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EXCEEDING YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our Tour Planners travel the globe seeking new destinations, vetting every element of the tour - from perfectly planned itineraries, to personally inspected hotels, and even the menu choices. We don't just try to meet your expectations, we aim to exceed them. We include more meals at local restaurants for authentic dining, not-to-be-missed iconic sights, cultural immersion and off-the-beaten-track experiences, and a number of surprises along the way!



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HEALTH, SAFETY AND PEACE OF MIND

TRAVEL SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

The world of travel has changed, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to the health and safety of our guests. As a company that has been specializing in tours for those 55+ for over 45 years, we remain committed to being the best-in-class for your health and safety. Our team consults with health and security experts worldwide to ensure that your health, well being and enjoyment remain our top priority.

Enhanced Health & Safety Highlights:

- Those travelling outside Canada will be covered by our **Manulife Out-of-Country Health Insurance Plan** (unless you choose to decline it), which **covers all Covid related expenses** (except for testing if this becomes necessary again).
* Manulife terms and conditions apply.
- At the present time we require that **all passengers wear a mask while on our motorcoaches**.
- In order to create the safest group environment on our tours, and to ensure peace of mind for all of our guests, **we require that all of our travellers be vaccinated for Covid 19** (at least 2 shots).
- If there are any health protocols necessary for your tour **we will keep you informed** well in advance of the trip.
- Should any specific requirements be imposed by airlines and/or authorities in the destinations visited, our guests must fully comply.

SPECIAL CANCELLATION TERMS THROUGH THE END OF MARCH, 2023

Please rest assured that you can book your Senior Discovery Tours holiday with complete peace of mind. We will continue to be the travel industry leader by offering a refund policy far more flexible and generous than other tour operators, and have introduced temporary cancellation policies that will be effective for all tours departing before the end of March, 2023.

Special Cancellation Highlights:

- Up to 60 days prior to the departure of your tour (90 days prior to the departure for cruises and train tours) you may decide, at your sole discretion, whether or not you want to proceed on the trip. If you inform us by that time that you choose not to go, we will send you a full refund of your deposit / payment (less the \$75 administration fee).
- If you proceed with the tour, you will be covered by our usual Cancellation Policy, which provides coverage in case of emergency illness (including Covid) or injury, right up to your date of departure.
- If you cancel your tour less than 60 days prior to your trip (or 90 days prior for cruises), for a reason not covered in our Cancellation Policy, we have negotiated with our travel partners to significantly reduce our cancellation penalties. More details can be found under our "Terms and Conditions" on the back page of our brochure.

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We're delighted to announce that we've been awarded the *Safe Travels Stamp* by the World Travel and Tourism Council, recognized globally for adopting safety and hygiene standards issued by government and health authorities around the world, designed specifically to address outbreaks such as COVID 19.



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Enjoying unforgettable travel experiences with Senior Discovery Tours is now even more exciting as we launch our Discovery Rewards program. From exclusive travel items to discounts on future Senior Discovery tours, Discovery Rewards offer exciting ways to get more out of every trip. The more you travel, the higher your Discovery Rewards status and level of benefits.

- Rewards begin upon enrollment
- Great travel-related gift items like clothing and baggage
- Discounts on future tours
- Easy tier thresholds mean quick status upgrades



SHARING THE JOY OF TRAVEL

Senior Discovery Tours enjoys some of the best reviews in the travel industry, and we want to reward your loyalty by introducing our Blue Sky Referral Program. If you're a member of our new Discovery Rewards Program, and the person you refer books a trip with us, you both are rewarded with tour discounts and Discovery Rewards bonuses. For over 45 years, Senior Discovery Tours has sent more satisfied senior travellers on more tours than any other Canadian tour operator, and we will continue to measure our success through your positive reviews.



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Thank you to all of our loyal customers who have posted such positive reviews on social media over the past year. We would love to continue to hear about your past travels and memories with Senior Discovery Tours - it's an integral part of helping us plan future tours so we can continue to provide you with superior travel experiences.

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*All travellers must be fully vaccinated
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- Round-trip transportation between your home and the airport (from many Canadian cities)
- All airfare, airport taxes and fuel surcharges. (Airline baggage fees are *not* included)
- Carefully selected accommodations, including hotel taxes, gratuities and luggage handling (where available)
- All gratuities for hotels, drivers, guides and cruise staff
- Most meals, highlighting local flavour
- Comprehensive insurance plan (health while outside Canada, cancellation, trip interruption, loss of luggage, etc.)
- Plenty of unparalleled sightseeing, and entrance fees
- Expert local guides
- Experienced, professional and engaging Tour Managers
- Prices include all taxes and are guaranteed in Canadian funds!
- Should any kind of Covid testing be required, either before or during your tour, the cost of the testing is *not* included.

*You have the option to arrange your own flights - air rebate will be applied.
If you choose this option, home pick-up and airport transfers not included.*

TO BOOK

- Phone one of our offices, with credit card info, to reserve your space.
- A deposit of \$300 per person for regular tours, or \$700 per person for tours including a cruise, is due upon booking.
- \$75 of your deposit is a non-refundable administration fee.
- For those paying by cheque - please send your deposit (see above) to one of our offices within 7 days of making your booking.
- Balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure for regular tours, or 90 days prior for tours including a cruise, train or entry visa.

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A scenic view of a Quebec town, likely Mont-Tremblant, with a prominent church featuring a blue steeple. The town is nestled at the base of a hill covered in vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. A river flows through the foreground.

Towns and Villages of Quebec (Fall Colours)

Departs from Toronto, Hamilton,
Whitby and Kingston

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- Moderate and First Class hotels
- 9 breakfasts, 8 dinners and 1 lunch
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3* (except of course, round-trip airfare)

COST:

- \$3597 per person, double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Triples - deduct \$70 per person

There is good reason why Quebec is known as “La Belle Province”, especially during Fall Colour Season!

While the splendour of its cities, towns and countryside have enticed artists like the Group of Seven, its history, delicious cuisine and that French “joie de vivre” unique in North America have seduced visitors to return again and again.

Our journey begins and ends with stays in the vibrant city of Montreal with its delightful mixture of old and new. Montreal has great shopping, cafes, museums and beautifully restored buildings, especially in the Old Montreal quarter and its historic waterfront.

After Montreal we explore the nearby Eastern Township region, a veritable country paradise with mountains and valleys that are home to the most picturesque villages and rural landscapes. We will enjoy quality wines and delicious food produced proudly in this region.

We then enjoy a 2-night stay in Quebec City, one of Canada’s outstanding cities and a designated UNESCO World Heritage site with over 400 years of history. Fall under the charm of the walled city’s cobbled streets lined

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with art galleries, artisan shops, bistros and horse drawn carriages. Stroll on the Governor’s Promenade which offers spectacular views of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Orleans Island - known as the garden of Quebec with its typical New France architecture, rural tradition and gorgeous scenery over the Montmorency Falls and Quebec skyline.

Next we travel through the picturesque Charlevoix region. A highlight of the tour will be our scenic train journey along the Beauré hills and the St. Lawrence River coastline, where we will see historic hamlets and the shores where hundreds of migrating birds come to rest and feed. We will visit the pretty village of Baie St-Paul, where a thriving artist community exhibits a colourful and dazzling version of the surrounding landscape. We will stay in Tadoussac, a lovely village on the banks of the St. Lawrence River and first trading post in Canada, now renowned worldwide as a prime holiday resort. Visitors come from around the world to watch the flow of the whales and the tides in this pristine environment – an unforgettable experience!

Day 1: Departure / Montreal. We depart for Montreal. Upon arrival we check-in at our centrally located hotel. Later, we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Montreal / Magog. We begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Montreal's highlights; Mount Royal, lively Sainte-Catherine Street, Notre-Dame Cathedrale and quaint Old Montreal. This afternoon we depart for the Eastern Townships with a scenic diversion on Quebec's wine route. Here we will enjoy a visit and tasting at a renowned winery. We continue on to our resort hotel nestled by a scenic lake.

Day 3: Magog. Our first visit is to St. Benoit Abbey, where we learn about the lives of the more than fifty cloistered monks living under the Rule of St. Benedict. We then visit the town of Stansted, home to some magnificent 19th-century buildings (and so it is considered one of Quebec's most beautiful villages). The town straddles the friendliest border in the world including the famous CANUSA Street, with the border actually running down the middle of the road. We will visit the Colby-Curtis Museum - a heritage house built in the 19th century. After today's touring we will enjoy some free time in the charming town of Magog with its numerous shops, cafés and pleasant lakeside promenade.

Day 4: Quebec City. We depart for Quebec's capital - Quebec City, for a 2-night stay. Upon arrival in the city we will embark on a guided tour of the most famous sights including Place Royal, Little Champlain Quarter, the Plains of Abraham and the port where so many immigrants first set foot on this new land after their long crossing over the Atlantic.

Day 5: Quebec City. This morning we will drive through picturesque Orleans Island. These country roads are full of history, old architecture and pastoral landscapes - truly a regional jewel! We will visit an historic home and the Bilodeau Orchard where cider making is an art form passed on through generations. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Old Quebec's enchanting streets, boutiques and museums - all within walking distance of our hotel.

Day 6: Quebec City / Tadoussac. A short drive takes us first to Montmorency Falls - a magnificent cascade 100 feet higher than Niagara! Then, for what may be the highlight of the tour, we board a train journey that will take us along the St. Lawrence River and through the beautiful Charlevoix region. En route we will stop in Baie-Saint-Paul - a charming little town of artisans nestled in a valley. Here we will have some free time to visit the many art galleries in town and enjoy lunch at one of the quaint bistros. We continue by coach on our scenic route to our final destination, Tadoussac at the mouth of the Saguenay Fjord.

Day 7: Tadoussac. Today we enjoy another tour highlight - a whale watching cruise on the magnificent St. Lawrence River, which is renowned for its large concentration of resident belugas and rorqual whales. The afternoon will be at leisure to take in the beauty of the site, take a stroll on the beach or one of the picturesque walking trails by our hotel, or to perhaps visit the Marine Mammal Interpretation Center.

Day 8: Montreal. We depart for Montreal. En route we will drive on the first road built in New France, "Le chemin du Roi", where we can see some of the area's finest and oldest homes. We then stop for lunch at an authentic and lively Quebecois sugar shack, where we will enjoy some traditional "reel" and "rigidons" music, as well as a taste of maple taffy on snow! This evening we will have the opportunity to try our luck at The Montreal Casino, brimming with the vitality so characteristic of one of North America's most exciting cities.

Day 9: Montreal. This morning we visit Montreal's Botanical Gardens, ranked as one of the world's largest and most spectacular garden with its collection of 22,000 plant species, 10 exhibition greenhouses and some thirty thematic gardens. The afternoon is free to visit one of the city many unique museums, do some fine shopping or simply enjoy the view from one of the city's many terraces. Tonight enjoy our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 10: Home. We proceed home bringing with us fine memories of "La Belle Province".



History and Flavours of Quebec

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, and 3 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except, of course, round-trip airfare)*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$3997
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Triples - deduct \$100 per person

Charlevoix, Saguenay and Lac-Saint-Jean

New France was one of the first places settled in Canada, and the European influence combined with indigenous traditions helped create a unique identity. The regions we visit on this tour are not only home to some beautiful landscapes, quaint villages and majestic fjords, but also offer that contagious French-Canadian *joie-de-vivre*!

We begin (and end) our tour in the vibrant city of Montreal with its delightful mix of the old and new.

Then we'll enjoy a 2-night stay in Quebec City - one of North America's oldest cities and a designated UNESCO World Heritage City. The city has a distinctive European flair, with its spectacular stone buildings and winding streets. We will take the picturesque Route of New France to Côte-De-Beaupré, visiting local artisans and prominent Quebecois heritage sites.

Our first stop in the Charlevoix region is the cultural hub of Baie-Sainte-Paul, and from there we'll ferry over to the

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Isle-Aux-Coudres in the middle of the Saint-Lawrence, with its spectacular views in every direction. The island is renowned for its signature delicacies, breathtaking coastlines and the legendary hospitality of the locals.

We then proceed to the 230-kilometer-long Saguenay Fjord with its rugged mountains, dense forests and high cliffs dotted with tiny villages. Our scenic drive along this magnificent fjord is a highlight of our tour.

Next is spectacular Lac-Saint-Jean, surrounded by dairy farms, quaint villages and dramatic wildlife. We will visit attractions here such as a wildlife conservation zoo, a ghost town and some important First Nations sites.

We end with a stay at a breathtaking mountain resort in the Mauricie region, before heading back to Montreal for our final farewell *to La Belle Province*.

Day 1: Depart / Montreal. We depart by coach for Montreal. Upon arrival we check-in to our centrally located hotel, and enjoy our Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Quebec City. We make our way to Quebec City, and upon arrival we will enjoy a guided city tour. Stops include the Place Royale, the Little Champlain Quarter, the Plains of Abraham, and the Old Port where so many immigrants first set foot on this new land after their long journey.

Day 3: Côte-De-Beaupré / Quebec City. Today we take the New France Route from Quebec City to Côte-De-Beaupré - one of the most historic roads in North America. This scenic route takes us back through four centuries of history, with magnificent 18th and 19th century homes, as well as several significant historical and cultural gems, such as the magnificent St-Anne-De-Beaupré sanctuary. We will visit a museum of traditional wood sculpture, followed by a visit to the breathtaking Montmorency falls - a magnificent cascade 100 feet higher than Niagara! The afternoon is at leisure to explore old Quebec's enchanting streets, boutiques, and museums.

Day 4: Baie-Saint-Paul / L'Isle-aux-Coudres. We proceed to the beautiful Charlevoix Region and its "Flavour Trail". Our first stop will be Baie-Saint-Paul - a charming artisanal town, for some free time to visit the many art galleries and enjoy lunch at one of the quaint bistros. Then we will ferry over to the L'Isle-aux-Coudres - a small island in the middle of the St-Lawrence river, renowned for its 360 degree views of magnificent landscapes, breathtaking sunsets and beautiful shingle beaches! We will have a guided tour of a local flour mill on the island.

Day 5: L'Isle-aux-Coudres. On our scenic drive around the island we will make breathtaking photo stops and enjoy some of the local artisanal fare, such as the cider at Pedneault Orchard, where cider making is an art form passed on through generations. The rest of the day is free.

Day 6: Malbaie. We continue along the beautiful Charlevoix region's "Flavour Trail." We will stop at an artisanal cheese factory, and then proceed to Emu Charlevoix - an Economuseum that houses over 400 emus and is known worldwide for its emu oil. Here we will enjoy a guided visit and a wonderful lunch, highlighting some

of the regions finest artisanal fare! Our next stop is Hautes-Gorges-De-La-Riviere-Malbaie National Park - the centerpiece of the UNESCO Charlevoix reserve, where we will walk along the colorful "Maple Trail" that follows the Malbaie River. Our overnight will be in Malbaie.

Day 7: Saguenay Fjord National Park / Chicoutimi. We travel along the magnificent fjord route, which offers the most breathtaking views of the Saguenay Fjord. We'll stop for lunch in the village of L'Anse-Saint Jean - known as one of Quebec's most beautiful villages, and then proceed to the Fjord Museum to learn about Saguenay's history and the fjord. We overnight in Chicoutimi.

Day 8: Chicoutimi / Val Jalbert / St-Félicien. Our first stop is Chicoutimi's famous "Little White House" - an early 19th century home that withstood massive floods while everything around it perished. We then proceed to Val-Jalbert in Lac-Saint-Jean - a historically preserved town from the 1920s. This heritage town was known for its pulp mill, and it was a pioneer town of electricity in Canada due to the nearby massive Ouaitchouan Falls!

Day 9: St-Félicien. We begin with a visit to the Wildlife Zoo of St-Félicien - dedicated to wildlife conservation of the Boreal Climate. Later we proceed to the Mashteuiatsh Museum, to learn about the First Nations communities who originally arrived over 6000 years ago!

Day 10: La Mauricie. We make our way to la Mauricie Region for an overnight stay at a spectacular mountain resort. En route, we will stop in La Tuque to see the waterfalls "De-La-Petite-Riviere-Bostonnais" - a hidden gem in the region! The afternoon is free at the resort to enjoy the many activities offered such as canoeing, hiking or relaxing in the spa!

Day 11: Montreal. We proceed to Montreal, and in the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the city's highlights; Mount Royal, lively Sainte-Catherine Street, Notre-Dame Cathedral and quaint Old Montreal. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 12: Home. We travel home, bringing with us fine memories of "La Belle Province".



The Maritimes

With spectacular coastlines, picturesque villages and distinguished culture, the Maritimes are sure to delight every visitor.

We begin this tour in Nova Scotia, where we visit the famous lighthouse at Peggy's Cove, the Fisheries Museum in Lunenburg and the historic Fortress of Louisburg. During our stay in the capital of Halifax we will be entertained at the Grafton Street Dinner Theatre, see the Exhibition Hall at Pier 21 and have a chance to sample the local beer during our tour of Alexander Keith's Brewery!

In St. John, New Brunswick we explore the historic Loyalist Trail, the remarkable Reversing Falls and the scenic Fundy Trail on the Bay of Fundy (which boasts some of the highest tides in the world).

Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province and home of Anne of Green Gables, is renowned for its red soil, sand dunes and 800 km. of spotless white sand beaches. During our visit to Charlottetown, our Confederation Capital, we learn the important role this province played in the early history of Canada. We will also enjoy a performance of "Anne of Green Gables" at the Confederation Theatre.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Air Canada flights
- First Class hotels
- Full Breakfast daily
- 8 dinners, including a lobster dinner and 2 dinners with entertainment
- Theatre performance (*Anne of Green Gables*) at the Confederation Theatre
- All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 1

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal - \$4997
- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Triple reduction - \$150 per person
- Halifax - deduct \$500 (land only)
- Winnipeg - add \$290
- Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$390

14 DAYS • 4 DATES IN 2022

AUGUST 12 - 25

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 8

SEPTEMBER 2 - 15

SEPTEMBER 16 - 29 (FALL COLOURS)

No trip to the Maritimes would be complete without a tour around the awe-inspiring Cabot Trail in scenic Cape Breton. The trail loops around the northern tip of Cape Breton Island, passing through charming communities offering breathtaking scenery.

As well as being one of the most beautiful and historic areas in North America, the spirit of hospitality found in the Maritimes is legendary. Come join us as we embark on an adventure that promises unforgettable experiences and memories to treasure.

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Halifax We fly to Halifax and transfer to our downtown hotel. The balance of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Halifax. On our city tour of Halifax our kilted guide will tell tales of the past, present and future of Nova Scotia's capital. We will walk through the Victorian Public Gardens and stop at the top of Citadel Hill to view the Harbour and downtown area. Afternoon at leisure. Our unique dinner this evening at the Grafton Street Theatre features a musical comedy!

Day 3: Peggy's Cove / Lunenburg / Annapolis Valley. Our first stop is at one of the most picturesque locations in the Maritimes, Peggy's Cove. This quaint, rustic cove is famous for its neat houses, barren rocks, weathered wharves and a lighthouse point that offers a sweeping view of the ocean. Then we proceed to Lunenburg, home of the Bluenose, where we visit the Fisheries Museum with its fine collection of Maritime artifacts. We continue on to the Annapolis Valley.

Day 4: Annapolis Valley / Saint John. We travel along the historic Evangeline Trail and first stop at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site, made famous by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, *Evangeline*. We then board the Fundy Rose ferry for a delightful cruise across the Bay of Fundy to the Loyalist City of Saint John.

Day 5: St. Andrew / Saint John. This morning's tour of Saint John includes the famous Loyalist Trail and the Reversing Falls, where the ocean waters rushing upstream form a whirling, foaming torrent. We spend the afternoon in the picturesque town of St. Andrew where you will have free time for lunch and shopping, then return to Saint John for our overnight.

Day 6: Hopewell Rocks / Moncton. Today we visit the impressive Hopewell Rocks. Take a moment to appreciate the intricacies of nature and explore the quiet coves with flowerpot-shaped rock formations bearing such names as "Mother-in-Law", "ET" and "Lover's Arch". We continue to Moncton for our overnight.

Day 7: Prince Edward Island. After a stop at Shediac, known as the "Lobster Capital of the World", we drive across the Confederation Bridge to P.E.I. and our hotel in

Charlottetown. The rest of the afternoon is free. This evening we enjoy a musical performance of "Anne of Green Gables" at the Confederation Theatre.

Day 8: Prince Edward Island. Our guided tour of P.E.I. begins in Charlottetown and the historic Confederation Centre, where the Fathers of Confederation met during the Charlottetown Conference. Then we travel through the bright green rolling countryside and visit the home of Anne of Green Gables at Cavendish, and the famous wharf in North Rustico. Tonight we will enjoy a lobster dinner at a local restaurant (alternatives available).

Day 9: Baddeck / Sydney. We return to Nova Scotia by ferry and proceed to Baddeck, located in the heart of Cape Breton's most picturesque area. We visit the Bell Museum, where the famous inventor perfected his many inventions, and then proceed to Sydney for our overnight.

Day 10: Cabot Trail / Sydney. A full day tour of the scenic Cabot Trail. Nature lovers and photographers will have a field day with the meandering glens, rugged coastlines and the constantly pounding surf.

Day 11: Louisbourg / Sydney. We proceed to the impressive Fortress of Louisbourg for a guided visit. This National Historic Site was the largest historic reconstruction in Canada. After our visit we will enjoy an evening banquet during which we will be entertained by 18th century style musicians who will share stories and songs about love and life in the 1700's.

Day 12: Halifax. We return to Halifax.

Day 13: Halifax. This morning we visit Pier 21 - an exhibit recreating the immigration experience. Innovative displays, evocative soundscapes and interactive technology are used. We then enjoy an informative tour of Alexander Keith's Brewery - the oldest working brewery in North America. After we learn about the beer, the brewery and life in Halifax in 1863, we visit Stag's Head Tavern to listen to toe tapping music, and of course sample Keith's finest ale. The afternoon will be at leisure to explore on your own in Halifax - an excellent city for strolling. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 14: Home. We fly home with Air Canada.

A scenic photograph of a Rocky Mountaineer train traveling through a valley. The train is a multi-car passenger train with a blue and silver livery. It is surrounded by dense forests of evergreen and deciduous trees, some of which are showing autumn colors. In the background, majestic mountains with patches of snow rise against a clear blue sky. A river flows in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding landscape.

Rocky Mountaineer

Vancouver to Jasper by rail

The romance of travelling through the Rocky Mountains by train has always had immense appeal. For some, it is the only way to see what is considered one of the world's most spectacular regions.

The Rocky Mountaineer is considered one of the world's most spectacular rail experiences. As we enjoy the ultra-modern comforts of our train, we will be following the steps of the early explorers as the rails meander over trestle bridges, along rivers and past waterfalls - all the while in the shadows of the magnificent glacier-clad mountains. While onboard, our attendant will entertain us with interesting commentary, serve our meals and ensure our utmost comfort.

We board the Rocky Mountaineer in Vancouver. On the first day we journey through the Fraser Valley and the towering Coastal Mountains. After an overnight stay in Kamloops, we reboard the train en route to Jasper. The train follows the Thompson River to the Monashee Mountains, passing expansive glaciers until we arrive in Jasper in the evening.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Air Canada flights
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Rocky Mountaineer Rail tour.
Complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks served throughout the rail journey
- Breakfast daily, 3 dinners and 2 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 1*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal, in Silver Leaf Service - \$5997
- Upgrade to Gold Leaf Service - \$790
- Single supplement - \$1190
- Triples - deduct \$150 per person
- Ottawa or Halifax - add \$90
- Winnipeg - deduct \$200
- Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - deduct \$400

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FALL COLOURS

There are two types of service aboard the Rocky Mountaineer. *Silver Leaf Service* includes hot breakfasts and lunches served at your seat, as you enjoy the spectacular scenery through the oversized panoramic windows. *Gold Leaf Service* includes gourmet hot breakfasts and lunches served in the exclusive Gold Leaf Dining Room, and unparalleled panoramic views through the full-length dome windows. Both services include complimentary wine, beer, spirits and non-alcoholic drinks throughout the rail trip. Note - *Gold Leaf* passengers will be separated from the main group during the journey.

Also included on this tour are three nights in Canada's most beautiful city, Vancouver and three nights in Jasper National Park, with extensive touring and adventures throughout.

Day 1: Vancouver. We fly to Vancouver and transfer to our First Class hotel located in the heart of downtown. The rest of the day is at leisure until our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Vancouver. Our city tour includes Stanley Park, Gastown, Chinatown and much more. A highlight of the day will be crossing the Lions Gate Bridge to visit the popular Capilano Suspension Bridge - an opportunity to walk across the 230-foot high bridge perched above the Capilano Canyon. The evening is at leisure to explore Vancouver - annually voted one of the world's favourite cities.

Day 3: Whistler / Vancouver. A spectacular drive on the "Sea to Sky Highway" takes us to beautiful Shannon Falls (for a photo stop) and then to Whistler. This quaint alpine village is North America's most popular mountain resort. There will be free time to enjoy the fresh mountain air while strolling in the village with its quaint shops. We'll visit the award-winning Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, which showcases the art and history of the First Nations People of this area.

Day 4: Rocky Mountaineer / Kamloops. Today we begin our journey aboard "The Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World". Breakfast and lunch are served onboard. On today's full-day rail tour we will pass through the fertile Fraser Valley and enjoy the natural beauty of the scenic Fraser Canyon. One of the canyon's highlights is Hell's Gate, where millions of gallons of water per minute rush through the narrowest point of the canyon. Then, following the Thompson River we cross into Canada's arid interior, arrive in the city of Kamloops and transfer to our hotel for our overnight.

Day 5: Rocky Mountaineer / Jasper. "All Aboard" as the Rocky Mountaineer departs and follows the Yellowhead Route to the quaint town of Jasper. Breakfast and lunch are again served onboard. The train follows the Thompson River along the rolling plateaus into the snowy peaks of the Monashee and Cariboo Mountains. View Pyramid Falls

and the expansive glaciers of the Albretha Icefields. As we enter the Rocky Mountain range we pass by Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. In the early evening we arrive in Jasper, transfer to our hotel and meet for our included dinner.

Day 6: Jasper. Our full day of wonderful Rocky Mountain experiences begins with an Interpretive Nature Walk conducted by an accredited local expert. Then our coach will take us along a beautiful stretch of highway teeming with wildlife to one of the most beautiful lakes in the Rockies (if not the world!) - Maligne Lake. Here we will enjoy one of the highlights of the tour - a narrated cruise on the lake's crystal blue waters, surrounded by summits of 10,000 ft. and higher! This area is called the "Hall of the Gods", and for good reason! The cruise features a fantastic view of Spirit Island - one of the most photographed sites in the Canadian Rockies.

Day 7: Jasper. To begin the day we will be gently transported into Jasper's alpine tundra on the Jasper Tramway - the longest and highest guided aerial tramway in Canada. Enjoy the spectacular views of six mountain ranges, glacial fed lakes, the Athabasca River and the scenic mountain town of Jasper. After some free time for lunch we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of the town during which we'll hear stories about the people, places and events that made Jasper what it is today. For the highlight of the day we'll embark on a leisurely raft trip down the Athabasca River, a route used by the fur traders. Here we will experience Jasper from a unique perspective as our guide will point out the natural and historic points of interest, as we take in the spectacular Rocky Mountain views on either side of us.

Day 8: Edmonton. We transfer to Edmonton, where we will have an afternoon at leisure and our Farewell Dinner.

Day 9: Home. Air Canada takes us home.



Canadian Rockies and Beautiful B.C.

Western Canada (especially the Rocky Mountains) is rightly considered to be one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Awe-inspiring mountain ranges with glistening snow-capped peaks, azure blue lakes, huge areas of unspoiled wilderness, an abundance of wildlife and a highly developed tourist infrastructure all combine to make this area one of the world's most desirable travel destinations.

