wealth of monuments dedicated to Apollo. As we enter the sacred sanctuary you'll see the treasuries which were filled with gold and silver donated by grateful city-states for having the benefit of the god's wisdom. Overlooking it all is the superb temple itself. The adjacent museum has some of the finest exhibits, including the full-size 'Charioteer', a masterpiece of ancient bronze sculpture. In the afternoon we cross the huge spans of the new Rio bridge connecting the mainland with the Peloponnese and continue to ancient Olympia. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Delphi

#### DAY 4 – Olympia

The ancient Olympic Games took place every four years; the stadium had a staggering capacity of 45,000 and events included the discus and javelin, sprinting and wrestling. We'll experience a fascinating tour of the site, also visiting the excellent museum.



This afternoon we drive through the province Arcadia and on to the small town Nafplion, our base for the next three nights. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Olympia and entrance to the Museum

#### DAY 5 - Mycenae & Epidaurus

Nafplion is one of Greece's loveliest seaside towns, crowned by two massive castles built by the Franks and Venetians. This morning we visit the ancient theatre of Epidaurus and then Mycenae, entering the imposing citadel through its magnificent 3,300-year-old Lion Gate. We return to Nafplion in the afternoon, with free time to explore. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Epidaurus and Mycenae

#### DAY 6 - Nafplion free day

We offer an optional trip visiting two stunning Greek islands: Spetses and Hydra. Spetses is the most southerly of the Saronic Islands, with pine-covered low hills leading down to an attractive main town, full of narrow alleyways, shady squares and waterfront restaurants. Hydra boasts a lovely harbour with traditional 'caiques', whilst up the hill behind them are opulent mansions, once owned by rich shipping families. Most streets are unsuitable for cars, so wander where your feet take you and enjoy a coffee. (B)

#### DAY 7 – Acropolis

Say goodbye to Nafplion and head back to Athens, via the Corinth Canal. Later today, we will visit the Acropolis, one of the great 'Wonders of the Ancient World'. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Acropolis site and museum

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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Our 2025 Signature tours will visit the Acropolis site and museum on day 2, before departing for Delphi, instead of day 7.

#### **Pre-dinner aperitive & refreshments**

After our day of discovery in Delphi on day 3, gather with fellow travelling companions before dinner to enjoy a glass of local wine accompanied with refreshments.

#### Vineyard tour & tasting

On day 5 journey through the seemingly endless landscape of olive groves, cypress trees and hillside vineyards to one of the renowned wineries. In these magnificent surroundings discover the different grape varieties and then sample a selection of unique wines. A sumptuous lunch will follow, and you'll dine on delicious local dishes amidst the idyllic surroundings of the winery.



#### Visit a traditional taverna

No visit to Athens would be complete without experiencing the lively atmosphere and warm hospitality of a traditional taverna. We've arranged dinner in the picturesque Plaka district, on day 7, one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Athens, which has been continuously inhabited since antiquity and known as 'The Neighbourhood of the Gods' as its overlooked by the Acropolis. Tonight, we'll savour a superb menu of Greek classics to get your taste buds tingling, surely the perfect finale.



# Istanbul, Ephesus & Troy

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





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Kusadasi

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

#### DAY 2 – Ephesus

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

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

#### DAY 3 - Pergamon

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Pergamon

#### DAY 4 – Troy & Gallipoli

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

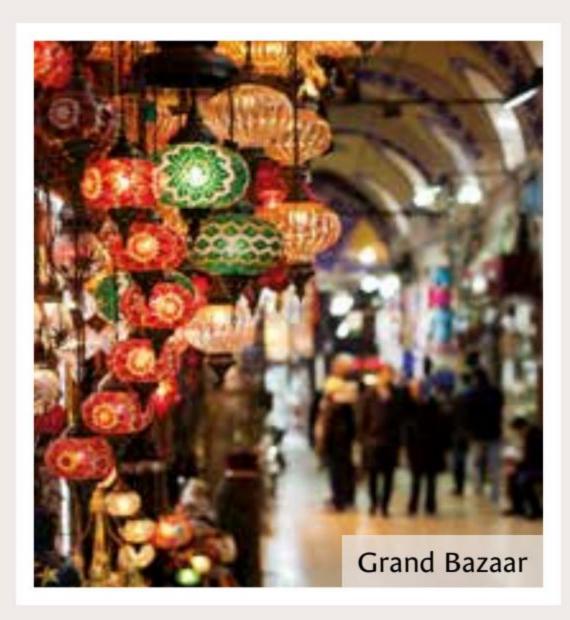
Included Experiences - Visit Troy, Gallipoli and Anzac Cove

#### DAY 5 - Istanbul

We see the immense and beautifully preserved city walls and the remains of the magnificent Hippodrome and enjoy a visit to the breathtaking Hagia Sophia, quite simply one of the world's greatest architectural achievements. For thousands of years, Istanbul sat at the centre of the overland trade routes, and its Grand Bazaar became home to merchants from all over the known world. This afternoon



Topkapi Palace houses the famous Topkapi Dagger, adorned with emeralds and diamonds



we have a guided walk here to experience its sights and sounds. (B)

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

#### DAY 6 - The Basilica Cistern & the Blue Mosque

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

Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque

#### DAY 7 - Topkapi Palace

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

Included Experience – Guided tour of Topkapi Palace

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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#### **Traditional Turkish lunch**

After the visit to Ephesus on day 2, you call at a local producer where your welcoming hosts will serve a selection of enticing local dishes prepared with ingredients from the farm. In these most ambient surroundings of olive groves and citrus trees, sit back and savour the fresh flavours of Aegean at this unforgettable lunch.



#### **Private boat cruise**

See Istanbul from a different perspective on day 6 as you step aboard your private boat for a relaxing cruise along the Bosphorus. As we drift along this most iconic of waterways enjoy the cool breeze and soak up the glorious views – the magnificent Dolmabahce Palace and the elegant Ortakoy Mosque are two of Istanbul's most famous landmarks.



#### Dinner at a rooftop restaurant

Commemorate our last evening in Istanbul with dinner at a rooftop restaurant with magnificent views of the beautifully illuminated city at night. Join your fellow travellers for a dinner that includes traditional dishes carefully crafted to celebrate the flavours of Turkey – it'll be a night to remember!



### Cappadocia, Istanbul, Ephesus & Troy

Step foot in the other worldly landscapes of Cappadocia, experience the wonder of Pamukkale's mineral-rich thermal pools and savour the mystique of the ancient Silk Road. From the spice-scented alleys of Istanbul's Grand Bazaar and the glittering Topkapi Palace, to the immense classical legacies of Troy and Ephesus, and the battlefields of Gallipoli, feel this region's extraordinary history coming alive.







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ankara

Arrive at Ankara via Istanbul for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Ankara & the Anatolian Civilisations Museum

We explore Turkey's capital, visiting Kemal Ataturk's mausoleum. Later we drive alongside Tuz Golu, entering Cappadocia, a fertile volcanic plateau, where we stay for two nights. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Ankara and Kemal Ataturk's mausoleum

#### DAY 3 – Cappadocia

Highlight of the day is Goreme, the vast monastic complex boasting some of the finest rock-cut churches and exquisite frescoes. We also visit the pottery-making village of Avanos. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit Goreme and its open-air museum

### DAY 4 – Caravanserai of Sultanhani & Mevlana Rumi's Mausoleum

Travelling along the ancient Silk Road, we stop to explore the great Caravanserai of Sultanhani, essentially a camel 'truck stop'. Continuing to Konya where we overnight, we visit the mausoleum of Mevlana Rumi's, where the dramatic Whirling Dervish Ceremony is still performed. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Caravanserai of Sultanhani and visit to Mevlana Rumi's mausoleum

#### DAY 5 – Pamukkale

Today we drive to Pamukkale, where we stay for one night, with its thermal pools and ruined city-spa of Hierapolis, where emperors bathed two millennia ago. (B,D) **Included Experiences – Visit Pamukkale** and Hierapolis

#### DAY 6 – Aphrodisias

Today we visit Aphrodisias; our tour explores Greek and Roman remains and their legends, including the Temple of Aphrodite. After, we continue to Kudasi for two nights. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Aphrodisias

For more information on the below days, please see pages 72-73.

#### DAY 7 - Ephesus

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

DAY 8 – Pergamon Included Experience – Guided tour of Pergamon

DAY 9 – Troy & Gallipoli Included Experiences – Visit Troy, Gallipoli and Anzac Cove

#### DAY 10 - Istanbul

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

### DAY 11 – The Basilica Cistern & the Blue Mosque

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

DAY 12 – Topkapi Palace Included Experience – Guided tour of Topkapi Palace

#### DAY 13 – Return home

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

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#### Early evening aperitif

There is something magical about the sunset in Cappadocia. As the sun sets on day 3, relax and unwind with an early evening aperitif whilst watching the remarkable sunset change the colours of the amazing rock formations of Cappadocia's Red Valley.



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On our drive to Alberobello, we visit a historic Masseria, a family-run farmhouse where you can enjoy a lunch featuring homemade dishes made from ingredients grown on the farm, including wine and olive oil. It's a great way to immerse yourself in local life.

See page 80 – A Taste of Puglia & Basilicata NEW FOR 2026



Cyprus to visit a unique winery where artisan vintners craft exceptional wine. After a guided tour of the wine making process, enjoy a fine dining experience at the vineyard's boutique restaurant.

See page 124 – Grand Tour of Northern Cyprus & a Taste of Paphos NEW FOR 2026

Enjoy a 'privilege' visit with a guided tour of Villa Ephrussi, showcasing a stupendous and eclectic collection of medieval and Renaissance art, Sèvres porcelain, Fragonard drawings, exceptional carpets, tapestries, and Far Eastern pieces. We'll then savour our surroundings with champagne and canapés in a private area of the Villa.

See page 132 – Grand Tour of Provence & the French Riviera NEW FOR 2026



# The Wonders of Pompeii, Herculaneum & the Amalfi Coast

From ancient history to dramatic coastal beauty, discover the vibrant Italian culture. Explore its natural and historic riches in the Bay of Naples and the Sorrento peninsula in one of the most beautiful corners of Europe.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sorrento

Arrive in Naples and transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Walking Tour of Sorrento

Explore the charming town of Sorrento, dotted with Roman villas. Wander the maze of narrow streets, past buildings with faded facades in Mediterranean shades. This evening, enjoy the enchanting sound of the Three Tenors concert in Sorrento. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Walking tour of Sorrento, and musical performance

#### DAY 3 – Pompeii

Most people know the story of Pompeii and its fate, and our guided tour of the Roman town highlights its astonishing state of preservation. Much of our knowledge about the Roman way of life comes from Pompeii. Later, taste three local organic wines, followed by a delicious light lunch with fresh, locally sourced ingredients on the slopes of Vesuvius. (B,L,D)



Included Experiences – Guided tour of Pompeii and visit a local vineyard with lunch and wine parings

#### DAY 4 – Capri

Cruise to the island of Capri, with time at leisure to explore the harbour and the bustling main square or admire its vineyards, lemon groves and fragrant pines that surround the town. Later, enjoy a private cruise to see the island from a new perspective. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Private cruise around Capri

#### DAY 5 - Free day

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

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

Our coastal drive takes us along the sublime Amalfi Coast above the exclusive resort of Positano. We visit the village of Ravello with its enchanting main square, 13th-century cathedral and the medieval Villa Rufolo. (B,D) Included Experiences – Tour the Amalfi Coast and Rufolo Gardens, Ravello

### DAY 7 – Herculaneum & authentic farm lunch

This morning, we'll visit Herculaneum, which, like Pompeii, was buried by Vesuvius in 79 AD. Our local guide brings the history to life as we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is much better preserved than Pompeii. Then experience an authentic farm lunch using delicious locally produced ingredients in a rustic, family-owned working farm. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Herculaneum and enjoy a rustic farm lunch

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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# Highlights of Lake Maggiore & the Matterhorn

Straddling both Italy and Switzerland, Lake Maggiore blends the clean air and majestic peaks of the Alps with the warm climate and azure waters of the Mediterranean – a sublime combination that has lured visitors across the centuries.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Stresa/Baveno

Arrive in Italy and transfer to your hotel. (D)

### DAY 2 – Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

Cruise across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella for a guided tour of the Baroque Palazzo and its exquisite terrace gardens. Then, explore Isola dei Pescatori, with time at leisure. Later, return to the mainland for a deliciously chilled glass of fizz in the lake's Skybar. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Isola Bella and cruise Lake Maggiore. Glass of prosecco overlooking Lake Maggiore

#### DAY 3 - Centovalli Railway

This morning, we take a private boat to Cannobio for some free time before driving to Locarno in Switzerland. Next, we board the narrow gauge Centovalli train to Domodossola. Enjoy amazing views of



cascading waterfalls, deep ravines, chestnut forests and romantic hillside villages. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Cannobio and Locarno. Travel on the Centovalli Railway

#### DAY 4 – Lake Como

This morning, we head to Lake Como, for time at leisure to see its imposing cathedral, delightful parks, grand hotels and the majestic Villa Olmo. You can take the funicular railway up the hill to Brunate for breathtaking views. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit Lake Como

#### DAY 5 – Isola Madre

Cruise to Isola Madre to wander the botanical gardens while taking in spectacular views of Lake Maggiore. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit to Isola Madre

#### DAY 6 - Zermatt & The Matterhorn

We head into the high Alps on the Simplon Pass, an ancient traders' and smugglers' route. Nestling at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn, Zermatt chalets stretch along a valley floor. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit Zermatt

#### DAY 7 – Lake Orta

Visit the lakeside village of Orta San Giulio, with its medieval architecture. A boat trip takes you to the island of San Giulio, which features an enchanting basilica. Before returning to the hotel, we delve into the history of the regions wine production before sampling some local wines and artisan accompaniments at a traditional winery. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Orta San Giulio, boat trip to San Giulio Island and tour of winery, with tasting

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.

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### A Taste of Puglia & Basilicata

In the southeastern region of Italy, the beauty of nature intertwines with rich history in a charming tapestry. This area boasts a vibrant culture, hearty traditional dishes, exquisite wines, historic cities, and charming coastal villages, making it a perfect spot for a tranquil getaway.





#### DAY 1 - Arrival

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

#### DAY 2 - Lecce

Lecce, often called the 'Florence of the South,' is a treasure trove of impressive architecture and captivating sites. Our tour begins at Porta Napoli with a local guide as we explore the fascinating Jewish quarter and the Baroque Basilica di Santa Croce, known for its intricate stone carvings. In the historic Old Town, we stop at a former olive oil storage bank and visit Piazza Sant'Oronzo, home to a 2ndcentury Roman amphitheatre. As we stroll lively streets to Piazza Duomo, we admire the majestic cathedral, built in 1144, with its impressive interior and twelve sided chapels featuring renowned artists. In the afternoon, enjoy free time in Lecce's charming streets filled with cafés and boutiques. This evening, we dine in a former Roman granary, savouring local cuisine and experiencing Pizzica dancing, a folk dance from the Salento Peninsula. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Lecce and experiential dinner

#### DAY 3 - Otranto

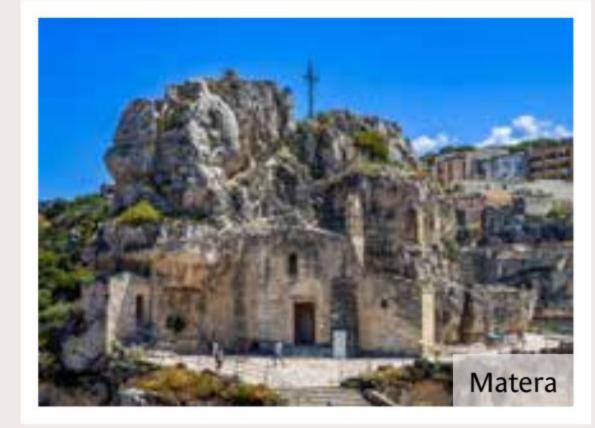
Today, we will visit the coastal town of Otranto, known for its Castle and dazzling views of the Adriatic. In Roman times, Otranto was a vital embarkation point due to its proximity to Albania. You'll have free time to explore the narrow streets, enjoy lunch with sea views, or visit the remarkable Romanesque cathedral, which features an impressive medieval mosaic floor. Another option is the Aragonese Castle, a symbol of the town and the inspiration for Horace Walpole's 1764 Gothic novel, The Castle of Otranto. Before we return to Lecce we will visit a local masseria for a tour, exploring the underground olive mills and then tuck into a rustic lunch with ingredients grown directly on the farm. (B,L)

**Included Experience** – Visit Otranto and tour and lunch at a local masseria

#### DAY 4 – Alberobello

On our drive to Alberobello, we visit a historic Masseria, a family-run farmhouse where you can enjoy a lunch featuring homemade dishes made from ingredients grown on the farm, including wine and olive oil. It's a great way to immerse yourself in local life. As we continue, you'll notice charming white stone huts with conical roofs, known





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

Included Experiences – Visit to Alberobello and lunch at a historic masseria

#### DAY 5 - Matera

Join a small group led by a local expert as we explore Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient troglodyte cave dwellings, some of which have been inhabited for 9,000 years. The city features shops, churches, and artisan workshops carved into the rock. You can stroll along streets that sit above homes. After the tour, enjoy a refreshing aperitivo on a rooftop terrace with incredible views of the Sassi of Matera. In the afternoon, you have some free time to either relax at the hotel or continue exploring Matera at your own pace before savouring regional specialities in the old town. (B,D) Included Experiences – Guided tour of Matera and aperitivo on a rooftop terrace

#### DAY 6 - Bari

Bari, nestled along the Adriatic coast, boasts a rich history as a significant walled port and former capital of Byzantine Italy. During the



You might see locals hand-making orecchiette pasta in Bari's streets

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

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bari

#### DAY 7 - Free day in Matera

Spend your final day as you wish in Matera, known for its UNESCO World Heritage architecture and rich history. Relax at a café, explore underground attractions, or unwind at your hotel. Need recommendations? Our Tour Manager is here to help you make the most of your day in this beautiful region. (B,D\*)

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 2 lunches, (D) 3 dinners.

\*Stays at the MH Matera only will also have 3 additional, included dinners at the hotel.

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### Highlights of Tuscany: Florence, Pisa, Lucca & Siena

What comes to mind when thinking of Italy? Excellent food, history, culture, art and architecture? Tuscany has it all in abundance. Discover verdant, vineyard-clad hills and charming towns and villages and visit famous towns and cities, like Florence, Siena and Pisa.







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Florence

Arrive at Pisa airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Florence & Uffizi

Our guided walking tour of incredible Florence includes legendary sights like the cathedral - or Duomo - and the Baptistry. Explore the goldsmiths' shops on the Ponte Vecchio, the landmark bridge over the Arno River. In the afternoon, skip the queues on your visit to the Uffizi. The building itself is a work of art, but the art collection inside is a treasure in the truest sense of the world. Some of the best-known and -loved pieces on display include Botticelli's Primavera and The Birth of Venus, as well as works from Caravaggio, Leonardo da Vinci, Michaelangelo and more. This evening, we savour the flavours of some of Tuscany's most delicious dishes with freshly sourced local ingredients in a traditional restaurant located near Florence. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Florence and timed visit to the Uffizi. Traditional Tuscan dinner

#### DAY 3 – Boboli Gardens & Pitti Palace

Today, you'll have the chance to visit the Boboli Gardens and Pitti Palace, originally designed for the Medici family – a powerful family who ruled over Florence and later wider Tuscany from the 15th to 18th centuries. The gardens are often referred to as an outdoor museum; there are countless sculptures, interesting buildings and fountains, as well as peaceful green areas. This is one of the first, and one of the most important, Italian gardens. The rest of the day is free to explore the many Renaissance wonders of Florence. You could peruse the Academia – which houses Michelangelo's David – or visit the Archaeological Museum, which displays exhibits from ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt. (B)

Included Experience – Visit to Boboli Gardens and Pitti Palace

#### DAY 4 - Lucca & Pisa

Explore the delightful city of Lucca, one of Italy's best-preserved medieval towns which is perfect for exploring on foot. Delve into its narrow, cobbled streets or perhaps visit the

charming 1000-year-old cathedral.