On this tour we will experience the grandeur of Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper National Parks, as well as the exciting British Columbian cities of Vancouver (one of the world's favourite cities) and the capital of BC - Victoria,

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Air Canada flights
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 6 dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 1*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal - \$4797
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- Single supplement - \$1290
- Triples - deduct \$150 per person
- Halifax - add \$190
- Winnipeg - deduct \$100
- Edmonton or Vancouver - deduct \$300
- Calgary - deduct \$500

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which resembles a transplanted piece of England. For the stout-hearted we have included some wonderful adventures ... the Columbia Icefields, the Gondola Lift at Sulphur Mountain, Hell's Gate Airtram and spectacular excursions on Maligne Lake and Banff's Bow River.

So join us in western Canada this year for a truly unforgettable experience.

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Departure / Calgary / Banff. We depart for Calgary. Upon arrival we enjoy the scenic transfer into the Rocky Mountains and our Banff hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Banff. This morning we take a gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain for breathtaking views of the town and Rocky Mountains. This afternoon we will enjoy a leisurely float trip along the Bow River enjoying the awesome views of the snow-capped Rockies all along the way.

Day 3: Lake Louise / Columbia Icefields / Jasper. We begin the day with a visit of Lake Louise. With its emerald waters set against the backdrop of Victoria Glacier, Lake Louise is probably the most photographed scene in the Canadian Rockies. We then proceed along one of North America's most spectacular highways - the Icefields Parkway, where wildlife sightings are common. Of course we will stop for photos at Peyto Lake. The highlight of the day will be our ride aboard a unique "Snocoach" up the Athabasca Glacier to the Columbia Icefield - the world's largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle. After our ride we continue on to see Athabasca Falls before arriving in Jasper.

Day 4: Maligne Canyon / Jasper. This morning we visit one of the most spectacular gorges in the Canadian Rockies - Maligne Canyon, where sheer limestone walls plunge to depths of 165 feet. We also visit Maligne Lake, the second largest glacial lake in the world. Our lake cruise offers us breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks, and also Spirit Island.

Day 5: Wells Gray Provincial Park / Kamloops. We enter British Columbia and are greeted with views in the distance of Mt. Robson - the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, as well as Mt. Terry Fox. Today's highlight will be Wells Gray Provincial Park, with its towering mountains, deep canyons, volcanic cones, ancient old-growth forests, raging white-water rivers, and many beautiful waterfalls. After our visit we proceed to Kamloops.

Day 6: Cache Creek / Fraser Canyon / Vancouver. Our first stop is the Hat Creek Ranch heritage site where we venture back in time to the 1860s for a glimpse into the history of this region. We then proceed to the scenic Fraser Canyon for a ride across the Fraser River on Hell's Gate Airtram, which offers a bird's eye-view of the point where the Fraser River squeezes through Hell's Gate - a narrow gorge where over 200 million gallons of water per minute flow through - twice the volume of Niagara Falls! We end our day in Vancouver.

Day 7: Vancouver. Our morning city tour includes Stanley Park, Gastown, Chinatown and much more. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this beautiful city on your own.

Day 8: Victoria. We take the scenic ferry ride to Victoria and upon arrival immediately proceed to the world-renowned Butchart Gardens, where we can explore the 50-acre display of magnificent floral colour. We then proceed to downtown Victoria where we will see the Inner Harbour, the Empress Hotel, Legislative Buildings and Beacon Hill Park.

Day 9: Victoria. This morning we will enjoy a walking tour of Victoria's Inner Harbour with an entertaining local guide. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this quaint city on your own. With its turn-of-the-century buildings and tweed shops, you might think Victoria is a transplanted corner of Britain! Tonight we enjoy our Farewell Dinner.

Day 10: Home. We transfer to the airport for our Air Canada flight home.



Vancouver Island

Featuring Black Bears, Grizzlies and Whales

Ranked as one of the world's best islands to visit by most travel publications, the natural beauty of Vancouver Island must be seen to be believed!

From Victoria - BC's historic capital, to the rugged wilderness around Tofino on the west coast, "The Island" as it's known locally has one of the world's most diverse ecosystems: rainforests, marshes, meadows, beaches, mountains, oceans, rivers and lakes. This diversity provides habitats for a huge variety of wildlife species, and so visitors to the island are assured of a wide range of opportunities to experience spectacular natural beauty and wildlife viewing. The beauty and tranquility of the island has also long been a draw for artists and artisans - there are countless art galleries, studios and shops selling unique, locally produced arts and crafts throughout the island.

A highlight of this tour will be our Grizzly Bear Expedition (with *Discovery Marine Safaris*) in a region known as the "Great Bear Rainforest". Viewing these amazing animals up close in their natural habitat is an experience that you will never forget. There will be an additional cruise along the west coast of the island to view black bears and other

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- Moderate hotels
- Full breakfast daily, 7 dinners and 3 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5397
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- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Ottawa or Montreal - add \$90
- Halifax - add \$290
- Winnipeg - deduct \$100
- Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - deduct \$300

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wildlife like heron, eagles, harbour seals and porpoises in their natural habitat.

This region is one of the world's premier locations for whale watching, as we will discover on our marine wildlife viewing adventure. There will be many other opportunities to enjoy a wide variety of wildlife viewing.

Vancouver Island is also home to many resilient First Nations communities. We will learn about the natural and cultural traditions that have been passed down through the generations.

A Naturalist will travel with us throughout the tour, and local guides will join us as well in order to provide more detailed insight.

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Victoria. We fly to Victoria, and upon arrival transfer to our hotel. There will be an afternoon Program Orientation discussion, before our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Marine Wildlife Cruise / Victoria. This morning we enjoy an informative talk about the wildlife and ecosystems found along BC's southern coast, before embarking on a nature walk to Beacon Hill Park with a naturalist guide. After our included lunch we board a vessel for an exciting marine wildlife viewing adventure along the southern coast of Vancouver Island and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Keep your eyes peeled for possible sightings of seals, sea lions, eagles and other marine birds, porpoises and even orcas!

Day 3: Chemainus / Courtenay. We begin the day with a scenic drive up the coast to the quaint fishing village of Cowichan Bay, where we learn about the lifecycle of salmon and marine habitat preservation. We then stop in the charming town of Chemainus, once home to the largest enclosed sawmill in North America. The town is now known for its beautiful murals, which you may explore during our free time. We continue to Courtenay for a 3-night stay. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Day 4: Deep Bay / Courtenay. We visit the Deep Bay Marine Field Station where we learn more about marine biology and ecosystems. After an included lunch we'll proceed to the Courtenay Museum for a talk and visit.

Day 5: Grizzly Bear Expedition / Courtenay. Today we set off in a comfortable marine vessel to see Grizzly Bears along the Orford River — home to one of BC's largest concentration of Grizzlies. Our journey will take us through the exciting Seymour Narrows and the Hole in the Wall, past many scenic islands, with icefield capped mountains in the background. Wildlife viewings en route could include Orca, dolphins, seals, sea lions, bald eagles, otter and mink. Once we reach the Orford River we are welcomed by our hosts, the Homalco First Nations, for whom these are historical lands. They will shuttle us by minibus to a series of viewing areas strategically placed throughout the salmon spawning grounds, where the Grizzlies are fishing and feeding. The bears can come within 10 feet of our platforms, providing once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunities.

Day 6: Tofino. We continue to Errington and visit the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre. This non-profit, volunteer facility provides care and medical attention to injured wildlife from all over Vancouver Island. After our visit we proceed to Coombs — a farmers market where goats live on the roof of the moss covered store. Then it's on to the fabled town of Tofino on the wild west coast of the island. With its ancient rainforest, vast stretches of white sand and massive waves pounding in from the Pacific Ocean, Tofino boasts one of Canada's most breathtaking locations.

Day 7: Wild Pacific Trail / Tofino. We travel to Ucluelet to join a local naturalist who will lead us on a walk along the Wild Pacific Trail, where we'll learn about the region's unique flora and fauna. Whales are often spotted from this location as well. Later we'll stop at the Kwisisit Visitor Centre, which focuses on the natural and cultural heritage of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Day 8: West Coast Black Bears / Nanaimo. Abundant to the West Coast of Vancouver Island, the Black Bear makes its presence known when the tides are low. They roam the shores in search of their favourite delicacy, the Rock Crab. Cruising through these scenic passageways allows for many opportunities to view other wildlife like herons, eagles, harbour seals and porpoises in their natural habitat. All the while the crew will entertain you with interesting facts about wildlife and the surrounding area. After our cruise we'll enjoy free time in Tofino before continuing to Cathedral Grove — an old growth forest of Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, Broadleaf Maple and Balsam Fir. Some trees are estimated to be 800 years old. We then travel to the east coast of Vancouver Island and the city of Nanaimo for our overnight stay.

Day 9: Victoria. We head south and stop in Duncan, famous for its Totems. Then we arrive back in Victoria, and enjoy a city tour before checking into our hotel. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 10: Home. We fly home from Victoria.



Holiday Season in Victoria, BC

British Columbia's capital, Victoria, boasts Canada's mildest winter and thus has the country's fastest growing retirement community.

Victoria lies in a beautiful natural setting on Vancouver Island, surrounded by hills and overlooking the snow-clad Olympic mountains. It is a charming city with the atmosphere of a seaside resort. With its turn-of-the-century buildings and tweed and wool shops, you might be inclined to think Victoria is a transplanted corner of Britain! It is a wonderful city for those who love to walk, and active seniors with an appetite for adventure will find a vast array of delightful side trips at their disposal (in addition to the many included in our program).

Christmas in Downtown Victoria is a festive time of year with roaming carolers, trolley rides, parades and special events. We will enjoy the season in style, with a special *High Tea* at the Pendray Inn & Tea House, a Christmas Brunch, a Christmas Dinner and a special New Year's Eve Dinner and celebrations. So this Christmas don't bother with your passport, exchange rates or bottled water and come with us to the jewel of the North Pacific – Victoria!

Our hotel in Victoria will be the *Royal Scot Hotel & Suites*. This superior Canada Select 4-star, AAA 3-diamond hotel is perfectly located one block from the Inner Harbour and

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Superior accommodation
- 11 full breakfasts, 1 light Christmas breakfast and a Christmas Day Brunch
- 5 dinners and 2 lunches (including Christmas and New Year's dinners and celebrations)
- High Tea at Butchart Gardens
- High Tea at Pendray Inn & Tea House
- Many guided excursions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

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within easy walking distance to the BC Parliament Buildings, downtown and Empress Hotel. The hotel has an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room, billiards and games room, an onsite restaurant and lounge, gift shop, guest laundry facilities, free wireless internet and a free shuttle service that runs from the hotel to the downtown core for the exclusive convenience of hotel guests.

Three types of rooms are offered:

- * The *Standard Room* (1 or 2 Queen Beds) has a microwave, small fridge, coffee maker, kettle, dishes and utensils.
- * The *Studio Suite*, ideal for couples or singles, has a comfortable seating area, fully equipped kitchen, dining table and chairs. The bedroom with a Queen Bed is set apart with a partition wall.
- * The *One Bedroom Suite* has a separate bedroom (2 Twins or 1 King Bed), living room and a full kitchen / dining room.
- * *This tour is suitable only for the active traveller who enjoys walking.*

1. A **sightseeing tour of Victoria** including a visit to **Craigdarroch Castle**.
2. A **walking tour of Victoria's fabled Inner Harbour area** with an entertaining local guide.
3. Enjoy the magic of Christmas at the famous **Butchart Gardens**. Take in the spectacle of tens of thousands of coloured lights combined with the natural beauty of this world renowned garden, which features the ever-popular **Twelve Days of Christmas** displays. Afternoon Tea is included at the Gardens. Today we also visit the **Victoria Butterfly Gardens**, an indoor tropical paradise which also features tropical fish and birds, ornate plants and an exquisite orchid display.
4. A guided tour of **The Robert Bateman Centre** - an exhibit of original works by the world's greatest wildlife artist. This collection is the largest ever assembled for public view.
5. We visit the world-renowned **Royal BC Museum**, the highlight being the **IMAX Theatre presentation**.
6. **Chinatown by Night** – After a presentation on Chinatown's history, we'll walk through Fan Tan Alley and enjoy the tales of a local guide. Dinner is included at a traditional Chinese restaurant in the heart of Chinatown.
7. **Miniature World** is one of Victoria's most popular attractions. We view over 85 exciting miniature dioramas and displays, including the World's Largest Dollhouses circa 1880, the Great Canadian Railway, one of the world's largest model railways, the World of Dickens, Olde London Towne of 1670, and much more.
8. **Afternoon Tea at the Pendray Inn and Tea House** - a magnificent Victorian manor house with old world charm.
9. A **Special Christmas Day Brunch** with all the trimmings at a nearby hotel.
10. **Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Dinners and celebrations!**

COST (per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal)

Standard Room - \$3797

Studio Suite - \$3997

One Bedroom Suite - \$4197

SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

Standard Room - \$690

Studio Suite - \$850

One Bedroom Suite - \$990

- Halifax - add \$190 • Winnipeg - deduct \$100
- Edmonton or Calgary - deduct \$300 • Vancouver - deduct \$400



California Here We Come

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full American breakfast daily
- 8 dinners and 2 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Edmonton - \$5597
- Single Supplement - \$1490
- Triples - deduct \$200 per person
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$90
- Calgary or Vancouver - deduct \$100

On this tour we will start in San Francisco, explore the Golden State's stunning coastline and finish in San Diego, taking in the best of California.

Tour Highlights:

San Francisco: Known for its hilly landscape, iconic Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars, colourful Victorian houses and the historic Fisherman's Wharf. In the bay sits Alcatraz Island - site of the notorious former prison.

Redwood Forest: Historic Steam Rail journey

Monterey: Cannery Row, one-time center of the sardine-packing industry, was immortalized by novelist John Steinbeck. Equally famous is the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

17 Mile Drive: One of California's top scenic drives, with beautiful beaches, seals and sea lions, the famed Lone Cypress, huge mansions and championship golf courses.

San Simeon: Home to the legendary Hearst Castle.

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Solvang: A quaint Danish village.

Santa Barbara: The "American Riviera".

Los Angeles / Hollywood and Beverly Hills: "The City of Angels" is the center of America's film and television industry.

Newport Beach: Offers one of the largest recreational harbours on the west coast.

San Juan Capistrano: California's most famous mission, known for the "miracle" of the return of the swallows.

San Diego: Gaslight District, Balboa Park and Old Town are but a few of the world-class attractions here.

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Departure / San Francisco. We depart for San Francisco. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city, with time at leisure before our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: San Francisco. We tour America's Favourite City, starting with a casual walking tour of Chinatown. Then we see Ghirardelli Square, Fisherman's Wharf and other famous sights. Then we cross the Golden Gate Bridge and stop for panoramas of San Francisco and the Bay area. In Marin County we will see one of America's wealthiest communities, and the picturesque town of Sausalito.

Day 3: Alcatraz / San Francisco. This morning we cruise on San Francisco Bay to Alcatraz Island and the infamous former federal prison, which was home to the likes of Al Capone, "Machine Gun" Kelley and Robert "The Birdman" Stroud. There are videos, self-guided walks, an audio tour and talks on topics such as "Famous Escapes". Afternoon at leisure to explore San Francisco at your own pace.

Day 4: Redwood Forest / Salinas / Carmel. En route to Carmel we stop by the Redwoods State Park to board a historic Steam Rail ride through the majestic old-growth Redwood forest. After a western style lunch we'll walk through this majestic forest, then proceed to Salinas to visit the Steinbeck Center - a multi-media museum which brings to life the novels and personal world of author John Steinbeck, who was born here. Then we continue to the oceanside artisan town of Carmel, for a 2-night stay.

Day 5: Monterey / Carmel. We visit historic Monterey, California's old capital, to see Steinbeck's Cannery Row and visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium - the largest aquarium in the west. Then we proceed to Carmel, considered the most beautiful spot on the coast. See why as we drive along the Del Monte Forest 17 Mile Drive where lavish mansions were built by tycoons in the 1920's. The views of the sea and rugged coastline are unsurpassed.

Day 6: Big Sur, Hearst Castle and Solvang. We continue the thrilling drive down the Pacific Coast Highway (acclaimed as the most beautiful drive in North America) where the mountains drop steeply to the sea. Passing the fantastic Pacific panoramas of Big Sur we arrive at San Simeon, home of the famous Hearst Castle. We visit this fabulous estate and explore the small kingdom of castles, fountains and European art treasures. You won't believe your eyes! We overnight in Solvang, reminiscent of a quaint Danish town.

Day 7: Santa Barbara / Los Angeles. We drive down the coast to Santa Barbara, noted for its architectural beauty. We'll enjoy a guided stroll through the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens, followed by a visit to historic downtown Santa Barbara, before proceeding to LA for a 2-night stay.

Day 8: Los Angeles. On our tour of Los Angeles we will pass by famous sights such as historic Olvera Street (birthplace of LA), Rodeo Drive, Sunset Strip, Beverley Hills and more. Our walking tour will take us into the heart of Hollywood where we will see the famous celebrity hand and footprints on the Walk of Fame, and also Awards Walk - home to the Academy Awards. Then we will head over to the Farmer's Market, followed by a visit of the famous Getty Museum - an architectural landmark with breathtaking views and a world-renowned art collection.

Day 9: Santa Monica / Newport Harbour Cruise / Mission San Juan / San Diego. We begin the day with a casual stroll along the colourful and historic Santa Monica pier, before we head to Newport Beach (where the rich and famous moor their yachts) for a relaxing Harbour Cruise along the California Riviera. This afternoon we'll visit one of the California's famous old missions - the Mission San Juan Capistrano, surrounded by one of the oldest neighbourhoods in California, before we head to San Diego's historic Old Town for our final 3 nights.

Day 10: San Diego. The city is known as the quintessential "Navy Town" rich with a vibrant maritime history. Its waterfront is graced by the famous 25 feet / 6000 pound "Kissing Sailor" statue. Our full-day tour will touch upon the old and new parts of this historic city including Mission Bay, the hilly peninsula of Point Loma with panoramic views of the bay and ocean, Cabrillo National Monument, the Gaslamp Quarter, Old Town and more.

Day 11: San Diego Zoo and Harbour Cruise. Today we visit the world famous San Diego Zoo, voted the world's #1 zoo. This non-profit wildlife sanctuary is home to more than 3500 rare and endangered animals representing more than 650 species, and a botanical collection with more than 700,000 exotic plants. Enjoy the double-decker bus and "SkyFari" aerial tram ride during your visit. Later, we will bid farewell to San Diego with a harbour cruise capturing the city at its best, followed by our Farewell Dinner.

Day 12: Home. We fly home with Air Canada Rouge.



Las Vegas Show Tour

Featuring 3 Top Shows

Including Cirque Du Soleil

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- First Class hotel
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- 3 dinners and 1 luncheon cruise
- Touring and entrance fees as described
- 3 pre-booked shows with transportation
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Edmonton - \$3197
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- Single Supplement - \$290
- Triples - deduct \$50 per person
- Montreal, Ottawa or Winnipeg - add \$90
- Halifax - add \$290
- Vancouver or Calgary - deduct \$100

The “Entertainment Capital of the World”, “Americas’ Playground” and “Sin City” are just a few of the nicknames associated with Las Vegas.

The city that used to be known for gambling is now known more for its world-class entertainment, and a visit here is an opportunity to see the world’s best singers, comedians and musicians. There are more entertainment superstars and production spectaculars here than anywhere in the world. We have pre-booked excellent seats for three of the most popular performances in town, which tentatively include:

1. Cirque du Soleil (Bellagio) – There are 6 Cirque shows in Vegas. Our choice is “O”- an aquatic tapestry of artistry and theatrical romance woven in a timeless production! It pays tribute to theatre – from the simplest street performance to the most lavish of operas – where anything is possible! World-class acrobats, synchronized swimmers, divers and characters perform in, on, and above water to create a breathtaking experience!

*** If you have already seen “O”, you may choose to see one of many other Cirque shows playing in Vegas!

2. Extravaganza – The Vegas Spectacular (Bally’s).
An unforgettable revue of stunning performances mixed

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with spectacular sets, massive LED screens and state-of-the-art holograms (includes some of Las Vegas’ headliners, from Elvis to Frank Sinatra) will take your breath away. Glamorous costumes, iconic show girls and sizzling dance numbers take you through a visual whirlwind of the best of Las Vegas entertainment.

3. You choose between 3 Headliner shows! Since it is too early to predict exactly which shows will be playing in November, your 3rd show will be your choice between 3 Premium Headliner shows. We will contact you in advance with the show selections.

We will stay at Bally’s Las Vegas Resort and Casino (or similar) in Deluxe upgraded rooms. This First Class resort is located right on “The Strip”. Although the hotel’s location is right in the heart of the action, one can escape to its tranquil large Spa area where you can indulge in various treatments. The huge outdoor swimming pool is surrounded by lush palm trees and private cabanas, and overlooks the property’s tennis courts. The hotel has an impressive range of bars and restaurants and boasts a stylistic “Old Vegas” feel. Free WiFi is included throughout the hotel.

Day 1: Arrival in Las Vegas. We depart for Las Vegas. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The balance of the day is free and this evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Tour of the Strip and Red Rock Canyon / Theatre.

We begin with a visit to the scenic Red Rock Canyon, which provides a striking contrast to the nearby big city of lights. As we wind through the 13-mile Scenic Drive we will be surrounded by dramatic sandstone rock formations, and we may even spot elusive wildlife such as desert bighorn sheep, bobcats, gray foxes and wild burros. There will be stops at overlooks to enjoy the beautiful vistas of this area.

We then return to the city and enjoy a tour of Glitter Gulch, The Strip and the older downtown section. Included is a visit to The Mob Museum which showcases both sides of the notorious battle between the law and organized crime members like Al Capone, Whitey Bulger, Bugsy Siegel, John Gotti and many more.

Tonight we enjoy our first show.

Day 3: Day of Leisure / Illuminated Night Tour. A full day to discover Vegas! Use your included “Deuce” local double decker Travel Pass to explore along the strip (with stops at virtually every hotel and casino along the Las Vegas strip). The Deuce on the Strip travels as far south as the iconic “Welcome to Las Vegas” sign, Las Vegas South Premium Outlets and the Northern Freemont Street Experience in Downtown Las Vegas. There will be time to explore the famous hotels, casinos, hikes, museums and free attractions. Perhaps you may want to consider a helicopter flight over the city or even to the majestic Grand Canyon — one of the World’s 7 Natural Wonders! And if relaxation is what you are looking for, one can enjoy the facilities of the hotel.

This evening we enjoy a spectacular Illuminated Night Tour of the city! It is at night that the city dazzles with lights, exploding volcanoes, dancing fountains and the “Freemont Experience” – a stunning visual and sound show featuring 12 million glittering lights.

Day 4: Hoover Dam / Lake Mead / Theatre. Today’s guided tour takes us to Hoover Dam – a man made wonder (in fact an amazing engineering feat) with unsurpassed views. One can even walk between Nevada and Arizona to view Hoover Dam from two states. Our tour of the Dam includes the exhibits in The Visitors Center, the indoor / outdoor observation decks as well as a tour of the powerplant and passageways within the dam itself! Next, we head over to spectacular Lake Mead where we board a paddlewheel boat for a delicious included lunch during a 90 minute cruise with a rare lake view of the magnificent Hoover Dam.

This evening is our second show.

Day 5: Day of Leisure / Theatre. Our last day to enjoy “The Entertainment Capital of the World” at our leisure! The list of things to do is endless – ask your Tour Manager for suggestions.

Tonight is our Farewell Dinner followed by our last show!

Day 6: Departure. A sad farewell to Las Vegas as Air Canada Rouge takes us home.



Holiday Season in Phoenix, Arizona

Includes a 2-day excursion to the Grand Canyon and Sedona

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- First Class hotel
- Full breakfast daily, a Christmas Day Brunch and a New Years Day BBQ
- 10 dinners (includes Christmas Eve Dinner, and New Years Eve at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre)
- Verde Canyon Railroad journey, with lunch
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy,
from Toronto, Montreal or Winnipeg - \$5497
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- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Ottawa or Halifax - add \$190
- Calgary , Edmonton
or Vancouver - deduct \$100

**On this special Holiday Season tour we will enjoy the
sunshine in Phoenix - Arizona's foremost resort town.**

Phoenix (located in what is known as the "Valley of the Sun") is one of North America's most popular vacation areas with spectacular desert scenery, lakes, canyons, mountains and 4000 hours of sunshine annually.

Our accommodation will be at the First Class *Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Biltmore Hotel* located in Arizona's most prestigious community. Enjoy the finest dining and shopping experience at the nearby Biltmore Fashion Park with over 70 of the finest shops and restaurants just steps away. Close by is Downtown Phoenix, Old Town Scottsdale and Scottsdale Fashion Square, Biltmore Golf and Country Club - a great nearby option for golf enthusiasts, and Camelback Mountain - a top attraction in Phoenix less than 1 mile from the hotel

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with great hiking and biking possibilities to enjoy the local flora and fauna.

This well equipped all-suite hotel offers a lovely open atrium with a full-service restaurant, lounge, state of the art exercise facility, outdoor pool, sundeck, complimentary cooked to order breakfast, complimentary daily Manager's Reception, and a 24 hour Fitness center.

For Christmas we will enjoy a special Christmas Eve Dinner and a Christmas Day brunch at the Hilton. There will also be a New Years Eve dinner-show and a New Year's Day BBQ. A number of other special meals and some fantastic excursions (including a 2-day excursion to the Grand Canyon and magical red-rock Sedona) are also included.

1. **A tour of Phoenix and Scottsdale.** The area is called the Valley of the Sun because it receives over 4,000 hours of sunshine annually. On our tour we see the man-made lake at Tempe, the pleasant downtown area, the beautiful campus of Arizona State University, Camelback Mountain and more. We finish in Old Town Scottsdale for a walk around the pedestrian streets with art galleries, boutiques, cafes, bars and restaurants.
2. **An overnight excursion to the Grand Canyon,** one of the Great Natural Wonders of the World. We will have plenty of time to wander along the brink of the chasm and enjoy the various vantage points. On the way there we will visit the artists' colony town of **Sedona**, where our trolley tour will show us the incredible red desert rock formations. We'll also see beautiful **Oak Creek Canyon** en route to our overnight in Flagstaff.
3. A day of spectacular scenery as we enjoy **an old-fashioned paddleboat ride on Canyon Lake.** We will see the interesting rock formations resembling people and animals while listening to the riverboat captain's fascinating yarns of the area and its legends. Dinner follows at Zappone's.
4. Whisk back to a time of luxurious train travel, and step aboard the **Verde Canyon Railroad** - a fully-restored diesel-powered vintage train with plush coaches and open-air viewing. This four-hour excursion will take us on a 20-mile journey through 100 years of history, as well as an abundance of native fauna and flora, rugged high desert rock faces and spectacular vistas, all of which is only accessible by rail. The trip includes educational narration and a great selection of entertaining classic railroad tunes. A day to remember!
5. **We visit the Musical Instrument Museum** – the world's only global musical instrument museum. With state-of-the-art technology you can hear, see and feel the sounds of more than 6500 instruments from all over the world. Then we will enjoy some excellent western entertainment, line dancing and a western style dinner!
6. **A visit to the internationally acclaimed Heard Museum.** Millions of visitors have stepped through the graceful arches to discover the rich Native American heritage of the southwest. Exhibits include an extensive collection of jewelry, pottery, textiles, arts and crafts.
7. **A visit to one of the largest Flea Markets in the southwest U.S.A.**
8. **A City Christmas Lights Tour.**
9. **A special Christmas Eve dinner** at a fine restaurant.
10. **A very special Christmas Day Brunch** at the Hilton Hotel, with all the trimmings.
11. **New Year's Eve at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre,** featuring a musical extravaganza, a fine dinner, party favours and champagne.
12. **A New Year's Day BBQ dinner.**

Holiday Season on Florida's Gulf Coast



Join us this Holiday Season on this sun-filled holiday to Indian Rocks Beach, on Florida's beautiful Gulf Coast.

This leisurely tour provides the perfect combination of touring the popular nearby attractions, fun get togethers with your fellow travellers and time to relax and enjoy the abundant sunshine and white sand that the Gulf Coast of Florida is so famous for. Our special Holiday Season tour also includes special meals and festivities for Christmas and New Years.