Our next stop is Pisa. Although you may have seen the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in photographs, it still comes as quite a shock to see it in person. It has been a popular tourist destination since it was built – the tower started leaning during construction in the 12th century and only worsened through the centuries! You'll have some free time to spend in Pisa before heading to our hotel in the Tuscan countryside, where we stay for the next four nights. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Lucca and Pisa

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

We travel through Tuscany, an extraordinary landscape of undulating hillsides, vineyards, ochre-coloured valleys, terracotta-tiled farmhouses and pencil pines to Volterra, an imposing town with immense stone ramparts, perched on a hill and affording panoramic views. It grew prosperous in the Middle Ages from mining and alabaster carving, which remains the traditional Volterran craft. We then visit a family-owned farmhouse in a medieval village set amongst the hills for lunch based on Tuscan recipes. After lunch, we then continue to San Gimignano, which is often hailed as one of Italy's most beautiful villages. It's most famous for its skyline with 14 medieval towers. There were originally 72 towers, all built by rival noble families during the 13th century as symbols of power and prestige. No other village in Tuscany captures the spirit of the age in quite the same way. Wander through its cobbled streets and squares, taking in the views and simply absorbing its delightfully rural atmosphere. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Visits to Volterra, San Gimignano and lunch in a family-owned farmhouse

#### DAY 6 – Siena

Today, we enjoy a guided tour of Siena, a jewel of Italian Gothic and medieval architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city centres on the main square, the Piazza del Campo, an architectural work of art. Siena is also famous for the Duomo, one of Italy's most intricate cathedrals, built from black and white marble.

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Then, take a well-earnt break from our sightseeing to sit back and relax over a delicious local aperitivo while absorbing the most mesmerising views of Siena. The rest of the afternoon is free to spend as you wish, before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Siena and aperitivo with a view

#### DAY 7 - Free day

Your last full day in Tuscany is all yours to spend as you see fit. You might fancy a lazy day of strolling around or simply taking a dip in the pool – the choice is yours. (B,D)

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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Siena Cathedral houses sculptures by Michelangelo, Donatello, and Bernini – impressive!





### Treasures of Sicily

Discover the Mediterranean's largest island, where history, tradition, and cuisine blend in a truly unique way. From lush olive groves to fragrant pine forests, volcanic rock formations, and the magnificent Mount Etna, Sicily presents an impressive variety of natural landscapes.





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Sicily

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

#### **DAY 2 – Valley of the Temples**

This morning, we begin our journey to the Valley of the Temples, home to six impressive Greek ruins overlooking the sea. These majestic structures convey a sense of dominance and authority, standing as enduring symbols of ancient Greek civilization. The Temple of Concordia, in particular, stands out with its well-preserved design and warm golden hue, a testament to the ancient builders' craftsmanship. As we explore the site, our expert guide will share fascinating insights into the history and significance of each structure. Afterwards, we'll visit the local museum, which showcases a remarkable collection of artefacts, including delicate ancient vases and sculptures. Following our cultural immersion, we'll stroll through the charming town of Agrigento, with its medieval streets lined with quaint shops and cafés, offering stunning Mediterranean views. In the afternoon, we'll return to our hotel to relax and reflect on the day's discoveries. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of the Valley of the Temples and visit Agrigento

#### DAY 3 - Piazza Armerina & Taormina

Leaving Agrigento, we head to Piazza Armerina, known for one of the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th century: a 4th-century Roman villa, likely owned by a co-emperor. This villa is renowned for its vibrant frescoes and exquisite mosaics that vividly depict scenes of daily life, mythology, and the grandeur of the Roman Empire. The mosaics are not only artistic masterpieces but also a fascinating glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the ancient elite. After a guided tour of the villa, where you'll learn about its history and significance, we continue our journey to a traditional familyrun agriturismo, where you'll savour local ingredients such as homemade pasta and freshly pressed olive oil. After our Sicilian lunch, we continue to Taormina. Perched 250 metres above the coast, this charming town offers panoramic views of the Ionian

Sea and Mount Etna, making it one of Sicily's most picturesque destinations. With its blend of natural beauty, rich history, and elegant atmosphere, Taormina promises to be a highlight of your Sicilian adventure. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Villa Romana and lunch at a local agriturismo.

Visit Taormina

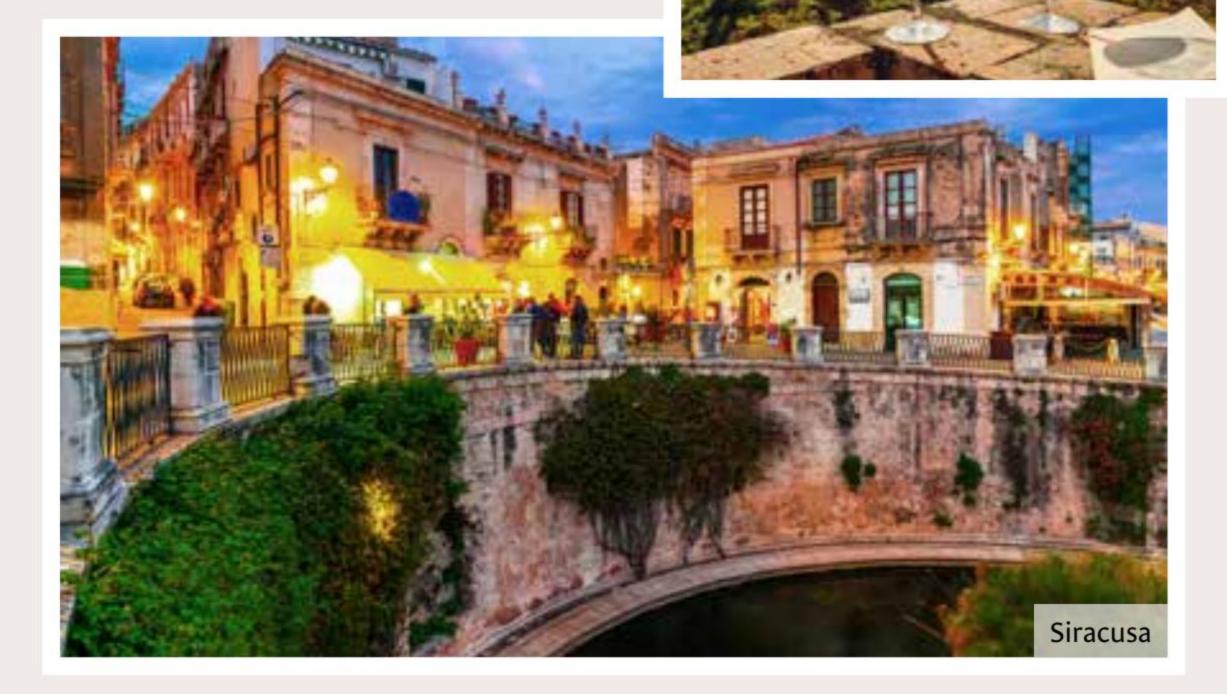
#### DAY 4 – Taormina

Today, explore the elegant and exclusive town of Taormina at your own pace. Known for its stunning views of the sea and Mount Etna, this charming location features lush gardens, vibrant streets, and picturesque alleys. The atmosphere here is lively yet relaxed, with a distinct blend of history and culture. Don't miss the ancient Greek theatre, still hosting concerts and performances against a backdrop of dramatic landscapes. Later today, enjoy the Italian tradition of aperitivo, savouring local delicacies like arancini and cannoli, while taking in the breathtaking vistas of Taormina and the sparkling coastline. (B,D)

Included Experience – Aperitivo with local snacks in Taormina

#### DAY 5 - Mount Etna

Rising above eastern Sicily, Etna is Europe's tallest active volcano, an awe-inspiring natural wonder. In the morning, we'll drive to the base, where the landscape transforms into an otherworldly scene of jagged black rocks, craters, and sparse vegetation, a testament to the volcano's power. At the cable car station, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding area, with the option to ascend higher by cable car and jeep alongside a knowledgeable guide. As we reach the summit, the vastness of the volcanic landscape will take your breath away. The day will conclude with a guided tour and lunch at a local winery on Mount Etna's slopes. You'll learn about the unique conditions for growing organic wines in such an environment and



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enjoy local dishes paired with aromatic wines. The combination of astonishing views, rich flavours, and fascinating history makes this a truly unforgettable experience. In the afternoon, we'll return to our hotel. (B,L,D) **Included Experiences** – **Visit Mount Etna**. Tour and tasting at a local winery plus lunch

#### DAY 6 - Free day

Enjoy a day at leisure either at the hotel, relaxing around the pool (open in the summer months, weather dependant) or exploring Taormina further with some shopping and sightseeing. (B,D)

#### DAY 7 - Siracusa

Today we visit Siracusa, one of the wealthiest ancient cities, known for its famous resident Archimedes, who ran through the streets shouting "Eureka!" after discovering the principle of displacement. The city boasts beautiful limestone buildings from the 1600s and 1700s, including a Baroque Cathedral and Bosco Palace, alongside the charming old port filled with fishing boats. You'll have time to explore the old town, Ortigia, which is linked to the mainland by three bridges. To conclude, we'll enjoy a scenic cruise around Ortigia, taking in the stunning golden limestone cliffs, caves, and ancient architecture. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Siracusa and boat ride around Ortigia

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

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### Umbria's Hidden Gems: Assisi & Perugia

Experience the enchanting green heart of Italy, where you will explore the unspoilt beauty of Umbria on this signature small-group tour. This region is known for its archaeological treasures, fine art, hearty cuisine, and Mediterranean landscapes.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Perugia

Arrive at Rome or Perugia airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Perugia & free afternoon

We take a guided tour of Perguia, including the hidden underground world within the 16th-century Rocca Paolina fortress. (B) Included Experience – Guided tour of Perugia

#### DAY 3 – Assisi

Enjoy a guided tour of Assisi, dominated by the vast Basilica of St Francis complex, which includes a Franciscan monastery and two churches. Then there's free time to explore the oldworld town centre. (B)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Assisi



#### DAY 4 – Cortona & Lake Trasimeno

We take a ferry across Lake Trasimeno to the beautiful Isola Maggiore, and back before heading to Cortona. This evening, dine at a family-owned restaurant specialising in truffles – a local delicacy. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Cortona and cruise across Lake Trasimeno. Dinner at local truffle restaurant

#### DAY 5 - Spoleto & wine tasting

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of Spoleto, home to an ancient Roman amphitheatre and a dazzling Romanesque cathedral. Then we visit a leading producer of Sagrantino di Montefalco wine, made from the indigenous black Sagrantino grapes, for an enhanced wine tasting along with olive oil, delicious cheeses and cold cuts. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Spoleto. Enhanced wine tasting

#### DAY 6 – Frasassi Caves

This morning we explore the Frasassi Caves, considered to be among the most impressive in Europe. Our tour of these karst caves, which can easily trick the eye with their snow-white walls, stalactites and stalagmites, takes us into the Great Cave of the Wind. This afternoon we stop at a local olive mill in Bevagna to learn more about its production. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of the Frasassi Caves. Visit to olive mill

#### DAY 7 - Orvieto & Agriturismo lunch

This morning, we visit another of Etruscan's 12 key cities, Orvieto, whose ancient ruins lie

in eerie underground caves. Later, we stop at a rural agriturismo, to sample a menu of traditional fare. (B,L)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Orvieto and enjoy lunch at an agriturismo

#### DAY 8 – Return flight

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

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Welcome drinks reception

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Minimum four-star accommodation





# Explore the Basque Country: San Sebastian, Burgos & Bilbao

Discover the rich Basque culture, charming towns, historic cities and renowned wines of Rioja.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Bilbao

Fly to Bilbao or Santander airport or take the Eurostar via Paris and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – San Sebastián & free afternoon

San Sebastián is one of the most enchanting coastal resorts in the Bay of Biscay. As we walk through the old town we'll see its highlights. The tour concludes at a traditional family-run bar, where we'll sample pintxos. The rest of the day is free to explore. (B) Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of San Sebastián and sample traditional pintxos

#### DAY 3 - Bayonne & Villa Arnaga

Situated where the River Nive meets the Adour, Bayonne was once a fortified Roman town. During our guided walking tour, we'll see colourful half-timbered buildings and the stunning Gothic cathedral, seat of the former Bishops of Bayonne. We then visit the home and gardens of renowned writer, Edmond Rostand, author of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.



Inside, the rooms have been compared to a sumptuous theatre set and the English- and French-style gardens are delightful. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Bayonne and visit to Villa Arnaga

#### DAY 4 – Pamplona & Rioja Winery

Head to Pamplona for a guided walking tour, seeing its Gothic cathedral and the 16th-century citadel. This afternoon visit La Rioja, for a guided tour and tasting at a traditional winery. Here, we'll enjoy a delicious late lunch of typical Spanish cuisine. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Pamplona, guided tour with tasting and late lunch at a traditional winery

#### DAY 5 - Burgos & free afternoon

Enjoy a guided tour through the twisting streets of Burgos before free time to explore further. This evening we dine at a restaurant specialising in Castilian dishes. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of

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#### DAY 6 - Bilbao

Today we journey to Bilbao, to visit the Guggenheim, home to an array of works by modern Spanish and international artists. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit the Guggenheim Museum

### DAY 7 – Santillana Del Mar & Altamira Cave Museum\*

Wander the cobbled streets of the medieval town of Santillana del Mar then we head to Altamira caves, visiting its museum to see its fascinating replica. Included Experiences – Visit Santillana del Mar and Altamira Cave Museum

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

All flights or Eurostar and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 1 dinner.

\*On some departures it may not be possible to visit the Altamira Cave Museum therefore an alternative itinerary will be offered.

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### Historic Spain: Salamanca, Madrid & Toledo

Beyond its famous beaches and bustling resorts, Spain brims with a hidden charm waiting to be uncovered. Medieval grandeur, hidden history, and metropolitan vibrance all come together in Spain to offer a journey of discovery that reveals its soul in a variety of fascinating destinations.







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Salamanca

Arrive at Madrid airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Salamanca & free afternoon

The entire Old City of Salamanca is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mostly built of local sandstone, giving the buildings a gorgeous rose-coloured hue, especially at sunset when they seem almost to glow. On our walking tour, you'll see the Romanesque Old Cathedral, the Gothic-Baroque New Cathedral and Salamanca's celebrated university – it's the oldest in Spain. (B) Included Experience – Guided walking tour

#### DAY 3 – Segovia

of Salamanca

Dating back over 2,000 years, Segovia features an old quarter with an enchanting skyline of towers and cupolas, plus one of the best-preserved Roman aqueducts in the world. Segovia was the home of Isabella, Queen of Castile, who commissioned Christopher Columbus to discover the New World. As well as opulent rooms, an armoury and impressive courtyards, the castle has striking turrets and fortifications offering panoramic views. (B)

#### DAY 4 - Madrid

We enjoy a tour of Madrid by coach and on foot, seeing famous landmarks like the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, Plaza de España, and the Puerta del Sol. This afternoon, visit the

**Included Experience** – Visit to Segovia

Salamanca

Prado Museum, home to one of the world's finest European art collections, before free time to explore. This evening, enjoy a glass of wine and some delicious tapas at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Madrid, included visit to the Prado Museum and evening tapas at a local restaurant

#### DAY 5 - El Escorial & Free afternoon

Drive through the Sierra de Guadarrama mountain range to the monastery and former royal residence of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with lavish frescoes, altarpieces and paintings. Then we return to Madrid. The afternoon will be free for you to continue exploring Madrid. This evening, we enjoy a show at a traditional flamenco tablao. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to El Escorial monastery and Flamenco performance

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#### DAY 6 - Toledo

Enjoy a guided tour of Toledo exploring the monasteries, bridges and gates of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's best known for the Alcázar, a medieval former royal residence – and the striking cathedral. (B) Included Experience – Guided tour of Toledo

#### DAY 7 - Return flight (B)

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

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 dinner.



Alcázar Castle in Segovia is now a museum and military archive, but it has also been used as a state prison, a Royal Artillery College and a military academy





### Highlights of Andalucía: Seville, Cordoba & Granada

Explore Andalucía, the southernmost region of Spain, which is rich in history and culture. Visit the stunning bridge in Ronda, experience the intoxicating blend of Spanish and Moorish influences in Seville, marvel at the famous Alhambra in Granada, and admire the Mezquita in Córdoba.





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malaga

Arrive at Malaga airport for your transfer to the hotel. This evening we dine out at a local restaurant in Malaga to introduce us to the authentic flavours of Andalucia.

**Included Experience** – Evening meal in Malaga

#### DAY 2 - Ronda

Built on a ridge, Ronda is a city widely acknowledged as one of the most spectacular in Spain. Its most famous site is the Puente Nuevo, a bridge that connects the two sides of the El Tajo Gorge. Built of solid stone in a series of arches, it was also used as a prison during the 19th century and in the Spanish Civil War. We continue our scenic drive to Seville – the capital of Andalucía. (B)

#### Included Experience – Visit to Ronda

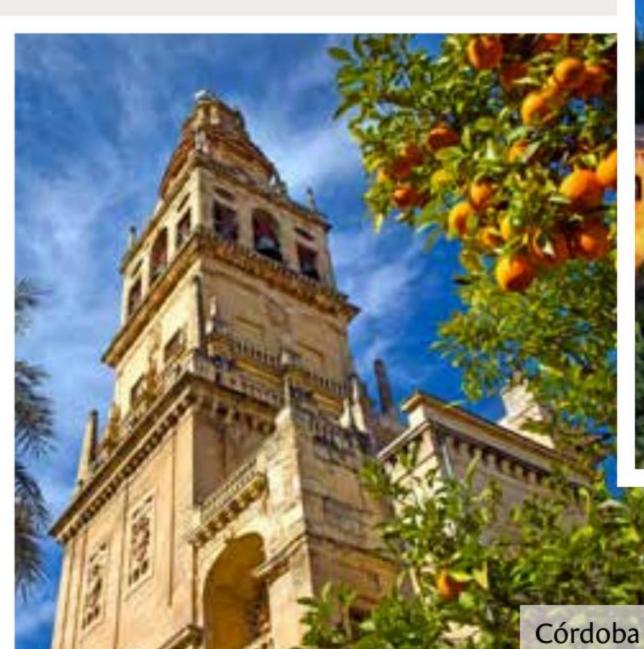
#### DAY 3 - Seville

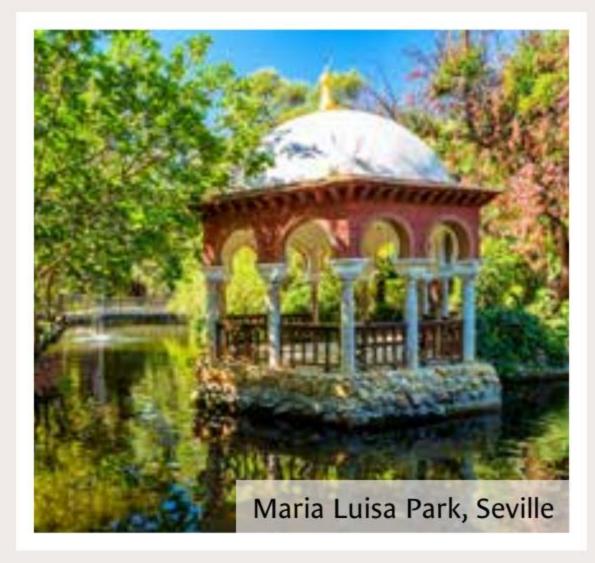
Seville is one of the most beautiful and charismatic cities in the world, with the serene River Guadalquivir flowing through its centre. Little has changed in 500 years in its tiny twisting streets and hidden squares. It possesses a vibrant spirit, and the city of Figaro is the home of flamenco. After breakfast we have a sightseeing tour of this beguiling city, including the awe-inspiring Plaza de España. This afternoon, we visit the magnificent Alcázar Palace – one of the world's oldest palaces still in use as a royal house. Its origins can be traced back to the early 10th century and the palace now serves as a record of history with its fascinating blend of architectural styles and rich décor. Here, you can lose yourself amid the cool patio courtyards, elaborate gardens and fragrant orange trees and soak up the unique atmosphere of one of Europe's oldest palaces. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Seville with a local guide, and visit to Alcázar Palace

#### DAY 4 - Free day in Seville

On your free day you could wander around the Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Jewish quarter of the medieval city, and the smart pedestrianised Calle Sierpes, a street full of beautiful shops selling high-quality leather goods. Or for a pop of colour, Maria Luisa





Park is a lovely display of flowers – it's the perfect spot for people-watching. This evening experience a truly authentic performance of flamenco in an intimate venue. Gain an insight into the meaning, style and rhythm of the dances – the proximity of the stage will allow you to see every mesmerising detail, whilst admiring the superb artistry of the musicians and dancers. For them, flamenco is not just a job, it is a way of life. (B)

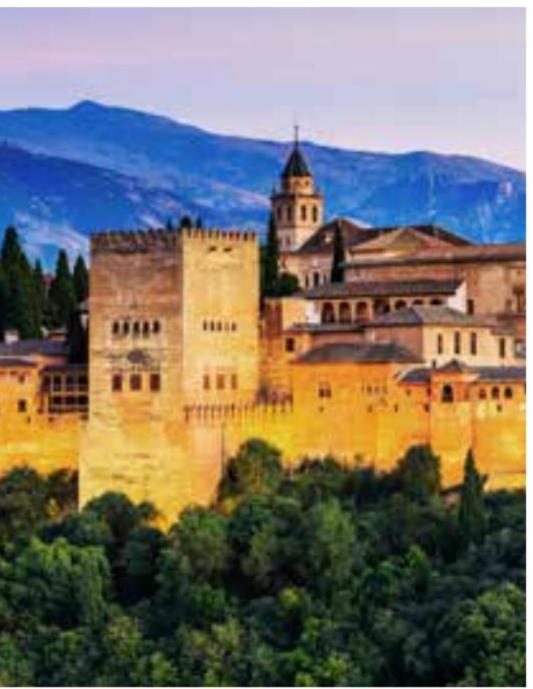
**Included Experience** – Flamenco performance

#### DAY 5 - Córdoba

We head to Córdoba, a delightful place full of patios drenched in the colour of thousands of flowers. We have a guided tour of the Mezquita, the grandest and most beautiful mosque constructed in the Moorish world. Another highlight is the immense, well-preserved Roman bridge. We continue our journey to the city of Granada, the last stronghold of the sultans during the Middle Ages and home to the Alhambra, the most spectacular gem of Moorish Andalucía. (B) Included Experience – Tour of the Mezquita with a local guide

#### DAY 6 - Granada & The Alhambra

Granada has a naturally dramatic location, nestling against the backdrop of permanently snow-capped mountains soaring majestically



The name Alhambra means 'the red one' in Arabic due to the red-tinted walls

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to 11,000 feet. Today we visit the exquisitely designed Alhambra. This iconic building was the high point in Moorish culture. It is not just a palace, though. Some of it is a fortress, and much is given over to formal gardens full of roses and fountains, giving an incredible impression of peace and tranquillity. During free time this afternoon, you can get lost in a myriad of twisting streets, the old Moorish quarter and the traditional gypsy area. Its mix of historic and modern buildings are interspersed with bright explosions of colourful flowers sprouting from balconies and window baskets. You'll find many enticing souvenirs in the tiny shops – they sell everything from crafts, silks and local knick-knacks to fruits. Or, for a more relaxed afternoon, Granada also boast some of the most distinctive old bars in Spain, here enjoying a drink and tapas is a unique, authentically Andalusian experience. (B) Included Experience – Visit to the Alhambra

#### DAY 7 - Return flight

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

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(B) Daily breakfast.

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### Highlights of Malta & Gozo

The crossroads of the ancient world, the alluring island of Malta has served as a traveller's haven for Mediterranean empires across millennia, boasting a rich cultural heritage, grand architecture, and diverse landscapes that captivate visitors from all corners of the globe.







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malta

Arrive at the airport, where you'll be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Settle in and enjoy your evening in Malta. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Valletta

Today, we embark on a guided walking tour of Valletta, the 16th-century capital city of Malta. Valletta is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, originally constructed by the Knights of Saint John. A highlight of the city is the remarkable Saint John's Co-Cathedral, a Baroque masterpiece featuring an intricate marble floor, a ceiling adorned with gold leaf, and several outstanding artworks, including pieces by Caravaggio. We also visit the Malta Experience, an engaging exhibition that reveals the history and culture of the island. Afterwards, you have the opportunity to explore more of Valletta on your own consider visiting the National Museum of Archaeology, the Grand Master's Palace, or the National War Museum at Fort Saint Elmo, which houses a replica of the George Cross awarded to Malta. During our time in Valletta we visit the historic Saluting Battery, located at the Upper Barracca Gardens in Valletta. Here we will see the loading and firing of the cannons over the harbour. We'll end the day with coffee and cake. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Valletta and visit the Malta Experience. Visit to the Saluting Battery with demonstration

#### DAY 3 – Gozo

Take a short ferry ride to Gozo, an idyllic island known for its charm and tranquillity. We explore Gozo's capital, Victoria (also known as Rabat), and travel through scenic landscapes, dotted with terraced fields and fragrant wildflowers. Our first stop is Dwejra Bay, followed by a visit to Ggantija, one of the most well-preserved prehistoric temple sites on the island. These ancient temples date back to around 3600 to 3200 BC, making them older than the Pyramids of Egypt and Stonehenge. Afterwards, we return to Malta for an evening at leisure. (B,D)

Included Experience - Guided tour of Gozo and visit to Ggantija

#### DAY 4 – Free day

Enjoy a free day to explore at your own pace. Choose to relax at the hotel or head out to discover more of Malta's hidden gems. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 - Rabat & Mdina

We start the day by strolling through the medieval streets of Rabat, where we visit Saint Paul's Catacombs, some of the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta. Next, we explore the Wignacourt Museum, housed in the former Baroque residence of the Chaplains of the Knights of Saint John, which now showcases an impressive collection of artefacts. We then head to Mdina, the ancient walled city of Malta, often referred to as the 'Silent City,' due to its peaceful atmosphere. After lunch, we make our way to the Rotunda of Mosta, which boasts the third-largest dome in the world. To end the day, we visit the stunning 18thcentury Palazzo Parisio and its breathtaking gardens, where you can unwind and indulge in a traditional afternoon tea. The palazzo, inspired by the English aristocracy, offers a selection of freshly made cakes and pastries, along with a range of savoury treats. (B,D) **Included Experiences** – Visit to Rabat, the Wignacourt Museum, Mdina and the

Rotunda of Mosta. Afternoon tea at Palazzo Parisio

#### DAY 6 - Free morning & wine tasting

Start your day with some leisure time, whether that means enjoying the hotel's amenities, relaxing by the pool, or exploring the local area. In the afternoon, we visit a renowned wine estate near Mdina. Here, we take a guided tour of the vineyard, sample some of the estate's finest wines, and learn about the winemaking process along the way. You'll also have the chance to stroll through the picturesque grounds, soaking in the beauty of the surroundings. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Tour and tasting accompanied by lunch at a prestigious wine estate

#### DAY 7 – The Blue Grotto & Neolithic **Temples**

This morning, we head to Malta's rugged coastline to witness the beauty of the Blue Grotto, a series of sea caves. Next, we visit This tour is exclusive to our Signature collection, which includes...

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Hagar Qim, an ancient megalithic temple complex listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the chambers is uniquely aligned with the sunrise during the summer solstice. We continue our journey to the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk, where local fishermen have been working for centuries. In the afternoon, we visit Città Vittoriosa (Birgu), a fortified city with a rich history. Our day ends with a visit to a premier Maltese winery, where we indulge in a wine tasting accompanied by a light lunch, featuring local delicacies such as fresh salads and traditional Maltese dishes, carefully paired with the wines to enhance their flavours. (B,D)

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

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

After a memorable week in Malta, it's time to head home. You'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included. (B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.





Valletta's gallarija balconies are vibrant symbols of personality, common in Maltese homes





### Highlights of Provence

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





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Aix-en-Provence

Arrive at Nice, Marseille or Montpellier airport, or journey by Eurostar and highspeed TGV to Aix-en-Provence.

#### DAY 2 - Tour of Aix-en-Provence

Aix-en-Provence, founded by the Romans as a spa town, is rich in history and culture. In the morning, enjoy a guided walking tour to learn about its Roman roots and how it inspired artist Paul Cézanne. In the afternoon, visit an organic winery for a wine tasting and lunch with a view of the beautiful estate. The evening brings dinner at a local restaurant, serving traditional Provençal cuisine. (B,L)

Included Experiences – A guided walking tour of Aix-en-Provence. Wine tasting and

#### DAY 3 - The Camargue

lunch at a local organic vineyard

Today, we venture into the stunning Camargue region, a vast delta formed by the Rhône River and renowned for its unique wetland environment. This natural haven is home to over 400 species of birds, including the famous pink flamingos, and offers a peaceful contrast to the hustle and bustle of city life. On a guided boat trip through this marshland, you'll have the opportunity to witness its diverse wildlife up close, so don't forget to bring your binoculars. Next, we head to the historic town of Arles, a former Roman regional capital that dates back to the 1st century AD. Take a guided walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you'll visit the impressive Roman amphitheatre and the Place du Forum, a vibrant square now lined with cafés and restaurants. You'll also have some free time to explore the town further. (B,D)

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

#### **DAY 4 – Luberon Mountains**

Today, we make our way to the captivating Luberon Mountains, located in the heart of Provence. This area, designated as a Regional Nature Park, offers some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the region. The scenery changes dramatically as you travel through the park, from flat plains dotted with olive and peach groves to rolling vineyards, and eventually to the higher altitudes where rows of lavender fields fill the air with their sweet fragrance. The scent of pine and wild



herbs mixes with the lavender to create an unmistakable aroma that is synonymous with rural Provence. (B)

**Included Experience** – Experience the Luberon Mountains

#### DAY 5 - Avignon

Today we visit the historic city of Avignon, once the seat of the papacy and home to one of the largest Gothic buildings in Europe, the Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes). This incredible structure is a testament to the power and wealth of the Catholic Church during the 14th century. You'll have the chance to explore its grand halls and chambers on a guided tour, learning about the fascinating history of the papacy in Avignon. Alternatively, you can choose to visit the Petit Palais Museum, which boasts an impressive collection of over 300 paintings from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Afterwards, take a leisurely walk along the famous 12thcentury bridge, the Pont Saint-Bénézet, and you may find yourself humming the familiar tune of the 'Sur le Pont d'Avignon.' On our return journey to Aix-en-Provence, we'll stop at the remarkable Pont du Gard, an ancient Roman aqueduct that spans the Gardon River. Constructed in the 1st century AD, this UNESCO World Heritage site is considered one of the greatest engineering feats of the ancient world. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Avignon and the Pont du Gard

#### DAY 6 - Free day

Spend a free day exploring Aix-en-Provence at your leisure.

#### DAY 7 - Cassis

We spend the day in the beautiful coastal town of Cassis, a delightful fishing port nestled along the Mediterranean Sea. This charming town is known for its colourful cottages, scenic harbour, and sandy beach, all of which are overlooked by a striking

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medieval fortress. Take a moment to soak in the stunning coastal views before enjoying a delicious lunch at one of the waterfront restaurants, where you can savour freshly caught fish and seafood. In the afternoon, embark on a boat trip to explore the Massif des Calanques, a dramatic stretch of coastline featuring towering white cliffs, jagged rock formations, and crystal-clear waters. This area is a haven for rare seabirds and offers some of the most picturesque scenery in the region. Whether you're cruising along the coastline or simply taking in the views from the boat, the Calanques are sure to leave a lasting impression. This afternoon, visit a lavender farm on the outskirts of Aix. We will discover more about this typical Provençal plant and its cleansing, soothing properties, partaking in a soap customisation workshop in the grounds on this family estate. We then return to your hotel in Aix. Tonight we dine at a renowned local restaurant. Savour the exquisite flavours of the gourmet menu. Freshly prepared seasonal ingredients promise a truly memorable Provencal feast and our gastronomic experience will be completed with local wines. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Boat trip in Cassis, visit to lavender estate and soap making workshop. Evening meal at a renowned local restaurant

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

All flights or Eurostar/TGV and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 2 dinners.
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### Charms of the Baltics: Helsinki, Tallinn & Riga

Let us introduce you to three unique, yet underestimated, capitals – Helsinki, Tallinn and Riga – each brimming with an abundance of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Helsinki

Arrive at Helsinki airport for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 - Helsinki & free afternoon

Helsinki is a captivating city situated on an archipelago in the Gulf of Finland, and this morning we have a guided tour, which includes the striking Art Nouveau railway station and the Sibelius Monument, an abstract work of over 600 steel 'organ pipes' and a bust of Finland's most celebrated classical composer. In your free afternoon why not visit the six-mile-long Central Park or waterside Kaivopuisto Park? Perhaps there is no better way to fully appreciate the heritage of Finland than through the music of Jean Sibelius. With its perfect acoustics, the Baroque-style ballroom of the Balder Hall is the perfect venue for a magical live performance in these beautiful and historic surroundings. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Helsinki. Live musical performance in Balder Hall

#### DAY 3 – Suomenlinna Fortress

Today we are transported back in time as we take a short ferry ride from the mainland to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Suomenlinna Fortress. With our expert guide we explore its four bastions, deep connecting tunnels, a turquoise-domed dual-use church and lighthouse, the only Second World Warera submarine remaining in Finland, plus lakes, gardens and a beach. Outside of the crumbling fortress walls, we meander through the cobbled streets, across connecting bridges and in between old wooden buildings now home to quaint restaurants and artists' workshops. In the afternoon you'll have some free time where you may choose to head back to Helsinki or stay on Suomenlinna. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Suomenlinna Fortress

#### DAY 4 – Kadriorg Palace

Today we board a ferry to Estonia, dock in the capital, Tallinn, and drive to Kadriorg Palace. Built in the 18th century by Tsar Peter the Great, this Italianate building houses a fine art collection. On a guided tour we see paintings by 16th to 20th-century European masters as

well as the palace's manicured gardens and elegant fountains. We head back into Tallinn to settle into our hotel before enjoying dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Kadriorg Palace and gardens

#### DAY 5 - Tallinn

Estonia's capital is like stepping back in time several centuries and we enjoy a walking tour of its centre with a local guide. Tallinn's fairytale UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town is a warren of atmospheric streets and buildings situated below an impressive hilltop upper district. Then mingle with the locals and sample a selection of local delicacies, what better way to experience the aromas and distinctive flavours which are typical to Estonia, including pastry and chocolate. Then visit Europe's oldest pharmacy, continuously in operation for over 600 years, where we will taste marzipan, known to relieve heartache and restore memory. Afterward, there will be some free time. The craft beers of Tallinn are becoming increasingly popular, so why not visit a local brewery for a tasting? Perhaps step into one of its numerous pretty churches, visit the superb Estonian Maritime Museum, seek out various local treasures, wander through the shadows of the city walls, or maybe just a short stop to sip a coffee and watch the world go by. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Tallinn. Food tour with tastings

#### DAY 6 - Tartu

This morning, we head to Tartu, passing rich farmland, traditional wooden barns and dense forests. Tartu is home to Estonia's most renowned university and is a vibrant cultural hub. Explore the Town Hall Square, with its famous Kissing Students fountain, pretty pink Town Hall and curious Leaning House and enjoy views of the Emajogi River. We set off again mid-afternoon to Latvia, arriving at its capital, Riga. After settling into our hotel, we head out to sample some local cuisine. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit Tartu

#### DAY 7 - Riga & free afternoon

On our guided walking tour of beautiful Riga, we see a dazzling mix of architectural styles – spires of grand Gothic churches tower above

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cobblestoned streets lined with decorative Art Nouveau buildings. In the UNESCO-listed Old Town, we explore the striking 82-foot Powder Tower – previously where gunpowder was stored and now home to the Latvian War Museum – and the central Dome Square. After our guided tour, discover the charm of Latvia from the water. Enjoy a private boat ride down the Daugava River, where you can take in stunning views of the city and its iconic landmarks from a new perspective. While on board you can also sample the local Riga Black Balsam, a traditional Latvian herbal liqueur that's often considered the national drink of Latvia and made with 24 all-natural ingredients. Then, you're free to explore the city as you wish, a stroll through Riga's famously vast Central Market, five pavilions of old Zeppelin hangars so iconic that it's included on the UNESCO World Heritage list, along with the city's Old Town. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided walking tour of Riga. Daugava River cruise

#### DAY 8 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 3 dinners.





### The Best of Norway: Oslo to Bergen

Norway – a place where nature and culture are intertwined in a captivating embrace, where cosmopolitan cities sit at the edge of majestic fjords and civilisation survives in the most surprising locations.

#### Your itinerary

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Oslo

Arrive at Oslo airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Oslo & free afternoon

See the city's mix of old and new architecture and beautiful open spaces on a panoramic tour. Use your Oslo Pass to explore further this afternoon before a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, showcasing Norwegian cuisine. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Panoramic tour of Oslo. Dinner at local restaurant

#### DAY 3 – Telemark

Journey to Telemark, site of the famous act of resistance during the Second World War. Here, we visit the site of the processing plant that was destroyed by Norwegian saboteurs in 1943. We head back to Oslo to see the country's largest medieval wooden stave church. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Rjukan and Heddal Stave Church



#### DAY 4 - Bergen Railway

We leave Oslo on the scenic Bergen Railway, passing pristine lakes and dense forests, the railway climbs to the Hardangervidda plateau, where patches of snow linger well into July. We arrive into the mountain resort of Voss, where we stay for the next two nights. (B) **Included Experience** – **Travel on the Bergen railway** 

#### DAY 5 - Flåm Railway

We enjoy an exhilarating trip on the Flåm Railway, including a 12 1/2-mile stretch where we descend over 2,800 feet on one of the world's steepest railway lines. The journey ends in Flåm, where we board a ferry to Gudvangen across the UNESCO-listed Naeroyfjord with its jaw-dropping vistas. Please note: This day may operate in reverse. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Ride the Flåm Railway and cruise across Naeroyfjord

#### DAY 6 – Voringfossen

We head to Eidfjord, a village on the banks of Hardangerfjord known as the 'Queen of Fjords'. Crossing Norway's longest suspension bridge and up the valley to the renowned waterfall at Voringfossen before we then continue to Bergen to stay for two nights. (B) Included Experience – Visit Voringfossen waterfall

#### DAY 7 - Bergen

We'll enjoy a walking tour of Bergen seeing its fish market and the colourful wooden buildings in the UNESCO-listed Bryggen district. This afternoon, we'll ride the Fløibanen funicular to the summit of Mount

Fløyen, with panoramic views and scenic walking trails. In the evening, visit Magic Ice, a sub-zero wonderland filled with ice art from renowned artists, and enjoy an icy aperitif served in an ice glass at the Ice Bar. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Bergen. Ride the Floibanen Funicular

#### DAY 8 - Return home

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 dinner.

and visit the Magic Ice Experience

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### Hidden Gems of Slovenia

From the vibrant charm of Ljubljana's candy-coloured architecture to the serene beauty of Lake Bled's glassy waters, and fine wines to Lipizzaner horses, this small group tour captures Slovenia's incredible diversity.

#### **Your itinerary**

#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ljubljana

Arrive at Ljubljana airport for the transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Ljubljana

This morning, we enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia's capital with a local guide sharing the stories behind the main sights. We cross the Triple Bridge to enter the pedestrianised Old Town home to Baroque buildings, piazzas, fountains and narrow cobbled alleys, all with a distinct Italian flavour. You have free time this afternoon. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Ljubljana

#### DAY 3 - Piran & Lipica

Visit Piran on the Adriatic Coast with free time to explore. Venice's influence is evident in Piran's medieval cobbled streets and alleyways, often leading to unexpected squares. After lunch, we drive to the Lipica



Stud Farm, home to the famed Lipizzaner horses for over 400 years. Here, we enjoy a presentation by the Classical Riding School. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit to Piran and guided tour of the Lipica Stud Farm with performance

#### DAY 4 - Ptuj & Maribor

We head northeast to Ptuj, nestling beneath the walls of its impressive castle. After a brief orientation and time to explore its many treasures, we head to Maribor for a walking tour with a local guide. In the afternoon we visit a local winery for a guided tour and tasting. Learn about the production process and then soak up the atmosphere whilst enjoying locally produced wine. Enjoy dinner at a historic restaurant at the foot of Ljubljana Castle this evening. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Ptuj and Maribor, plus tour and wine tasting at Vinag. Dinner in Ljubljana

#### DAY 5 – Lake Bled

Visit the dazzling waters of Lake Bled, stretching over a mile in length and width, this morning. In its centre sits a tear-shaped island sits almost at the lake's centre, topped with a fairytale church with a soaring spire and deep terracotta roof which we'll visit on a pletna, a traditional canopied gondola-like boat. Back on shore, taste delicious bled cake at a local café. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Lake Bled with boat ride to the centre island. Tasting of bled cake

#### DAY 6 - Return flight

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 dinner.