Indian Rocks Beach is conveniently situated on the inter-coastal waterway between Clearwater Beach and St. Petersburg, with easy access to the many activities available in the area. There is a local trolley which stops a few steps from our hotel, and goes to great shopping areas, restaurants and downtown St. Petersburg (a one-day trolley pass is included during your stay).

We will stay at the charming moderate First Class *Holiday Inn Harbourside* during our stay at Indian Rocks Beach.

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This laid-back property features a distinct Key West influence and is located just a short stroll from the Beach.

Hotel amenities include 2 swimming pools, hot tubs, patios and sun decks, a fitness centre, two restaurants, a games room and a miniature golf course.

You may select from three types of suites:

“Key West Studio Rooms” have a courtyard view, king or two queen-size beds, mini-fridge, microwave, stove top burners and coffee maker.

“Sunset View Suites” have all the amenities of the Key West Studio Rooms plus a fully-equipped kitchen, full-size fridge, stove, dishwasher and a separate bedroom.

“Marina View Suites” have all the amenities of the sunset View Suites, with a waterfront view.

1. An orientation tour of **St. Petersburg** and the surrounding area, including a visit to the Salvador Dali Museum.
2. A tour of the city of **Tampa**, plus entrance to the **Florida Aquarium**. This world class facility hosts over 10,000 aquatic animals and plants in four diverse galleries. We also visit Ybor City - Tampa's Latin Quarter for over a century - an exotic blend of aromas, flavours, sights and sounds.
3. An evening visit to the **Florida Botanical Gardens** to see their fabulous "Holiday Lights in the Gardens" display, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.
4. We visit the picturesque old **Greek village of Tarpon Springs**, including a boat tour.
5. A visit to **Sunken Gardens**. This 100-year-old botanical paradise is home to some of the oldest tropical plants in Florida and exotic plants from around the world.
6. An excursion to the charming city of **Sarasota**, including a visit to the famous **Ringling Brothers Museum**.
7. A scenic, narrated **boat trip of the Intercoastal Waterways** aboard the StarLite Majesty. Lunch is included.
8. **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners**
9. **Special New Years Eve Dinner with champagne**
10. **Welcome and Farewell Dinners** at the hotel.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada
- Moderate First Class hotel
- Full breakfast daily and 1 lunch
- 6 dinners (includes a Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Day Traditional Dinner, and New Years Eve Dinner and celebrations)
- Many excursions (as described above)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa or Winnipeg

Key West Studio Room - \$4797. Sunset View Suite - \$4997. Marina View Suite - \$5197.

Single Supplement: *Key West Studio Room - \$1390. Sunset View Suite - \$1590. Marina View Suite - \$1790.*

Triples deduct \$200 per person (cots are not available)

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Halifax - add \$190

Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$590 (includes an overnight in Toronto en route to Florida)



Holiday Season on the California Riviera

Plus Los Angeles & Palm Springs

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- 7 full breakfasts. 8 continental breakfasts
- 8 dinners and 2 lunches - including Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Dinners, New Years Eve Dinner and celebrations
- Palm Canyon Theatre performance
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5797
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- Single Supplement - \$1490
- Ottawa, Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$90
- Calgary or Edmonton - deduct \$200
- Vancouver - deduct \$300

Southern California - so much to do and see, an excellent climate year-round and the spectacular scenery of coastline and desert.

LOS ANGELES (1 night). We'll see many landmarks of Los Angeles and Hollywood such as Walt Disney Hall, old downtown LA, Walk of Fame, Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills and we'll visit the Getty Centre with its world class Art collection, stunning views and unique architecture.

DANA POINT (9 nights) The seaside town of Dana Point is ideally located between Los Angeles and San Diego on the California Riviera. Set in a natural cove between dramatic cliffs and the clear waters of the Pacific, it is the perfect place to enjoy strolling in the parks along the shoreline and enjoying the beauty of the ocean. The town hosts a large marina with yachts and pleasure boats- some offering whale watching, as well as 2 tropical-style shopping villages with many restaurants. We will stay at the *Marina Inn* – a charming hotel with a relaxed atmosphere, perfectly situated close to the water, shops and restaurants. The spacious rooms offer either a balcony or patio close to the heated swimming pool.

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Touring Highlights on the California Riviera

- Laguna and Newport Beach
- The Mission Inn Festival of Lights
- A trolley tour of San Diego
- Historic San Juan Capistrano.

PALM SPRINGS (5 nights). This oasis in the desert, popular for its' healing mineral waters has become a retreat for many. From Hollywood stars to US Presidents, the "Rich and Famous" continue to find the unique location of Palm Spring's surrounded by splendid mountains, canyons and palm trees, along with its warm and balmy year-round weather, a wonderful place to visit.

Touring Highlights from Palm Springs

- "Rich and Famous" tour
- Indian Canyons
- Joshua Tree National Park

Day 1: Los Angeles. We depart for Los Angeles, where we are met and transferred to our centrally located hotel.

Day 2: Los Angeles and Hollywood tour / Dana Point.

Our full-day tour includes downtown LA and Olvera Street (oldest section of LA), Beverly Hills, Sunset Boulevard, the Farmers' Market and a walk along the Hollywood Walk of Fame. We will enjoy a tour of the Getty Center - home to one of the world's largest art collections. The Centre has unique architecture and gardens that offer breathtaking views of the mountains and ocean! After our tour we continue to Dana Point for our 9-night stay.

Day 3: Dana Point. Our Orientation Tour of the area includes a visit to the Ocean Institute, where we can observe ocean animals in their natural habitat.

Day 4: Coastal Tour. We travel along the picturesque California Riviera, and first enjoy a casual harbour cruise at Newport Beach. After a stop in the artistic resort town of Laguna, we'll visit Sherman Gardens - a museum devoted to the study of the local flora and fauna.

Day 5: Christmas Eve. Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, we step back to the time of Dickens to enjoy our Carolers' "Heavenly Voices" dazzle us with their holiday musical arrangements. In the evening, we enjoy a special Christmas Eve dinner!

Day 6: Merry Christmas! Today, enjoy the celebrations of the holiday with your fellow travelers followed by a visit to the "Festival of Lights" at an historic landmark. The festival features an illumination of 5.5 million lights, animated characters, the world's largest human made mistletoe, romantic horse-drawn carriage rides and vendors selling holiday treats are all part of this long-standing California tradition. Our holiday dinner will be on the premises.

Day 7: At Leisure. Enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Stroll on the endless beaches, take a cruise and discover the whales or Catalina Island, or perhaps a little shopping at the local shops? Your Tour Manager will be on hand for suggestions.

Day 8: San Juan Capistrano / Dana Point. Close by is the Mission San Juan Capistrano - one of the most important of the 18th century Franciscan missions. The mission is

known for its legendary cliff swallows, which migrate from Argentina to San Juan Capistrano in large groups each year! After some free time in the town, we head off to one of the Shopping Centers for browsing or shopping.

Day 9: San Diego / Dana Point. A full-day tour to San Diego - birthplace of California. We will discover the city's old and new - Point Loma, Cabrillo National Monument, Mission Bay, Balboa Park and a walking tour of Old Town where the first Europeans settled. Old Town is rich with historic architecture, museums and galleries.

Day 10: At Leisure.

Day 11: Palm Springs. We depart Dana Point and head for Palm Springs. Upon arrival we will enjoy an orientation tour before checking into our centrally-located hotel.

Day 12: Palm Springs "Rich and Famous" Tour / Happy New Year! Since the 1930's, Palm Springs has been the playground of the rich and famous. On today's "Rich and Famous" Tour we'll visit famous neighbourhoods of star-studded homes such as Las Palmas with its vast collection of fascinating architecture. We'll hear stories and secrets of the stars that frequented here like Bing Crosby, Hedy Lamarr, Elvis Presley, the Rat Pack, Marilyn Monroe, Liz Taylor, Zsa Zsa Gabor and more! We'll enjoy a gentle hike into the beautiful Indian Canyons, and as the Coachella Valley is known as the Date Capital, we'll visit a date garden. This evening we enjoy a special New Years Eve Dinner with party favours, champagne and celebrations!

Day 13: New Years Day in Palm Springs. A leisurely day with an included lunch at a local restaurant, followed by a wonderful matinee performance.

Day 14: Joshua Tree National Park. Today we visit the stunning Joshua Tree National Park - a veritable treasury of wildlife and plants. The wildflowers, palm groves, colourful canyons, unique geological features and breathtaking vistas make this one of the world's richest living museums. Lunch is included.

Day 15: At Leisure. Our final day in Palm Springs. Your Tour Manager will be on hand with suggestions. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. We fly home direct from Los Angeles.



HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- Mainly First Class hotels
- Breakfast daily (11 full breakfasts and 4 continental breakfasts)
- 10 dinners (with Christmas Eve dinner and a New Years Eve Gala Dinner Party)
- Christmas Day Brunch
- Rose Bowl Parade (with behind-the-scenes Floatfest Viewing and packed lunch)
- *Extravaganza* - The Las Vegas Spectacular!
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax or Edmonton - \$5997
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- Single Supplement - \$1290
- Winnipeg - add \$190
- Calgary or Vancouver - deduct \$100

Holiday Season Southwest Explorer

- Phoenix • Grand Canyon • Las Vegas
- Palm Springs • Southern California

On this leisurely Holiday Season tour we'll enjoy the best of the American Southwest, with its dry, warm and sunny climate, spectacular landscapes, fascinating history and diverse culture. Our overnights are as follows:

Las Vegas (2 nights). "The Entertainment Capital of the World". Our hotel, the First Class *Bally's Resort and Casino*. is perfectly located on "The Strip". The hotel has a spa offering various treatments, and an outdoor pool.

Grand Canyon (2 nights) We stay in Flagstaff, and from here we'll also visit Sedona - "Red Rock Country".

Phoenix (4 nights). The "Valley of the Sun" is known for its dry, warm climate, and spectacular desert scenery. We will stay at the *Embassy Suites by Hilton - Biltmore*, located close to downtown Scottsdale – a lively pedestrian area with art galleries, boutiques and restaurants.

Palm Springs (3 nights). A resort oasis with sunny weather year-round, that lures the rich and famous, and the nature lover. Our hotel, the *Palm Mountain Resort and*

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Spa, is in the heart of town, just steps away from great boutiques, restaurants, galleries and casinos. The hotel has a heated outdoor pool, and whirlpool.

California Riviera (4 nights). The seaside town of Dana Point, located between Los Angeles and San Diego on the California Riviera, is set in a natural cove between dramatic cliffs and the clear waters of the Pacific - the perfect place to stroll in the parks along the shoreline and enjoy the beauty of the ocean. The town hosts a large marina with pleasure boats, some offering whale watching, as well as 2 tropical-style shopping villages with many restaurants. We will stay at the *Marina Inn* - a charming, informal hotel perfectly situated near the water, shops and restaurants. The spacious rooms offer either a balcony or patio close to the heated swimming pool.

All hotels offer spacious rooms with complimentary WIFI, fitness/exercise rooms, heated outdoor pools and some have Jacuzzis.

Day 1: Departure / Las Vegas. We depart on our direct flight to Las Vegas, and transfer to our hotel located right on “The Strip”. Our Welcome Dinner is tonight.

Day 2: Las Vegas Tour. Our morning city tour will include the best of Glitter Gulch (the older downtown section) and “The Strip” with all its theme hotels. Along The Strip, we’ll see erupting volcanoes, Bellagio’s spectacular water fountain show, and replicas of the Colosseum, the Eiffel Tower, Pyramids and more! After some leisure time in the afternoon, we’ll enjoy a production of *Extravaganza - The Las Vegas Spectacular!* - an unforgettable revue of stunning performances mixed with spectacular sets, holograms of some of Las Vegas’ headliners from Elvis to Frank Sinatra, glamorous costumes, iconic show girls, and sizzling dance numbers - a visual whirlwind of the best of Las Vegas entertainment!

Day 3: Flagstaff, Arizona. We drive across the Mojave Desert past the famous Hoover Dam and beautiful Lake Mead to Flagstaff, Arizona for a 2-night stay.

Day 4: Grand Canyon / Flagstaff. A full-day tour to the magnificent Grand Canyon. There will be free time to wander along the brink of the chasm and marvel at the spectacular views of one of the Great Natural Wonders of the World, whose walls change hue all day with every change of light!

Day 5: Sedona / Oak Creek Canyon / Christmas Eve Dinner / Phoenix. We proceed to the magnificent Red Rock town of Sedona. A guided tour will show us the spectacular scenery including Oak Creek Canyon, views of the marvelous strands of red rocks and picture book valleys. There will be time at leisure to stroll in the artist colony before heading to Phoenix in the “Valley of the Sun”. This evening we enjoy Christmas Eve Dinner at a fine restaurant.

Day 6: Merry Christmas / Phoenix. We enjoy a special Christmas Day Brunch with all the trimmings at the Hilton Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 7: Scottsdale and Phoenix Tour. Morning at leisure. Our afternoon tour of Scottsdale and Phoenix will include a walking tour of historical Old Town Scottsdale with its many art galleries, boutiques and cafes. We’ll see the beautiful campus of Arizona State University, Camelback Mountain and more. This evening we enjoy entertainment with dinner, followed by a Christmas Lights tour!

Day 8: Phoenix. We visit the Musical Instrument Museum – the world’s only global musical instrument museum. With state-of-the-art technology you can hear, see and feel the sounds of more than 6500 instruments from all over the world. Then we

will enjoy some excellent western entertainment, line dancing and a western style dinner!

Day 9: Palm Springs. A drive across the desert brings us to Palm Springs and our centrally located hotel.

Day 10: Palm Springs Tour. Morning at leisure. Our afternoon guided tour of Palm Springs shows us the homes of some of the movie stars who have lived and live here, as well as some of the beautiful desert scenery for which this area is famous, including a walk in Indian Canyon.

Day 11: Palm Springs (Aerial Tramway). This morning we ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway - the world’s largest rotating tram car. The tram will take us more than two miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, to the pristine wilderness of Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Tram cars rotate slowly, offering spectacular vistas of the valley floor below. At the top you can enjoy two restaurants, observation decks, a natural history museum, two documentary theaters, gift shop and over 50 miles of hiking trails.

Day 12: Hollywood Tour / Dana Point / Happy New Year! We depart our desert oasis for Los Angeles, where we will have a guided tour of Hollywood and more, before continuing to Dana Point. This evening we enjoy a special New Years Eve Dinner, with party favours, champagne and celebrations!

Day 13: New Years Day / San Diego / Dana Point. San Diego is the birthplace of California, and our full-day tour takes us through the city’s old and new - Point Loma, Cabrillo National Monument, Mission Bay, and a walking tour of Old Town where the first Europeans settled, which today is rich with historical architecture, museums, art galleries and more.

Day 14: Tournament of Roses / Rose Bowl Parade! An early rise takes us to Pasadena today where we will have prime seats for The Rose Bowl Parade. Bands, floats, and equestrian units from all over the world will be sure to impress at the largest and most beautiful floral parade in the world! For the post-parade we’ve included Floatfest - a behind-the-scenes tour offering the opportunity to view the creativity and detail of each magnificent parade float up close, in a celebratory atmosphere. A picnic lunch is included.

Day 15: Coastal Tour / Dana Point. On our guided tour along the beautiful coast of the California Riviera we’ll stop along the way in the quaint coastal towns of Laguna and Newport Beach, and enjoy a leisurely cruise in the harbour before returning to Dana Point. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. Air Canada takes us home from San Diego.



Cape Cod

Plus Boston, Nantucket Island
and Newport, Rhode Island

Departs from Toronto
and Hamilton

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- Moderate accommodation
- 6 breakfasts (4 full breakfasts and 2 deluxe continental breakfasts)
- 6 dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except, of course, round-trip airfare)*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2397
- Single Supplement - \$390
- Triples deduct - \$50 per person

Cape Cod is a pine-scented, sea swept peninsula that extends its arm out into the Atlantic Ocean.

With its dune-lined beaches, atmospheric towns full of shingled thatched cottages, quaint seafood restaurants and rustic, laid back appeal, it's no wonder that Cape Cod has been one of the most popular holiday destinations on the east coast of the U.S. for so many years.

Once you experience this tour with us, we guarantee that *You're sure to fall in love with Old Cape Cod.*

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Tour Highlights:

- Plymouth Rock
- Sandwich
- Cruise to Nantucket Island
- Excursion to Newport, Rhode Island
- Whale Watching in Provincetown
- Hyannis
- Kennedy Memorial
- Eastham Windmill
- Boston's Quincy Market and the Common
- And much more!

Day 1: Departure from pre-determined pick-up points in the Toronto/Hamilton area. We travel through the lovely scenery of New York State and arrive at our stopover point, Albany, the state capital.

Day 2: After breakfast we proceed to Cape Cod. Enroute we'll stop at America's Home Town - Plymouth, where the Pilgrims first settled in 1620. A picture stop will be made at the Plymouth Rock, Forefather's Monument and the Mayflower II - a reproduction of the ship that transported the Pilgrims to the New World. Our hotel is in South Yarmouth. This evening we will enjoy our first dinner on the Cape.

Day 3: A full day of exploring Cape Cod, beginning in the Cape's hub, Hyannis. Here we stop at the Kennedy Memorial, then drive along Main Street, through the village of Hyannisport - home of the famous St. Francis Xavier Church and also the Kennedy Compound. We then travel along historic Route 6, stopping on the way at the Eastham Windmill and a typical Cape Cod lighthouse. Driving through the Cape Cod National Seashore we reach the historic North Shore and spend some time in Provincetown. This charming town was the scene of the first landing of the Pilgrims, and is now an art colony with many fascinating sights and shopping boutiques. In Provincetown we board a boat for a whale watching excursion, led by a naturalist who will provide commentary on the various marine life we will see during our cruise.

Day 4: Today we visit Newport, Rhode Island, which is best known for its opulent mansions built by America's rich and famous of the 1890's, many of which are now museums. A local guide will meet us and guide us through the city, including the famed Ocean Drive and the Bellevue Avenue Mansion area. Admission to one of the mansions is included.

Tonight we enjoy some local entertainment during dinner.

Day 5: This morning we will enjoy a cruise to Nantucket Island which, for 100 years, was the greatest whaling centre in the world. Today it is a picturesque island of beautifully preserved homes, cobblestone streets and unique charm. Enjoy a tour of the island and then free time for browsing the galleries, shops and museums before we return to the Cape.

Tonight we enjoy a special lobster dinner (with alternative entrees available upon request).

Day 6: We depart the Cape for Boston, perhaps America's most historic city. We will enjoy a guided tour of the various historical landmarks for which this city is famous, such as Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Boston Common, the Public Gardens and the original site of Cheers. There will be some time for lunch and shopping at Boston's famous Quincy Market. Then we travel through the charming villages and countryside of Massachusetts until we arrive back in Albany for our dinner and overnight.

Day 7: We continue our journey homeward via the duty-free shop, taking with us fond memories of beautiful Cape Cod.



New York, New York

Departs from Toronto and Hamilton

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- First Class hotel (in the heart of Times Square in New York City!)
- 4 breakfasts (3 full breakfasts and 1 continental breakfast)
- 4 dinners
- Broadway play “*Hamilton*”
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except, of course, round-trip airfare)*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2397
- Single Supplement - \$590
- Triples - deduct \$50 per person

Immerse yourself in New York City and you'll see why it's like no other place on earth.

Only here will you find all of America's best attributes - diversity, culture, and style - intensified in such an intriguing way. Our tour will feature all of New York's highlights: the Empire State Building; Statue of Liberty; Rockefeller Center; Times Square; Brooklyn Bridge; Soho; Central Park and much more. In addition to our sightseeing tours, we'll enjoy a harbour cruise and plenty of time for shopping. Special features include the winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical ... *Hamilton*.

After an overnight en route in upstate New York we continue on to our First Class hotel in the heart of Times Square for a 3-night stay. Our hotel is the *New York Marriott Marquis*, located near some of NYC's most exciting attractions, including Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and the Theater District.

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Tour Highlights:

- Central Park
- World Trade Center Observatory
- Empire State and Chrysler Buildings
- Harbour Cruise to the Statue of Liberty
- Trump Tower
- Rockefeller Center
- Times Square
- Wall Street
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Broadway musical play *Hamilton*

Day 1: Departure / Vestal, NY. We depart from pre-determined pick-up points in the Toronto / Hamilton area. After crossing the border we travel through New York State to our stopover point - Vestal, NY. Tonight we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: New York City Tour. We proceed to New York and upon arrival we begin our first city tour. Today we will see Times Square, Central Park and many other sights. We then continue to the One World Observatory World Trade Center and take the elevator to the top for the world-famous city views this amazing landmark provides. We will enjoy dinner at a downtown restaurant before proceeding to our hotel, the *Marriott Marquis*.

Day 3: New York City Tour. A full day of sightseeing in the "Big Apple" today. We drive to Manhattan for a guided panoramic tour of the major highlights; the Chrysler Building, Rockefeller Center, Soho and the famous shops of Fifth Avenue. We also see some beautiful views of the Brooklyn Bridge. This afternoon we embark on a narrated harbour cruise to the Statue of Liberty. Our on-board guide will bring New York's sights and fascinating history to life while we enjoy views of the world's most famous skyline.

Tonight we enjoy the Broadway Winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical ... *Hamilton* - the story of the unlikely and extremely ambitious Founding Father determined to make his mark on the new nation. From bastard orphan to George Washington's right-hand man, rebel to war hero and loving husband, Alexander Hamilton became the Treasury head who made an untrusting world believe in the American economy. George Washington, Eliza Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and Hamilton's lifelong friend / foil Aaron Burr all make their mark in this astonishing musical exploration of a political mastermind.

Day 4: New York City. A day at leisure for sightseeing and shopping. Perhaps take the ferry to Staten Island, explore the artist enclave of Greenwich Village or visit one of the many fantastic museums the city has to offer. Your Tour Manager will be full of suggestions. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 5: Return Home. We cross the border back into Canada, with a stop at the Duty Free Shop. We arrive home in the early evening.



Mexico's Copper Canyon

Mexico's Copper Canyon is considered the most scenic rail trip on the continent. Many describe it as more spectacular than the Grand Canyon.

This string of breathtaking canyons wind through the Sierra Madre Mountains, and are home to a vibrant tapestry of landscapes - from the immense cliffs that tower overhead and plummet to a seemingly bottomless abyss below, to the fertile green valleys and fragrant orchards, and to wind-blown crops and desert sands. This amazing journey traverses 37 bridges and 86 tunnels, and crosses interlocking canyons that are deeper, narrower and longer than any in the Americas.

The rail portion of our tour will take us through the Sierra Madre Mountains aboard the *Chihuahua Pacifico Regional Railway* (known as *El Chepe*). The construction of this comfortable, well-appointed train is considered a masterpiece of Mexican engineering. In addition to admiring the views, we will experience the indigenous cultures and visit archaeological sites and charming colonial towns with their uniquely talented artisans .

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Aeromexico (all gateways fly via Toronto or Vancouver)
- First Class hotels
- Express First Class seats aboard the Chihuahua Pacifico Regional Railway
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, plus 7 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5797

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- Single Supplement - \$990

- Vancouver - add \$390

Add-on costs below include Toronto or Vancouver overnights in each direction.

- Ottawa or Montreal - add \$690
- Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$890
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$1090

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Tour Highlights:

- Chihuahua and the Pancho Villa Museum
- El Chepe Train through the Sierra Madre Mountains
- Copper Canyon Adventure Park
- Dramatic Cable Car ride through the canyon
- The beautiful colonial town of El Fuerte
- The spectacular Urique Canyon
- Creel, known locally as the "Magical Town"
- Ancient Paquime - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Traditional lunch with a local Mennonite Community
- Grutas Nombre de Dios Grottos (Name of God Grottos)

Day 1: Departure / Chihuahua. We depart for Chihuahua with a change of planes in Mexico City. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Chihuahua. On this morning's city tour we see the Government Palace, the Cathedral and the Quinta Gameros Museum, which boasts some of Mexico's finest modern art, as well as historical exhibits. Later we visit the Pancho Villa Museum, dedicated to the Mexican Revolutionary General who was also touted as a Robin Hood, bandit and womanizer.

Day 3: Divisadero. We travel by coach to Divisadero, where we will enjoy our first spectacular canyon views. Later we will have a guided tour of the canyon rim, and learn about the area's history and habitants.

Day 4: Divisadero. Today we visit the Copper Canyon Adventure Park for a guided tour around the various look-out points, followed by an opportunity (for the adventurous), to step across a suspension bridge which traverses a beautiful canyon. Today's highlight will be a dramatic cable car ride through the canyons, followed by some free time to enjoy the panoramic views.

Day 5: All Aboard! El Fuerte. Today we depart for the colonial city of El Fuerte in the state of Sinaloa. Along the way we make our way through deep tunnels and cross breathtaking canyon bridges that offer dramatic views of the Sierra Madre Mountains.

Day 6: El Fuerte. This morning we enjoy a relaxing boat ride in the tranquil waters of the El Fuerte River, followed by a guided walking tour of the town with its charming cobblestone streets and hidden alcoves. We will visit the church, the bustling market and the museum. Later we travel to the native village of Capomos for a show of folk dance by the indigenous Mayo people.

Day 7: El Fuerte. We make our way to the beautiful bay of Topolobampo on the Pacific Ocean for a wonderful cruise. Keep your cameras handy for possible sightings of colourful local birds and dolphins. Then we visit Maviri beach where we may swim in the ocean or relax on the beach. Lunch today will be in a local restaurant that features fresh seafood.

Day 8: All Aboard! Cerocahui. We journey to Cerocahui, and this afternoon we make our way to Gallego Mountain for a spectacular view of the Urique Canyon, the river and the old mining town. En route we will drive through a series of beautiful Tarahumara valleys and canyons.

Day 9: Cerocahui / Creel. This morning we have a guided tour of Cerocahui that includes the old Jesuit Mission and school for the Native Tarahumara girls. Then we proceed by coach to Creel, considered the doorway to the Tarahumaran culture. The Tarahumara people call themselves "Raramuri" which means "runners on foot". The afternoon is at leisure, and you may stroll around the village, known locally as a "Magical Town".

Day 10: Creel. This morning we enjoy a very scenic tour to Arareko Lake, the Valley of the Mushrooms, the Cusarare Waterfall and the San Ignacio Mission. We will also visit some fascinating caves - home to Tarahumara families. Afternoon at leisure.