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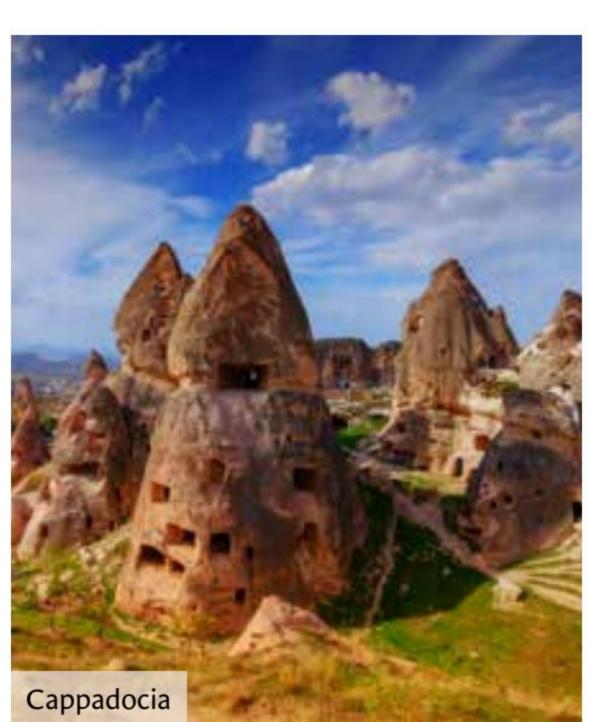


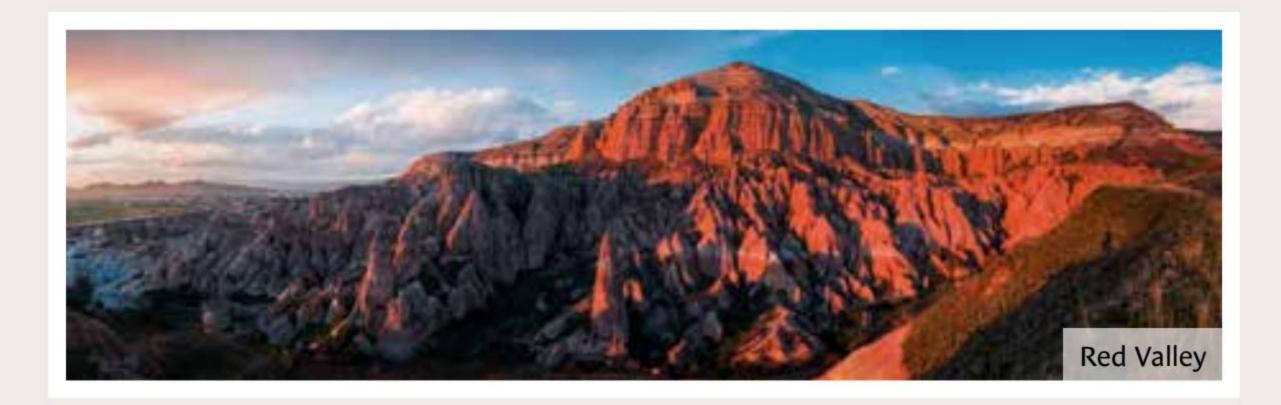


# Ancient Turkey, Cappadocia, Istanbul, Ephesus & Troy

Step foot in the other worldly landscapes of Cappadocia, experience the wonder of Pamukkale's thermal pools and savour the mystique of the ancient Silk Road. From the glittering Topkapi Palace to the legacies of Troy and Ephesus, and the battlefields of Gallipoli, feel this region's extraordinary history coming alive.







#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ankara

Arrive at Ankara via Istanbul for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

#### DAY 2 – Ankara & the Anatolian Civilisations Museum

We begin our day in Turkey's capital by visiting the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk. Afterwards, we travel along the shores of Tuz Golu before heading into the volcanic landscapes of Cappadocia, where we'll stay for the next two nights. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Ankara and Kemal Ataturk's mausoleum

#### DAY 3 - Cappadocia

This morning, we explore the incredible underground city of Kaymakli, with its eight levels of ancient tunnels and rooms like stables, kitchens, and a church. Then we head to Göreme, a stunning monastic complex with rock-hewn churches and beautiful frescoes. Next, we visit Avanos, a charming village known for its pottery. As the day ends, we'll experience a magical sunset over Cappadocia's Red Valley, where the rocky landscape glows in the fading light, all while enjoying an aperitif. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit the underground city of Kaymakli and Göreme. Sunset visit to Cappadocia's Red Valley

### DAY 4 – Caravanserai of Sultanhani & Mevlana Rumi's Mausoleum

Following the ancient Silk Road, we explore the Caravanserai of Sultanhani, a historic stop for traders and camels. Then we continue to Konya to visit the mausoleum of the famous poet Mevlana Rumi and witness the mesmerizing Whirling Dervish Ceremony. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Caravanserai of Sultanhani and visit to Mevlana Rumi's mausoleum

#### DAY 5 – Pamukkale

Today we journey to Pamukkale, known for its thermal pools and the ancient ruins of Hierapolis, where emperors once bathed. We'll stay here for the night. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Pamukkale and Hierapolis

#### DAY 6 – Aphrodisias

Our visit to Aphrodisias takes us through the ruins of the Temple of Aphrodite and other Greek and Roman remnants. Afterwards, we travel to Kusadasi, where we'll stay for the next two nights. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Aphrodisias

#### DAY 7 - Ephesus

Today we explore the ancient city of Ephesus, marvelling at landmarks like the Library of Celsus and the grand amphitheatre. We'll also visit the Temple of Artemis, once considered grander than the Parthenon. In the afternoon, we head to the House of the Virgin Mary before enjoying a traditional Turkish lunch in a nearby village. This restaurant specialises in traditional Turkish dishes and was established in 2020 by local women as part of an initiative to provide job opportunities for women impacted by the pandemic. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Ephesus and visit House of the Virgin Mary. Traditional Turkish lunch

#### DAY 8 - Pergamon

In Pergamon, we explore the remains of the Temple of Trajan, the Altar of Zeus, and the steepest ancient theatre. Afterwards, we drive to Canakkale for an overnight stay. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Pergamon

#### DAY 9 – Troy & Gallipoli

We visit the ancient city of Troy, with its nine layers of history, and cross from Asia to Europe on a scenic cruise across the Dardanelles. At Gallipoli, we reflect at the Lone Pine Memorial and Anzac Cove before travelling on to Istanbul for a three-night stay. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Troy, Gallipoli and Anzac Cove

#### DAY 10 - Istanbul

We begin with a visit to the city's historic walls and the Hippodrome, before marvelling at the awe-inspiring Hagia Sophia. In the afternoon, we embark on a guided walk through the Grand Bazaar, a hub for traders from around the world. (B)

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

### DAY 11 – The Basilica Cistern & the Blue Mosque

Today we explore the underground Basilica Cistern, once a water storage reservoir, and visit the iconic Blue Mosque. In the afternoon, we take a private boat ride along the Bosphorus, with views of Istanbul's palaces and mosques, enjoying drinks and snacks onboard. (B)

Included Experiences – Visits to the Basilica Cistern and the Blue Mosque. Private boat ride along the Bosphorus river

#### DAY 12 – Topkapi Palace

Start the day with an expert-led tour of Topkapi Palace, the magnificent and complex

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residence of the Sultans for over 400 years. Now a captivating museum, it once operated as a bustling city within a city. Afterwards, we'll take a brief stroll through the Spice Bazaar, immersing ourselves in the lively colours and aromatic scents of spices and herbs from across the globe. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your own pace before we come together for dinner. To wrap up our time in Istanbul, we'll dine at a rooftop restaurant offering breathtaking views of the city illuminated under the stars. Join your fellow travellers for a memorable evening of traditional Turkish dishes – an experience to treasure! (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Topkapi Palace. Evening dinner at a rooftop restaurant

#### DAY 13 - Return home

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

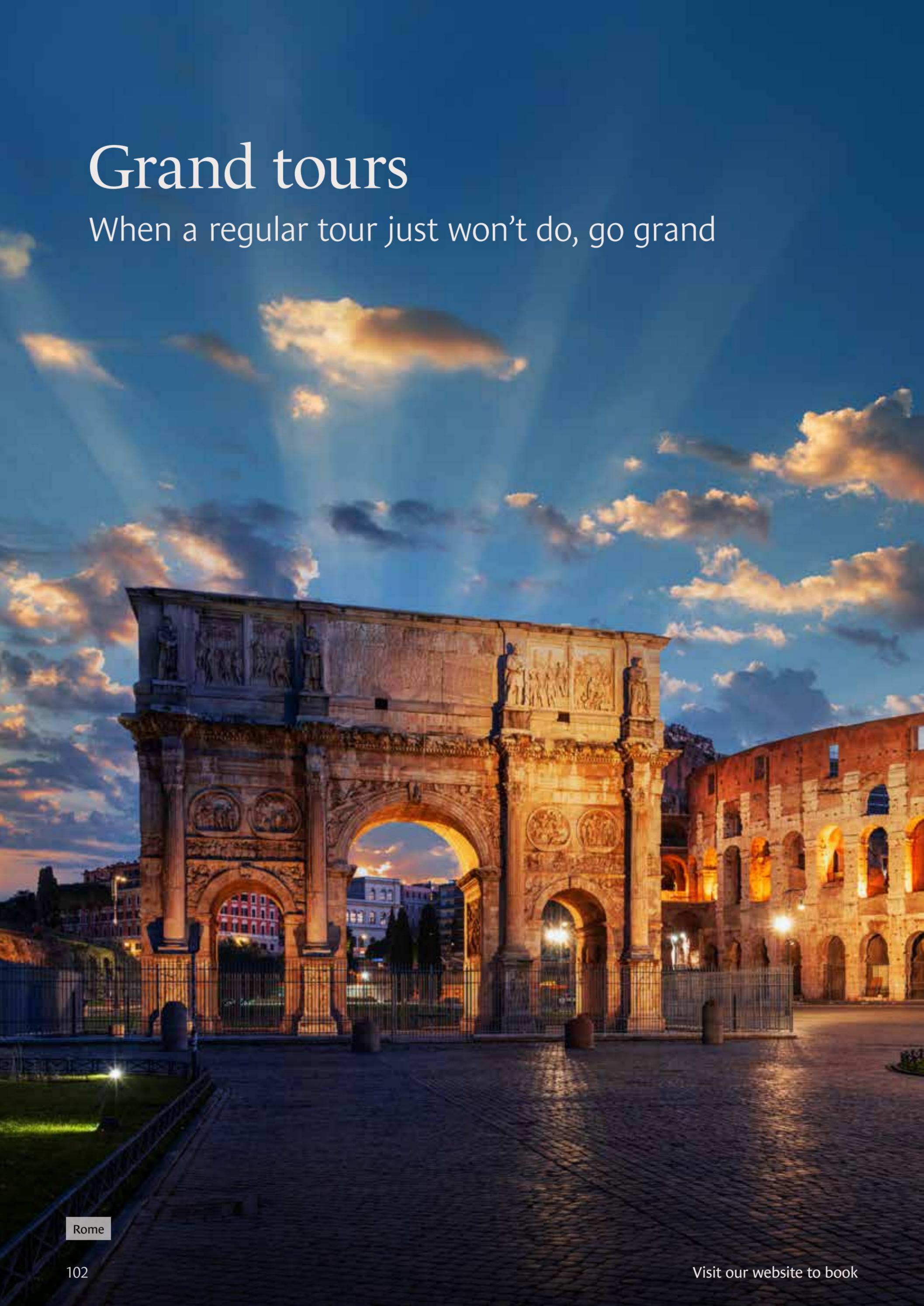
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Pamukkale's white terraces form from calcium deposits, creating natural pools and spa spots





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Venice's Carnival masks, originating in the 13th century, allowed anonymity and social freedom during celebrations!





Mainau Island, known as the

'Island of Flowers', features

over a million blooms

butterfly house!

each year and a stunning



Milan is home to Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. Milan's Navigli canals were actually designed with da Vinci's help – they once connected the city to major Italian waterways!



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

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





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Castelfranco Veneto

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

#### DAY 2 - Padua

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

Included Experiences – Visit Padua and enjoy coffee and cake in Padua's famous Caffé Pedrocchi

#### DAY 3 - Bassano & Villa Sandi

After breakfast, we'll visit the enchanting town of Bassano del Grappa. Nestled in the foothills of Monte Grappa, the source of the Brenta River, which slices through the town. After our visit, there'll be time for a quick bite to eat in one of the town's many restaurants before we continue to Valdobbiadene. Here, we'll take a guided tour of the distillery and underground cellars of Villa Sandi, home to some of the best Prosecco, which we'll sample afterwards. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit to Bassano del Grappa and guided visit to a local artisan distillery

#### DAY 4 - Venice

We'll drive to Venice, for a walking tour to see St Mark's Square and its Basilica, the Campanile, Doge's Palace and countless other famous sights. After our guided tour, drift along Venice's iconic waterways aboard a traditional gondola, to experience one of the world's most romantic and inspiring locations from a new perspective. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Venice and cruise Venice's iconic canals aboard a traditional gondola

#### DAY 5 – Vicenza

Padua

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

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Vicenza, including Teatro Olimpico

#### DAY 6 - Mantua & Lake Garda

On our way to Lake Garda, we'll visit Mantua. During our guided tour of the old town, the reasons for its UNESCO World Heritage status become strikingly evident. Although compact in size, Mantua has more than its share of artistic, cultural and architectural treasures. After our tour, there's time to wander the cobbled streets and relax in the lovely squares before we head north to Lake Garda. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Mantua

#### DAY 7 - Lake Garda

Today we will tour the lake by coach and boat, passing through some lovely, typically Italian villages complete with tiny harbours clinging to the shoreline with the mountains behind. As we travel, we'll see lush groves of olives, citrus trees and, of course, vines used for making the famous Bardolino wines. We'll call at Salò, famous as Mussolini's last Republic after he was captured by Italian partisans. We continue to Sirmione, situated on a long, skinny strip of land jutting into the southern end of the lake. On arrival, it's hard to miss Scaliger Castle, an imposing medieval fortress surrounded by water on all sides. (B,D)

Included Experience – Tour of Lake Garda, both on land and by boat

#### DAY 8 – Free day

Explore the beauty of Lake Garda with a day at leisure. (B,D)

#### DAY 9 – The Dolomites

After breakfast, we'll head north into the Dolomites, with its gorgeous pink and lime green hues, where the houses resemble Swiss or Austrian-style chalets. With plenty of stops and the opportunity to ascend on a cable car,



Venice is built on 118 small islands connected by over 400 bridges, with canals replacing streets

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we'll enjoy wonderful views of this rugged landscape. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Tour of the Dolomites

#### DAY 10 - Free morning & vineyard visit

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Riva del Garda before a guided tour of a local winery in Trentino, ending with a tasting of some of the wines produced by the family. In addition to our wine tasting at this picturesque local winery, we'll enjoy a rustic lunch lovingly crafted with delicious local ingredients in the winery's restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of a local winery with tasting and lunch

#### DAY 11 - Verona

Enjoy our guided walking tour of Verona, the setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Inside Verona's centuries-old walls, there's a Roman arena, medieval and Renaissance squares, and a 12th century cathedral housing a work by Titian. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Verona followed by an Italian aperitivo

#### DAY 12 – Free day

Today is free for you to explore Lake Garda at your leisure. (B,D)

#### DAY 13 - Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 7 dinners.

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







# Grand Tour of Slovenia & Italy's Friuli Region

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





#### DAY 1 - Arrival in Udine

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

#### DAY 2 - Udine

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

#### Included Experience – Guided tour of Udine

#### DAY 3 - Trieste

After breakfast, we'll drive through rolling countryside to the region's cosmopolitan capital, Trieste, with the snowy peaks of the Julian Alps never too far off in the distance. During our tour, our local guide will introduce us to Trieste's highlights and a splendid mix of architectural styles in its largely pedestrianised old town. Next, we'll follow the coastal road to Miramare Castle, built in 1860 for the Archduke Maximilian of Habsburg and his wife, Charlotte of Belgium. Entrance is included to the castle, so take a closer look at Habsburg life in the eclectic interiors or stroll through its immaculately landscaped park to admire the impressive variety of plants. (B)

### **Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Trieste and visit to Miramare Castle

#### DAY 4 – Mosaic School of Friuli

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

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

#### DAY 5 – Aquileia & rustic lunch

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

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Aquileia and a rustic lunch

#### DAY 6 – Cividale & wine-tasting

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

Included Experiences – Visit the Lombard Temple and wine tasting

#### DAY 7 - Ljubljana

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

**Included Experience** – Guided walking tour of Ljubljana

#### DAY 8 - Lake Bled

Enchanting, heavenly, romantic – take your pick of adjectives to describe Slovenia's best-known natural wonder. Pictures simply can't compare to seeing the lake in person. A tear-shaped island sits almost at the lake's centre, topped with a fairytale church. On reaching Bled Island by boat, you can climb the 99 steps of the South Staircase, visit the church and see the remains of the 15thcentury frescoes and the gold altar, or stroll the circumference of the island, soaking up a full 360 degrees of jaw-dropping views. After a morning exploring, we'll stop for a well-earned break at the home of the bled cake, enjoying a coffee and taste of the local delicacy whilst taking in the views of the lake. The rest of day is at leisure. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit Lake Bled with included boat ride and sample the local bled cake



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#### DAY 9 - Piran & Lipica

Visit Piran with free time to explore its

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

Included Experiences – Visit to Piran and
guided tour of the Lipica Stud Farm with
performance

#### DAY 10 - Free day in Ljubljana

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

#### DAY 11 - Return flight

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

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

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







### DAY 1 - Arrival in Milan

Arrive in Milan and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Milan

We'll begin with a guided tour of the city to take in the main sights of Milan, including the mammoth cathedral – the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, and the beautiful Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. We also visit La Scala Museum, allowing you to learn more about the history of the grand opera house which was built in the 1700s, and has continued to be the stage for many renowned performances. The rest of the day is free for you to explore further. (B) Included Experiences – Guided tour of Milan and tour of La Scala Museum

## DAY 3 – Free day in Milan

Spend the day at leisure exploring Milan. You could take a wander past the luxurious boutiques in the city's Quadrilatero della Moda, or head to the buzzing Navigli canal district. (B)

# DAY 4 - Monza

This morning, we'll travel towards Lake Como via Monza, where we'll enjoy time at leisure. You could see the Gothic cathedral, explore the town and park or perhaps just experience this typically Italian town like a local would, by enjoying a pleasant stroll. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Monza

# DAY 5 – Balbianello & Bellagio

Lake Como, one of the deepest lakes in Europe, has been beloved by romantics since the famous Roman chronicler Pliny wrote of its luxuriant beauty. This morning, you can enjoy one of its many highlights on a private boat ride and tour of the beautiful 18th-century Villa del Balbianello. The boat will then take us to the elegant resort of Bellagio. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace before returning to your resort by boat when you wish. (B,D)

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

# **DAY 6 – The Bernina Express**

We'll appreciate alpine scenery and Swiss engineering on the famous Bernina Express. This world-famous journey will be something special so stretch out and relax whilst admiring the landscapes through the train's panoramic windows. Twisting

upwards in a sequence of spirals, loops and tunnels to the summit of Ospizio Bernina, we'll then descend through pretty pastures and pine forests into the ostentatious resort of St Moritz. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Journey on the Bernina Express and a visit to St Moritz

## DAY 7 - Free day

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

## DAY 8 - Lake Maggiore

Today we'll visit nearby Lake Maggiore and its most attractive lakeside town, Stresa. We'll also take a boat to Isola Bella for a guided tour of the Baroque Palazzo. Its resplendent rooms feature refined furniture, sculptures and paintings while outside exquisite terraces are planted with citrus trees and magnolias. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Stresa on Lake Maggiore and guided tour of Isola Bella

# DAY 9 – Lugano

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

**Included Experience** – Visit to Lugano

# DAY 10 - Villa Carlotta

Discover a true Italian treasure with a visit to the 17th-century Villa Carlotta. You'll feel like you've stepped back in time as you explore the villa's impressive interior, and wander its magnificent gardens, enjoying the displays of colourful and fragrant plants. (B,D)

Included Experience – Villa Carlotta and gardens

# DAY 11 - Return flight

Return to the airport for our flight home (B)

All flights and transfers are included. (B Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.

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# Includes everything on our Classic tour, plus...



A smaller group size – average of 22



Extra special Signature experiences

Timed entry to see Da Vinci's last Supper Admire one of the most famous artworks in the world, Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper, with a timed entrance ticket.\*

\*Please note that this excursion will be in place of La Scala on day 2 of the classic itinerary

## Bernina Express Upgrade

From Tirano settle into your upgraded first-class seat. This world-famous journey on day 6 will be something special as you recline in luxury in extra spacious leather seats to stretch out and relax whilst admiring the sunning landscapes through the train's panoramic windows.



# Local aperitif at Villa Carlotta

On day 10, savour an inspirational view unchanged in centuries, over a refreshing local aperitivo and nibbles at Villa Carlotta's panoramic terrace.





# Grand Tour of the Italian Lakes: Garda, Iseo & Maggiore

Embark on a grand tour to experience the very best of the Italian Lakes, featuring the shimmering waters of Lake Garda, the peaceful shores of Lake Iseo, the majestic allure of Lake Maggiore, the picturesque beauty of Lake Como, and the tranquil splendour of Lake Orta.







### DAY 1 - Arrive in Lake Garda

Arriving in Italy, we'll transfer to the hotel.

## DAY 2 - Lake Garda

Today, we will tour the lake, passing through typical Italian villages complete with tiny harbours with the mountains behind. We also see lush groves of olives, citrus trees and vines used for making the famous Bardolino wines. The shore varies from the rich vegetation of the middle reaches to the more rugged north covered with pine trees whose unmistakable scent hangs heavy in the air. Lake Garda first became famous in the latter part of the 19th century when visitors came to enjoy the clean mountain air, and it has been famous as an area of outstanding natural beauty ever since. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Tour of Lake Garda by land and boat

# DAY 3 – The Dolomites

After breakfast, we'll head north into the Dolomites, with its gorgeous pink and limegreen hues, where the houses resemble Swissor Austrian style chalets. With plenty of stops and the opportunity to ascend on a cable car, we'll enjoy wonderful views of this majestic landscape. (B)

**Included Experience** – Tour of the Dolomites

# DAY 4 - Free day

Spend a free day in Lake Garda, enjoying the sights at your leisure. (B)

# DAY 5 – Venice

After breakfast, we drive to Venice, rich in history and culture. On the Classic Tour, we'll explore St. Mark's Square, its Basilica, the Campanile, and Doge's Palace, along with other key landmarks. Learn about Venice's rise to power in the 10th century and its wealth during the 15th century. Visit the opulent St. Mark's Basilica, and the exquisite Doge's Palace, and enjoy a gondola ride through the canals. Alternatively, the Undiscovered Tour takes you off the beaten path, exploring hidden gems like the Santa Maria della Pietà church, the Greek Orthodox church, and Campo Santi Giovanni e Paolo with Tintoretto masterpieces. (B)

Included Experiences – Venice guided tour (classic or undiscovered). Traditional Gondola canal cruise

# DAY 6 – Free morning & vineyard visit

In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of a local winery in Trentino, including a wine tasting and a rustic lunch. (B,L)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of a local winery. Wine tasting experience and rustic lunch

# DAY 7 - Verona, classic or undiscovered

Verona is one of Italy's most beautiful cities, full of medieval buildings, vibrant cafés, and ancient Roman landmarks. On a guided walking tour, explore the famous Arena, the tragic Romeo and Juliet balcony, and the 12th-century cathedral with a Titian masterpiece. Wander through the Roman Theatre, Renaissance gardens, and the stunning San Zeno church. For those familiar with Verona, our Undiscovered Tour reveals hidden cultural and architectural gems, offering a unique view of the city beyond the typical sights. It's a chance to uncover the lesser-known treasures of this charming destination. (B)

Included Experiences – Verona tour (classic or undiscovered) and enjoy an aperitivo

# DAY 8 – Arrive in Lake Iseo

Depart Lake Garda for Lake Iseo. Enjoy a boat tour across the calm waters and relax for the rest of the day. (B)

Included Experience – Scenic boat trip on Lake Iseo

# DAY 9 – Depart for Lake Maggiore

Head to Lake Maggiore, where you'll have the rest of the day to enjoy at leisure. (B)

# DAY 10 – Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

Take a guided tour of Isola Bella's Baroque palace and terraces, followed by a drink at the Skybar with island views. Explore Isola dei Pescatori. (B)

Included Experiences – Boat ride on Lake Maggiore, guided tour of Isola Bella and a visit to Isola dei Pescatori. Glass of fizz at the Skybar on Lake Maggiore

# DAY 11 – Centovalli Railway

Visit Cannobio by boat, then head to Locarno in Switzerland to explore its medieval castle. Take the Centovalli train to Domodossola, before returning to Stresa by coach. (B)

Included Experiences – Boat trip to Cannobio, visit Locarno and scenic Centovalli train ride This tour is exclusive to our Signature collection, which includes...

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Lake Orta is often referred to as 'Cinderella' as it's often overlooked by its famous neighbours (Lake Maggiore and Lake Como)

### DAY 12 - Lake Como

Visit Lake Como, famous for its cathedral and Villa Olmo. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit Lake Como

# DAY 13 - Free day

Enjoy a free day, with an option to take a boat trip to Isola Madre or an evening cruise around the Borromean Islands. (B)

Included Experiences – Boat trip to Isola Madre and evening cruise around the Borromean Islands

# DAY 14 – Zermatt & The Matterhorn

Journey through the Alps via Simplon Pass to Zermatt, where you'll take a cog railway up to Gornergrat for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn. (B)

Included Experiences – Scenic journey through Simplon Pass, visit Zermatt and train ride to Gornergrat

# DAY 15 - Lake Orta

Visit the medieval village of Orta San Giulio and take a boat trip to San Giulio Island. (B)

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

# DAY 16 – Return home

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

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch.

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# Grand Tour of Italy: From Venice to Rome

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





### DAY 1 – Arrival in Italy

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

#### DAY 2 - Venice

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

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

## DAY 3 - Free day

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

### DAY 4 - Bologna

Follow a guide through Bologna, seeing the main historic sites, including its 12 medieval gates, the main square – Piazza Maggiore, Piazza Nettuno and Europe's oldest university. We'll explore the maze of tiny alleys and historic streets of Bologna. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Bologna

# DAY 5 – Tuscan countryside

Travelling through the undulating hillsides, vineyards and ochre-coloured valleys of Tuscany, we visit Volterra – an imposing town with stone ramparts and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. We'll visit a beautifully restored, family-owned farmhouse for a delicious lunch. Located in a medieval hamlet, this is the perfect place to experience authentic Tuscany, including sampling some delicious local produce. The Fenzi family have owned the farmhouse since the 1930s and are extremely proud of their selection – justifiably so! We continue to San Gimignano for free time in one of Italy's most beautiful villages. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Volterra and San Gimignano and farmhouse lunch



San Gimignano is famous for its 14 surviving tower houses, which once symbolised wealth and power

### **DAY 6 - Florence**

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Florence

#### DAY 7 - Siena

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

Included Experience – Guided tour of Siena

### DAY 8 - Perugia

After breakfast, we'll embark on a tour of this bustling university city, which uses an escalator system to connect the lower town to the historical core above. Discover the Piazza IV Novembre – the centrepiece of the city – with a gothic cathedral, 13th-century Palazzo dei Priori and the intricately carved Maggiore fountain. This evening, enjoy truffle-infused dishes at a family-owned restaurant, with non-truffle options available. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Perugia. Dine in a family-run restaurant specialising in truffles

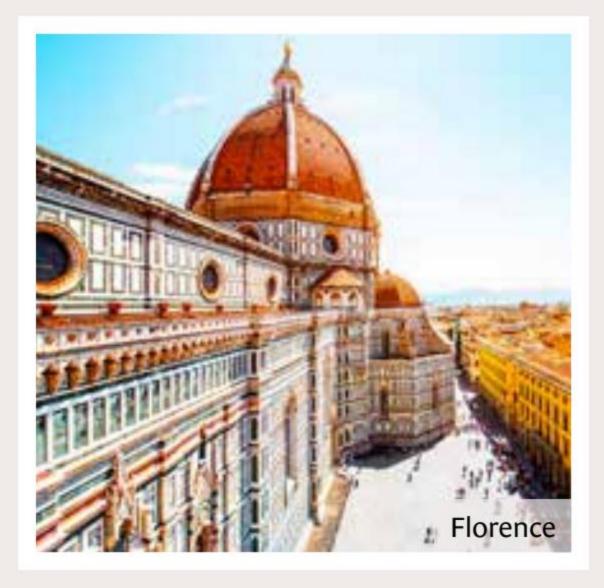
# DAY 9 - Orvieto

On our journey to Rome, we'll stop to discover Orvieto, whose ancient ruins lie in the eerie underground caves. Built on a chunk of volcanic rock, Orvieto looks almost at one



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with the red-hued rock. Here, we'll ride the funicular to get a better look at its impressive Gothic cathedral. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Orvieto

# DAY 10 - Rome & Frascati

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

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

# DAY 11 - Free day in Rome

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

# DAY 12 - Return flight

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

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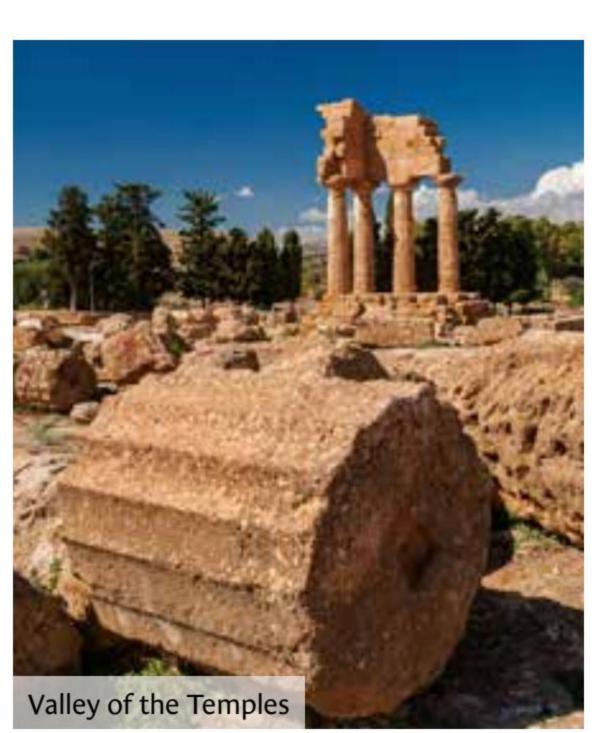




# Grand Tour of Sicily: Taormina, Siracusa & Mount Etna

From awe-inspiring ancient Greek temples to incredibly well-preserved Roman mosaics, Sicily offers a rich tapestry of history, culture, charm, and natural beauty. Explore dramatic rocky coastlines, serene sandy beaches, and ornate Baroque architecture – this fascinating island truly has it all.







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# **Your Itinerary**

## DAY 1 - Arrival in Sicily

Arrive in Catania and make your way to Agrigento for a two-night stay. (D)

### DAY 2 – Valley of the Temples

Start with a guided tour of the stunning Greek ruins in the Valley of the Temples. The eight temples, surrounded by almond trees and coastal views, stand as a testament to the ancient world. The Concordia Temple, nearly as intact as the Parthenon, impresses with its narrow pillars and golden hue. Afterwards, visit the on-site museum featuring ancient vases and other artefacts. In the afternoon, explore the medieval city of Agrigento, with its narrow streets, piazzas, and views over the Mediterranean. Why not enjoy lunch at Via Atenea before returning to your hotel. Spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing by the pool before dinner. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of the Valley of Temples and visit Agrigento

# DAY 3 – Cefalù

Leave Agrigento and travel through Sicily's alpine vistas to Cefalù. This medieval town is set at the base of La Rocca, a large exposed bedrock with a temple dedicated to the goddess Diana atop it. After an orientation walk, explore the town on your own, including the magnificent cathedral, a prime example of Sicilian Roman architecture. Wander through charming streets, visit shops and cafés, and relax in the Piazza Garibaldi. Afterwards, check into your hotel. (B,D)

Included Experience – Visit Cefalù

# DAY 4 - Free day in Cefalù

Enjoy a free day in Cefalù. You could relax on the beaches, stroll through the charming streets, or stay at the hotel and unwind by the pool. Your Tour Manager is available to offer suggestions and help make the most of your day. (B,D)

# DAY 5 – Palermo

Journey to Palermo along Sicily's stunning coastline, with breathtaking views of the Mediterranean and rugged interior. A guided tour reveals the city's rich history, including landmarks such as the Norman Palace, once the royal residence and now the seat of the Sicilian government. The royal chapel, with its medieval gold mosaics, is a highlight. Explore Palermo's UNESCO World Heritage

Sites during free time, then enjoy an elegant afternoon tea at a historic 5-star hotel in the heart of Palermo, before returning to your hotel in Cefalù. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Palermo, including entry to the Norman Palace and a visit to a historic 5-star hotel for afternoon tea

## DAY 6 - Villa Romana del Casale

Leave Cefalù and head to Piazza Armerina to visit the Villa Romana del Casale, one of the best-preserved Roman villas in existence. Admire the frescoes and mosaics depicting scenes of hunting and wildlife. Next, enjoy a traditional Sicilian lunch at a family-run agriturismo, where you'll savour local ingredients such as homemade pasta and freshly pressed olive oil. After lunch, travel to Taormina, where you'll spend the next five nights. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Villa Romana del Casale and lunch at a local agriturismo

# DAY 7 - Taormina

Arrive in Taormina and explore at your own pace. Perched on a cliff with views of the Mediterranean and Mount Etna, this upscale town blends beauty and history. The ancient Greek theatre, still in use today, is a highlight. Enjoy an aperitivo with local treats while taking in the spectacular views. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Taormina.

Aperitivo with appetisers overlooking views of Taormina

# DAY 8 – Siracusa

Travel to Siracusa, once one of the greatest cities of the ancient world. Explore the charming Ortigia district with its narrow streets and a blend of Greek, Roman, and Baroque architecture. Visit Piazza Archimedes, the Fountain of Diana, and the stunning cathedral, which incorporates an ancient temple. Take a boat tour around Ortigia to see the golden limestone cliffs, caves, and historic architecture from the water before returning to your hotel. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Siracusa. Boat trip around Ortigia

# DAY 9 - Free day in Taormina

Enjoy a free day in Taormina. Relax by the hotel pool, explore the town, or visit





nearby beaches. Alternatively, take a trip to Taormina's main street for shopping and cafés, or take a cable car to the Mazzarò beach area for hidden coves and dramatic rock formations. Your Tour Manager is available for recommendations. (B,D)

# DAY 10 – Mount Etna

Travel to Mount Etna, Europe's tallest active volcano, and enjoy panoramic views as you ascend the winding roads. Depending on regulations, continue the ascent by cable car and jeep, exploring the volcano's heights. The day ends with a visit to a historic vineyard on Etna's slopes. Learn about the unique environment and enjoy a rustic lunch paired with local wines. (B,L,D)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Mount Etna. Lunch at a local vineyard

# DAY 11 – Return home

Depart Sicily with unforgettable memories of your adventure across this stunning island. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 2 lunches, (D) 10 dinners.
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# Grand Tour of Spain's Andalucía: Seville, Granada & Malaga

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





# **Your 2026 Itinerary**

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Malaga

Arrive in Malaga and transfer to our hotel near the centre of the city.

### DAY 2 - Malaga

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

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Malaga and tapas tasting tour

## DAY 3 – Competa & Sayalonga

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

Included Experiences – Visits to Competa and Sayalonga. Wine tasting

## DAY 4 - Ronda

Built on a ridge and split by a most impressive gorge plunging down hundreds of feet, much of Ronda's appeal lies in its spectacular views and clear mountain air. After our visit, we'll continue to Seville where we'll spend the next three nights. (B)

Included Experience - Visit to Ronda

# DAY 5 - Seville

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

as a record of its history with a fascinating blend of architectural styles and rich décor. This afternoon, you'll enjoy a visit to this magnificent palace with the opportunity to explore at your own pace. So, why not lose yourself amid the cool patio courtyards, elaborate gardens and fragrant orange trees and soak up the unique atmosphere of one of Europe's oldest palaces? (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Seville and entry to Alcázar Palace

# DAY 6 - Free day in Seville

Today you'll have a free day to explore or relax at leisure. There are the 'musts' to revisit if you wish, such as the Plaza de España, but you could also wander around the Barrio Santa Cruz, or the former Jewish quarter and browse the shops along Calle Sierpes. This evening, experience a truly authentic performance of flamenco in an intimate venue. Gain an insight into the meaning, style and rhythm of the dances – the proximity of the stage will allow you to see every mesmerising detail, and sip on a complimentary drink whilst admiring the superb artistry of the musicians and dancers. For them, flamenco is not just a job, it is a way of life. (B)

**Included Experience** – Authentic flamenco performance

### DAY 7 - Córdoba

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of the Mezquita

# DAY 8 - Granada & Alhambra

Today we visit Granada's exquisitely designed Alhambra. So individual in its setting, so rich in its history and so exquisite in its design, this iconic building was the high point in Moorish culture. It is not just a palace, though. Some of it is a fortress, and much is given over to



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formal gardens full of roses and fountains, giving an incredible impression of peace and tranquillity. You can also explore the city with its twisting streets, the old Moorish quarter and the traditional gypsy area or perhaps frequent some of the most distinctive old bars in Spain. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided visit to the Alhambra

# DAY 9 - Albaicín

This morning, we will split into smaller groups for our inspiring tour of the Albaicín. As we explore this medieval Moorish neighbourhood, our knowledgeable local guide will bring its rich history to life. Albaicín is renowned for its stunning panoramic views of the Alhambra, which sits against the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada mountains. After your guided tour, take some time to enjoy these views from the Mirador de San Nicolás, before returning to the centre of Granada to enjoy the rest of your afternoon as you wish. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a hand-picked, local restaurant with new-found friends. (B,D)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Albaicín and dinner in Granada

# DAY 10 - Return flight

Our tour ends with a flight back to the UK.

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(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 1 dinner.

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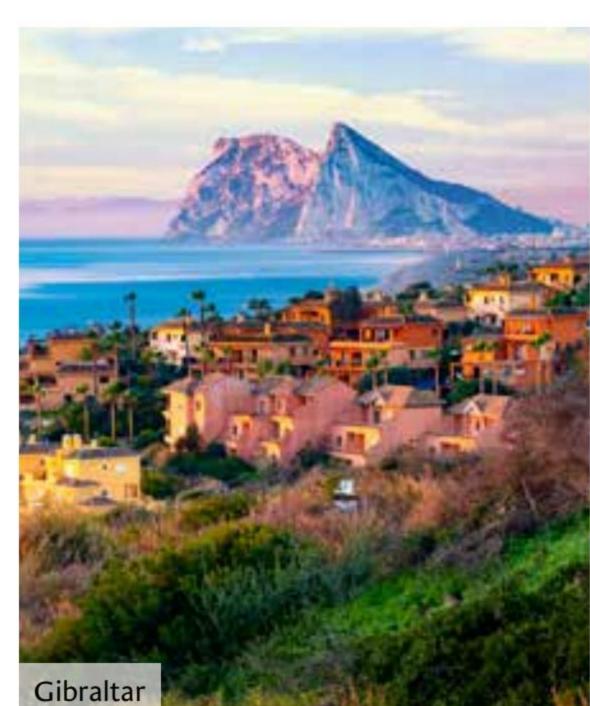




# Grand Tour of Southern Spain & Portugal's Coast

Discover the wonders of Andalucía and the Algarve in a captivating adventure. Enjoy the Algarve's natural beauty and Andalucía's rich history and explore charming villages, pristine beaches, and delicious local cuisine, making every moment truly memorable.