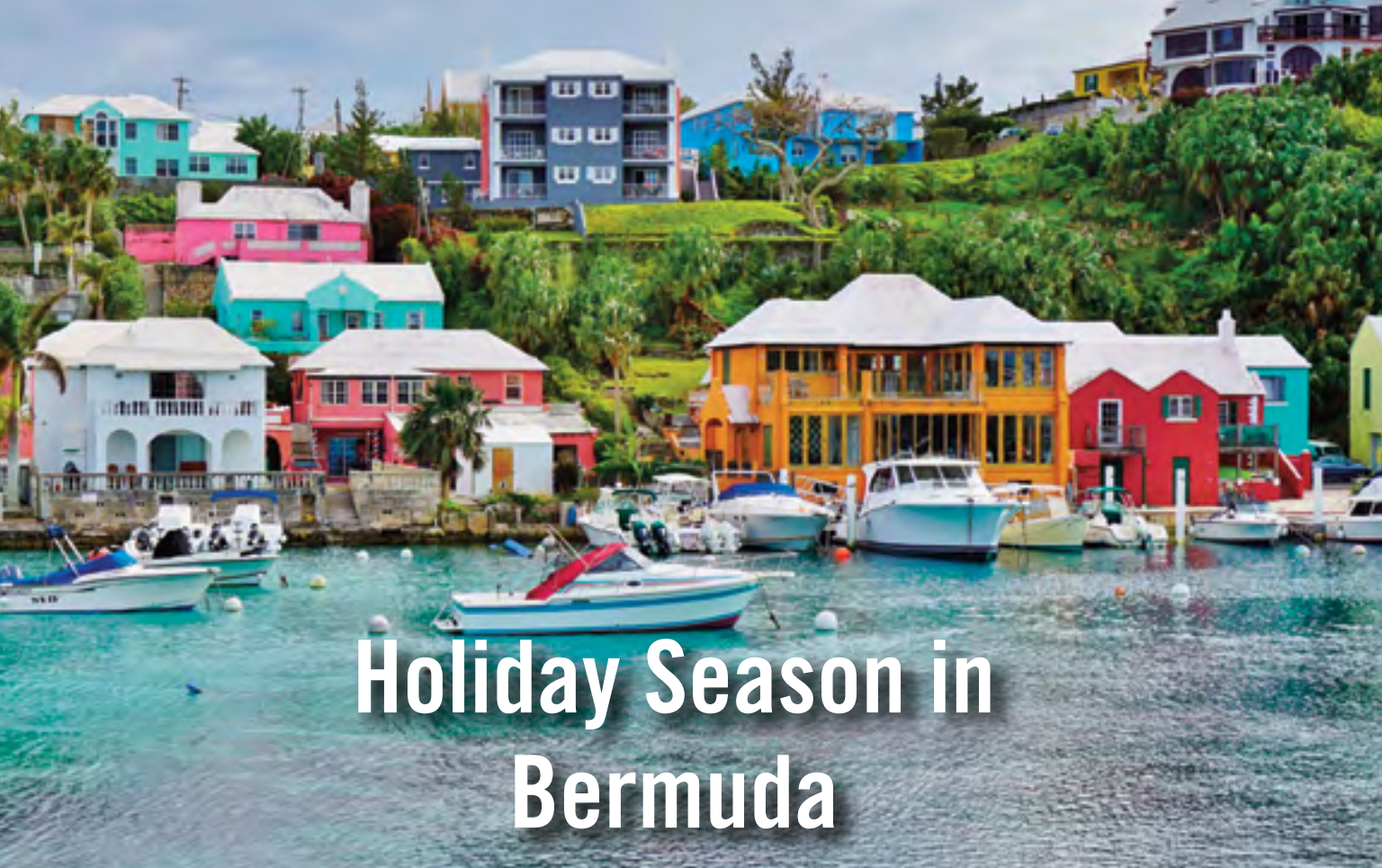
Day 11: Casas Grandes. We transfer by bus to Casas Grandes, en route visiting a Mennonite community in the city of Cuauhtemoc where we enjoy a traditional lunch with a family that makes their own delicious cheese, cold cuts, fruit preserves, bread and cookies.

Day 12: Casas Grandes. We visit the Juarez Colony, a Mormon community with strong American influence. The Juarez Academy was built in 1904 and has a gleaming white marble temple. Then we continue to the town of Mata Ortiz, famous for its wonderful ceramics.

Day 13: Chihuahua. We visit the archaeological site of Paquimé, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of a highly civilized ancient civilization. Multi-story buildings, efficient hydraulic networks and plazas prove it was a city built by culturally developed people. We continue to Chihuahua.

Day 14: Grutas Nombre de Dios / Chihuahua. We depart for a tour of the fantastic 'Name of God' grottos to explore the incredible rock formations underground. Following the grottos, we will visit the ruins of the Quintas Carolinas - ancient haciendas in the state of Chihuahua. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight home, via Mexico City.



Holiday Season in Bermuda

This little island in the Atlantic has one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

In Bermuda you will find legendary pink sand beaches brushed by gentle surf, palm trees swaying in the breeze, 170 varieties of sub-tropical flowers splashing colour and fragrance everywhere you go, pastel-coloured houses, stately mansions covered in lush greenery, ancient forts, narrow country lanes and Bermuda shorts. Add to that a warm, sub-tropical climate and romantic / historic old-world charm, and it's no wonder Bermuda has been voted "Best Island to Visit in the World" by Condé Nast Travel Magazine 18 times since 1994.

The British heritage adds a colourful touch to your holiday; they drive on the left; serve tea promptly at 4:00; the policemen are known as bobbies; and cricket is the national sport. In the UNESCO World Heritage town of St. George the lanes are wide enough just for horses and carriages, and in the town you will also find superb museums and art galleries.

Our hotel in Bermuda is the First Class *Grotto Bay Beach Hotel*, located on a charming cove with 21 acres of

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naturally landscaped gardens with spectacular views of Bermuda's azure blue waters. The guestrooms are beautifully appointed with two double beds or a king-size, mini-fridge, coffee maker and an ocean view with private balcony or patio. Hotel facilities include a restaurant, bar, convenience shop, 3 private beaches, jacuzzi, tennis courts, exercise room, swimming pool, in-house movies, guest laundry and occasional evening entertainment. Tee-off times can be arranged at a nearby golf course.

The hotel is a 10-minute bus ride from historic St. George and 20 minutes from the capital, Hamilton (the bus stops at the resort entrance). There are many nearby attractions that you can visit by local transportation.

This relaxing holiday is best suited for those who enjoy exploring at their own pace and, the simple pleasures of the beach and tropical surroundings.

** Please note that Bermuda is quite hilly, so there are steps and stairs in and around the hotel.*

- Flights with Air Canada (all gateways fly each way via Toronto)
- First Class hotel
- Full breakfast and dinner daily
- Afternoon tea daily
- Manager's cocktail party weekly
- Christmas Dinner and Gala New Years' Dinner
- Panoramic tour of the island
- Bermuda Transport Pass - allows access to all buses and ferries on the island
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5997

Single Supplement - \$1590

Montreal or Ottawa - add \$90

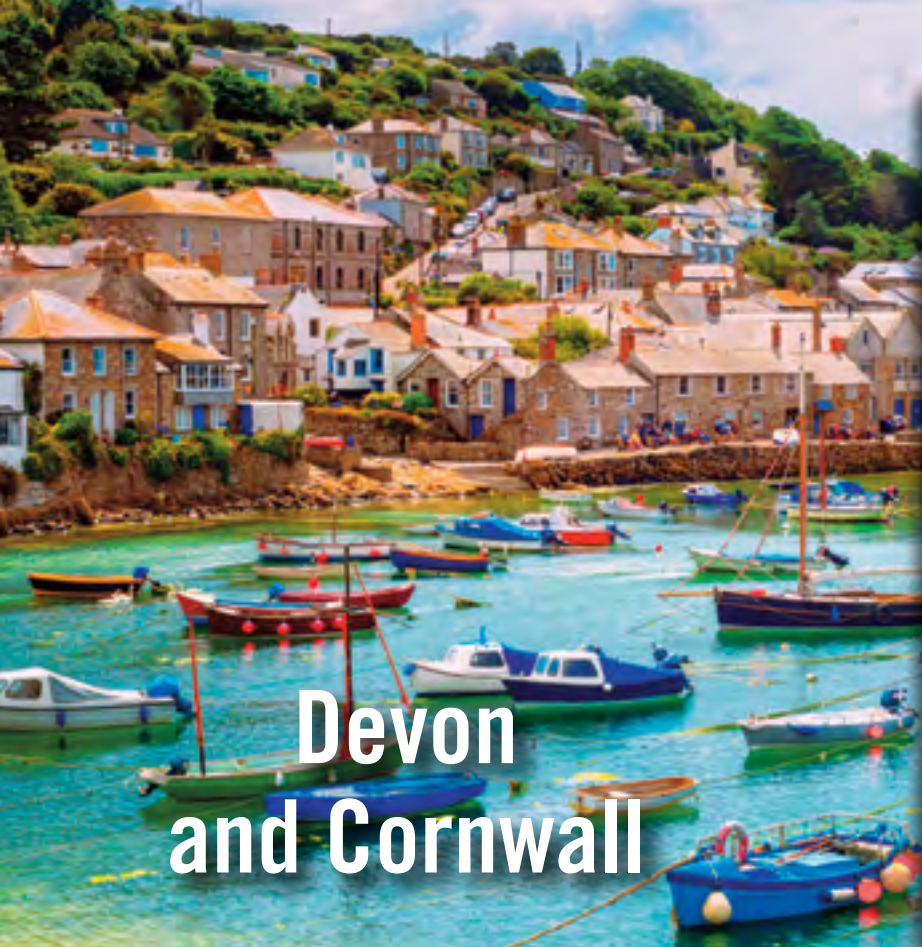
Halifax - add \$190

**** Add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto en route to Bermuda*

Calgary - add \$390

Winnipeg or Edmonton - add \$490

Vancouver - add \$690



Devon and Cornwall

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (except for 2 dinners). 3 of the dinners will be at a special selection of pubs
- 1 pub lunch. 1 traditional afternoon tea.
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5797
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$90
- Halifax, Calgary or Vancouver - add \$190
- Winnipeg - add \$290
- Edmonton - add \$590

The West Country has always been one of Britain's most popular vacation destinations.

This unique area has colourful historic towns and villages, wonderful vistas of constantly changing landscapes, magnificent seascapes and much more to offer.

In Devon ("The English Riviera"), you'll find that there is more to this spectacular and diverse county than beautiful beaches and stunning scenery. There are National Parks, historic monuments and architecture, rustic villages and strange rock outcrops known as "tors".

Cornwall was one of the last great bastions of Celtic culture. Its south coast has wild and beautiful landscapes, where a green and gold tapestry of wooded hills drop down to secluded coves and inlets that hide enchanting fishing villages and exotic gardens.

A special feature of this tour will be our 3 dinners at a special collection of pubs. Since the earliest days of British history the pub has been at the very heart of every English community. These evenings out will ensure that you too can experience the warmth and ambiance of this timeless tradition.

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Tour Highlights:

- Wells Cathedral - "the most poetic English Cathedral"
- Bath - UNESCO World Heritage site
- Cheddar Gorge - one of England's most iconic and spectacular landscapes
- Clovelly - the timeless village
- Port Isaac - of Doc Martin fame!
- The Eden Project
- Plymouth - the historic maritime city
- Dartmoor National Park
- St. Michael's Mount and St. Ives
- Exeter - one of England's oldest cities

** Those joining our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for London.

Day 2: Bath. We arrive and transfer to our first class hotel, centrally located in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath, for a 3-night stay. Tonight is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Bath. We enjoy a morning walking tour of Bath. Famous for its Roman Spa, gothic Abbey and elegant Georgian architecture, it is considered one of Britain's most beautiful cities. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 4: Lacock / Wells. We first visit Lacock village - a favourite location for film producers due to its picturesque and historic streets and cottages. Then we proceed to Wells, also remarkably unspoiled with many historic buildings including the famous 13th century Cathedral, the moated Bishop's Palace and Vicars' Close. We will visit the Cathedral and have time to explore on our own. Tonight's dinner is at a "quirky" local inn.

Day 5: Cheddar / Devon. Today we explore one of Britain's most spectacular natural landmarks - Cheddar Gorge and Caves, which features awe-inspiring cliffs and extraordinary subterranean stalactite show caves. After our visit we proceed to our luxury hotel in North Devon for a 2-night stay.

Day 6: Clovelly. World-famous Clovelly is one of Devon's gems, offering staggering views across Bideford Bay and a relaxed lifestyle. The historic houses wind their way down the wooded hillside, to the traditional 14th century fishing harbour. No vehicles are allowed down the cobbled streets; goods are transported by sledge, often pulled by donkeys.

Day 7: Port Isaac / Truro. Today we explore Cornwall, beginning in Port Isaac - a fishing village on the Cornish coast that is so charming that all visitors fall in love with the place. It is also the home of the famed British series, Doc Martin. Our included lunch will be at one of the pubs used in the filming of the series. We arrive in Truro for a 4-night stay.

Day 8: St. Ives / St. Michael's Mount / Truro. Our excursion to the southwestern tip of the British mainland begins in St. Ives - the famous harbour that has attracted artists and visitors for decades. We also explore the amazing island world of St. Michael's Mount - site of legend, myth and over a thousand years of incredible history. Tonight we dine in a traditional pub before returning to our hotel.

Day 9: Truro. At leisure in Truro - an 800-year-old market town with a striking Gothic Cathedral that dominates the skyline. The town has a museum, gardens, walking tours and a brewery - plenty to explore on your free day.

Day 10: Eden Project / Charlestown. Today we visit the Eden Project - the world's largest greenhouses. Tropical and desert environments have been recreated inside the giant biomes, so a single visit can carry you from steaming rainforests to dry deserts. Our afternoon is spent in Charlestown - an unspoiled, original harbour, home to a famous collection of old ships employed in film projects all over the world. Included is a scrumptuous afternoon tea.

Day 11: Plymouth / Exeter. Plymouth, unrivalled in maritime history, has been a naval base for hundreds of years. The cliffs along the harbour are armed with forts and batteries from the 17th century to WW2. We will stand at the top of the limestone cliffs to watch the comings and goings on the Sound, and stroll around the cobblestone streets of the Barbican where the Mayflower set sail for America in 1620. Britain's oldest gin distillery is here, and we will enjoy a tour and tasting! Later we arrive at our hotel in central Exeter - Devon's premier county town, for a 3-night stay.

Day 12: Dartmoor National Park. We journey through the dramatic Dartmoor National Park, where ponies roam the craggy landscape of forests, rivers, wetlands and strange rock formations. Our tour ends with a delicious dinner at a cozy 140-year-old pub that has long been a local favourite.

Day 13: Exeter. Exeter is one of the most vibrant and historical cities in England. Our walking tour will bring to life the stories behind the magnificent Cathedral, imposing Roman Wall and beautiful Quayside. Afternoon at leisure. Exeter was voted one of Britain's best gastronomic towns by the Good Food Guide, with countless varieties of cuisine available, so tonight's dinner is on our own.

Day 14: Winchester. We proceed to Winchester, England's ancient capital. There will be time to explore the Great Hall, which for over 700 years has housed the mysterious King Arthur's Round Table and 11th century Winchester Cathedral, both just a short walk from our hotel. There will be time to explore Winchester on our own. Tonight we enjoy our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. We transfer to London for our flight home.



First Class London Show Tour

Join us on this visit to Old London Town, (Theatre Capital of the World), to take in some of the top shows, visit your favourite attractions or stroll along the Thames.

Aside from the meals and tours included in our itinerary, we have pre-booked excellent seats for three of the most popular shows in town, which tentatively include:

1. **Pretty Woman.** This musical is based on the iconic film of the same name starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, which went on to become the highest grossing romantic comedy ever. It tells the story of a Hollywood sex worker who is hired by a rich businessman to escort him to a number of events during his stay in the city, and the development of their relationship as they get to know each other better. The show will feature music by Canadian singer-songwriter Bryan Adams!
2. **The Great Gatsby.** Immerse yourself in this adaption of F. Scott Fitzgerald's tale of the Roaring Twenties, as Jay Gatsby invites you to one of his infamous large parties. Let the champagne flow and the drama unfold in front of you in this hedonistic world of bootleg liquor

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotel
- Full English breakfast daily
- 4 dinners and an afternoon tea
- 3 pre-booked shows with transportation
- Westminster Abbey, London Eye, Windsor Castle, Shakespeare Distillery, Roman Baths and much more
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Calgary or Vancouver - \$4997
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- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Ottawa or Halifax - add \$90
- Winnipeg - add \$190
- Edmonton - add \$390

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and jazz age self-indulgence. Produced by Alexander Wright, this Olivier Award winning show is London's longest running immersive theatrical production.

3. **Your choice between 3 theatre productions!** For your 3rd theatre night you will be given the choice between 3 of the hottest West End theatre offerings.

We will stay at the centrally located *Park Plaza Waterloo* (or similar). This First-Class hotel is situated on the south side of the River Thames, and boasts dramatic views of the river and the London skyline. It is within walking distance of some of the city's most impressive landmarks such as the House of Parliament, Big Ben and the London Eye, etc. The hotel features stylishly modern furnishings with First Class facilities. All Superior guest rooms are air-conditioned with Flat screen TV, safe, coffee/tea facilities and complimentary WIFI. There is also access to a state-of-the-art fitness centre including an indoor pool, sauna and steam room.

Day 1: Departure. We depart for London with Air Canada.

Day 2: Arrival London. We arrive in London in the morning and transfer to our hotel. There will be an orientation walking tour around the area, with some free time before this evening's Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: London Tour / Theatre. London is bursting with centuries-old landmarks. Today's full-day tour will be by both coach and walking to take in the major highlights: Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge and the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, along with visits to Westminster Abbey and the Canadian War Memorial.

This evening is our first night at the theatre!

Day 4: At Leisure. A day to enjoy this grand city! There are countless attractions, museums and galleries in London. Your Tour Manager will be on hand with suggestions!

Day 5: Stratford-Upon-Avon. Our full day excursion takes us through the quintessential English countryside to Stratford-Upon-Avon, home of William Shakespeare. Highlights of our guided walking tour will include Anne Hathaway's cottage and garden, a Tudor Schoolmaster lesson in the room that Shakespeare was educated, and a Tour and Tasting at the local Gin Distillery.

Day 6: Windsor / Theatre. We visit Windsor and the castle that has been "home" to English monarchs for 1,000 years. It is said to be the Queen's favourite residence. We will also stop at the R.A.F. Memorial, overlooking scenic countryside, and pass by the location of the signing of the "Magna Carta" – issued in 1215 it was the first document to put into writing the principle that the king and his government were not above the law.

This evening is our 2nd theatre night!

Day 7: Bath. We visit Bath, known for its hot spring waters and the 18th century honey-coloured Georgian terraces with their elegant crescents. Our guided walking tour shows us Jane Austin's home, the Avon River, Bath Abbey and more. We'll visit the magnificent Roman Baths, built by the Romans nearly 2000 years ago. After, we'll enjoy a sumptuous "Afternoon Tea" (an interpretation of the ritual that began in the 1800s) in The Pump Room – the social heart of Bath for more than two centuries with famous patrons like Jane Austen and Charles Dickens.

Day 8: Covent Garden / Theatre. Our visit to Covent Garden today takes us to an area that through the years has evolved into one of the liveliest districts in London. Originally a vegetable garden for the monks of Westminster Abbey, today Covent Garden houses stylish shops, market stalls, cafes, bars, restaurants and even a "Canadian" pub close by along with all kinds of buskers (street entertainers). We'll visit the "Actors Church" – so called as it contains memorials dedicated to many famous theatrical personalities: Charlie Chaplin, Noel Coward, Vivien Leigh and more. It was also here that George Bernard Shaw set "Pygmalion" – the basis for the movie "My Fair Lady", right under the Portico!

This evening is our final theatre night!

Day 9: Day of Leisure. A day of leisure to do your own thing in London. Prior to our Farewell Dinner this evening, we'll step aboard the magnificent London Eye, which offers a truly captivating and unparalleled view of London – a perfect "Farewell" to the city!

Day 10: Home. It's "Cheerio" as we fly home with Air Canada.



The Celtic Connection

Scotland and Ireland

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (except for 2 dinners)
- 1 lunch
- Scottish and Irish entertainment
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver or Calgary - \$6597
- Single Supplement - \$1390
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$90
- Edmonton - add \$290

On this tour of two Celtic Countries we will experience constantly changing landscapes, magnificent seascapes, historic castles and monuments and the carefree Celtic spirit of the people here that remains strong to this day.

Scotland is one of the wildest and most beautiful places in the world. Just the name conjures the sound of haunting bagpipes, treasured family tartans and the strong traditions of Clans. Along our travels we uncover stories of the fallen monarchs and bloody battles as we marvel at the breathtaking scenery, magnificent castles and unique architecture.

Ireland – it is said, once visited, is never forgotten. ‘Céad míle fáilte’ - ‘a hundred thousand welcomes to you’! The Irish landscape is legendary (there really are fifty shades of green!) and the history is fascinating. Ireland’s greatest asset is its people - known for their hospitality and friendliness (and a keen sense of humour).

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

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- Tour Highlights:**
- Edinburgh, including the Royal Yacht Britannia
 - Scone Palace
 - Blair Athol Distillery
 - Stirling Castle
 - Loch Ness
 - Belfast, including the RMS Titanic Experience
 - Dublin
 - Ring of Kerry
 - Irish Dinner Banquet
 - Sheep Dog demonstration
 - Powerscourt Gardens

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Edinburgh, direct from Toronto.

Day 2: Edinburgh. We arrive in Scotland and transfer to our hotel in Edinburgh. Tonight is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Edinburgh. On our city tour of Scotland's capital (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) we see The Royal Mile, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle and we visit the Royal Yacht Britannia - noted as the UK's no.1 attraction by Trip Advisor. The yacht was home to The Queen and Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over 1,000,000 miles around the world.

Day 4: Newtonmore. We visit Scone Palace, one of Scotland's most important stately homes. For centuries it was the seat of parliament and the crowning place of Scottish Kings (including Macbeth and Robert The Bruce). The Palace houses a fine collection of antiques, paintings and rare artifacts, and the grounds are world renowned. Our afternoon visit is Blair Athol Distillery - standing at the gateway to the Highlands, it is one of the oldest working distilleries in Scotland. We'll see how they make their single-malt whiskey, and naturally we'll try a wee dram! We end in Newtonmore for a 2-night stay.

Day 5: Loch Ness / Newtonmore Our first stop is the pretty village of Fort Augustus, which lies on the shore of Loch Ness straddling the Caledonian Canal - the 19th century engineering marvel that connects the east and west coasts of Scotland. At the Clansman Centre we'll enjoy a special Highlander Performance in the heart of this Highland community. We then board our Jacobite Cruise along Loch Ness to the foot of Urquhart Castle, where we'll have time to visit this magnificent 13th century ruin. Later we'll drive into the village of Drumnadrochit where we enjoy a lovely dinner at the local inn.

Day 6: Stirling / Glasgow. We travel through the Trossachs National Park, which boasts some of the world's most stunning scenery, as we make our way to Stirling Castle - an essential part of any visit to central Scotland. We will learn about the castle's historical importance and marvel at its magnificence as it sits on its high volcanic rock, visible for many miles in every direction. Then we proceed to Glasgow, and enjoy a panoramic tour of this exciting city, rich in culture and history.

Day 7: Glasgow. A day at leisure in Glasgow. There is so much to do and see in Scotland's largest city. You may want to visit the magnificent 12th century Cathedral, or the renowned Piping Centre where you can explore 300 years of Highland Bagpipe heritage, and have an opportunity to try the bagpipes yourself!

Day 8: Belfast. We ferry over to Belfast (Northern Ireland), and plunge into Irish culture with a Traditional Music Trail tour. With two professional musicians as your guides, we walk through cobbled alleyways, past famous landmarks and on to private

bars in some of the city's oldest buildings. At each stop we will be treated to a performance of traditional songs and stories.

Day 9: Belfast. On our city tour we'll see St. George's Market, the Belfast Peace Walls, Crumlin Road Gaol, Parliament Buildings and much more. We end at the Titanic Belfast (named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction at the 2016 World Travel Awards) which tells the story of the doomed ship through interactive galleries, from her construction in Belfast, to her maiden voyage. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Belfast's endless attractions, shopping, pubs and cafes.

Day 10: Dublin / Wicklow. We head south to Ireland's capital - Dublin. Our city tour will take in the statue-lined streets, elegant Georgian Squares and the townhouses boasting the famous coloured doors. There will be free time in Dublin for shopping, sightseeing or to enjoy a pint in one of the many pubs! At the end of the day we proceed to our hotel in Wicklow for a 2-night stay.

Day 11: Wicklow. We drive through the rugged and romantic scenery that Ireland is famous for, to Glendalough, known for its spectacular scenery, rich history, archaeology and abundant wildlife. Then we visit Powerscourt Estate, listed #3 in National Geographic's finest gardens of the world. This evening we go out for a rousing evening of Irish food and entertainment!

Day 12: Kilkenny. We begin with a sheepdog demonstration - in which the the instructor will explain each command in the dog training technique - a perfect opportunity to experience the true essence of Irish country living. Later we arrive in Kilkenny - a city rich in heritage and craft. We will have free time to explore.

Day 13: Cashel / Killarney. Our first stop is the Rock of Cashel, where medieval Irish kings were crowned. See the 12th century Cormac's Chapel with its Romanesque decorations. Then we proceed to Killarney, a vibrant town brimming with Irish heritage, shops and cafes, with time to explore on our own.

Day 14: Ring of Kerry / Killarney. We embark on Ireland's most popular scenic drive, the Ring of Kerry. The winding route reveals breathtaking sights of coastal views, beaches and cliffs. We also visit the Skellig Experience to learn about the nearby islands where early Christian Monks lived in austere conditions.

Day 15: Foynes / Kildare. We first visit the Flying Boat Museum, to learn about transatlantic passenger flights and taste Irish Coffee which was invented there. Then we proceed to our 4-star country hotel in County Kildare. Enroute we will stop in Kildare Town - one of the oldest towns in Ireland with 1500 years of history. Today this vibrant town offers a wide selection of shops and cafes. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. We fly home, direct from Dublin to Toronto.



Railroads and Waterways of Britain

This unique tour takes in some of Britain's Canal Waterways and Welsh Railways.

The UK is criss-crossed with incredible canals and waterways that meander through stunning countryside and skirt past quaint towns and villages. A beautiful by-product of the industrial revolution and a testament to human engineering, these canals would have been heaving with cargo and people when they were first created. Now they make for a calm, quiet and relaxing way to explore Britain's varied landscapes.

Likewise, the Great Little Trains of Wales are a very special way of seeing some of the best scenery in the British Isles. While each of these narrow gauge steam railways are unique in their own way, all of them have a history spanning well over 100 years, and so they have the charm of old-time steam trains with plenty of polished paintwork and brass. The special attraction of narrow gauge railways lies in their modest size compared with mainline trains, and their leisurely speed gives time to take in some of the splendid scenery.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class Country House hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (except for 1 dinner)
- 9 picnic lunches
- Evenings of entertainment and talks
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6997
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Montreal - add \$90
- Ottawa or Halifax - add \$190
- Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$490
- Vancouver - add \$590

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Tour Highlights:

- Kennet and Avon Canal
- Gloucester and Sharpness Ship Canal
- Grand Union Canal
- Ludlow - a thriving medieval market town and an architectural gem
- Ride on the Talylyn Railway - the world's first preserved railway, and enjoy its vintage locomotives
- Ride on the Vale of Rheidol and Ffestiniog Railways, featuring dramatic scenery
- A journey on the Welsh Highland Railway (stunning!)
- The immaculate seafront town of Llandudno
- Chester - one of Britain's Historic Walled Cities

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for London.

Day 2: Bourton-on-the-Water. We arrive and head to Bourton-on-the-Water for our 4-night stay. This town is known as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' because of the lovely small bridges that cross the river that runs through the centre of town. Our hotel is centrally located in the town.

Day 3: Kennet and Avon Canal. The Queen reopened the Kennet and Avon Canal in 1990, after it had been extensively refurbished by dedicated waterway enthusiasts and local volunteers. It runs through spectacular scenery between the Thames at Reading and the Avon at Bristol. We'll enjoy a horse-drawn boat trip down Kennet and Avon Canal, then we'll return to Bourton-on-the-Water for free time in the village for exploring and shopping.

Day 4: Cotswolds Canals, River Severn and National Waterway Museum. At Stroud we visit a restored section of one of the Cotswolds Canals, then on to Saul Junction where it meets the Gloucester and Sharpness Ship Canal. We proceed to Gloucester Docks to visit the National Waterway Museum and take a boat trip on the Ship Canal.

Day 5: Grand Union Canal and Blisworth Tunnel. We go to Northamptonshire, and at the Grand Union Canal we visit the canal museum. In the afternoon we visit Braunston where the Grand Union and Oxford Canals meet. See the boats moving to their locks, the workshops and basins, all in a rural idyllic setting.

Day 6: Ludlow / Snowdonia. We bid a fond farewell to the Cotswolds and our waterway excursions, and we head to Snowdonia in Wales stopping first in Ludlow. Nestled in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the heart of the Shropshire Hills, the town has a history of over 800 years and is surrounded by almost 500 listed buildings. From its ancient Castle to its peaceful back streets with many cafes, bars, shops, and beautiful, fascinating architecture, exploring Ludlow is a real pleasure. Later we arrive at our Country House hotel for a 7-night stay.

Day 7: Aberystwyth Cliff Railway and the Vale of Rheidol Railway. We go to Aberystwyth to ride on the Cliff Railway which should give excellent views if the weather is favourable. Then to the Vale of Rheidol Railway which opened in 1902, for a trip through beautiful scenery to Devil's Bridge and return.