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# **Your Itinerary**

# DAY 1 - Arrival in Malaga

Fly to Malaga and transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2 - Malaga

Today we explore Malaga's historic streets. Malaga, one of Spain's oldest cities, boasts a rich history that dates back over 2,800 years as a Phoenician trading port. It has significant Roman and Moorish influences and honours its artistic legacy – notably as the birthplace of Picasso – through exceptional museums. Highlights include the Roman Theatre, Moorish fortifications, and the historic Old Town, showcasing the city's captivating charm. Our tour concludes at the grand Malaga Cathedral, where you can explore at your own pace. In the evening, experience an authentic flamenco show, and enjoy the remarkable talent of the performers. (B) **Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Malaga with a visit to the cathedral and a Flamenco performance

# DAY 3 – Malaga food tour with market visit

This morning, we begin our culinary journey by discovering some of the best family-run eateries in Malaga including the Atarazanas Food Market with a local guide. In small groups, we'll wander through the Historical centre of Malaga, tasting traditional Spanish dishes and uncovering the stories behind them. After our guided tour, the rest of the day is yours to explore. You may want to revisit landmarks like the Alcazaba, known for its beautiful courtyards and stunning views. As Picasso's birthplace, Malaga boasts a vibrant cultural scene with over 30 museums, including the famous Picasso Museum. The city's culinary landscape features fresh, local ingredients and dishes influenced by Moorish, Roman, and Spanish traditions. (B)

**Included Experience** – Malaga food tour with market visit

# DAY 4 – Gibraltar & Cádiz

After breakfast, we embark on a scenic drive along the stunning Mediterranean coastline, framed by the impressive Penibaetic mountains. As we near Gibraltar, the iconic Rock – a striking 426-metre limestone cliff – rises dramatically from the sea, a geological wonder over 200 million years old. Once in Gibraltar, you'll have free time to explore the charming town, characterised by red

telephone boxes, British shops, and a blend of Spanish, Moorish, and British architecture. For an adventure, consider taking the cable car to the summit of the Rock, where you can enjoy breathtaking views and spot playful Barbary macaques in the nature reserve. Later, we'll head to Cádiz, one of Europe's oldest cities, located along the beautiful 'Costa de la Luz'. (B)

## **Included Experience** – Visit to Gibraltar

## DAY 5 - Cádiz

Cádiz, located on a slender peninsula surrounded by turquoise Atlantic waters, retains its charm and allure, largely untouched by modern tourism. The city boasts stunning views, historical sites, botanical gardens, and golden sunsets. After breakfast, we'll embark on a guided tour of the old quarter, exploring Cádiz's rich maritime history. Once called 'Gadir' by the Phoenicians, it served as a Roman port and a key point for Spain's exploration of the Americas. The wealth from its Golden Age led to five beautiful squares, connected by narrow lanes, with highlights including the goldendomed cathedral, a Baroque masterpiece often called 'the Cathedral of the Americas.' To conclude, we'll have afternoon tea at Café Royalty, a historic café since 1912, known for its enchanting ambience and elegant interior. Afterwards, you'll have free time to explore this captivating city at your leisure. (B) Included Experiences – Guided tour of Cádiz. Afternoon tea at Café Royalty

# DAY 6 – Free day Cádiz

Spend the day at leisure in the historic cobblestone streets of Cádiz or relax on the local beach. (B)

# DAY 7 - Jerez De La Frontera

This morning, we have free time to explore the 11th-century Alcázar de Jerez de la Frontera and the cathedral. Later, we visit Bodegas Tradición to learn more about the sherry production process, including a tasting of aged sherries and light snacks. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visits to Jerez's old town and visit to a Bodegas

# DAY 8 – Seville

Leaving Cádiz, we stop in Seville for a guided tour, including the Plaza de España and the Torre del Oro, among other highlights. After



Cádiz, founded by the Phoenicians around 1100 BCE, is one of Europe's oldest cities and a key historic port

the tour, you'll have free time to explore at your own pace before continuing our journey west to Tavira. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Seville

# DAY 9 - Tavira

This morning, our expert tour guide will lead a brief introductory walk through Tavira's historic old town, after which you'll have free time to relax at your hotel or explore the area. (B)

Included Experience – Orientation walk of Tavira

# DAY 10 – Ria Formosa Natural Park & free afternoon

Today, we depart for the charming town of Olhão and embark on a boat ride through the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve, showcasing the Algarve's tranquil beauty. Along the way, we'll savour a rustic lunch made with fresh, local ingredients at a charming Algarvean eatery. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to enjoy your last day on the Algarve. (B,L)

Included Experiences – A boat tour of Ria Formosa Nature Park and rustic lunch

# DAY 11 - Return flight

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch.

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# Grand Tour of Spain's Hidden Gems: Girona, Zaragoza & Valencia

Explore Spain's hidden gems, including the medieval charm of Girona, the historic allure of Zaragoza, and the vibrant energy of Valencia. Highlights include Montserrat and Barcelona, home to Gaudí's stunning La Sagrada Família. Experience the rich culture and breathtaking landscapes of these remarkable destinations.





## DAY 1 - Arrival in Girona

Fly to Girona or Barcelona airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 - Girona

After breakfast, enjoy an introduction to the history of Girona with a guided tour through this charming medieval city. We will explore some of the key highlights along its ancient streets before visiting the cathedral which dominates the Old Town – its architecture a fascinating blend of Romanesque and Gothic influences. This afternoon, you're free to explore Girona at your own pace. This evening, we enjoy a tapas and wine tour by night where you'll stroll through the city's charming streets savouring local dishes and sampling regional wines. (B)

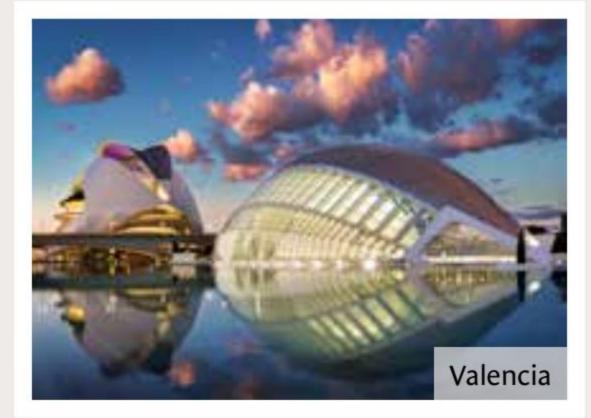
**Included Experiences** – Tour of Girona, visit to its cathedral. Tapas and wine evening

# DAY 3 - Barcelona

Travel to the city of Barcelona for a guided tour where we'll see the historic Gothic Quarter, the Ribera district, and the renowned Picasso Museum, among many other highlights. Our tour will end in Eixample, where we visit Barcelona's iconic church, La Sagrada Família. Later, you will have free time to explore Barcelona at your leisure. (B) Included Experiences – Guided tour of Barcelona and visit to La Sagrada Família

## DAY 4 - Montserrat to Zaragoza

This morning, we visit Montserrat's famous Benedictine monastery. Montserrat comprises the Sanctuary of the Virgin Mary of Montserrat and the Benedictine monastery, a place of worship for pilgrims from all over the world for centuries, who come to worship the Black Madonna – a Romanesque sculpture dating from the late 12th century. We also visit the Throne of the Virgin, the Open-Air Museum, the 'Montserrat Portes Endins' Audiovisual room and the Museum of Montserrat. After lunch, we head to Spain's Penedès region to visit Codorníu, a historic winery, famous for its Cava production. We begin with a guided tour, where we learn about the history and production process of Cava, and the architecture of the wine cellars. Our tour concludes with a premium tasting



and some light appetizers. After our visit we depart for Zaragoza. (B)

Included Experiences – Visit to Montserrat, including its Benedictine monastery. Exclusive private tour and wine tasting at Codorníu cellars

## DAY 5 - Zaragoza

Zaragoza, located along the Ebro River, has a history spanning 2,000 years. Our guided tour will highlight key sites, starting with the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, a major Marian shrine and pilgrimage site. We'll then explore the Plaza del Pilar, home to notable landmarks like La Seo Cathedral and the Roman Theatre. The tour will conclude at Aljaferia Palace, a 10th-century Moorish fortress known for its stunning Islamic architecture, beautiful gardens, and Renaissance additions. It currently serves as the regional parliament, the Cortes de Aragón. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Zaragoza and Aljaferia Palace

# DAY 6 – Free day in Zaragoza

Today is yours to explore Zaragoza as you wish with a day at leisure. (B)

# DAY 7 - Teruel

Today, we explore Teruel, characterised by its rugged mountains and expansive dry plains, dotted with river valleys and arid terrains. Teruel, located in Aragon, showcases Spain's Moorish heritage through its unique Mudéjar architecture and intricate Arabesque





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of San Martin and San Salvador, as well as the cathedral with its colourful mosaic tiles, recognised by UNESCO for its significance. The church of San Pedro is famous for the romantic legend of the 'lovers of Teruel,' whose tombs are housed in the church's mausoleum. After experiencing the charm of Teruel, we will head to Valencia for an additional three-night stay. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Teruel

### DAY 8 - Valencia

This morning, we explore the vibrant city of Valencia on a coach tour. We start at the riverside Parc de Capçalera, a green urban park filled with gardens, water features, and beautiful bridges, once the Turia riverbed. Next, we see the impressive City of Arts and Sciences, designed by architect Santiago Calatrava, featuring an opera house, science museum, IMAX cinema, and aquarium surrounded by bright blue water. We then take a walking tour of the historic old town, wandering through leafy avenues, narrow alleys, and charming squares with pastel-coloured town-houses and stunning architecture. After the tour, enjoy a free afternoon in Valencia. This evening, we have a dinner at a local masia, a traditional farm villa. Here we'll learn to make authentic paella before feasting on our creations together in this beautiful setting. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Valencia. Evening at a traditional farm villa with paella making class

# DAY 9 – Free day in Valencia

Today is yours to explore the coastal city of Valencia at your leisure. (B)

# DAY 10 - Return home

Return to the airport at the appropriate time for your flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast

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

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





## DAY 1 - Arrival in Lisbon

Arrive at Lisbon airport and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2 – Lisbon tour & Fado show

This morning on our guided tour, we'll set out to discover Lisbon's highlights, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We'll see the modern Monument to the Discoveries and its 16th century fortified counterpart, the Belém Tower, the church of the Monastery of Jerónimos and much, much more. Tonight, we will soak up the unique atmosphere at a traditional Fado, experiencing the soulful sounds whilst tasting a selection of typical Portuguese dishes. These expressive melodies are thought to date back to the 19th century and reflect the dangerous sea voyages so many took in search of new worlds. (B,D) **Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Lisbon, pastel de nata tasting and Fado show

## DAY 3 - Free day in Lisbon

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

# DAY 4 - Coimbra University

Leaving Lisbon behind this morning, we'll drive north through olive groves and wheat fields to Coimbra university, a wonderful seat of learning, with entrance fees included. Situated on a hill, the views are stunning but the real jewel in its crown is the library – rich in baroque gilt work, it houses a staggering 300,000 volumes. (B)

Included Experience – Visit Coimbra university and famous library

# DAY 5 - Porto

Our guided tour of Porto unveils some of the city's major and more surprising sights, including the medieval quarter, Praça da Ribeira square and the Dom Luis Bridge. Of course, Porto is synonymous with port wine, so we'll also head to Taylor's for a tour and tasting. (B,D\*)

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

# **DAY 6 - Porto Boat Cruise**

What better way to see Porto than from the water? This morning, we'll cruise down the peaceful waters of the Douro River by boat. See Porto on one side and Vila Nova de Gaia on the other connected by a series of six bridges, each with its own architecture

and personality – the perfect backdrop for a relaxing morning followed by an afternoon at your leisure. (B,D\*)

**Included Experience** – Sightseeing river cruise along the Douro

### **DAY 7 – The Douro Valley**

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

Included Experiences – Tour the Douro Valley, visit Pinhão and local quinta

### DAY 8 - Óbidos & Cascais

Bidding a fond farewell to Porto, we'll head south to Óbidos, a fortified town surrounded by imposing medieval walls. It's a maze of narrow streets and alleys, lined with flowerbedecked, whitewashed houses and splashes of bright paint - the perfect place to just lose yourself. You can't leave the region without trying some of Portugal's favourite cherry liqueur, ginjinha. We will visit a producer to learn more about this iconic drink. After a guided tour of the facility, you will have the opportunity to sample a few ginjinha varieties along with some local pastries. Continuing to Cascais, our final stay is in one of Portugal's classic hotels, within the impressive walls of a 16th-century coastal citadel overlooking the famous marina. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Óbidos, visit a ginjinha producer and enjoy a tasting

# DAY 9 - Sintra & Cabo da Roca

We'll drive to Sintra, where we visit the National Palace, a former residence of the Portuguese monarchy. Before we return to Cascais, we'll drive to Cabo de Roca, the most westerly point of mainland Europe where you can appreciate views of the coastline

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atop 100 metres high cliffs. They're home to a lighthouse which can be seen from 46km away. We'll return to Cascais on a panoramic drive back via Guincho Beach, which lies at the foot of Sintra hills.

This evening, savour the flavours of typical Portuguese cuisine and socialise with newfound friends and soak up the atmosphere in a cosy restaurant, the perfect end to your stay. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Visit Sintra and Cabo de Roca and included dinner at local restaurant

# DAY 10 - Free day in Cascais

Today is yours to explore Cascais at your own pace. Art enthusiasts may want to visit the Paula Rego House of Stories. At the same time, those seeking a more relaxed experience can join the locals for a scenic walk along the paredão, the charming coastal promenade that stretches between Cascais and São João do Estoril. (B)

# DAY 11 – Return flight

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

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 2 dinners.\*

\*5 dinners if staying at the Sheraton Porto.

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Belém Tower, built in 1519, protected Lisbon's harbour and symbolised Portugal's maritime power







# Grand Tour of Northern Cyprus & a Taste of Paphos

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Cyprus, a crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Explore ancient ruins, medieval fortresses, and vibrant cities. From Kyrenia's tranquil harbours to Paphos' mosaics and Nicosia's Venetian walls, discover UNESCO sites, rich traditions, and local flavours.





## DAY 1 - Arrival in Cyprus

Arrive in Larnaca or Paphos and transfer to your hotel in Kyrenia. As we travel, we'll cross the United Nations Buffer Zone which separates the Greek Cypriots in the south from the Turkish Cypriots in the north of the island.

## DAY 2 - Kyrenia

We begin with a guided orientation tour of Kyrenia's historic harbour ending at Kyrenia castle. Here, you'll have time to wander through its maze of fortifications and museum, which houses a range of archaeological finds and an impressive 3,000-year-old shipwreck. We'll also see the charming old town, the harbour and the Belediye Meydani before an afternoon at leisure. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Kyrenia and visit to Kyrenia castle

# DAY 3 – Güzelyurt, Soli & the Palace of Vouni

This morning, we'll visit Güzelyurt, the 'fruit basket of Cyprus', nestled in the foothills of the Troodos Mountains. Later, we'll visit the ancient city of Soli. This settlement is one of the ten ancient kingdoms of Cyprus. Then, we continue to the remains of the Palace of Vouni before ending our day with a visit to the historic town of Lefke. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tours of Soli and Vouni Palace. Visits to Güzelyurt and Lefke

# DAY 4 - St Hilarion

Today, we'll discover St Hilarion Castle on a guided tour. It's allegedly the inspiration for two fairy-tale castles, and views from the Gothic-style queen's window on the second floor of the royal apartment are not to be missed! Later, enjoy an exclusive tour and tasting at an artisan winery before dinner in the boutique restaurant. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Saint Hilarion Castle. Wine tasting, tour and dinner at a local winery

# DAY 5 – Bellapais Village

Spend the day in the village of Bellapais, a peaceful and beautiful village on a natural

terrace in the Five Finger Mountains. Its crown jewel is its medieval 'Abbey of Peace', the ruins of a Gothic monastery. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Bellapais and its abbey

## DAY 6 – Famagusta, Salamis & St Barnabas

Embark on a tour of northeastern Cyprus, starting with the Monastery of St Barnabus, a prominent Christian site in Cyprus. Later, we'll tour ancient Salamis, believed to be the capital of Cyprus as far back as the Bronze Age. Next, we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Famagusta before ending our day in Varosha, once a lively resort dubbed the 'Monte Carlo of the Middle East'. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tours of Salamis and Famagusta. Visits to the Monastery of Saint Barnabas and Varosha

## DAY 7 - Free day

You can relax with a full day at leisure in Kyrenia. Why not take a stroll through town or a boat ride from the harbour? Perhaps go shopping at the Bandabuliya for a good selection of souvenirs and gifts or relax at the hotel. (B)

# DAY 8 - Nicosia & Paphos

We'll enjoy a guided tour of Cyprus' largest city and the last divided capital in Europe, Nicosia. We'll explore its Venetian walls, see the superbly preserved Kyrenia gate, adorned with inscriptions left by past rulers, and the beautiful central square, Plateia Eleftherias. During free time after our tour, you can choose to keep to the north side of the city, wander along the Green Line to see the barricades and bunkers that still divide the city or cross to the south of the city to see the differences between the two sides. Later, we'll head to the coastal city of Paphos, where we stay for four nights. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Nicosia

# DAY 9 - Paphos

We enjoy a guided tour of Paphos, including a visit to the UNESCO-listed Kato Paphos

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Archaeological Park. This extensive park is only partly excavated, however, there is plenty to see, from the Asklepieion – a temple dedicated to the god of medicine, the Odeon (amphitheatre) and the Agora (forum). The crown jewels of the site are the mosaics – dating back to Roman times, they display well-preserved scenes from Greek mythology. (B) Included Experience – Guided tour of Paphos, including the archaeological park

### DAY 10 - Free day

Today, spend at leisure in Paphos, and there's plenty to see, from the Tomb of Kings to St Paul's Pillar. Or perhaps instead, spend a leisurely day relaxing at the hotel or strolling along the beach. (B)

## DAY 11 - Omodos Village

Visit Omodos, a traditional village in the Troodos Mountains. At its heart is the 12th-century Holy Cross Monastery. This afternoon, we discover what makes this picturesque region the perfect setting for wine production on a tasting at a local winery accompanied by local produce. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Omodos' Holy Cross Monastery. Wine tasting at a local winery

# DAY 12 – Return flight

Our tour ends with a flight back to the UK. (B)

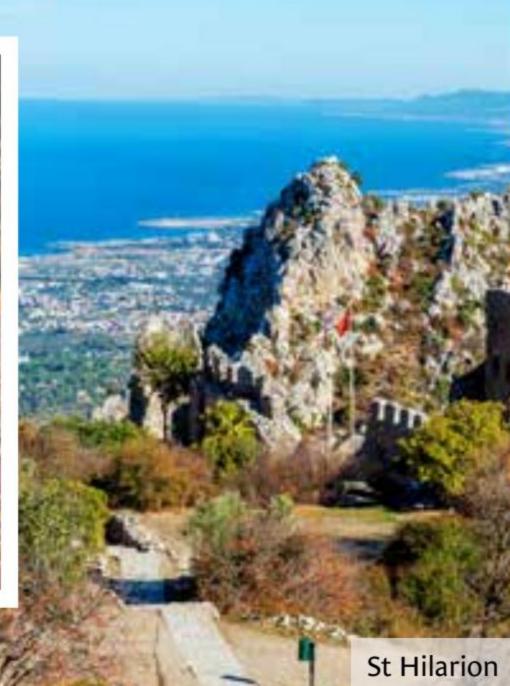
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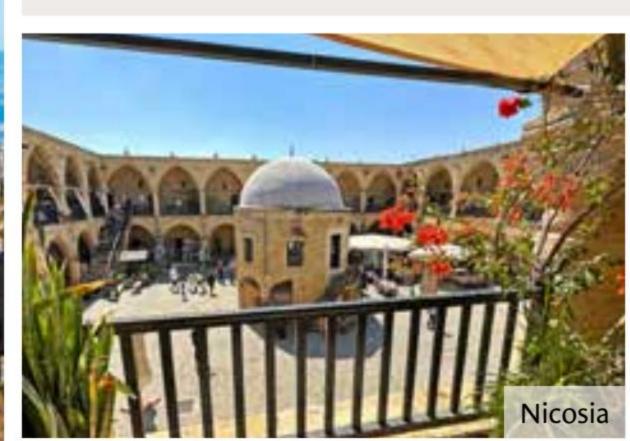
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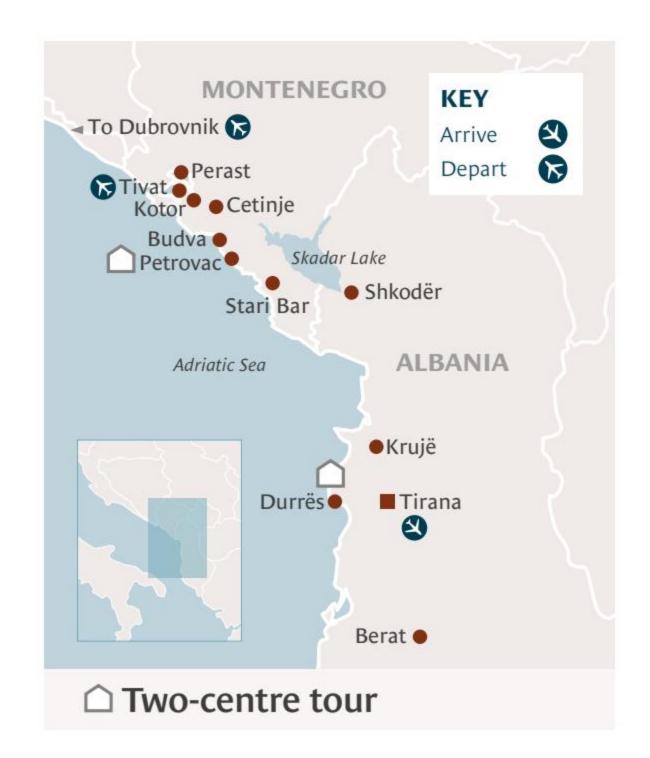






# Grand Tour of Montenegro & a Taste of Albania

This Grand Tour unveils the breathtaking landscapes, rich heritage, and vibrant traditions of Montenegro and Albania – two captivating Balkan neighbours with fascinating histories. Discover Montenegro's dramatic Adriatic coastline and medieval walled towns to Albania's ancient ruins and unspoiled mountain scenery.





### DAY 1 - Arrival in Tirana

Fly to Tirana, Albania and transfer to your hotel in Durrës.

### DAY 2 - Tirana

We uncover the history of Albania on a guided tour of its colourful capital, Tirana. We'll also visit the thought-provoking Bunk House Museum and Bunk'Art gallery, housed in a former bunker. Later, enjoy a 15-minute cable car ride up the scenic Dajtu Mountain – the longest cable car ride in the Balkans – for a lunch of traditional dishes, overlooking the region's natural grandeur. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Tirana and scenic cable car ride up Datju Mountain. Lunch at the top of Datju Mountain

# DAY 3 – Krujë

Traveling north to Krujë, a hilltop fortress town, we'll visit two museums. The castle highlights Albania's history and Skanderbeg, while the second, in a former merchant's house, showcases the country's heritage. Later, there's time to explore the old town independently before returning to the hotel. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Krujë castle and the Ethnographic Museum

# DAY 4 - Berat & winery tour

Today will be a highlight for many as we head to the UNESCO-listed 'town of a thousand windows', Berat, for a guided tour. Buildings climb the steep alley slopes and, at its top is an impressive, fortified town that offers a bird's eye view of the city below. Despite its current lack of fame, Albania is one of the oldest wine-producing regions in the world and the secrets to winemaking have been passed down through the generations. After free time for lunch in Berat, we venture out to one of Albania's most prestigious wineries for a tour and tasting of their wines. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Berat and tour and tasting at local winery

# DAY 5 - Shkodër & Stari Bar

Leaving our hotel this morning, we'll discover Shkodër, one of the most ancient cities in the Balkans, on a guided tour. Later, we head over the border to Montenegro to visit Stari Bar, the ruins of a fortified town on the shrubby foothills of Mount Rumija.

Later we continue to our hotel in Petrovac where we stay for three nights (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Shkodër and visit to Stari Bar

### DAY 6 - Budva

This morning, we drive to Budva,
Montenegro's most popular coastal town.
Here, we'll weave through the narrow streets
on a walking tour to discover its history and
daily life here before time at leisure. After
our tour, there'll be plenty of time to take a
leisurely lunch in one of Budva's restaurants
or people-watch from a pavement café before
returning to our hotel for an afternoon at
leisure. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Budva

# DAY 7 - Free day in Petrovac

Stroll along the beach promenade, hop aboard a boat and venture to the islets of Katič and Sveta Neđelja or indulge in a catch-of-the-day lunch; the choice is yours with a day at leisure. (B)

## DAY 8 - Cetinje & food tasting

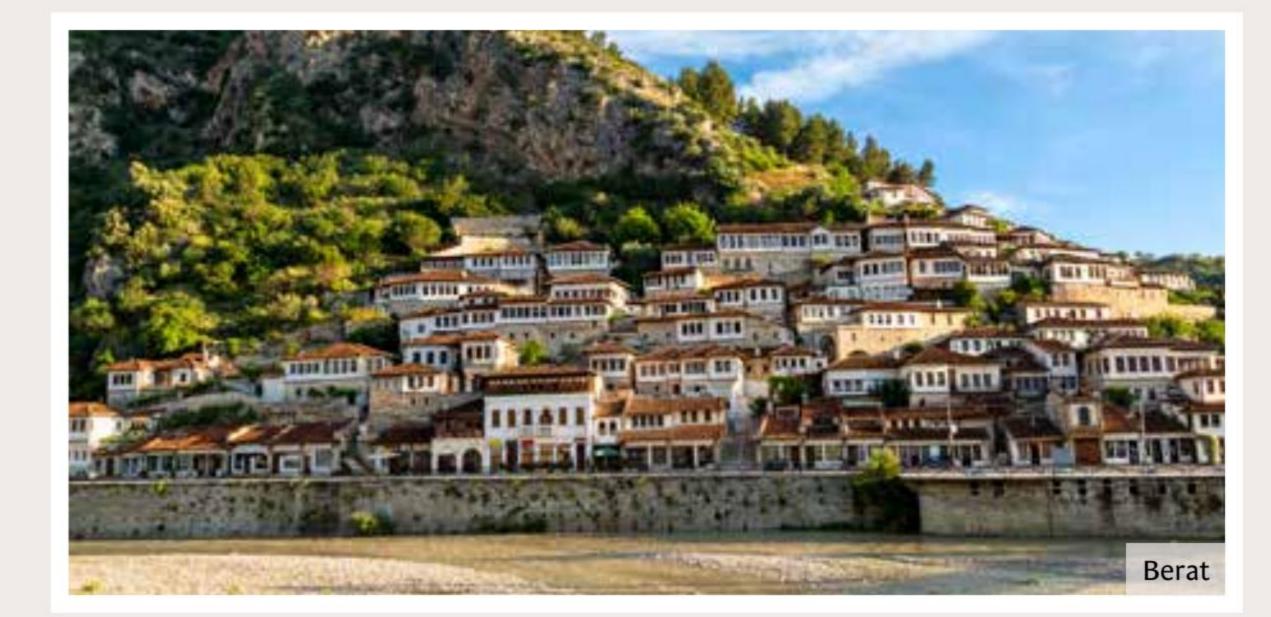
Head to Cetinje, the former capital of
Montenegro, for a guided tour, including the
russet-red Royal Palace of King Nikolahoem to
the Crown Jewels of Montenegro. Later, we'll
celebrate local heritage and cuisine with a
tasting of mountain delicacies – smoked meats
and cheeses with delicious priganice. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of
Cetinje Royal Palace and tasting of locally

# DAY 9 - Lake Skadar & wine tasting

produced delicacies

Enjoy views of the national park on a boat ride across Lake Skadar – if you're lucky you may spot a pod of passing pelicans or one of the other 260 bird species that thrive in this pristine freshwater haven. Later, we visit one of the most unusual wine cellars in the world. Hidden underneath a vast vineyard, what was once a secret underground aircraft hangar operated by the Yugoslav People's Army is now a cavernous wine cellar. After our tour, we'll sit down to lunch where each course is paired with their wine, presented by the sommelier. (B,L)

**Included Experiences** – Boat trip on Lake Skadar and winery tour. Lunch and tasting at a winery



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# DAY 10 - Free day in Petrovac

Today, you have another day to yourselves in Petrovac. (B)

# DAY 11 - Kotor & Perast

We drive to the beautiful Bay of Kotor, which is a protected UNESCO World Heritage site, with a guided tour of Kotor. As you explore, you'll notice Roman influences, with Romanesque churches, including Kotor Cathedral. After our tour, we'll ascend 1300 metres up by cable car to one of Montenegro's most famous mountains, the Lovćen, where we'll be treated to a bird's eye view of the jewel-like bay as we dine on a light lunch. After lunch, we visit Perast – the prettiest town in the bay, crowned by Our Lady of the Rocks, an attractive, blue-domed church. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Kotor and visit to Perast. Cable car ride up the Lovćen with lunch

# DAY 12 - Return home

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

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 3 lunches.

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# Grand Tour of Northern Croatia: from Split to Istria

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





### DAY 1 - Arrival in Split

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

### DAY 2 - Opatija

This morning, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the elegant resort town of Opatija on the Opatijan Riviera. We'll see the fine villas and residences built for the wealthy and fashionable who summered here. During time at leisure in the beautiful town, you could explore the parks and churches, walk along the Franz-Josef Promenade or perhaps stop for a swim in the warm blue waters of the Adriatic. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Opatija

#### DAY 3 - Krk Island

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

# DAY 4 - Trieste & Slovenian wine tasting

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

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

# **DAY 5 – Plitviče Lakes**

Today, be prepared to be mesmerised by the beautiful lakes and waterfalls of the Republic of Croatia's oldest and largest national park, Plitviče Lakes. Here, we'll enjoy a boat ride out for some awe-inspiring views – keep your

cameras at the ready! Should you prefer, you can also take the panoramic land train ride around the lakes or follow some of the wooden footpaths at your own pace. (B)

**Included Experience** – Visit to Plitviče Lakes

### DAY 6 - Istrian coast & Rovinj

From the 13th – 18th century, Istrian coastal towns came under Venetian rule, and today we'll visit one of the most intriguing, Rovinj, known as Istria's most picturesque fishing harbour. After our time in Rovinj, we'll head to the countryside to Bani where we'll visit a restaurant that serves dishes prepared with a local delicacy – truffles! Istrian truffles only grow in a very small area on the peninsular and are highly sought after – trained dogs are used to sniff out this delectable treat. (B,L) **Included Experiences** – **Visit to Rovinj.**Savour a local delicacy, truffles, during lunch at a local restaurant

#### DAY 7 - Zadar

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

## DAY 8 – Split

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

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Split and visit to the Mestrovic Gallery

# DAY 9 - Free day in Omiš

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



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### DAY 10 - Island of Brač

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

Included Experience – Visit to Bol on the island of Brač

# DAY 11 - Trogir

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

**Included Experiences** – Visit to Trogir and a local producer, ending our visit with tastings

# DAY 12 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 6 dinners.
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# Grand Tour of the Austrian & Italian Tyrol with Lake Constance

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







### DAY 1 - Arrival in Seefeld

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

### DAY 2 - Innsbruck

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

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

# DAY 3 - Merano & Bolzano

We'll travel through the Südtirol to Merano to see its belle-époque buildings. Next, we visit Bolzano where you have the choice of a guided walking tour or entrance to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, home of Otzi the Iceman. We'll return to Seefeld along the famous Brenner Pass. (B,D)

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

# DAY 4 – Neuschwanstein

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

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle

# DAY 5 – Oetztaler Glacier Road & Stams Monastery

A spectacular drive up the Oetztal Valley and along the Oetztal Glacier Road at almost 9,300

feet. We'll descend to enjoy a guided tour of the Cistercian monastery at Stams. (B,D) Included Experiences – Scenic drive along the Oetztaler Glacier Road and guided tour of the Cistercian monastery at Stams

### DAY 6 - Seefeld

After a morning wandering around Seefeld at leisure, we'll head to a local microbrewery. We'll enjoy a tour of the brewery and a chance to taste their unique beers, accompanied by a selection of locally made cheese and charcuterie. For 2026, this will be a free day for you to explore at leisure. (B,D)

Included Experience – Discover the authentic taste of Austrian beer at one of

# DAY 7 – Achenseebahn

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

Seefeld's micro-breweries (2025 only)

Included Experiences – Visit to Lake Achensee on the Achenseebahn railway and visit Rattenberg

# DAY 8 - Feldkirch

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

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Feldkirch. Enjoy a traditional schnitzel lunch in Schattenburg Castle



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- 2 local guides on most tours
- Welcome drinks reception (from 2026)
- Minimum four-star accommodation (from 2026)

# DAY 9 – Bregenzerwald & local cheese tasting

Today, we'll take a scenic drive through Bregenzerwald and travel along the Cheese Road, a union of experts – dairies, farms and other local operators who share a passion for quality. Their traditional 'three layer cultivation' method of cheese-making has been given UNESCO-listed status, and we'll stop to sample some locally produced cheese. In 2026, we'll also visit a local winery for a tour and tasting. (B,D)

Included Experiences – Scenic drive through Bregenzerwald and cheese-tasting, winery tour and tasting. Plus for 2026, winery tour and tasting

## DAY 10 – Lindau & Bregenz

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

# DAY 11 - The Garden Island of Mainau

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

**Included Experience** – Visit to Mainau Island

# DAY 12 – Return home

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 11 dinners.

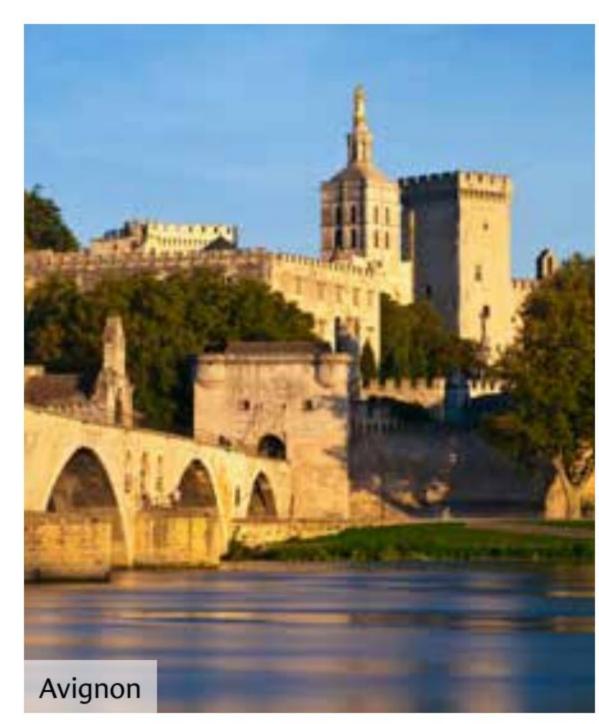




# Grand Tour of Provence, the French Riviera & Monaco

We've enhanced our Provence tour by adding the stunning French Riviera. Experience the transition from the lavender fields and vineyards of Provence to the azure waters and chic vibe of the French Riviera, including Monaco. Every moment promises to inspire and create lasting memories in this enchanting region.







### DAY 1 - Arrival in Aix-En-Provence

Arrive at Nice, Marseille or Montpellier airport, or journey by Eurostar and high-speed TGV to Aix-en-Provence.

## DAY 2 – Tour of Aix-en-Provence

Take a morning walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, the city that inspired Paul Cézanne's paintings. In the afternoon, visit a local organic winery to learn about its wines and enjoy a glass or two with lunch at the scenic estate. (B,L)

Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Aix-en-Provence. Visit to an organic winery with lunch and wine included

# DAY 3 – The Camargue

We head to the Camargue, the delta of the great Rhône River and a saltwater marshland teeming with around 400 species of birds, including pink flamingos. We take a guided boat trip to explore this wetland environment – bring your binoculars! We then visit Arles, a prosperous Roman regional capital from the 1st century AD. Marvel at the impressive UNESCO-listed monuments on a walking tour, including the Roman amphitheatre and the Place du Forum, now a square with vibrant cafés and restaurants. You then have free time to explore Arles. (B)

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

# **DAY 4 - Luberon Mountains**

Drive through the stunning Luberon Mountains, a landscape of olive groves, vineyards, and lavender fields, offering the signature scents of Provence. (B)

Included Experience – Scenic drive through the Luberon Mountains

# DAY 5 – Free day

Enjoy a free day to explore Aix as you wish. (B)

# DAY 6 – Avignon

Visit Avignon, once home to the Pope's court in the 14th century. Explore the Papal Palace and the Pont du Gard, an ancient Roman aqueduct. Return to Aix for a Provencal feast at a local restaurant with regional wines. (B,D) Included Experiences – Visit to Avignon and the Pont du Gard. Evening meal at a local restaurant

### DAY 7 - Cassis

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

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

# DAY 8 - Antibes, Grasse & Nice

This morning, we drive to Antibes, a historic coastal town known as ancient Antipolis. The Old Town features charming, cobbled lanes once walked by the writer Graham Greene. This afternoon we make our way towards Grasse, the 'Perfume Capital of the World'. We are guests of the historic Fragonard Perfumery where we learn about this traditional art and its history on a tour. We'll also have an exclusive perfume masterclass led by an expert where we learn about the craft of perfumery and create our own personalised Eau de Cologne, to take home with us along with a 'diploma' signed by the expert. Finally, we continue to our hotel in Nice, our base for the next four nights. (B) **Included Experiences** – Visit to Antibes.

Take a perfume master-class and tour in Grasse

# DAY 9 – Nice & Villa Ephrussi

This morning, we'll explore Nice on a guided tour. Originally an ancient Greek settlement named after the goddess Nike, Nice has attracted aristocrats and artists since the late 18th century. The iconic Promenade des Anglais curves around the Bay of Angels and highlights include the bustling flower market and the Place Massena. In the afternoon, we'll enjoy a 'privilege' visit of Villa Ephrussi that includes a guided tour, where we can see the world-class collection of medieval and Renaissance works of art.

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We conclude our visit with a flute of champagne and canapés in a special area of the villa, before returning to our hotel. (B)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Nice. 'Privilege' visit with a guided tour of Villa Ephrussi

## DAY 10 - Free day in Nice

Today is a free day to enjoy as you wish. (B)

### DAY 11 - Monaco & Montecarlo

Today, we visit Monaco, where elegant palaces and modern buildings meet the azure sea and verdant mountains. Our guided tour reveals the history of the Grimaldi family and the famous Grand Prix circuit. First, we'll visit Monte Carlo and explore old town Monaco Ville, dominated by the Renaissance-style Prince's Palace, also known for hosting Napoleon. This area resembles an open-air museum, featuring charming squares and St. Nicholas Cathedral, the final resting place of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly. On our way out via the Moyenne Corniche, we'll stop at Eze, a historic village perched on a limestone cliff above the turquoise waters. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Montecarlo

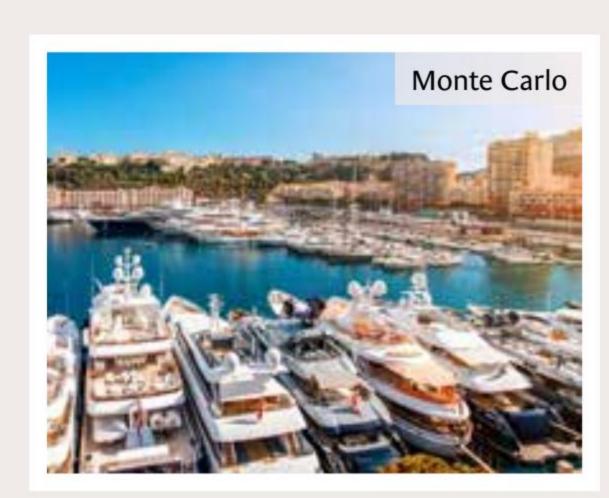
# DAY 12 - Return home

Arrive at the airport for your flight home or return via TGV and Eurostar. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 1 dinner.

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# Walk & Discover tours



Superbly organised and managed... Very interesting and stimulating programme that delivered a wonderful introduction to and oversight of a truly spectacular area... Seriously impressive all round.

Heather

Walk & Discover: The Italian Lakes

September 2024



Ramble through enchanting countryside, home to natural wonders and take a route less travelled with our Walk & Discover tours.

Our Walk & Discover tours are the perfect combination of the classic tours you've come to love, with inspiring walks accompanied by specialist guides, to offer a unique kind of exploration. You could wander through the beauty of the Italian Lakes, or uncover the less-explored side of Florence, passing the majestic works of art within the city's historical churches.

# What's the difference between a Riviera walking tour and an escorted tour?

## **SMALLER GROUP SIZE**

The overall group size is up to 36 guests and walking groups include approximately 18 guests. Depending on the nature of the walk, the group may occasionally be slightly larger.

## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

Our Walk & Discover tours feature 1–4 hour walking excursions with a choice of easy (green) and more challenging routes (blue). A reasonable level of fitness is essential for all walks – while the green walk should suit most travellers, the blue option is perfect for those who prefer a bit more of a challenge.

### **PUT THE FOCUS ON NATURE**

Our beautiful walks focus on local nature, exploring more rural parts of the region to offer a real insight into local life.

# **SPECIALIST GUIDES**

Our specialist local guides are accredited local professionals. They'll share their intimate knowledge of the region, give insightful information about the history and show you all of nature's highlights.

# What to pack?

Good quality walking shoes or boots are a must. We also recommend a waterproof jacket, comfortable rucksack, hat, sunglasses, sun cream, water bottle and clothes that can be layered easily. Hiking poles are not necessary, but you may wish to take them.





# Walk & Discover: The Italian Lakes

A wonderful tour rambling through the towns and villages of Italy's most spectacular lakes – Maggiore and Orta – plus villa-crowned islands, lush alpine scenery, the chic Swiss resort of Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn.

# **Your Itinerary**

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Baveno

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

# DAY 2 - Discover: Borromean Islands

Maggiore's shores are lined with oleanders, palms and aromatic verbena and just offshore are the fascinating Borromean Islands. We visit the Baroque Palazzo on Isola Bella for a guided tour. We then visit Isola dei Pescatori, before cruising back to Baveno. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Guided tour of Isola Bella and visit Isola dei Pescatori

# DAY 3 - Walk: Lake Orta

**Green walk** – 2.5 to 3 hours (3.9 miles) / Altitude gain: 244 feet / Terrain: mule tracks, woodland paths and tarmac roads

We'll walk from Armeno to picturesque Orta San Giulio, where you have free time to wander its pebble-studded lanes.