Day 8: Fairbourne, Talyllyn and Corris Railways. Today we will ride on 3 narrow-gauge lines. First, we'll go down to the coast at Fairbourne to ride the miniature railway to the Barmouth estuary and return. Then on to the Talyllyn Railway - one of the longest operating heritage railways (since 1865). Finally, the Corris Railway with a museum visit.

Day 9: At leisure. You may want to visit the nearby historic market town of Dolgellau, or venture further to Portmeirion - a quaint Italianate village well-known as the setting for the cult 1960's TV series "The Prisoner".

Day 10: Llanberis Lake Railway and Snowdon Mountain Railway. We first take the narrow-gauge Llanberis Lake Railway along the shores of Llyn Padarn, with a visit of the National Slate Museum. Then, weather permitting, we will ascend Snowdon by the unique Snowdon Mountain Railway which dates from 1896, for stunning views.

Day 11: Welshpool and Llanfair Railway and Bala Lake Railway. We head over to the charming Welshpool and Llanfair Railway, and travel through delightful pastoral scenery. Then it's on to ride the Bala Lake Railway - a narrow-gauge line re-opened on the former Great Western main line from Ruabon to Barmouth.

Day 12: Ffestiniog Railway and the Welsh Highland Railway. We take a journey on the two lines centred on Porthmadog. First, the Ffestiniog from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog, which includes dramatic scenery and a spiral curve at Dduallt. Then on the Welsh Highland Railway, which passes through picturesque country with views of Snowdon (hopefully!) on its way to Caernarfon.

Day 13: Llandudno / Chester. We head to the seaside town of Llandudno, for some free time before we reach our final destination, Chester. The striking beauty and unique atmosphere makes Chester one of Britain's most popular destinations.

Day 14: Chester. On our walking tour of the city we see Britain's most complete city walls, its oldest racecourse and its largest Roman Amphitheatre, plus a 1000-year-old Cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the attractions, cafés, pubs or the 700-year-old Rows galleries - a shopping delight! This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. We fly direct from Manchester to Toronto.



Scottish Highlands Rail and Sail

This exciting new tour will take in some of the Scottish Highlands best rail journeys and Loch cruises.

More than just a matter of getting from point A to point B, a train journey around Scotland can be one of the best (and most comfortable) ways of admiring the stunning landscapes around the country - hundreds of miles of misty mountains, glittering lochs, quaint villages and even elegant mansions - all to be enjoyed with a cup of tea in hand and no chance of getting caught in the rain!

Sailing, whether on one of Scotland's many Lochs or getting from the mainland to one of the islands, is another true Scottish experience. These cruises provide great opportunities to relax and take in the magnificent and historical scenery, and perhaps even a chance of seeing the elusive Loch Ness monster!

Tour Highlights:

- The Jacobite Steam Train - one of the world's greatest train journeys
- The West Highland Line

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Transat
- First Class *Country House* hotels, and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (except for 1 dinner)
- 9 picnic lunches
- Evenings of entertainment and talks
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6997
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Montreal - add \$90
- Ottawa - add \$250 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal Airport)
- Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$690
- Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary - add \$890

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- The Kyle Train Line, linking Inverness to the Isle of Skye
- Strathspey Railway - 40 years of Steam Rail Travel in the Highlands
- Loch Sheil Cruise
- Tobermory, on the Isle of Mull
- Blair Athol Castle and Distillery
- Jacobite Cruise on Loch Ness, and Urquhart Castle
- Stirling Castle
- Loch Lomond Cruise
- City Tour of Glasgow

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Glasgow.

Day 2: Pitlochry. Upon arrival we transfer to Pitlochry. Our hotel is located right in the centre of this beautiful Victorian town. The hotel's claim to fame, and one of the biggest surprises, is the award-winning gardens.

Day 3: Blair Atholl / Alltshellach. The spectacular Blair Castle has acted as gatekeeper to the Scottish Highlands for over 700 years. We will discover the turbulent history of the castle, which was home to the Duke of Atholl and Britain's only private army - the Atholl Highlanders. Our next stop is Athol Distillery, situated at the gateway to the Highlands, where we learn about their distilling process and enjoy a dram of their famous single malt. Then we proceed to *Alltshellach House* for a 7-night stay. This fine highland residence sits on the dramatic shores of Loch Leven, with magnificent mountain views, excellent accommodation and superb home-cooked meals.

Day 4: The Jacobite. One of the tour highlights - a ride on the steam-hauled 'Jacobite' train from Fort William to Mallaig. The journey is incredibly scenic - taking in the spectacular viaduct at Glenfinnan and outstanding coastal scenery around Arisaig. Widely regarded as one of the world's greatest train journeys, this journey is known as the railway that took Harry Potter all the way to Hogwarts. There will be time to explore the bustling fishing port of Mallaig.

Day 5: The Kyle Line. Our coach takes us through spectacular Highland scenery to Kyle of Lochalsh - gateway to the Isle of Skye. We'll then take the train along the gorgeous Kyle line to Inverness. On our return coach journey we'll travel alongside Loch Ness and see more of the Caledonian Canal.

Day 6: At Leisure. There are plenty of local walking routes, so you may want to explore the countryside, or use the public transport and head into Fort William for some shopping. Your Tour Manager will suggest and assist.

Day 7: The West Highland Lines. We take a West Highland train over the remote and wild Rannoch Moor to Crianlarich, where we change lines for the picturesque route to the harbour town of Oban - 'Gateway to the Isles', with free time to explore. If you feel energetic you can climb to McCaig's Folly - a 19th century tower reminiscent of the Roman Colosseum.

Day 8: Boats, Lochs and Views. We take a cruise on Loch Shiel to see 'The Jacobite' crossing Glenfinnan Viaduct. We'll be surrounded by magnificent Highland scenery and hopefully spot some of the local wildlife. Weather-permitting, we'll also

travel on Britain's only ski-slope mountain gondola at Aonach Mor - Britain's 8th highest mountain.

Day 9: Strathspey Railway. We board the Strathspey Railway for a round-trip journey from Aviemore to Broomhill. It is the longest heritage railway in Scotland and has some beautifully restored stations and beautiful views.

Day 10: Isle of Mull / Tobermory. We take the scenic route along the Ardnamurchan Peninsula to the wild and beautiful Isle of Mull, where there are 300 miles of dramatic coastline and Duart Castle - ancient home of the Clan McLean (and used in several films). Then we sail to Tobermory - capital of Mull and one of Scotland's most picturesque ports, with its colourful houses and a sheltered bay where legend has it one of the Spanish Armada ships sank in 1588 carrying gold bullion. There will be free time to explore.

Day 11: At Leisure. Explore the many nearby places to visit.

Day 12: Loch Ness. We travel along the Great Glen to Drumnadrochit - one of the Highland's most beloved villages. Here we board our cruise on the infamous Loch Ness. Sit back, enjoy the commentary and breathtaking scenery, and try to spot the loch's most infamous resident! We disembark at the foot of Scotland's most iconic ruin, Urquhart Castle, with its beautiful natural setting and 1000 years of history.

Day 13: Stirling / Falkirk / Glasgow. We begin with a visit of Stirling Castle - one of Scotland's most historically important sites, it was the residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations there. This afternoon we visit The Falkirk Wheel - an engineering masterpiece and the world's only rotating boatlift. It used to connect the Forth & Clyde and Union canals. We proceed to Glasgow for a 3-night stay.

Day 14: Glasgow / Loch Lomond: On our city tour we'll see Glasgow's famous architecture, including Glasgow Cathedral, Glasgow University and Kelvingrove Museum, as well as the River Clyde which has always played an important role in Glasgow's history. This afternoon we'll enjoy a leisurely cruise on Loch Lomond, taking in the legendary beauty of the "Bonnie banks" and views of Ben Lomond.

Day 15: Glasgow. A day at leisure in Glasgow. Rich with striking architecture, top attractions and the best shopping in the UK outside of London, there are many amazing things to see and do here. Tonight at our Farewell dinner we raise a glass 'Slainte' to our memorable Scottish holiday.

Day 16: Home. We fly home from Glasgow.



England's Christmas Splendour

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 10 dinners
- 1 Christmas lunch, 1 additional lunch, an afternoon tea and a cream tea
- An evening of entertainment
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Halifax or Vancouver - \$5597
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$190

The lead-up to Christmas is a magical time in England, with windows and doorways swagged in lush garlands, festooned with holly berries and twinkling lights.

The splendour of this season can be seen, and felt, at every turn on the cobbled streets. This splendid seasonal tour features a host of picturesque and historic places, beautifully decorated at this special time of year, delicious food and sensational holiday entertainment!

Our first 5 nights will be in Stratford-upon-Avon, set on the banks of the River Avon. Shakespeare's birthplace is a magical blend of heritage and drama and is one of Britain's Heritage Cities. This thriving market town is a perfect combination of old and new and a perfect base for experiencing the festive season.

We'll spend the next 3 nights in the Heritage City of Cambridge. With a university that dates back more than 800 years, this city is a hotbed of history and architecture.

Our final 4 nights will be in the unspoiled cathedral city of Winchester. Winchester is England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great. Today, Winchester

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combines the best of modern city life with the tranquility of the surrounding quintessential English countryside.

Tour Highlights:

- Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Distillery
- World Heritage Site - Blenheim Palace
- Birmingham's world famous Christmas Market
- Cadbury - The Home of Chocolate
- Newmarket - The Home of Horse Racing
- Cambridge - one of England's Heritage Cities
- Thursford Christmas Extravaganza
- Cathedral cities - Winchester & Salisbury
- London city tour including the Royal Albert Hall

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for London.

Day 2: Stratford-upon-Avon. We arrive and transfer to our centrally located hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon for a 5-night stay.

Day 3: Cotswolds and Blenheim Palace. We meander through the Cotswolds - a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to visit one of the quintessential Cotswolds villages. Then we'll proceed to Blenheim Palace - birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. During the holiday season this masterpiece of 18th Century Baroque architecture is transformed into a Christmas feast for the eyes and palate! We will discover this palatial building, followed by a delectable Christmas meal served in the Indian room.

Day 4: Stratford-upon-Avon. Our tour begins at Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall, where we immerse ourselves in 16th century Stratford! We will have a walking tour of the town, and time on our own. Before dinner, Shakespeare Distillery - an artisan spirit producer, will come to the hotel and provide a session on how their gin is made, and then of course a tasting!

Day 5: Stratford-upon-Avon. A day at leisure in one of Britain's Heritage Cities. This city's magical blend of heritage and culture makes it one of Britain's most important tourist destinations. Explore the quaint side streets with unique shops and stroll along the river and soak in the historical ambiance.

Day 6: Birmingham / Cadbury's World. We begin with a visit to Cadbury's World, where we will learn about the Cadbury family, see how Cadbury's products are made, and watch the chocolatiers demonstrate traditional chocolate making skills. Next is Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market - the largest outdoor Christmas Market in the UK, and the largest authentic German Christmas Market outside of Germany or Austria. The Market offers a wide range of traditional goods, gifts and tempting food and drink, such as pretzels, schnitzels, bratwursts, and roasted almonds. Wash these delicacies down with gluhwein, weissbeer (wheat beer), or hot chocolate.

Day 7: Newmarket / Cambridge. Our visit today is Newmarket - the Home of Horse Racing. This historic town is steeped in history, with an intriguing story as to how it became renowned as a centre for horseracing. Noted Royals over the past 2000 years have enjoyed countryside pursuits here. We will learn how Charles II fared in the first recorded horse race in history, why two royal palaces were built here and what the Queen does on her frequent visits here. Included in our tour is lunch and an afternoon Cream Tea. Later we arrive at our historic spa hotel - a secluded haven located on the outskirts of Cambridge, for a 3-night stay.

Day 8: Thursford. We visit Thursford, home of the Christmas Spectacular - the UK's largest Christmas show! The show features mechanical organs, fairground carousels, and a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers, and musicians (including West End performers). The 3-hour performance delivers an extravaganza of singing, dancing, humour and variety.

Day 9: Cambridge. This city of history and discoveries is home to more Nobel Prize winners than any other city. Cambridge is also one of the UK's most beautiful cities to visit, with stunning architecture and charming cobbled streets. On our walking tour we'll see The River Cam, King's College Cathedral (a Gothic masterpiece) and The Fitzwilliam Museum (where DNA was discovered). There will also be free time to explore on our own.

Day 10: London / Winchester. We proceed to London, where our city tour will take in many of the iconic sites. We'll visit the Royal Albert Hall and discover how the building was founded 150 years ago, the royal love story that made it happen, and how the engineering challenge of the Royal Albert Hall echo was solved. After our tour it's on to our lovingly restored manor house hotel, which blends boutique chic with 16th century character, set in acres of glorious Hampshire countryside.

Day 11: Beaulieu and the New Forest. On our day in the New Forest, we step back in time and discover the natural beauty of this unique destination. We start at Beaulieu (with 800 years of heritage), and visit a stately home, a world famous motor museum and a 13th century abbey surrounded by picturesque gardens. Included is a sumptuous Christmas meal served in the magical surroundings of the Beaulieu Abbey Domus.

Day 12: Winchester. Our Winchester city walking tour shows us the city of Alfred the Great and England's ancient capital, bursting with historical and architectural treasures. We'll see the iconic statue of King Alfred, the historic High Street, the Great Hall with its Round Table and connections to King Arthur, the site of Winchester Castle and Winchester Cathedral. There will be free time to discover the city on our own.

Day 13: Salisbury. We go to Salisbury - a perfect English city with an ideal fusion of medieval magnificence and contemporary culture. We visit Salisbury Cathedral - Britain's tallest spire and home to one of the original Magna Carta manuscripts. There will be free time in the historic city centre where you will find tearooms, coffee shops, friendly pubs and fine shopping opportunities. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner - raise a glass of cheer to celebrate this Holiday Season tour.

Day 14: Home. Air Canada flies us back to Canada.



Grand Tour of Italy

Including Sicily

Italy - one of the most visited countries in the world, is the ultimate destination to experience beauty, history, art, culture, food and wines, and so much more!

On this exciting and well-planned tour we travel from the breathtaking alpine region of northern Italy all the way south to the dramatic Mediterranean island of Sicily.

Tour Highlights:

- Elegant City of Milan
- Scenic Lake Garda
- The cypress hills of Verona
- Venice - the city of canals
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Florence - Cradle of the Renaissance
- Medieval Siena in Tuscany
- Pink stone city of Assisi

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with British Airways
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Enriched breakfast and dinner daily (wine and water with all dinners)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver - \$5997
- Single Supplement - \$990 (Single accommodation is not available on the overnight ferry to Sicily. Those in single accommodation *may* have to share for that one night).
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$490
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690

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- Eternal Rome
- Sorrento, on the amazing Sorrentine Peninsula
- Pompeii at the foot of Vesuvius
- Overnight ferry Naples to Palermo, Sicily
- The Valley of the Temples, Agrigento
- Cliffside resort village of Taormina

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Milan, via London.

Day 2: Milan. We arrive in Milan and transfer to our hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Milan / Lake Garda. We have a brief tour of Milan before departing for Lake Garda, where we will take in the magnificent scenery with views of the Alps and picture-book villages along the shore. We will enjoy a lovely boat trip on the lake and visit medieval Sirmione - known as the "Jewel of the Lake". A spa town since Roman times, we will stroll the narrow, cobbled lanes and see the 13th century castle and well-preserved Roman ruins.

Day 4: Verona / Venice. We proceed through the cypress clad hills to Verona, where we see the Roman Arena and Juliet's famous balcony. A short drive brings us to the university town of Padua, home of many great Italians (Dante, Galileo, etc.) and numerous art treasures. We visit the famous Basilica of St. Anthony and then continue to the Venice area.

Day 5: Venice. We cross the Venetian lagoon by boat and spend a full day in the magical city of Venice. We see St. Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace.

Day 6: Pisa / San Giuliano. We leave Venice and drive through the picturesque hills to Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower. We will also see the Duomo and the Baptistry. We continue on to the charming village of San Giuliano Terme, famous for its Spa Centre.

Day 7: Florence / Siena. We depart for Florence, Cradle of the Renaissance. Our walking tour will take in the multi-coloured marble cathedral, Signoria Square, Santa Croce Basilica and more. We then head south for our overnight near Siena.

Day 8: Siena / Assisi / Rome. After a walking tour of medieval Siena, site of the famous horse race, we continue on to the pink stone city of Assisi, which is under the protection of St. Francis. The city is still enclosed by medieval ramparts. Our tour includes St. Francis Basilica, well known for its Fresco paintings. After our visit we continue on to Rome.

Day 9: Rome. Our touring in Rome begins in Vatican City - official residence of the Pope. We'll visit St. Peter's Basilica - one of the holiest Catholic sites, and the Vatican

Museum where we find the Sistine Chapel. The afternoon is free to explore Rome's many museums, shops and cafes.

Day 10: Rome / Sorrento. Our touring of Rome continues with the Roman Forum; the Arch of Constantine; Circus Maximus; Spanish Steps and an opportunity to visit the Coliseum. We then proceed to Sorrento on the beautiful Sorrentine Peninsula, which is characterized by majestic cliffs, terraced vineyards, orange groves and a striking rocky shoreline. We stay in Sorrento for 2 nights.

Day 11: Sorrento at leisure. A day at leisure to explore this beautiful coastal city. Your Tour Manager will be on hand with suggestions.

Day 12: Pompeii / Naples / Overnight Ferry. Today we visit fascinating Pompeii, the imperial city engulfed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. We then proceed to Naples for a panoramic tour of the old city with its Gothic and Baroque churches. Later we board our ferry bound for Sicily. As we depart the Bay of Naples be on deck for the breathtaking views of Naples and Mount Vesuvius.

Day 13: Palermo / Agrigento. We arrive in Palermo, a fascinating city with a mix of Latin, Byzantine and Islamic buildings. We may have an opportunity to visit one of the huge and colourful markets with its riveting display of fruits, vegetables and other goods. We then drive through the scenic hills to Agrigento with its magnificent works of Doric architecture dating from the 6th century BC. In the evening the site is beautifully illuminated.

Day 14: Agrigento / Taormina. This morning we visit the famed Valley of the Temples (formerly a Greek stronghold) and visit the temples of Juno, Concord and Hercules - very well-preserved Greek ruins. Then it's on to the Taormina area with stunning views of the sea and Mt. Etna - Europe's tallest volcano.

Day 15: Taormina. This charming town has long been a favourite international resort and has wonderful parks, gardens and an ancient Greek theatre. We enjoy a morning orientation tour, and an afternoon at leisure. From Piazza Garibaldi one can enjoy the best views of Mt. Etna and the beautiful Ionian coastline. Our Farewell Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant featuring Sicilian foods and wine.

Day 16: Home. We fly home via London.



Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast

The Amalfi Coast is a series of small bays, beaches, villages and towns, all with a backdrop of rugged cliffs.

The road that hugs the cliffs affords one of the most spectacular drives in Europe. Everywhere are orange, lemon and olive groves, vineyards, lush greenery and flowering shrubs - all near to the sparkling Tyrrhenian Sea. On this tour we will take in all the wonderful sights in the region and tantalize our taste buds by sampling the local specialties; extra-virgin olive oil, mozzarella cheese and Limoncello (the local liqueur). We will even have the opportunity to make our own "Neapolitan" pizza!

Our tour begins with 5-nights in the resort town of Maiori, which has its own beach and tree-lined promenade. The hills and cliffs form a wonderful backdrop, but the town itself is not hilly and it's easy to stroll through the narrow streets and lanes with their interesting shops, cafes and churches. For the more energetic there are superb walking trails to explore.

We then transfer to Sorrento for a 7-night stay. This is the most picturesque town on the Bay of Naples, perched high on the cliffs with stunning views over the Bay of Naples to the distant Mount Vesuvius. Sorrento offers many restaurants,

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Enriched continental breakfast and dinner daily, 5 light lunches while touring. Wine, water and coffee/tea with dinners.
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5997
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Montreal - add \$190
- Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$390

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cafes, shops and a local market. Other small towns and villages along the coast are also accessible by local transport.

All hotels on this tour have a restaurant, bar and lounge, and the guestrooms are simply furnished and equipped with twin beds, telephone, TV and private bathroom.

Our Maiori hotel is the *Reginna Palace* (or similar), located in the town centre across from the beach and promenade. The local bus stops nearby and there are many restaurants and cafes all around.

Our hotel in Sorrento will be one of the popular Acampora properties, all of which are located seaside on the cliff, with impressive views of the Bay of Naples and within walking distance of the town centre.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Rome - a direct non-stop flight from Toronto.

Day 2: Rome / Maiori. Upon arrival in Rome we transfer to our hotel in Maiori, stopping en route for an included lunch.

Day 3: Maiori. We meet with our local guide for an orientation walking tour of Maiori. We'll see the beautiful Italian style gardens, the interesting local church and winding narrow streets and shops.

Day 4: Ravello and Amalfi / Maiori. This morning we visit Ravello and the Villa Rufolo, the inspiration for some of musician Richard Wagner's famous works. We then continue to the beautiful town of Amalfi for a walking tour and some free time to explore.

Day 5: Positano / Maiori. Today we enjoy a boat trip to Positano, one of the coast's most picturesque towns, with steeply-stacked houses tumbling down to the sea in a cascade of sun-bleached peach, pink and terracotta colours. Its steep streets and narrow lanes are lined with wisteria-draped cafes, restaurants and boutiques.

Day 6: Vietri Sul Mare / Maiori. We visit the artisan town of Vietri Sul Mare, where the local people produce and sell beautiful Italian ceramics - a great place to buy that special souvenir.

Day 7: Sorrento. Today we travel over the mountains, taking in the scenic views as we proceed to the resort town of Sorrento.

Day 8: Sorrento / Galatea Farm. We begin our day with an orientation walking tour of the cliff-top town of Sorrento. We see the main square, Piazza Tasso - always a hive of activity, and we also visit the Wood Inlay Museum. We then proceed to Galatea Farm in the Sorrento hills where we are welcomed by the staff and given an

explanation of the workings of this small farm. We enjoy a tasting of local wines and participate in a cooking lesson and pizza making demonstration during which we make our own personal "Neapolitan" pizzas.

Day 9: Pompeii / Sorrento. We enjoy a morning tour to Pompeii, the ruins of a once thriving community destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD.

Day 10: Sorrento. A day at leisure. Of course there is so much to do and see in the city and in this region. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions and optional tours.

Day 11: Capri / Sorrento. We catch the ferry from Sorrento to the lovely island of Capri and its famous Blue Grotto. Capri was once a summer resort for Roman Emperors. During our tour we visit the famous Piazzetta and the Garden of Augustus with its view of the Faraglioni Rocks. There will be some free time for shopping before returning to Sorrento.

Days 12 & 13: Sorrento. At leisure to enjoy Sorrento's fine shopping and cafes, as well as the beautiful views and surroundings. Optional excursions will be offered. On one of the evenings we will attend a performance of local tradition, dance and songs at the Tasso Theatre.

Day 14: Naples / Rome. We depart for Rome. En route we will stop in the lively city of Naples for a panoramic tour, a visit of the Royal Palace and lunch at a local restaurant. Later we arrive in Rome for our Farewell Dinner and overnight.

Day 15: Home. We fly home to Canada.



Italian Riviera and Tuscany 2-Centre Holiday

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotels
- Enriched continental breakfast and dinner daily (wine, water and coffee with all dinners)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$6397
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transport to Montreal airport)
- Vancouver - add \$390
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890

There are many reasons why the Italian Riviera and Tuscany are two of Italy's most popular regions to visit.

We begin this leisurely tour in Milan, where we will see both the modern and historic sites. From Milan we travel to the Riviera di Levante (known as "The Italian Riviera") - a rugged coastline with many small bays and inlets. This area is incredibly picturesque, with hills sloping dramatically down to the sea. We will stay 4 nights in this region touring the major highlights. Nearby are the Cinque Terre villages that date from the 12th century - each village is different and all have dramatic coastal scenery.

The Tuscany region is home to some of the world's most famous Renaissance art and architecture, breathtaking scenery of medieval hilltop villages, olive groves, hillside vineyards and dramatic mountain ranges. We will stay 8 nights in Montecatini, located in the heart of Tuscany. This elegant and historic spa town is set amid green

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Tuscan hills and olive groves. It features "Liberty" style buildings (an Italian equivalent to Art Deco), welcoming parks and beautiful gardens. Its many spas provide a range of treatments that take advantage of the healing properties of the therapeutic mineral waters, while the town offers many shops, restaurants and a weekly market to enjoy at your leisure. Local trains and buses operate a regular service to the surrounding towns and villages. Sightseeing in this region will include Florence, the famous Tuscan hilltop towns, elegant villas, farms and medieval towns like Lucca.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Milan, via Paris.

Day 2: Milan. We arrive in Milan and transfer to our hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure until our Welcome Dinner tonight.

Day 3: Milan / Liguria. On our morning tour of Milan we see the Milan Cathedral (the Duomo di Milano), the castle, the Galleria and the famous opera house La Scala. After our tour we depart for the Ligurian coast.

Day 4: Portofino / Camogli / Liguria. We take a boat ride along one of Italy's most beautiful coasts, stopping in Portofino - a stunning port town that has long been a favourite destination for the rich and famous. We then continue to the picturesque fishing village of Camogli, known as the "City of the Thousand White Sailing Ships" for its maritime tradition.

Day 5: Cinque Terre / Liguria. We board the local train to Cinque Terre. This UNESCO World Heritage Site consists of 5 picturesque villages clinging dramatically to the cliffs along the rocky coastline of the Italian Riviera. Upon arrival at the village of Monterosso we will have time to explore before taking a scenic boat trip to Vernazza - one of the most beautiful villages. We continue by train to Manarola and after some free time there return again by train to our hotel.

Day 6: Liguria. A day at leisure to explore the Italian Riviera, popular for its beautiful beaches, cliffside views and charming towns

Day 7: Portovenere / Montecatini. We depart for the village of Portovenere, situated on a rocky coastline. The village was dear to Lord Byron for its tranquility. The 12th century village centre still preserves the original coloured houses overlooking the harbour and the Tinetto Islands. We will see 13th century St. Peter's Church built on rocks before we continue to Montecatini.

Day 8: Siena and Chianti / Montecatini. This morning we enjoy a tour of Siena. Distinguished by its medieval brick buildings, the fan-shaped Piazza del Campo (where the famous annual horse race is held) is dominated by the Palazzo Pubblico - the gothic town hall. We will also visit

a castle in the Chianti District followed by a wine tasting. This evening there will be a talk on the history, art, local traditions and present-day rivalries in Tuscany.

Day 9: Local Farm / Montecatini. The morning is at leisure to explore this charming spa town with its many shops and cafes. This afternoon we visit a local farm to learn of the agricultural products Tuscany is well known for. The visit will be followed by dinner with a selection of local wine and produce.

Day 10: Lucca / Villa Bernardini / Montecatini. After a free morning, we enjoy the lovely Tuscan scenery as we travel to medieval Lucca to visit the 17th century Villa Bernardini - an elegant villa with magnificent gardens surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. The villa has its original furnishings and still houses a green theatre in the garden that seats 400. We then have some time to discover the historic centre of Lucca, followed by dinner at a local restaurant, before we return to Montecatini.

Day 11: Florence / Montecatini. A full day touring in Florence - the "Cradle of the Renaissance". We visit the Academia Gallery to see the magnificent statue of David by Michelangelo. We then have a walking tour and see the multi-coloured marble cathedral, Signoria Square, the Baptistry and Piazzale Michelangelo from where we have the best view over the city.

Day 12: Montecatini. At leisure to explore the town and stroll the lovely promenade.

Day 13: San Gimignano / Volterra / Montecatini. A full day to explore the unique hilltop towns set among the Tuscan vineyards and cypress trees. These small towns, with their medieval buildings and monuments, have existed since 1155.

Day 14: Montecatini. At leisure. You may like to take the cog train up the hill to the ancient upper town.

This evening's Farewell Dinner at a local farm will feature some specially prepared regional dishes.

Day 15: Home. We fly home via Paris.



Puglia, Italy

“The Heel of the Boot”

Puglia (also known as Apulia) is known for its sun-bleached landscapes, silver olive groves, picturesque seascapes, memorable hilltop villages and coastal towns.

This unique region is skirted by an endless coastline dotted with castles and watchtowers, reflective of its history of conquering invaders: Normans, Spanish, Turks and Greeks. Despite its diverse influences over the centuries, Puglia has its own distinct identity with ancient customs and local traditions. In the many small villages and large cities alike, architectural wonders from different periods and faiths are everywhere, many displaying the intricate works of a variety of artists.

As for cuisine, Puglia's cucina povera (peasant cooking) is legendary. We will visit a winery, cheese producer, olive mill and bakery to learn about and taste the local products.

We will stay 3 nights in Lecce in the south, 3 nights in the town of Ostuni, 3 nights in Puglia's capital Bari, 2 nights in the mountain village of Monte Sant'Angelo and 2 nights in the coastal town of Barletta.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada and Alitalia
- First Class hotels
- Enriched continental breakfast and dinner daily.
Wine, water and coffee with dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax - \$5597
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$190
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$290

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Tour Highlights :

- Beautiful Baroque Lecce ("Florence of the South")
- The stunning white-washed town of Ostuni
- Grotte di Castellana's beautiful limestone caves with spectacular stalagmites and stalactites
- The port town of Monopoli
- The elegant city of Martina Franca
- The energetic modern city of Bari
- Trani - the "Pearl of Puglia"
- Matera (UNESCO) - ancient cave town built into stone
- The ancient fishing town of Polignano a Mare sitting atop limestone cliffs
- The unique 13th century Castel Del Monte (UNESCO)
- The breath-taking Gargano Peninsula (the "spur" on the heel of Italy's "boot")
- The enchanting town of Alberobello (UNESCO), unique for the Trulli houses - fairytale limestone dwellings with distinctive conical roofs

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Puglia (Brindisi) with a change of planes in Rome.

Day 2: Lecce. Upon arrival in Brindisi we transfer to our hotel in Lecce for a 3-night stay. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Galatina / Lecce. Today we enjoy a walking tour of historic Lecce. We will see Santa Croce, Church of the Rosary and Palazzo Celestine. Later we visit a farm in Galatina to sample some of the region's finest local wine and enjoy a light lunch.

Day 4: Otranto / Santa Maria Leuca / Lecce. This wonderfully scenic day begins at the port town of Otranto, known for its historic center and beautiful sea views. We visit the Cathedral with its Chapel of 800 Martyrs, the crypt and one of the largest mosaics in the world. We finish at Santa Maria di Leuca at the southern tip of Puglia for views of where the Ionian and Adriatic seas meet.

Day 5: Cisternino / Ostuni. We visit Cisternino to see an old olive mill, then proceed to the "White City" of Ostuni perched on a hill overlooking acres of olive groves that roll out toward the sea. We will see the old center with its Gothic Roman Cathedral before checking in to our hotel in this region for a 3-night stay.

Day 6: Alberobello / Ostuni. We first visit the Castellana Grotto (cave) with its unique stalactites and stalagmites. We then continue to the town of Alberobello to see the famous UNESCO Trulli Village - a symbol of Puglia. There will be a tour of one these unique dwellings followed by some free time to wander in the village.

Day 7: Martina Franca / Regional Lunch / Ostuni. Today we discover Martina Franca - a lovely baroque town with palaces and beautifully decorated churches. Our visit will be followed by a special lunch featuring regional products and local hospitality.

Day 8: Monopoli / Polignano a Mare / Bari. This morning we visit the archeological area of Egnazia - once an important Roman town along the Appian Way, then proceed to medieval Monopoli, stretching along a jagged coastline and steeped in history and tradition. The town has fortifications of walls and castles, churches and a magnificent baroque Cathedral. Next is the seaside city

of Polignano a Mare, known for its picturesque balconies and also the birthplace of singer Domenico Modugno, who sang the universally known song "Volare". We continue to Bari for a 3-night stay.

Day 9: Bari. Today we discover the city of Bari. Although modern in many aspects it maintains its historic center with the Basilica of Saint Nicholas, the Cathedral and the Norman-Swabian Castle. After a walking tour there will be a free afternoon to explore the waterfront, historic buildings, many shops and cafes.

Day 10: Matera / Altamura / Bari. Today we visit the magnificent UNESCO city of Matera, starting with the upper part of the Civita dominated by the spectacular Romanesque Cathedral, and then visit the lower section and the Barisan Sasso. Later we'll stop in Altamura - a charming town with a well-known 13th century cathedral, to visit a traditional bakery before returning to Bari.

Day 11: Trani / Gargano Peninsula. We travel along the coast to the sophisticated seaside town of Trani, known as the "Pearl of Puglia".

Day 12: Gargano Peninsula. We explore the Gargano promontory that sticks out into the Adriatic Sea (the "spur" on the Italian "boot"), passing picture-book seaside villages and breathtaking scenery of blue waters and unique cliffs. Later we'll enjoy a boat cruise for even more spectacular views (weather permitting).

Day 13: Monte Sant' Angelo / Barletta. We first visit one of the oldest churches in Christianity in Monte Sant'Angelo, and then proceed to the coastal town of Barletta where we will see the 11th century fortress, the Cathedral and Cellar of the Challenge. Barletta will be our home for the final two nights of the tour.

Day 14: Castel Del Monte / Andria / Barletta. Today we visit the UNESCO site of Castel del Monte - a 13th-century citadel and castle of unique octagonal construction. We then learn of cheese production in the Andria region, famous for the soft mozzarella, ricotta and burrata cheeses. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. It's *arrivederci* to Puglia as we transfer to Bari for our flight home via Rome.



Autumn in Tuscany Stay-Put Holiday

The beloved region of Tuscany encompasses the best of Italy: stunning historic cities; artistic masterpieces; extraordinary views and landscapes; sea and mountains; sunny climate; not to mention the wonderful local food products (especially during the fall harvest season), fine wines and artisan shops with age-old traditions.

With its carefully tended hills covered with grape vines, cypress trees, olive groves, stone farmhouses and mild weather year-round, it is a delightful area for an interesting and relaxing stay-put holiday.

We will stay in Viareggio, a small resort town with a long, lovely Mediterranean coastline of wide sandy beaches, parks and pine forests. Parallel to the beach is a wide promenade and lively shopping area. The town has easy access to the great Renaissance cities of Florence, Siena, Pisa and Lucca, all of which are included in our tour. We will also visit Cinque Terre - the amazing cluster of villages clinging to the dramatic cliffs along the coast, the medieval town of Bolgheri - a beautiful historic hamlet with a famous avenue of cypress trees, and Livorno - with

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotel
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (water and wine with dinners)
- Farm lunch
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto- \$4497
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- Single Supplement - \$790
- Montreal - add \$190
- Ottawa - add \$350 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690
- Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary - add \$890

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its dramatic rocky coastline. On the day we explore Chianti we will sample many famous regional wines.

In Viareggio our hotel is located on the Tuscan coast in a region called the “Riviera Versilia”, which features the backdrop of the magnificent Apuan Mountains. We’ll stay at the *Hotel President*, a four-star hotel that overlooks the seafront promenade. The beach is across the road and shopping is just a short walk away. Hotel facilities include a pleasant lounge, bar and restaurant. The guestrooms are comfortably furnished with two beds, telephone, satellite TV, mini-bar, safe and individual climate control.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Tuscany with a change of planes in Paris.

Day 2: Florence / Viareggio. We arrive in Florence and transfer by coach to Viareggio on the Riviera Versilia.

Day 3: Viareggio. Today we have a walking tour of the town, with its delightful seafront promenade, market and shopping area.

Day 4: Farm Visit. We visit a farm that produces some of the fine wines and olive oil found in Tuscany. We also see the wine cellars and vineyards and partake in a tasting.

Day 5: Viareggio. At leisure to explore this lovely Italian town. The bus and train stations are close to the hotel, and public transport is very good, so it is easy to visit the many surrounding towns and villages.

Day 6: Florence. A full day in the city called the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and former stronghold of the Medici family. Today we visit the Academia Gallery to see the magnificent statue of David by Michelangelo. We then have a walking tour of the city and see the multi-coloured marble cathedral, the Baptistery, Signoria Square and Piazzalle Michelangelo from where we have the best view of the city.

Day 7: Viareggio. At leisure to perhaps join an optional excursion to see more of the region. Your Tour Manager will assist and offer suggestions.

Day 8: Bolgheri / Castagneto Carducci / Livorno. Today we travel "off the beaten path" as we visit some of the unspoiled medieval villages in the region. In Bolgheri we drive the impressive avenue of cypress trees stretching 5 km. long! The town has maintained its original historic buildings, old roads and small shops. The atmosphere is enhanced by the amazing views of the hills covered in olive trees and the sea in the distance. There will be time to shop for local products before we continue along the wine route to visit the famous cellars of Michele Satta, where some of the best wines in Italy are produced. Lunch will be at a restaurant in Castagneto Carducci, featuring

a selection of typical dishes including homemade pasta with wild boar sauce. We return to Viareggio via the beautiful rocky coastline of Livorno.

Day 9: Cinque Terre / Ligure. We travel by train to the five villages known as Cinque Terre, which cling dramatically to the cliffs along the rocky coastline. Upon arrival at the village of Manarola we explore the village and then take the local train to Vernazza for some free time. Then there will be a boat ride to Monterosso - one of the most attractive of the five villages. At the end of our visit we return to Viareggio by train.

Day 10: Viareggio. At leisure, perhaps to visit the street market or other nearby towns.

Day 11: Siena and Chianti. This full day tour begins in the medieval town of Siena - famous for its annual Palio horse race but also a lovely city in many other respects. We will see the wonderful cathedral and the Piazza del Campo - considered one of the most beautiful squares in the world. After a morning of history and art we unwind in Chianti with a tasting of their well-known wines.

Day 12: Viareggio. At leisure.

Day 13: Pisa / Lucca. This morning we visit Pisa, and yes, the tower is still leaning. The beauty in the area of Campo Dei Miracoli will amaze you. It includes the tower, the duomo, the baptistry and the cemetery. A visit to the cathedral is included. There will be time to stroll around after the tour. We then proceed through the countryside to Lucca, a charming town which looks like a movie set for a medieval epic film. Most of Lucca is traffic-free and it is a pleasant place to stroll through the narrow streets and see the magnificent churches, squares and statuary. We will have a little free time to visit the small shops and perhaps enjoy a coffee and people watch.

Day 14: Viareggio. At leisure. This evening we enjoy a Tuscan evening with a typical meal of local specialties.

Day 15: Home. We say arrivederci to Tuscany and head home via Paris.



Umbria

Off the beaten path in Central Italy

Italy is renowned for spectacular scenery, famous cuisine and wines, and of course for its many delightful towns and villages.

We will savour it all as we explore the beautiful region of Umbria - an area of deep green valleys, rolling hills, olive groves and charming old stone villas. It is well known for its many enchanting picture-postcard towns and villages and also for the incredible cathedrals, castles and monasteries in the countryside. We will also absorb the timeless atmosphere in the many well-preserved medieval town centres as we stroll the ancient cobbled streets.

We will stay in the region of Perugia, famous for its rich chocolate and delicious fresh pasta. Some of our sightseeing will take us "off the beaten path" to places rarely visited by tourists, including the charming town of Gubbio which sits at the base of the Apennine Mountain range, a cruise on Lake Trasimeno to marvel at the beauty of its islands, coastline and the surrounding mountains, a visit to Orvieto - a ceramic centre located on a cliff high above the countryside which boasts one of Italy's most impressive Gothic cathedrals, and of course Assisi and its magnificent famous shrine - St. Francis Basilica.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Continental buffet breakfast and dinner daily (water, wine and coffee with all dinners)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$4397
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- Single Supplement - \$790
- Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$390
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$490

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Along the way we'll enjoy the local wine, savour the purest of olive oil and indulge in the finest chocolate and truffles.

We begin with 6 nights in Assisi, at the lovely *Hotel Assisi La Terrazza*, a perfect base for exploring this region. The hotel is beautifully situated among the olive groves of Assisi's hills overlooking the green Umbria valley. The historic city centre of Assisi is approximately 800 meters away to walk (or take the local bus which stops near the hotel). The hotel's restaurant serves regional specialties of Umbria as well as international cuisine. The hotel has a wellness centre and swimming pool (not heated).

Our hotel in Perugia, for the next 7 nights, is the *Residenza Fontanelle Hotel*. This property is laid out like a small European village - a quiet oasis near a lively shopping area and steps from public transportation which you can take to other nearby towns and villages. On free days the hotel will offer a cookery lesson, afternoon tea, country strolls and a market visit.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Rome with Air Canada.

Day 2: Assisi. We arrive in Rome and transfer to our hotel in Assisi. Afternoon at leisure until our Welcome Dinner this evening.

Day 3: Assisi. Our tour of Assisi today includes a visit of the famous St. Francis Basilica, Santa Maria degli Angeli, the 13th century gothic Basilica di Santa Chiara and the frescos of the Pilgrim's Oratory.

Day 4: Assisi. A day at leisure to further explore Assisi.

Day 5: Gubbio / Assisi. We visit Gubbio, one of the architectural jewels of Umbria. This city preserves important vestiges of Umbrian, Roman and medieval history. We will see the Roman theater, Palazzos dei Consoli, Bargello and Ducale, and the Duomo of St. Ubaldo Mount Ingino.

Day 6: Assisi. A day at leisure. You may want to join an optional excursion to historic Urbino and "holy" Loreto.

Day 7: Spoleto / Cascate Delle Marmore / Assisi. Today we visit Spoleto to see its historic monuments and buildings; the Roman Theatre, Piazza del Duomo, La Rocca and the San Salvatore and San Ponziano Churches. Our included lunch today will feature Italian truffles. In the afternoon we set off for Marmore's Falls - a man-made waterfall created by the ancient Romans. Enjoy the observatory near the top that offers a grandiose view of the falls and the Nera Valley below.

Day 8: Perugia. We depart for Perugia with a stop to sample the local olive oil. We then enjoy a tour of Perugia, the capital city of the region of Umbria and well-known cultural and artistic centre of Italy. We will see Cavallotti Square in the historical centre, San Lorenzo Cathedral and Palazzo dei Priori. In the afternoon we visit the historical museum of Perugina Chocolate.

Day 9: Spello / Deruta / Perugia. A full day tour to Spello, one of the most beautiful "borgo" in Umbria with its old churches, walls and narrow streets full of flowers - sights that adorn travel posters for Italy all over the world. After our tour there will be some free time to wander the village. In the afternoon we stop in Deruta to visit a workshop known for its ceramics that are exported worldwide.

Day 10: Perugia. A day at leisure to perhaps take a stroll in the countryside or join an optional tour to a wild deer and boar farm with jeep rides and a farm-fresh lunch of their specialties

Day 11: Orvieto. Today we visit medieval Orvieto - a unique town sitting atop the summit of a large butte of volcanic tuff. It dominates the surrounding area and offers spectacular views over the countryside. We will visit the old town centre and the Duomo, and enjoy a special lunch with local wine and medieval costumes!

Day 12: Perugia. A day at leisure, or take an optional tour to Cortona in Tuscany, rich in museums, history and art.

Day 13: Lake Trasimeno. A splash of inky blue on the hilly landscape, Lake Trasimeno is Italy's fourth-largest lake and is surrounded by silver-green olive groves, vineyards, forests of oak and cypress, and castle-topped medieval towns. We will enjoy a relaxing cruise on the lake and see the three picturesque small islands before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the lake. This afternoon we will have time for a stroll around the charming lake-side town of Passignano, rich in history and beauty, before we return to our hotel.

Day 14: Perugia. A final day at leisure to relax at the hotel or do some further exploring of the region.

Day 15: Home. We transfer to the Rome airport for our flight back to Canada.



Southern Italy (Calabria)

Special Value Holidays

in October and the Holiday Season

Both fall and Christmas are lovely times of year in Southern Italy, as the pleasant mild climate is ideal for walking and exploring the small villages and towns of the Calabrian region. The Holiday Season in particular is a very special time of year in Calabria. It is one of the few regions of Italy where old traditions thrive, and ancient festivals and customs are still enjoyed.

Calabria is Italy's most unspoiled region, and is off the major tourist routes. Each turn of the road here reveals secluded valleys, remote hilltop villages and architectural gems that range from Greek and Roman ruins to Norman castles, Byzantine monasteries and Romanesque cathedrals. The dramatic coastline features secluded sandy beaches and bustling resorts, including the city of Reggio Calabria with its lovely wide promenades.

We will stay in the seaside town of Siderno, which has a pleasant boardwalk along the seafront. Our hotel is the moderate *Grand Presidente*, owned by a local family with a long experience of welcoming visitors. It is modern in design and conveniently located on the main route between Catanzaro (the region's capital) and Reggio. The hotel overlooks the Ionian Sea, which is accessible via the hotel's private pedestrian tunnel. The centre of town and its boardwalk are 2 km. away and can be reached by road or a stroll along the beach. Visiting the nearby towns and villages is easily done by public bus.

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(SPECIAL VALUE TOUR)

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(HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATION TOUR)

Facilities of the hotel include a main restaurant, bar, pool with lounge chairs, tennis court and fitness centre. Guestrooms of the hotel are comfortably furnished with a balcony or terrace. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included daily, with wine and water served with lunch and dinner (which are "table service" meals). WiFi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

Hospitality is a way of life in Calabria and this tour offers a unique opportunity to engage with the country and its proudly independent people in a personal way, to gain insight into their hearts and minds. We will explore the vibrant markets, visit tiny hilltop villages where time seems to have stood still for centuries, discover typical dishes of the region at a local farm, and enjoy language lessons, folklore and dance performances at our hotel.

Once you've immersed yourself in Calabria you'll no longer be a tourist, but forever regarded as a welcome guest.

**Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

1. We first visit **Gioiosa Jonica**, a typical village with an open-air market offering local produce. Our next visit today is Mammola, famous for its narrow streets, historic centre and brilliant flower displays.
2. A half-day tour to **Gerace**, called the "tiny Florence" of Calabria for its medieval appearance, many churches and a cathedral dated from 1045.
3. A visit to **Siderno Antica**, a small ancient village, to see how the villagers live and work. We visit private houses and see an exhibition of embroidery making.
4. A full-day tour to **Reggio Calabria**, the area's largest town. Our sightseeing includes the surrounding countryside and a stop to view the Bronzi di Riace at the National Museum.
5. A visit to **Locri**, one of the oldest Magna Grecian cities in southern Italy. The site was established by Greek colonists between 710 - 683 BC. A small museum houses locally excavated finds including Hellenistic pottery and votive statues.
6. A visit to a **local farm** to see the production of olive oil and wine.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada (all gateways fly via Toronto)
- Accommodation as described
- Continental buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, (including 2 special Calabrese dinners with a local musician, and a gala Farewell Dinner). Wine and water included with all lunches and dinners.
- Special dinners for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and a gala New Year's Eve dinner and party (December tour only)
- Cultural programme (Italian language lessons, cooking, music, dance, folklore and artisan presentations)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST (per person, double occupancy, from Toronto)

October Tour (15 days) ... \$4197

December Tour (18 days) ... \$5297

Single Supplements October Tour - \$790. December Tour - \$990.

Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$190.

Calgary or Vancouver - add \$390. Edmonton - add \$590.



Wonders of Sicily

The beautiful island of Sicily is the largest in the Mediterranean and proudly unique from the rest of Italy.

It is rich in culture, customs and tradition as evident in the local art, music, cuisine, architecture and language. It is also one of the most naturally scenic places in Italy with a coastline of pristine sandy beaches, dramatic cliffs and rocky shores with crystal-clear azure waters, while inland is characterized by rolling hills, fruit and olive orchards, ancient villages and archaeological treasures.

We begin with 2 nights in Palermo, followed by 4 nights on the western side of the island in Mazara del Vallo, famous as one of Italy's foremost fishing harbours. Mazara is a diverse, multi-ethnic city where the people are known for their warm hospitality. The area has seen a myriad of rulers (including Arabs and Normans) which is apparent in the great variety of architectural styles.

We then travel to the eastern side of the island for a 6-night stay in the elegant cliff-top resort town of Taormina.

Our tour will also include a sampling of local wines and regional specialties.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Enriched continental breakfast and dinner daily. Wine, water and coffee included with all dinners
- 4 lunches while touring
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5397
- Single Supplement - \$790
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$390

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Tour Highlights:

- Palermo's Duomo (Cathedral), Capo Market & Monreale
- The Greek archaeological site of Segesta
- Arab-flavoured town of Mazara Del Vallo
- Boat trip to the island of Mozia
- Historic centre of Marsala with lunch at a winery
- Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- Cliff-side town of Taormina
- Giardini Naxos seafront boardwalk
- Riviera of the Cyclops and city of Catania
- Sicilian hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza D'Agroas
- The ancient city of Syracuse

**Those participating in any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Sicily, with a change of planes in Rome.

Day 2: Palermo. We arrive in Palermo and transfer to our hotel for a 2-night stay.

Day 3: Palermo. We travel to the hill top town of Monreale, renowned for its Arab-flavoured Cathedral covered in mosaics dating back as far as 1194 AD. We then visit the city of Palermo, including the Duomo (Cathedral) and the old town to see the Capo market selling fresh food and artisan products.

Day 4: Segesta / Mazara Del Vallo. Today begins with a visit of Segesta, one of the best preserved and most beautiful Greek archaeological sites. We then enjoy some time in the historical town of Erice, located on top of a mountain 750 meters above sea level and overlooking the city of Trapani. Our included lunch will feature typical Sicilian fare. We then continue to Mazara Del Vallo for a 4-night stay.

Day 5: Mazara Del Vallo. This morning we enjoy a guided visit of the historical centre of town, to see the many Moorish and Norman churches and the beautiful cathedral. We will visit the Museum of the Dancing Satyr to see the famous bronze statue dragged from the sea by a local fisherman and take a stroll in the Kasbah. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 6: Mazara Del Vallo. A day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the area at your own pace.

Day 7: Mozia / Marsala. Today we enjoy a boat ride to the island of Mozia to visit what was once an ancient Phoenician city. We will see the original landscape of the salt marshes, windmills and vineyards. We then see the historic center of Marsala and enjoy lunch at a winery, including a tasting.

Day 8: Agrigento / Taormina. Today we travel to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, considered one of the world's largest archaeological parks and one of the most impressive complexes of ancient Greek buildings outside of Greece. A light lunch will be included at a local restaurant before we continue to our hotel in Taormina.

Day 9: Taormina / Giardini Naxos. This morning we begin with a walking tour of the charming cliff-side town of Taormina, followed by some free time to enjoy the spectacular views, elegant gardens, posh cafes and shops of this old-world resort town. We then enjoy a drive along the seafront of Giardini Naxos with some time for a stroll along the boardwalk.

Day 10: Catania / Taormina. Today we tour Catania, with its historical centre and famous fish market. We will have some free time in the main square, the lovely Piazza Duomo and main shopping street before we return to our hotel via a scenic drive along the Riviera of the Cyclops - a legendary stretch of coast north of Catania.

Day 11: Godfather Tour / Taormina. We visit the unspoiled and typical Sicilian hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza D'Agroas as seen in Francis Ford Coppola's famous Godfather Trilogy! We will enjoy lunch at a local pizzeria before we return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

Day 12: Syracuse / Taormina. A full day tour to the ancient city of Syracuse on the island of Ortigia. We will visit the archaeological zone to see the Roman Amphitheatre and the Spring of Arethusa Fountain. There will be some free time to enjoy the historical centre.

Day 13: Taormina. A day at leisure to enjoy the lovely cliff-top town of Taormina or perhaps take an optional tour to famous Mt. Etna. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 14: Home. We transfer to the airport for our flight home via Rome.



Costa Del Sol (Spain)

Located on the southern coast of Spain on the romantic shores of the Mediterranean, the Costa del Sol (“Coast of the Sun”) boasts 320 days of sunshine every year, enabling visitors to enjoy miles of sandy beaches in addition to the delightful mix of Spanish culture, fascinating sites and spectacular scenery.

Stretching for miles in both directions is the famous Paseo Marítimo promenade, a popular waterfront boardwalk that begs to be strolled along both day and evening. Kiosks and shops of every description stretch as far as the eye can see, and on the beach, rows of striped sun umbrellas dot the shoreline. You can walk to the centre of Torremolinos – a charming town with a bustling pedestrian-only main street that is home to a myriad of colourful boutiques, cafes and bars.

In Torremolinos we stay at the *Hotel Sol Don Pablo* – a comfortable 4-star hotel surrounded by lovely gardens which offers the perfect combination of a relaxed atmosphere with quality service. The hotel is located directly on the Paseo Marítimo seafront promenade overlooking beautiful Bajondillo Beach and within steps of the centre of town. The hotel has 4 bars, a fully-equipped

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gym and spa, hair salon, gift shop, shuffle board and lawn bowls, a variety of outdoor pools and an indoor heated pool. The hotel’s 2 restaurants serve international themed buffets and regional specialties. There is a daily activities program, and in the evening entertaining shows and live music. All guest rooms have a side view of the sea and are equipped with two single beds or a double bed, balcony, minibar, optional safe (nominal fee) and full bathroom. Complimentary Wifi is available in the public areas of the hotel and all guest rooms.

Full breakfast and dinner (with wine and water), plus afternoon tea and coffee, are included daily.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

1. A full-day tour to **Malaga**, Picasso's birthplace.
2. A full-day tour to **Granada** and the **Alhambra**.
3. A half-day tour to visit the prehistoric **Nerja Caves** and the mountain village of **Frigiliana**.
4. A half-day coastal tour to the resort areas of **Marbella and Puerto Banos**.
5. A half-day tour to the medieval town of **Antequera** including **Alcazab Castle and Najera Palace**.
6. The colourful **Fuengirola Saturday Market** - bargains galore! We also visit the traditional village of **Mijas**.
7. A **Countryside Tour** - whitewashed villages and a plantation visit.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with British Airways
- First Class accommodation
- Buffet breakfast & dinner daily
(water, wine, beer and soft drinks with all hotel dinners)
- Daily afternoon tea (except on touring days)
- 7 excursions as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST (per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver) ... \$4397

Single Supplement - \$790

Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to Trudeau Airport, Montreal)

Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$690. Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890.

Passengers from western provinces - for an additional \$99 p.p. double occupancy (\$189 single) you may overnight in Toronto before or after the tour.



Marvellous Majorca

A sunny mild climate, leisurely lifestyle and spectacular scenery are just a few of the reasons why the Spanish island of Majorca is such a popular vacation destination.

The island is known for its stunning coastline, beautiful beaches, sheltered coves with azure waters, limestone mountains and Roman and Moorish remains. There are wonderful historic sites such as the medieval Santa María Cathedral, Moorish Royal Palace and Old Quarter in the capital, Palma. Inland you will find honey-stone villages, old manor estates and old farmhouses surrounded by olive, carob and almond groves. The modern side of the island has yacht marinas, art galleries, modern museums and fashionable boutiques.

Our hotel for this relaxing holiday is the First Class *Hotel Palma Bellver by Melia* situated in the lively city of Palma de Mallorca. Ideally located on the seafront promenade of Palm Bay with lovely views of the marina and famous Cathedral, there are many shops and restaurants nearby,

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and the charming Santa Catalina district with its popular outdoor cafes, bars and restaurants is within a short walk.