Blue walk – 3 hours (6.6 miles) / Altitude gain: 558 feet / Terrain: mule tracks, woodland paths and tarmac roads



☐ Single-centre tour

Our route takes us along the river Agogna, towards the Chiesa di San Grato, enjoying superb views of Lake Orta. We finish at Orta San Giulio. (B)

Included Experience – Guided walk around Lake Orta

# DAY 4 – Walk: Valle Antrona

**Green walk** – 2 hours (2.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 656 feet / Terrain: mountain paths and roads.

We'll walk from Antronapiana towards, and around Antrona Lake, before returning through the alpine setting.

Blue walk – 4 hours (4 miles) / Altitude gain: 984 feet / Terrain: mountain paths and road.

The walk is as per the green walk but you will continue along the lake before returning to Antronapiana. (B)

# DAY 5 - Free day

Choose to relax in your hotel, or explore nearby Stresa. (B,D)

# DAY 6 – Discover: Zermatt & the Matterhorn

As we take the Simplon Pass, the road traverses towering viaducts and jaw dropping precipices. At the foot of the Matterhorn is Zermatt, and for even better views of the Matterhorn, take the cog railway up 10,000 feet to Gornergrat. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Zermatt and the Matterhorn

# DAY 7 - Walk: Lake Maggiore

Green walk – 2 hours (2.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 541 feet / Terrain: mule tracks, earth and gravel paths

We descend to the lake shore and Carmine Inferiore, where our coach will transfer you to the town of Cannobio to explore its streets and pretty waterfront.

Blue walk – 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 1,150 feet / Terrain: mule tracks, earth and gravel paths

We meander above the lake through a granite valley and chestnut and pine forests. We pass an old water mill and stone houses before returning to Cannobio. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walk around Lake Maggiore

# DAY 8 – Return flight

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 2 dinners.

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# Walk & Discover: Florence & Tuscany

Experience the very heart and soul of Italy through the exquisite majesty of Florence, the picturesque Tuscan countryside, medieval hilltop towns, fine food and wine and scenic walks to soak up the quintessential Italian atmosphere.

# **Your Itinerary**

## DAY 1 - Arrival in Florence

Arrive at Pisa airport and transfer to your hotel.

# DAY 2 - Walk: Florence

3 hours (3.5 to 4.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 500 feet / Terrain: urban

Today we discover Oltrarno. We cross the Ponte Vecchio, and walk through the remarkably preserved medieval quarter of San Niccolò. We begin our gentle ascent up the hills to Piazzale Michelangelo, with panoramic views of Florence, and continue along to the church of San Miniato al Monte. Our walk ends at Torre San Niccolò, from where you can walk back to Ponte Vecchio. (B)

**Included Experience** – Guided walk of Oltrarno

# DAY 3 – Discover: Lucca & Pisa

We leave for the delightful city of Lucca, birthplace of composer Puccina, and start with an easy walk that's just 2.5 miles long.



Then we drive to Pisa, whose most famous gems are on display in the Piazza dei Miracoli. The Leaning Tower, one of the world's most recognisable silhouettes, is your introduction to the rest. (B)

**Included Experiences** – Visit Lucca and Pisa

# DAY 4 – Walk: Chianti

Green walk – 2 hours (3 miles) / Altitude gain: 490 feet / Terrain: country roads

Blue walk – 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 955 feet / Terrain: country roads

We begin in medieval Greve, birthplace of explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano. Leaving Greve behind, we follow country roads which wind through vineyards and olive groves. The moderate walk follows a similar route but continues further through the Tuscan hills, giving us more time to enjoy the unforgettable views. Later we visit a local winery, for a tasting of some fine Chianti wines followed by a light traditional lunch. (B,L,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided walk in the Chianti region

# DAY 5 – Discover: Siena

We take the short drive to Siena for a guided tour. It's a jewel of Italian Gothic and medieval architecture that's been preserved to a remarkable degree centred around the Piazza del Campo. Siena is equally famous for its Duomo, one of Italy's most intricate and fascinating cathedrals with works by leading artists, including the young Michelangelo. The afternoon is free to explore. (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Siena

### DAY 6 – Walk: San Gimignano

Green walk – 2 hours (3.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 847 feet / Terrain: country paths

The green walk follows part of the ancient Via Francigena pilgrim route. The picturepostcard sights will delight as we ramble towards San Gimignano.

Blue walk – 3 hours (5.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 820 feet / Terrain: country paths

The longer walk takes us around San Gimignano, with its impressive skyline on the horizon. We hug the ridges of the gentle Tuscan hills, admiring the spectacular views before returning to San Gimignano. (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided walk around San Gimignano

# DAY 7 - Free day

Today you have a free day. Monteriggioni and Colle Val d'Elsa, are charming, and can be reached by local bus, or you can wander along pleasant paths from the hotel. (B,D)

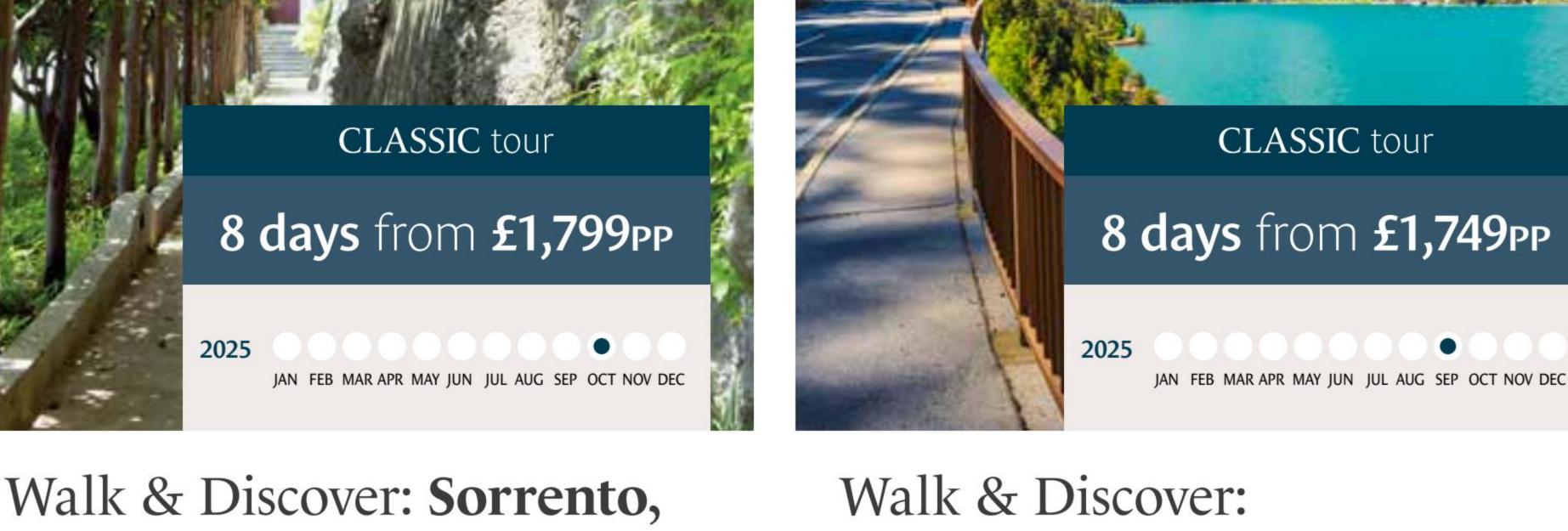
# DAY 8 - Return home

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

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(B) Daily breakfast, (L) 1 lunch, (D) 4 dinners
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the Amalfi Coast & Pompeii



# Your itinerary

**DAY 1 – Arrive in Sorrento** (D)

**DAY 2 – Walk: Sorrento** (B,D) *Green walk – 3 hours / 5.3 miles /* 

Altitude gain: 324 feet

Blue walk – 4 hours / 7.2 miles /

Altitude gain: 577 feet /

Terrain for both walks: stone

paths, tarmac and gravel

Included Experience – Guided walk around the Sorrento Olive Groves

**DAY 3 – Discover: Capri** (B,D) **Included Experience** – Boat ride to Capri

**DAY 4 – Discover: Sorrento** (B,D)

# DAY 5 – Walk: The Path of Lemons (B,D)

Green walk – 2 hours (3 miles) / Altitude gain: 422 feet / Terrain: stone steps, pavement and gravel tracks

Blue walk – 4 hours (4.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 819 feet / Terrain: stone steps and country roads

Included Experience – Guided walk along the Path of Lemons

**DAY 6 – Discover: Pompeii** & Herculaneum (B,D)
Included Experiences –
Guided tours of Pompeii and Herculaneum

# DAY 7 – Walk: Valle delle Ferriere (B,D)

Green walk – 2.5 hours (3 miles) / Altitude gain: 255 feet / Terrain: Stone steps, tarmac and woodland paths

Blue Walk – 4 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 984 feet / Terrain: Stone steps, tarmac and woodland paths

Included Experience – Guided walk along the Valle delle Ferriere

# DAY 8 - Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.



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# Walk & Discover: The Austrian Tyrol

# Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrive in Seefeld (D)

**DAY 2 – Discover: Innsbruck** (B,D)

Included Experience – Guided tour of Innsbruck

# DAY 3 – Walk: Seefeld (B,D)

Green walk – 3 hours (3.9 miles) / Altitude gain: 628 feet / Terrain: pavement and forest trail

Blue walk – 4 hours (6.8 miles) /

Blue walk – 4 hours (6.8 miles) / Altitude gain: 949 feet / Terrain: forest trail and meadows

Included Experience – Guided walk around the Seefeld Plateau

**DAY 4 – Discover: Seefeld** (B,D)

# **DAY 5 – Walk: Lake Achensee** (B,D)

Green walk – 3 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 390 feet / Terrain: lakeside trail and forest tracks Blue walk – 4 hours (6.5 miles) / Altitude gain: 508 feet / Terrain: lakeside trail and forest tracks

Lake Achensee

**Included Experience** – Guided walk around Achensee

# DAY 6 – Neuschwanstein Castle (B,D)

**Included Experience** – Guided tour of Neuschwanstein Castle

# **DAY 7 – Walk: Wilder Kaiser** (B,D)

Green walk – 2.5 hours (2.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 764 feet / Terrain: forest trail

Blue walk – 3.5 hours (5.1 miles) / Altitude gain: 1,017 feet / Terrain: forest trail

Included Experience – Guided walk around the Wilder Kaiser

# DAY 8 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast, (D) 7 dinners.







# Walk & Discover: Slovenia & Lake Bled

# **Your itinerary**

DAY 1 - Arrive in Ljubljana

DAY 2 – Discover: Ljubljana (B)

Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Ljubljana

# DAY 3 – Walk: Lake Bled (B)

Green walk – 2 hours (3.6 miles) / Altitude gain: 771 feet / Terrain: mostly flat paths with a short, steep section. We begin in Vintgar Gorge and walk to the Šum waterfall, then back.

Blue walk – 2.5 hours (5 miles) / Altitude gain: 771 feet / Terrain: country roads, paths and boardwalks. We begin in Vintgar Gorge and walk to Lake Bled. End the walk here or choose to continue a further 1.1km along the lakeside.

Included Experience – Guided walk through Vintgar Gorge and visit to Lake Bled

# **DAY 4 – Walk: Lake Bohinj** (B)

Green walk – Duration 2 hours
(3.3 miles) / Altitude gain: 699
feet / Terrain: steps and steep
gradients to the waterfall, then
gentle paths towards the lake.
Blue walk – Duration: 3 hours
(6.3 miles) / Altitude gain: 699
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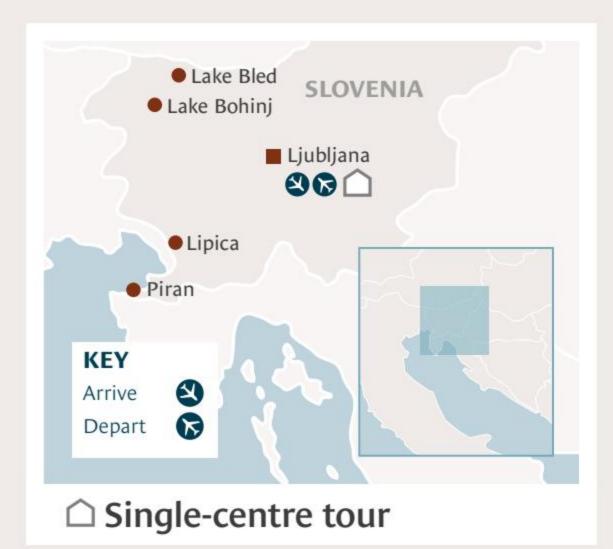
Included Experience – Guided walk to Savica waterfall

DAY 5 – Discover: Piran & Lipica (B)

Included Experiences – Visit
Piran and guided tour of Lipica
Stud farm with presentation

DAY 6 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast



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# Walk & Discover: **Dubrovnik** & the Dalmatian Coast

# Your itinerary

**DAY 1 – Arrive in Croatia** (D)

DAY 2 – Walk: Makarska Riviera (B,D)

Green walk – Duration: 2 hours (3.2 miles) / Altitude gain: 286 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and forest tracks.

Blue walk – Duration: 2.5 hours (4.7 miles)/ Altitude gain: 349 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and forest tracks.

**DAY 3 – Discover: Split & Trogir** (B,D) **Included Experiences** –

Guided tour of Split and a visit to Trogir

DAY 4 – Walk: Baćina Lakes (B,D)

Green walk – Duration: 2 hours (2.4 miles) / Altitude gain: 337 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and rocky tracks.

Blue walk - Duration: 3 hours

(5.7 miles) / Altitude gain: 433 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and rocky tracks.

**DAY 5 – Discover: Dubrovnik** (B,D)

Included Experiences – Guided tour of Dubrovnik

**DAY 6 – Walk: Koločep Island** (B,D)

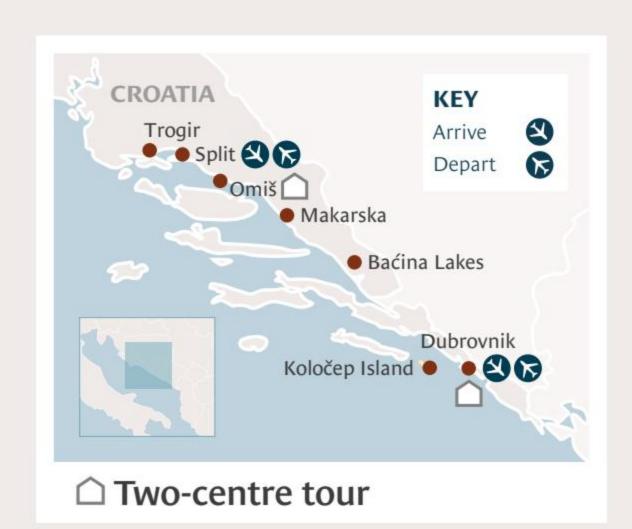
Green walk – Duration: 2 hours (2.4 miles) / Altitude gain: 382 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and grassy tracks.

Blue walk – Duration: 3 hours (4 miles) / Altitude gain: 612 feet / Terrain: paved road, gravel and grassy tracks.

**DAY 7 – Discover: Dubrovnik** (B,D)

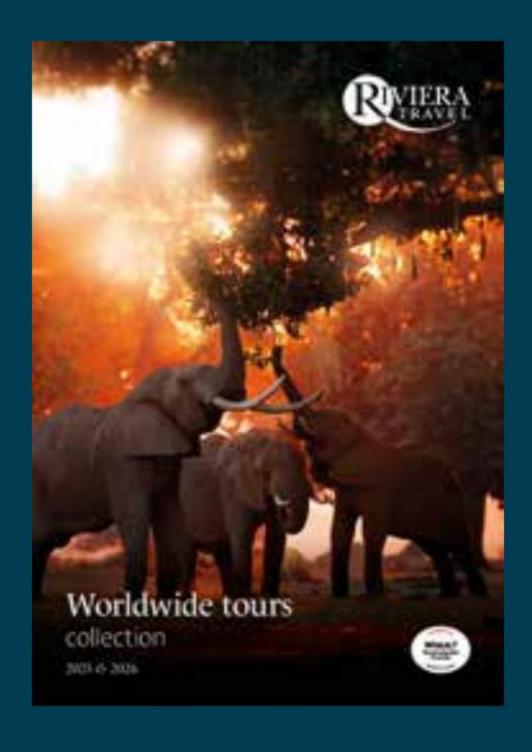
**DAY 8 – Return home** (B)

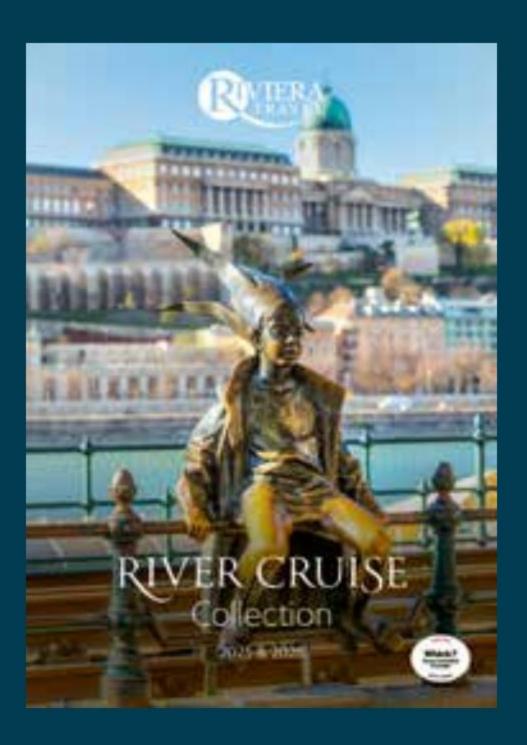
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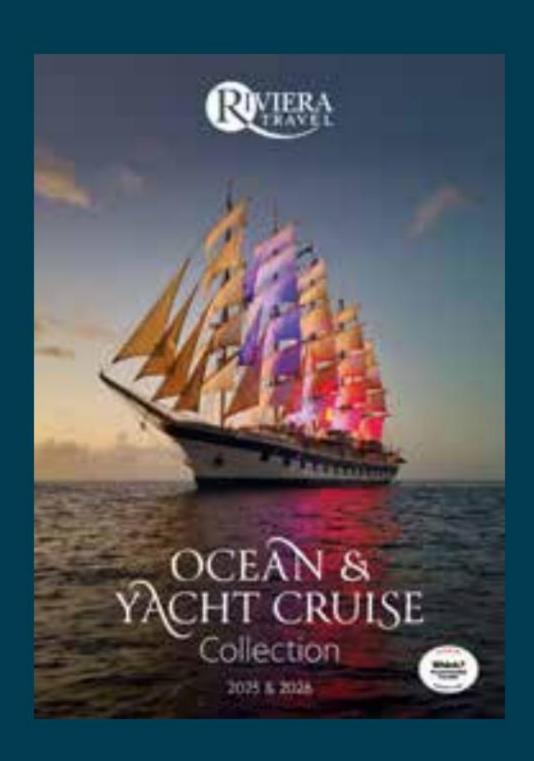


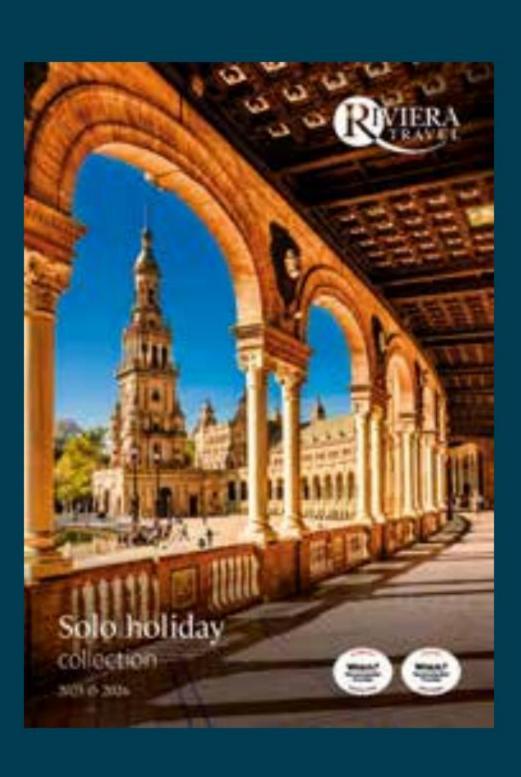


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