Facilities of the hotel include a large sundeck, outdoor pool (not heated) and pool bar with beautiful views to relax and unwind. Breakfast and dinners are served in the main international restaurant. Bright, sunny guest rooms are comfortably furnished and include air conditioning, satellite TV channels, room safe, balcony and partial sea view. There is complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

1. **A half day tour of Palma** to discover the history and architecture of the city, including a visit of Castle of Bellver, the Cathedral and the Old Quarter.
2. **A full day tour to the Port of Pollensa and boat ride to Formentor.** We will stop at Mirador de Es Colomer for views of the mountains and sea.
3. **A full day tour to Valldemosa**, where Chopin wrote some of his finest compositions. We will visit the Monastery and Chopin's house before we continue to the Port of Sollera and visit Alfabia Gardens.
4. Today we explore **the famous Caves of Drachs** with their peculiar stalagmites, grottos and the largest underground lake in Europe. We will also visit the charming fishing village of Porto Christo.
5. A half-day visit of **the colourful local market in the village of Sineau** at the very centre of Majorca, typical of the quaint, rural communities that can be found on the island.
6. **Half day tour to La Granja**, a beautiful 10th century mansion surrounded by lush vegetation, beautiful gardens and natural fountains. Greatly valued in Roman times for the vast quantity of water which flowed here, it still has a magnificent natural spring.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with British Airways (change in London each way)
- 14 nights First Class hotel in Majorca as described (partial seaview rooms)
- Full breakfast and dinner daily while in Majorca (wine and water with all dinners)
- An overnight in London on the way home, breakfast included
- 6 guided excursions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5297

Single Supplement - \$1190

Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to Trudeau Airport, Montreal.

Vancouver - add \$590. Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690.

Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890.



Canary Islands

The Canary Islands of Spain have long been a popular holiday destination known for its year-round warm, sunny climate and lovely beaches, but these beautiful islands also boast an extremely varied landscape of dramatic volcanoes, lush pine forests, prehistoric sites, lunar landscapes and Sahara-style sand dunes.

The local “Canarios” are a friendly people made up of a blend of Spanish and South American heritage with a touch of African influence.

We will stay on the largest island of Tenerife with its sandy beaches, cosmopolitan cities, historic towns, small villages, huge expanse of National Park and the highest mountain in Spain - the towering Mount Teide.

Our hotel for this relaxing holiday is the First Class *Hotel Best Semiramis* situated on the north coast of Tenerife in the peaceful area of La Paz, approximately 1.5 km from the center of Puerto de la Cruz and popular Lago Martiánez - an open-air swimming pool complex and

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leisure park centered around an artificial lake with several islands, gardens, restaurants, bars and terraces. The hotel itself features lovely sub-tropical gardens and facilities include a main buffet-style restaurant with “show cooking” offering local and international cuisine, a lounge and pool bar, a heated pool, freshwater pool and jacuzzi. There is a fitness centre, full-service spa, gift shop, beauty salon and games room. The spacious and airy guest rooms are all seaview with a balcony or terrace. Several evenings a week there is live music and WiFi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

Due to flight scheduling we will overnight in London on the way home from Tenerife.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Please note that many of the attractions we visit require quite a bit of walking.

1. **Orotava Valley / Los Realejos.** We enjoy the panoramic view of the Orotava Valley, and visit La Orotava's Town Hall Square, the Church of La Concepción and Casa de Los Balcones. In Los Realejos we see the Church of Santiago Apóstol then returning along the picturesque north coast.
2. **National Park Las Canadas del Teide.** We drive through lush tropical scenery to Las Canadas National Park - one of the world's largest craters. Enjoy spectacular views of volcanic Mount Teide and the "Roque Garcia", rock formations.
3. **Santa Cruz / Teresitas.** We visit the capital of the island - the port city of Santa Cruz, which features old-world charm and beautiful parks and gardens. We will see the typical squares and buildings of the city, such as Plaza de España, Church of the Concepcion, Calle la Noria, Cabildo Insular de Tenerife and Auditorium de Tenerife.
4. **Tacoronte / La Laguna.** We visit the colourful and historic Sunday agriculture market in Tacoronte, then visit one of the prettiest towns in Tenerife - La Laguna. Our walking tour of the town takes us to the old town centre with its narrow streets flanked by pastel-hued houses, inviting cafes and quaint shops.
5. **Icod de los Vinos / Garachico.** We visit Icod de los Vinos to see the famous thousand-year old "dragon" tree, then proceed to Garachico - a charming towns in a deep valley flanked by forested slopes and a rocky coastline. We will enjoy the panoramic viewpoint of the town, then continue to El Tanque for an optional camel ride!
6. **Masca.** We take a scenic drive to the mountaintop village of Masca, and enjoy the stunning views of the land and sea, the cliffside buildings and the small local museum. Isolated for centuries, Masca is like stepping back in time.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with British Airways
- First Class seaview accommodation as described
- Full buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily while in Tenerife (wine and water with all lunches and dinners)
- An overnight in London on the way home, breakfast included
- 6 half-day guided excursions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$4497

Single Supplement - \$790

Montreal - add \$290. Ottawa - add \$390. Vancouver - add \$590.

Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690. Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890.



Portugal

2-Centre Holiday

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with British Airways, via London
- First Class hotels
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily, and 1 lunch
- Beverages with dinner (mineral water, soft drinks, house wine and local beer)
- 7 excursions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

Cascais and the Algarve. Many excursions included!

Castles, history, sunshine, beaches, beautiful scenery, seafood, and above all the friendly people, are some of the features that make Portugal a perfect winter destination.

The Algarve is a wonderful resort region deep in the south of Portugal with much more to offer than its golden sand beaches and warm climate. We will stay in the lively town of Albufeira, a perfect base for exploring the surrounding Moorish towns, charming fishing villages, historic castles and churches, mountain views and spectacular cliff-edge vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. Albufeira is one of the most popular towns of the Algarve with picturesque white-washed buildings, a main central square, cobblestone streets and plenty of shops and cafes to enjoy.

Our hotel in the Algarve for our 7-night stay is the *Vila Gale Cerro Alagoa*, within walking distance of the town centre, beach, shops and restaurants. Facilities of the hotel include a buffet restaurant, pub, outdoor pool, fitness centre with an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi, games room and complimentary WiFi. Spacious guest rooms are twin-bedded with a pool-view balcony.

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We then travel to Cascais in the north, stopping for a visit of the beautiful historic city of Evora en route. Once a quaint fishing village, Cascais is now a sought-after resort area on the Estoril coast, just outside of Lisbon. The harbour and square are popular for people-watching and seeing the fishing boats come in with their catch. The main square is pedestrian-only with many outdoor restaurants, cafes and shops.

We will stay 6 nights at the *Hotel Vila Gale Cascais*, a short walk from the town centre. Facilities of the hotel include a restaurant serving buffet meals with a live-cooking station, 2 bars, health club and delightful gardens with an outdoor swimming pool. Modern guest rooms all feature a lovely sea view and free WiFi.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

1. **Santa Maria Coast.** Faro - capital of the Algarve, the typical Moorish fishing village of Olhao, and Tavira with its medieval castle and famous 4th century Roman bridge.
2. **Monchique Mountains.** We begin with a visit to Silves, the old Moorish capital of the Algarve, to see the cathedral and visit the castle. Then on to the wonderful panoramic views from Foia, the highest point in southern Portugal.
3. **Lagos and Sagres.** Lagos is known for its beautiful church and castle walls. Sagres is where Portuguese explorers learned their navigation skills. We also visit Cape St. Vincent - the westernmost point in Europe.
4. **Evora.** On the day we transfer from the Algarve to Cascais we visit Evora en route. Portugal's Golden Age lives on in this beautiful, historic city. On our walking tour we see the Roman temple and wall, the Gothic Cathedral, the Aqueduct and its fountains. This historic centre is on UNESCO's Heritage List.
5. **Quelez, Sintra, Cascais and Estoril.** We begin with a visit of the magnificent royal palace in Queluz, the country's finest example of Rococo architecture. Then we take a short walk in the old city centre of Sintra (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), stop at the seaside town of Cascais and drive along the coast back to Estoril to see the famous casino and gardens.
6. **Lisbon.** On our panoramic tour of the country's capital city we see St. George's Castle overlooking the city, followed by a stroll in the Baixa district - considered the heart of Lisbon. Then we will enjoy the scene along Rua Augusta - a lively pedestrian street with mosaic pavement, outdoor cafes, international shops and the occasional street artist and peddler. We continue to Belem to see the Tower, the Monument to the Discoveries and Jeronimo's Monastery before sampling the famous custard tarts - "pasteis de Belem".
7. **Obidos, Nazare and Fatima.** A full-day tour to the medieval town of Obidos, the fishing village of Nazare, and Fatima - home to one of the most important catholic shrines in the world (dedicated to the Virgin Mary).

COST per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal ... \$4797

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Single Supplement - \$990

Ottawa - add \$150 (includes round-trip transportation to Trudeau Airport, Montreal)

Vancouver - add \$490

Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$690

Edmonton or Calgary - add \$890



Spain & Portugal

2-Centre Resort Holiday

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with British Airways, via London
- First Class hotels (Sea View suites while in the Costa del Sol)
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (except for 2 lunches on touring days). Wine, water and beer included with all lunches and dinners
- Daily afternoon tea/coffee
- 8 guided excursions as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

This holiday to Spain's Costa del Sol and Portugal's Algarve will suit those who want to explore both countries while enjoying a relaxing vacation.

In Costa del Sol we stay 6 nights at the lovely seaside resort town of Torremolinos situated on the inviting Mediterranean Sea. Our hotel here will be the lovely “all-suites” *Sol House Costa del Sol* located directly on the seafront promenade and famous Carhuela Beach, steps away from the luxurious Puerto Marina with its sleek white yachts and charming sailboats, along with many unique art galleries, shops and restaurants. The hotel lobby is beautifully designed with polished marble floors and natural wood décor. There are 5 outdoor seafront pools (one is heated during the winter), an international buffet restaurant and a nightly entertainment program with a variety of live music and shows. Guest suites feature a large picture window and sliding doors out to a private terrace or balcony (mountain view). There is a separate living area with sofa and bedroom (queen or twin beds), and complementary Wi-Fi.

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After our stay in the Costa del Sol we transfer by coach to the Algarve region in Portugal, enjoying en route a sightseeing tour of the historic Spanish city of Seville. In the Algarve we stay 6 nights in the popular resort town of Albufeira, one of the most picturesque areas of the Algarve with a sandy beach that stretches for miles, azure waters and impressive cliffs and rock formations. Our hotel here is the First Class *Vila Gale Cerro Alagoa*, located within a 5-minute walk from the town centre and the beach. Facilities of the hotel include a restaurant, bar, outdoor pool, fitness centre with an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi and a games room with billiards and card tables. Guest rooms are simply furnished and all have a balcony. Wine, beer, soft drinks and water are included with lunches and dinners.

After our stay in Albufeira we enjoy a scenic drive to Lisbon where we enjoy a city sightseeing tour, our Farewell Dinner and overnight in a centrally located hotel.

**Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

WHILE IN SPAIN

- 1. MALAGA** (Half day tour). Our tour of the modern yet historic port city of Malaga, Picasso's birthplace, will include "Gibralfaro" - an old Arab Fortress offering fantastic views over the city and the Mediterranean. We will also visit the Cathedral - one of the best examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture.
- 2. MIJAS** (Half day tour). Situated in the foothills of the Sierra de Mijas, this picturesque village is known as the "Essence of Andalusia" for its white houses, windows full of flowers and narrow streets. During our walking tour we will see the Shrine of the "Virgen de la Peña", the Parish Church, the Bullring and the Auditorium.
- 3. ALFARNATEJO** (Full day tour with lunch). A tour through the olive oil route to see the largest and oldest olive groves in the region. We visit a rural oil production plant to sample different varieties before continuing to the charming mountain village of Alfarnatejo. A special lunch with a local family showcases the world renowned gastronomy of the region.
- 4. SEVILLE** (Transfer day). Known for its impressive monumental heritage, Seville boasts beautiful gardens at Maria Luisa Park, the Plaza de España and the typical, delightful district of "Santa Cruz" (the former Jewish Quarter). We also see the 15th century Cathedral, the largest Gothic Church in Christendom, with its magnificent chancel, carvings and paintings.

WHILE IN PORTUGAL

- 1. ALTE and SALIR** (Half day tour). a visit to elegant Alte - a typical Algarve village of whitewashed houses with lattice work, handcrafted chimneys and narrow, cobbled streets nestling in the foothills of the Serra do Caldeirão. The church is at the centre of the village and there are numerous little cafes in which to relax and soak up the tranquility of the village. We then step back in time as we travel to Salir where a white row of charming houses are surrounded by the typical Algarve Carob, olive and almond orchards. The Church of Salir is the pride of the population, located in the central square.
- 2. LAGOS and SAGRES** (Full day tour). Lagos still has many architectural signs of its ancient past, with one of the buildings dating back to 1445 and recorded as Europe's first slave market. Some of the walls of the town remain after sections were restored. After some time here we visit Sagres and nearby Cape St Vincent, the most southwestern point of Europe. An impressive lighthouse has provided safety for hundreds of ships that pass the Cape every year. The surrounding cliffs present a very dramatic sight with their impressive sheer height and the constant pounding of the vast Atlantic Ocean.
- 3. FARO and OLHAO** (Half day tour). The provincial capital of the Algarve, Faro is a thriving university town with a maze of twisting lanes and a lovely marina. Olhao is the Algarve's main fishing port and we will see the town centre, charming waterfront and visit the municipal market (mercado) with its display of an exceptional variety of seafood.
- 4. LISBON CITY TOUR** (Half day - upon arrival from the Algarve the day before we return home). The capital of Portugal is a legendary city with over 20 centuries of history. On our city tour we will see St. George's Castle with its panoramic views over the city, Jeronimos Monastery, Tower of Belem, Monument to the Discoveries and more.

COST per person, from Toronto or Montreal ... \$4997

Single Supplement - \$990

Ottawa - add \$150 (includes round-trip transportation to Trudeau Airport, Montreal)

Vancouver - add \$490. Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$690.

Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890.



The Poppy Trail

Historic Battlefield Tour

England, France and Belgium

This journey of remembrance and discovery will explore poignant sites and unforgettable moments from both WWI and WWII.

We begin in London and finish in Paris, and en route we will visit the D-Day Landing beaches of Normandy, the Somme, Vimy Ridge and the Flanders Fields, revisiting some remarkable tales of bravery and courage. In London we will ride in a beautifully restored pre-war double decker learning about life and survival in London during the Blitz (along with some time at leisure). After discovering Portsmouth Harbour, we cross the English Channel to Normandy, and follow in the footsteps of our bravest soldiers on the most famous battlefields, as well as enjoying the serene towns of Arras and Ypres. We conclude our journey in the City of Lights, enjoying some of Paris' most iconic sites before flying home to Canada.

Tour Highlights:

- Thames River Cruise
- London-at-War Coach Tour
- Portsmouth D-Day Museum and Historic Dockyard including the *HMS Victory* and *Mary Rose*

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels (except for one night in a moderate hotel in Portsmouth)
- Breakfast daily and 11 dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal - \$6997
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- Single Supplement - \$1490
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$90
- Vancouver - add \$190
- Calgary- add \$290
- Edmonton - add \$490

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- Pegasus Bridge
- Normandy's Landing Beaches including Dieppe
- Juno Beach Centre
- Disembarkation Museum of Arromanches
- The Somme Battlefields
- Beaumont Hamel Memorial Park
- Wellington Tunnel in Arras
- Vimy Ridge Tour of the Tunnels and Trenches Memorial
- In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres
- Passchendaele
- Illumination Cruise on the Seine River
- Paris City Tour

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for London.

Day 2: Windsor / London. After arrival we will unwind with a relaxing cruise from Runnymede, and enjoy classic views of Windsor Castle as well as a traditional cream tea. Then we proceed to our central London hotel. Tonight is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: London. As bombs fell during WWII thousands of Londoners volunteered to fight fires and save lives. Our 'London at War' tour (aboard a vintage double decker bus) provides a unique insight into life in London during the two World Wars. Afterwards there will be some time at leisure to explore London on your own.

Day 4: Portsmouth (D-Day Museum). We travel to Portsmouth and visit the D-Day Museum, which tells the story of the D-Day Landings in WWII and features the magnificent Overlord Embroidery - a tribute to the heroism of those who took part in the operation. We will also explore Historic Portsmouth Harbour, home to the *HMS Victory* - the Royal Navy's most famous warship, and *The Mary Rose* - flagship of the English Tudor navy of King Henry VIII.

Day 5: Channel Crossing / Port en Bessin. We take the ferry to the port of Caen, Normandy, to visit the Pegasus Bridge where the 6th British Airborne landed, captured and liberated the first house in Europe, the Café Gondree. After our visit of the museum here we will proceed to our hotel for our first dinner in France.

Day 6: Courseulles-Sur-Mer / Juno Beach / Port en Bessin. We begin at the Canadian Memorial Garden in the Abbaye d'Ardenne, and la Verrieres Ridge to view the area where the "Black Watch" suffered many casualties during "Operation Spring". Then we visit the Juno Beach Center, dedicated to the 3rd Division landings as well as Canada's full involvement during World War II. Afterward, we will visit Queens Own Rifles House on the beach of Bernières-sur-Mer and the Canadian Military Cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer.

Day 7: Arromanches / Pointe du Hoc / Omaha Beach / Port en Bessin. We continue our focus on the Normandy Invasion with a visit to Pointe du Hoc, where the cratered landscape caused by the German battery can be observed. Then we see Omaha Beach and the American Military Cemetery to discover the harsh difficulties in landing on the beach. This will be followed by a visit of the German battery at Longues-sur-Mer, which is still relatively intact. Later we visit the Disembarkation Museum and Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches before returning to our hotel.

Day 8: Dieppe / Arras. We travel to the coastal town of Dieppe to visit the Dieppe Canadian Cemetery, before travelling to Green Beach at Pourville to view the Red and White landing beaches on the Dieppe seafront, as well as the Canadian Memorial Museum. Later at the Blue Beach in Puys we view the gun emplacements on the cliff tops which were responsible for the terrible Canadian casualties. Then we travel to Arras for a 3-night stay.

Day 9: Albert / Beaumont Hamel / Arras. Our focus switches to WWI as we explore the Somme, starting in Albert and the Musee

des Arbris. Then we visit the Somme Battlefields, the Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval, and one of the only intact First World War monuments - the memorial park at Beaumont Hamel. The park (maintained by Canada) remains as it was during the Battle of the Somme, and is dedicated to the Royal Newfoundland and Labrador Regiment which lost many men on that first day of battle.

Day 10: Vimy Ridge / Arras. We travel the short distance to Vimy Ridge. It was on Hill 145, in April 1917, that Canada truly became a nation in the eyes of the world. Canadian troops stormed the ridge after all other allied forces failed to do so. We will tour the tunnels, trenches and memorial, as well as the interpretation center. This afternoon we tour the Wellington Tunnels, used by the Allies to support the Western Front close to the town. There will be free time to explore Arras, Place des Heroes as well as the Belfroi.

Day 11: Lens / Ypres. We travel to Lens and the new Hill 70 Memorial, dedicated to commemorate one of Canada's major victories on the Western Front after the victory at Vimy. We then proceed to Ypres, where we visit the "In Flanders Fields" Museum.

Day 12: Flanders Fields / Ypres. This morning we'll orient ourselves with the Ypres Salient Battlefields with a visit to Essex Farm, where John McCrae wrote the famous poem "In Flanders Fields". Then we visit the German cemetery of Langemark - resting place of over 44,000 young Germans (many 'student volunteers'). We continue on to Vancouver's Corner to see the haunting memorial of the Brooding Soldier at Saint Juliaan. This afternoon an optional tour to Dunkirk will be offered. This evening you can witness the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, which records over 54,384 names of missing troops during the leper salient battles.

Day 13: Passchendaele / Ypres. We begin with a visit to the Canadian Memorial at Crest Farm, the objective of the 1st Canadian Corps on Passchendaele Ridge. Next we visit the largest Commonwealth Cemetery at Tyne Cot, where the Canadians first began the Third Battle of Ypres to take Passchendaele. The Passchendaele Museum features an actual battle ground with trenches and German defenses. We continue to Hill 62 to view a well preserved area which was part of the original Canadian Front Line (also known as Sanctuary Wood). We finish with some free time in Ypres to relax or to buy excellent Belgian chocolate.

Day 14: Paris. We travel to Paris, and we'll have some free time to stroll in the quaint quarter of our centrally located hotel before checking in. Tonight's dinner will be at a charming restaurant followed by a cruise along the Seine River.

Day 15: Paris. On our city tour of Paris we will see the Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, the Louvre, l'Arc de Triomphe, Les Champs Elysées, Notre-Dame Cathedral, St-Germain des Prés and more! The afternoon is free in Paris, and this evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. A warm farewell to our new friends as we fly home.



Tale of 3 Cities

London, Paris and Amsterdam

London, Paris and Amsterdam – 3 iconic capitals! All rich with architectural grandeur, artistic heritage and world class cuisine!

Our touring in London will take in the many well known landmarks: Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace and more.

London Highlights:

- Westminster Abbey – home of coronations; burial place of English Monarchs and site of Royal weddings
- Cotswolds – a full day in the countryside with rolling hills, thatched medieval villages and stately homes
- Theatre show in London's West End

In London we will board the Eurostar high speed train and speed through the "Chunnel" to Paris. Touring includes the historic districts of Montmartre and Marais and notable landmarks such as the Arc de Triomphe, the Grand Opera House, Grand Palais, Champs-Élysées and more.

Paris Highlights:

- Visit to the Eiffel Tower. See Notre Dame Cathedral
- An evening cruise along the River Seine
- Giverny – a visit to the countryside home and gardens of Claude Monet – leading light in Impressionist Art!

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Air Canada flights
- First Class hotels
- Breakfast daily
- 8 dinners, and a pub lunch
- Theatre Show in London's West End (your choice from 2 top productions)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6797
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- Single Supplement - \$1790
- Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver or Calgary - add \$190
- Halifax - add \$290. Edmonton - add \$590

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After Paris we board the Thalys high speed train, which takes us to lively Amsterdam. Here we will view the city's elaborate canal system and narrow houses with gabled facades. The Museum District houses the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum with works by Rembrandt.

Amsterdam Highlights:

- The world's only floating flower market
- Anne Frank House
- A hop-on hop-off canal city tour
- Dutch Culture day with visits to Edam (cheese), Zaanse Schans (windmills) & Marken (wooden shoes)
- Dinner cruise along the canals

Our centrally-located First Class hotels have comfortable guestrooms with satellite TV, tea / coffee makers and WiFi.

Park Plaza Waterloo Hotel in London

The Holiday Inn Bastille in Paris

Doubletree Amsterdam Central Station in Amsterdam

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Day 1: Departure. We depart with Air Canada for London.

Day 2: London. Upon arrival in London we transfer to our centrally located hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure until this evening's Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: London City Tour. Today's full-day tour will be by both coach and walking to take in the major highlights: Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, along with visits to the impressive gothic Westminster Abbey (the traditional place of coronation and burial site for English monarchs) as well as to the Canadian Memorial (unveiled by the Queen in remembrance of the one million Canadians who served with British forces during the two World Wars).

Day 4: Oxford and the Cotswolds. We travel first into the green countryside and visit "The Cotswolds" - an area of many small old towns and villages with honey coloured cottages and dry stone walls nestling in the valleys and wooded hillsides. We will stop at one or two of the villages to explore. Then we will visit the university town of Oxford which for over 900 years has been home to royalty and scholars. A walking tour takes us past several of the 30 colleges and their picture-perfect courtyards. If possible we will tour one of them. A pub lunch is included today.

Day 5: London at Leisure / Theatre. A day at leisure to visit, or revisit, your favourite attractions in "Everybody's Favourite City". This evening enjoy a show in London's West End - your choice from 2 top performances!

Day 6: Paris via Eurostar! Cheerio to London and Bonjour Paris, as we whiz through the Channel tunnel at 320 km/h on the high speed Eurostar train! In just over two hours we will be in central Paris. We will have some time to relax before our dinner at a charming bistro.

Day 7: Paris. Our city tour begins with a visit of the Eiffel Tower. We will ascend the tower by elevator and take in the panoramic view of the city. We continue our tour and see the Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concord, the Opera and Notre Dame Cathedral. Then we ascend to the beautiful and historic Montmartre area and visit the Sacre Coeur for wonderful views of Paris. We will have some free time to explore Place du Tertre and watch the artists at work. Tonight's dinner is at a typical Montmartre restaurant.

Day 8: Countryside Tour to Giverny and Monet's Garden.

Today we leave the city to visit Giverny, where the Impressionist artist Monet lived and created a stunning garden of symmetry and colour. Monet mixed the simplest flowers (daisies and poppies) with the rarest varieties. This is where he painted the 'Japanese Bridge', and the delicate 'Water Lilies' which have been forever immortalized in his incredible works!

Day 9: Paris at Leisure / Seine Cruise. At leisure to perhaps visit the Louvre, Versailles Palace by local train, take a full day excursion to Vimy Ridge or just stroll along the Champs-Élysées, sit at a cafe and people watch. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to advise and assist. This evening we take a cruise on the Seine to view the illuminated brilliance of "The City of Light".

Day 10: Amsterdam via Thalys Train. Our high speed train takes us across scenic Belgium to Amsterdam in 3 hours.

Day 11: Amsterdam City Tour. The best way to explore Amsterdam is through the city's canals and by foot, so we will have a walking tour including the "Hop-On-Hop-Off" boat tour to visit famous attractions like the floating Flower Market and Anne Frank's House. After the guided tour your 24-hour pass will enable you to continue seeing more of this grand city.

Day 12: Cheese, Windmills and Villages. A full day of scenic landscapes featuring windmills, picturesque canals, charming villages with cobblestone streets, locals dressed in traditional costumes and tasty Dutch specialties. We will have a walking tour of Marken (with a visit to a workshop of a wooden shoemaker), a ferry ride to Volendam - a traditional Dutch fishing village, a stop to savor the flavour of Edam cheese and finish in Zaanse Schanse - known for its magnificent collection of historic windmills.

Day 13: Amsterdam at Leisure. Today you can visit the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh or Rembrandt museums to name a few! Or take the "Red Light District" tour (beyond its salacious reputation the De Wallen area has some of the city's prettiest canals and winding cobblestone streets rich with fascinating stories of the city's character). Or do like the locals and ride a bike to explore the city! Our evening is complete with our Farewell Canal Dinner Cruise!

Day 14: Home. We fly home with Air Canada.



Autumn in Provence plus Marseille

Renowned for its wonderful climate, charming towns and villages, world-renowned gastronomic traditions, unique landscapes and rich history, it is no wonder that Provence is one of France's top destinations, especially in the autumn harvest season, when the vineyards become a fabulous blaze of gold, bronze and red.

Our home base (10 nights) will be Avignon, located in the heart of Provence. This beautiful city has magnificent 18th century architecture, shaded squares, narrow streets named after ancient trades (bonnetterie, teinturier, infirmière etc.), gardens along the Rhône River, weekly and daily food markets, boutiques and museums. The city is also a lively art and cultural center, and boasts a fine transport system with regular routes to surrounding towns.

We will stay at the 4-star *Mercurie Pont d'Avignon*, located within the old city walls in a quiet area - an easy walk to restaurants, shopping streets and main attractions. Hotel facilities include a bar, lounge, garden and free WiFi.

We conclude our tour with 2 nights in the multicultural city of Marseille with its rich maritime history, vibrant old port, quaint neighbourhoods, impressive esplanade and breathtaking views over the Mediterranean Sea.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 10 dinners with wine and coffee
- 2 special lunches (including a special savoury truffle lunch)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5597
- Single supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transport to the Montreal airport)
- Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$690
- Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$890

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Tour Highlights:

- Visit of the Popes Palace and Pont d'Avignon.
- Chef demonstration and tasting of local specialties.
- Visit Arles and Camargue, and typical Manade lunch.
- Provence Roman heritage - Maison Carrée, Nîmes Amphitheater, Pont du Gard and Orange Theater.
- Luberon villages, and a visit of the Lavender Museum.
- Mont Ventoux, Provencal's largest market, wine tasting.
- Truffle hunt including a savoury lunch.
- Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence and village of Cassis.
- 2-night stay in Marseille and tour of the highlights.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Marseille via Paris.

Day 2: Avignon. We arrive in Marseille and transfer to Avignon. The rest of the day is free until our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Avignon Walking Tour. We begin our tour at Les Galles - Avignon's quaint food market, where a local chef will offer a cooking demonstration and tasting of Provencal specialities. Then our walking tour will show us the highlights of Avignon; the Pont D'Avignon, the lively "Place de L'Horloge" and the pedestrian streets. We conclude with a visit of the Palace of the Popes - an imposing Gothic structure where several popes resided in the middle ages.

Day 4: At Leisure in Avignon. A free day to explore the town, its quaint streets, museums and vibrant markets.

Day 5: Arles / Camargue. We begin with a visit of Arles, once Julius Caesar's capital of Gaul. Here we follow in the footsteps of Van Gogh to the sites immortalized in his many paintings. We will see the remarkable Roman and typical Provencal architecture. We then travel to Camargue - a national wildlife reserve of exceptional beauty. See the immense plain of marshes and lagoons - refuge to over 300 species of birds (including pink flamingos). We will enjoy a special lunch at a typical "Manade" specializing in the breeding of bulls, with "cowboys" working with the famous Camargue Horses. We end the day with a visit of Carmargue's capital, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, a city of traditions superbly situated at the mouth of the Rhone River and Mediterranean Sea.

Day 6: Uzès / Pont Du Gard / Nîmes. This full-day excursion begins with a walking tour of Uzès - the premier duchy of France. This dazzlingly beautiful commune has shaded boulevards, medieval streets and handsome houses. Then we discover the Pont du Gard, built in the 1st century AD - a technical and artistic masterpiece. We finish the day in Nîmes, which boasts some of the world's best preserved Roman monuments. We will visit the impressive amphitheater and Maison Carrée (square house) followed by some free time in the historic centre.

Day 7: At Leisure in Avignon.

Day 8: Luberon Villages. Scattered across the countryside are the wonderful villages of the Luberon - known as "the most beautiful villages of France". We see Rousillon, with its ochre landscape, Gordes - a hill top village with narrow alleys and passageways that wind between medieval

buildings, Bonnieux with its amazing view across the valley with its patchwork of orchards and vineyards, and Coustellet for a most interesting visit of the lavender museum.

Day 9: Vaison-La-Romaine / Mont Ventoux / Winery. First we visit Vaison-La-Romaine, a small Provencal town nestled in a valley. Once a prosperous Roman city, it is known today for its fabulous Provencal market - the largest in Provence! Next is the summit of Mont Ventoux for a breathtaking view of the Toulourenc Valley. We finish this amazing day with a visit of a local winery, enjoying a stroll through the grounds and a taste of the wonderful wines produced in this region.

Day 10: At Leisure in Avignon.

Day 11: Orange / Truffle Hunting / Savoury Lunch. We first visit Orange - the "Gateway to Southern France". Founded in 30 BC, Orange remains marked by the dynastic seal of William III of Orange, who became King of England in 1689. We will see the famous Triumphal Arch and visit the Roman theatre. Then we proceed through the countryside to meet a warm-hearted family and discover the mysteries of one of the world's most coveted culinary treasures - the truffle. These "Black Diamonds" are known for their subtle aroma and earthy flavour. A delicious lunch of finely prepared truffle dishes awaits following our "cavage" demonstration with the family dogs.

Day 12: Aix / Cassis / Marseille. We travel to Aix en Provence (fondly known as "X"). This is one of France's most popular cities, with its majestic public squares, shaded avenues, graceful fountains and elegant Baroque style buildings built with the distinctive Provencal yellow stone. On our walking tour we see the Cours Mirabeau and the market where locals shop for fresh produce and flowers. We then proceed to visit Cassis - a former fishing village and today a resort town picturesquely located in a niche on the Mediterranean Sea at the foot of steep cliffs. We end up in Marseille for a 2-night stay by the quaint old port.

Day 13: Marseille. Highlights of our Marseille city tour include the Esplanade J4, Promenade Laffond, Notre Dame de la Garde and a walking tour through the ancient Le Panier neighbourhood. The afternoon is free to visit one of the famous museums or go shopping in the stylish boutiques of the Republic Quarter. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 14: Home. Air France takes us home via Paris.



Southern France and Paris

3-Centre Tour to

• Paris • Provence • French Riviera

Any visit to France is a feast for the senses, as each region offers a diversity of scenery, architecture, culture, attractions and cuisine. This tour will take in the 3 most popular destinations in France, with plenty of sightseeing as well as time at leisure to explore on your own.

Paris - We begin with a 4-night stay in France's capital, with its rich history and endless incredible attractions and cultural events. In addition to our touring program there will be free time to visit one of Paris' famous museums or to enjoy a stroll in one of its quaint quarters.

Avignon - We then spend 5 nights in this picturesque Provencal walled city - the perfect base from which to explore Provence with its Roman and medieval heritage, sculpted buildings and sumptuous food markets. The legendary countryside here is dotted with vineyards and lavender fields, all beautifully bathed in a golden hue.

Nice - Our final 4 nights will be in the heart of the French Riviera, with its turquoise waters, sidewalk cafes and pastel colour buildings. The beachfront of Nice is skirted by the Promenade des Anglais, a delightful place to stroll.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotels
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- 10 dinners with wine and coffee
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

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- Single supplement - \$1290
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We will stay in First Class hotels, all of which are centrally located in the towns and cities we stay.

Tour Highlights:

- Paris - full-day city tour, evening cruise on the Seine River and visit of Versailles
- Walking tour of Avignon and visit of the Popes Palace
- Luberon most beautiful villages and lavender museum
- Walking tours of Arles (visit the Roman Colosseum), St-Remy, and Les-Baux multimedia show
- Visit of Pont Du Gard Roman aqueduct historic site and wine tasting at Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyard
- Walking tours of Nice and St-Tropez
- Visit of Eze, Monaco and Monte Carlo

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Day 1: Departure. We depart for Paris.

Day 2: Paris. We arrive in Paris, and enjoy a short tour of the quaint quarter near our hotel, and free time for lunch. The rest of the day is free until this evening's Welcome Dinner at a charming Parisian Brasserie.

Day 3: Paris. Our full-day panoramic tour will show us the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Opera, the "Left Bank", Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs Elysees, Montmartre and much more.

Day 4: Versailles. We leave the city for the splendour of Versailles. Created by the Sun King, Louis XIV, the palace was the envy of all European rulers. We will have a guided tour and a chance to stroll through the meticulous, statue-lined gardens, before returning to Paris. Afternoon at leisure to explore Paris on our own.

Day 5: Paris / Cruise On Seine. A day at leisure. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to advise and assist you with the infinite choice of attractions and museums. Tonight's dinner will be followed by a cruise along the Seine River, a wonderful way to see Paris illumination.

Day 6: TGV Train / Avignon. We travel aboard the high-speed TGV train, the fastest scheduled rail journey in the world! Upon arrival in Avignon we enjoy a walking tour and visit the Pont (bridge) d'Avignon and the Palace of the Popes - an imposing Gothic structure and city landmark.

Day 7: St-Remy / Les Baux / Arles. This full-day tour in the heart of Provence begins in the pretty village of St-Remy-de-Provence, with its Roman vestiges and weekly Provencal market. Next is Les Baux-de-Provence, magnificently situated amidst incredible rock formations. Here we will enjoy an outstanding audio-visual show which will totally immerse us in the images. Finally we proceed to Arles - a city of art and culture. On our walking tour of Arles we see the charming old town, Van Gogh's famous "café de la nuit" and visit the Roman coliseum and theatre. There will be free time before returning to Avignon.

Day 8: Avignon. At leisure to enjoy Avignon's pleasant streets and interesting museums, or perhaps visit nearby Aix-en-Provence.

Day 9: Luberon Villages. We travel to the Luberon and discover, scattered across the countryside, the wonderful villages classified as "the most beautiful villages of France". See Gordes - a hill top village with narrow alleys and passageways that wind between medieval buildings, Bonnieux - a typical Provencal market town, Rousillon - with its ochre landscape and Coustellet for a most interesting visit of the lavender museum.

Day 10: Pont Du Gard / Rhone Valley. This morning we discover the famous Pont Du Gard. Built by the Romans, it was a technical and artistic masterpiece ahead of its time. Then we travel through the countryside and vineyards to Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a vineyard visit and tasting. We return to Avignon for an afternoon at leisure.

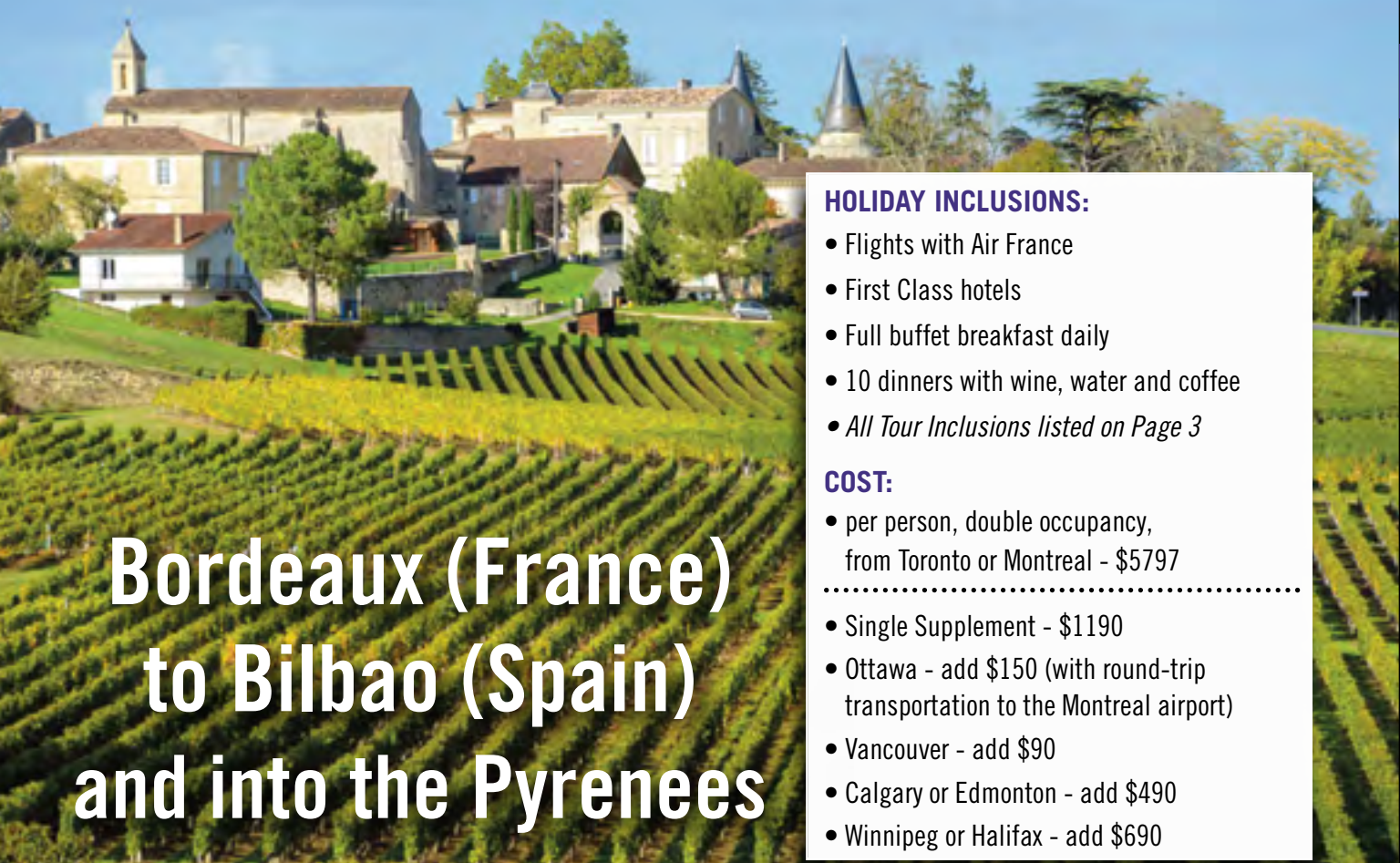
Day 11: St-Tropez / Cote D'Azur / Nice. Today we travel to the French Riviera with a stop in quaint St-Tropez enroute. This one time fishing village has become a fashionable resort frequented by writers, artists and celebrities. After some time on our own to stroll the charming old town and lively harbour we continue our journey along the Cote d'Azur to the elegant city of Nice.

Day 12: Nice. Our city tour takes in the Promenade des Anglais, Cimiez Quarter and Convent Gardens. We will also see Nice's old town with its flower market, City Hall and pedestrian streets lined with shops and cafes. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 13: Eze / Monaco / Monte Carlo. We drive along the rugged and scenic Mediterranean coast to the medieval town of Eze, which offers one of the most beautiful panoramas of the French Riviera. Then we continue on to Monaco where we visit the historic core (known as The Rock), see the Changing of the Guards and the Prince's Palace. After some free time here we visit Monte Carlo with its lush gardens and famous casino.

Day 14: Nice. At leisure to enjoy Nice's pedestrian streets or lively waterfront, or perhaps visit nearby Cannes or another resort town on the Riviera. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. We say "au revoir" to France and fly home from Nice, via Paris.



Bordeaux (France) to Bilbao (Spain) and into the Pyrenees

Travel along the stunning Atlantic coastline and through the majestic Pyrenees Mountains from the wine region of Bordeaux to the contemporary art city of Bilbao.

In Bordeaux we will discover incredible architecture, fine cuisine and vibrant culture. We will also explore the delightful vineyards of St. Emilion and Medoc, and the stunning lagoon and sand dunes of Arcachon Bay. In Lourdes (in the picturesque Pyrenees Mountains), we'll visit the famous sanctuary. Then in spectacular Pyrenees National Park we'll see the majestic peaks, deep valleys, charming villages and the wonder of Gavarnie - an incredible amphitheater surrounded by 16 summits of over 3000 metres high! We'll enjoy a walking tour in Bayonne, one of southern France's prettiest towns, en route to Biarritz - the resort town of royalty. While here, we'll explore lively fishing villages and traditional Basque farms. Our final base is Bilbao, home of the iconic Guggenheim Museum - the symbol of the city. Bilbao has lovely riverside walking paths and pedestrian-friendly streets with endless shops, bars and restaurants. In this region we'll discover chic San Sebastian, the famous iron "hanging bridge" over the Nervion River, and the Magdalena Palace on its rocky peninsula. All along the

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- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotels
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- 10 dinners with wine, water and coffee
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

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from Toronto or Montreal - \$5797
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- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip
transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Vancouver - add \$90
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way we will sample many of the local wines and culinary specialties of the regions we visit.

Tour Highlights:

- The World Heritage Sites of Bordeaux and St. Emilion
- Vineyards & wineries of St. Emilion and Medoc regions
- The resort town of Arcachon and the Pilat Dunes
- Oyster tasting in the port of Larros in Gujan-Mestras
- Lourdes - one of the most important pilgrimage sites
- Spectacular Pyrenees National Park
- Bayonne - Capital of the French Basque Country
- Biarritz and the picturesque Basque villages
- Coastal San Sebastian's old town and Albaola
- Art and architecture of Bilbao & Guggenheim Museum
- Bay of Santander on Spain's northeast coast
- Cruise on Nervion River to Getxo

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Bordeaux, via Paris.

Day 2: Bordeaux. We arrive in Bordeaux and enjoy a small drive to familiarize ourselves with this elegant city and enjoy a typical bistro lunch. Then we'll proceed to our centrally located hotel. The rest of the day is free until our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Bordeaux. We explore Bordeaux with its gorgeous neo-classical architecture, tree-lined avenues, charming old quarters with their sculpted mascarons (faces) and the revitalized quarters along the Garonne River. There will be free time for lunch and to further explore the narrow streets of the old town or stroll along the lively quaysides. This afternoon we visit "The City of Wine" – an interactive exhibition and feast for the senses located in an architectural marvel.

Day 4: St. Emilion / Medoc / Bordeaux. We first explore the gorgeous streets and monuments of the medieval village of St-Emilion. Then we visit a renowned winery and taste some delicious Saint Emilion wines, with some free time to explore. Afterwards we head to the mythic "Route des Châteaux" with its unique concentration of world-renowned properties, and taste the famous Margaux wine in Medoc.

Day 5: Arcachon Bay / Bordeaux. We head to beautiful Arcachon Bay, site of the Dunes of "Pilat" – the biggest sand dunes in Europe, and we'll enjoy a leisurely cruise on the bay. Since the bay is also the home of the traditional culture of oysters, we'll stop in the quaint port of Larros in Gujan-Mestras at a local producer to taste some oysters with a glass of local white wine while overlooking the bay!

Day 6: Lourdes. We travel into the Pyrenees and the town of Lourdes, famous for its sanctuary visited by millions of people from around the world each year. This afternoon we'll visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, a place of beauty and serenity. Every evening here thousands of pilgrims join an impressive torchlight procession.

Day 7: Pyrenees National Park / Cauterets / Lourdes. We enter the picturesque Haute-Pyrenees region and proceed to the Pont d'Espagne – gateway to Pyrenees National Park (France's oldest National Park). The park contains 6 high valleys that border Spain and boasts exceptional biodiversity. We'll enjoy a trail walk to take in the beauty of the rushing streams, waterfalls and ancient pine forest. Then we visit Cauterets – a charming and lively mountain village famous for its thermal baths, ski resorts and delicious "Berlingots" sweet. We conclude with the Unesco World Heritage Site of Gavarnie where we'll see a spectacular natural amphitheater created by glacial erosion, topped by 16 summits of over 3000 meters!

Day 8: Bayonne / Biarritz. We head for the Basque Coast and stop in the fortified town of Bayonne – an official "Town of History and Art" for its 2000-year-old heritage. The town also boasts many gourmet traditions that reflect both its Basque and Gascon influences. On our walking tour we'll see the Gothic cathedral, the old town restoration, the ramparts, the cloister, Château-Vieux, the lively pedestrian streets and food market. We continue to Biarritz for a 3-night stay.

Day 9: Biarritz. 19th century Biarritz was an aristocratic capital, thanks to Napoleon III who built for his wife a magnificent palace by

the ocean. On our tour we'll see the lighthouse which offers breathtaking views, the "Chambre d'Amour" (Love Chamber), the fisherman's wharf, the "Rocher de la Vierge (Virgin Rock) and the city center with its market square, cafes and boutiques. The afternoon is free to enjoy the wonderful ocean vistas or to relax in one of the world-renowned Thalassotherapy centres in town.

Day 10: Basque Villages / St. Jean de Luz / Biarritz. Today we explore the Basque Mountains with their green hills strewn with typical farms and villages with whitewashed walls and timbered houses. See the villages of Ainhoa and Espelette, known for the paprika that hangs on the house facades, so we'll enjoy a tasting of this paprika acclaimed by chefs worldwide. We continue to St Jean de Luz – a town of sailors and famous travellers. The fishing port here is still active, and the old town is full of "labourdine" architecture steeped in history. On our walking tour we'll see the house of Louis XIV, the Maison de l'Infante, the Church of St. John the Baptist and walk along the Bay.

Day 11: San Sebastian / Albaola / Bilbao. En route to Bilbao we visit the Maritimes Heritage Museum in Albaola to learn about the Basque whalers and fishermen. Then we proceed to the chic town of San Sebastian – once the meeting place of kings and aristocracy, and a popular place in which to stroll along the wonderful seaside promenade with its elegant buildings. We will take the funicular up the cliff for spectacular panoramic views of the bay, ocean and surrounding islands. After a walking tour of the old town there will be free time to stroll in the maze of the old streets. We continue to Bilbao where we'll stay for the remaining 4 nights of our tour.

Day 12: Guggenheim Museum / Bilbao. On our Old Quarter tour we'll see the Church of San Nicolas (patron saint of sailors), Santiago Cathedral, the Teatro Arriaga, the Mercado de la Ribera (the largest covered market in Europe) and the Plaza Nueva, built in neoclassical style. We then visit the famous Guggenheim Museum, to marvel at the building itself and enjoy the masterpieces of modern and contemporary art housed within. The afternoon is free to spend more time at the museum and further explore the city.

Day 13: Santander / Bilbao. We head to beautiful Santander, known for its "Palacio de la Magdalena" – once the royal summer residence situated at the mouth of the Bay of Santander on the rocky La Magdalena Peninsula. We'll enjoy a leisurely tour of this pretty town and some free time for lunch and a stroll on the charming "Paseo de Pereda" promenade with the historic "Jardines de Pereda" gardens.

Day 14: Nervion River / Gexto / Bilbao. We begin with a visit of the Maritime Museum in Bilbao, followed by a boat trip along the Nervion River to the marina of Getxo. See the famous iron "hanging bridge" – an architectural wonder and the world's first bridge to carry people and traffic on a high suspended gondola. Then we'll enjoy a walk in the fishing village of Algorta before returning to Bilbao where we'll have a taste of some local drinks and "pintxos" in a typical Gastrobar – a wonderful way to bid farewell to our fellow travellers and Bilbao!

Day 15: Home. We fly home, via Paris.



Swiss Alps and Italian Lakes

This unique tour begins in Switzerland, whose very name conjures up images of snow-capped mountains, majestic peaks reflected in glassy lakes and a countryside filled with picture-book villages and crystal clear air.

The moment we arrive in Zurich, the breathtaking Alps emerge as we travel through the picturesque countryside to the beautiful lakeside town of Lucerne for a 2-night stay.

After our stay in Lucerne we proceed, via touring in Bern and Interlaken, to the welcoming mountain resort town of Villars-sur-Ollon (also known as Villars) for a 5-night stay. We will experience the utmost in Alpine splendour at this traditional resort which is beautifully situated in the heart of the Vaudoise Alps, in view of the peaks of the Dents du Midi and the chain of Mont Blanc, with a sweeping view of the Rhone Valley. While the town has a busy little downtown area, it still retains a sense of coziness and tradition in the true Swiss sense. Villars will be our base for visiting the surrounding region with visits to Montreux, Gruyeres, Vevey, L'Etivaz and Zermatt - home of the mighty Matterhorn!

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily (wine and coffee with all dinners)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver - \$6997
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- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$90

16 DAYS • 2 DATES IN FALL 2022

SEPTEMBER 13 - 28

SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 5

Next, we traverse the Simplon Pass into Italy for a 7-night stay at Lake Maggiore's most beautiful resort town - Stresa. Bursting with flowers, sprinkled with fine old villas and famous for its lush gardens and mild climate, Stresa has been a holiday resort since the 19th century. On our non-touring days you can enjoy people-watching in the lovely town square, or take the cable car to the top of Monte Mottarone for famous views of distant snowy peaks and all 7 of the major Italian lakes. This idyllic spot is an ideal base for touring the beautiful Italian Lakes area, including the lively city of Milan. This will be a perfect opportunity to experience la vera Italia (the real Italy).

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Zurich, non-stop from Toronto.

Day 2: Zurich / Lake Lucerne. We arrive in Zurich, then proceed to Vitznau where we board a boat and enjoy our first views of the breathtaking Swiss Alps while cruising on Lake Lucerne to our hotel. Tonight we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Lucerne. On this morning's walking tour we'll stroll along Lake Lucerne and through the city's Old Town, seeing the Hofkirche Church, the Old Town Hall, Chapel Bridge (the symbol of Lucerne) and the world famous Lion Monument - carved in relief into a sandstone cliff. Afternoon at leisure to explore this beautiful city on your own, or to shop for a Swiss watch or chocolate.

Day 4: Interlaken / Bern / Villars. This full-day tour begins in Interlaken, the main tourist centre of the Bernese Oberland. The town lies between two lakes amid the towering Alps, and so views from the town are spectacular. We will see typical Swiss architecture, several 16th century churches and palatial hotels. We then travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bern. We'll stroll in the old town and see the Zeitglockentrum clock tower, Munster Cathedral, the Bear Pits and the historical fountains for which the town is known. We continue on to Villars for a 5-night stay.

Day 5: Montreux / Chateau Chillon / Vevey / Gruyere. We take a tour to Montreux - naturally beautiful and one of Lake Geneva's most popular resorts. The nearby Chillon Castle is built on a rocky islet and has towers that reflect on the lake - very picturesque! The turrets offer fantastic views of Montreux, the lake and the Alps. The castle and its dungeons have been used as a prison over the years (Lord Byron wrote The Prisoner of Chillon here, and carved his name in one of the cells). After our castle visit we proceed to the fortified hilltop town of Gruyere in time for lunch and some time to stroll. We visit a cheese factory to learn about the traditional method for making cheese. A cellar visit with wine tasting is included.

Day 6: Zermatt. We board a train for the short ride to Zermatt - a village that lies at the foot of the Matterhorn. This is one of the most photographed mountains in the world, and has been visited by mountaineers from all around the world for centuries! We will tour the historic part of the village and enjoy some leisure time to stroll or to enjoy an optional ride on the cog wheel tram for a better view of the famous mountain.

Days 7 & 8: Villars. At leisure. Your Tour Manager will offer suggestions. There are many walking trails in and around the town, or opt for a train ride through the Alps.

Day 9: Stresa. We traverse the Simplon pass into Italy - a wonderful scenic day. We proceed to Stresa on the shore of Lake Maggiore for a 7-night stay.

Day 10: Stresa. We take a boat trip to Isola Bella to see the magnificent 16th century palace and gardens, built as a wedding gift. The garden features statues, fountains and terraces where peacocks roam among the scented shrubs.

Day 11: Locarno. Today's full day excursion takes us on one of Europe's most scenic railways - the narrow gauge Centovalli Railway - which threads its way across "a hundred valleys", past sleepy villages and over deep ravines. Upon arrival in Locarno we take an orientation tour of the town and then enjoy some free time. Explore the picturesque Old Town, see the beautiful subtropical gardens filled with palm trees and exotic flowers, stroll the lakeside promenades and enjoy the excellent shopping under the arcades of the Piazza Grande. Later we cruise back down the lake to Stresa.

Day 12: Stresa. A day to explore this town and appreciate the beautiful panoramic setting. Relax and enjoy a cappuccino at one of the lakeside cafes and observe the local lifestyle and magnificent scenery.

Day 13: Lake Como Area. A very scenic day as we travel to Lake Como and the area around it - adorned with ancient villages, exquisite villas and beautiful gardens. Our first visit will be to the "the Pearl of Lake Como" - the town of Bellagio, and then the town of Como. Our walking tour of these beguiling towns will take us along cobbled lanes lined with elegant buildings exuding Old World elegance, and through the gardens of one of the many local Villas.

Day 14: Milan. We visit this very modern city, which also boasts the third largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. We see the Galleria, which was the first indoor shopping mall in Europe - a beautiful, elegant area built in the 19th century. This is the place to have a coffee, people watch and shop.

Day 15: Stresa. At leisure in Stresa, an ideal town for strolling. The walking trails around the lake are lovely, as is the shopping! Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. We transfer to the Milan airport for our flight back to Canada.



Grand Rail Tour of Switzerland

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily, 2 lunches. Wine/beer, water & coffee with dinners.
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, double occupancy

- From Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - \$9597
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- Single Supplement - \$1190

This unique rail tour will transport us through some of the most majestic and stunning panoramic routes in the world!

There is no better way to experience Switzerland than by rail. Relax onboard and gaze through the large picture windows as our train climbs and winds its way through the Alps. Sometimes we will ascend to dizzying heights which offer some of the most spectacular views on earth, consisting of crystal clear mountain lakes nestled in pristine wilderness set against towering mountain ranges, and lakeside towns and picture-perfect villages dotting the landscape. To experience this from the comfort of a modern train is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Legendary trains during our tour:

- **Jungfrau Railway** to Kleine Scheidegg - connects to Europe's highest railway station - "Top of the World".
- **Bernina Express** - This UNESCO Heritage line from St. Moritz to Tirano passes over an incredible 196 bridges!
- A chocolate experience aboard the **Belle Epoque's fin de siecle coaches**.

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- **Panoramic Express** (part of the *Golden Pass Line*) - From Lucerne we travel through Interlaken to Montreux, passing lakes, pastures, waterfalls and quaint chalets trimmed with flowerboxes, all nestled in picturesque valleys surrounded by jagged, snow-topped peaks. This is the quintessential Swiss experience.
- **Glacier Express** - Perhaps the most popular route. Beginning in Zermatt and ending in St. Moritz, it takes us through mountain landscapes (including the mighty Matterhorn), deep gorges, 91 tunnels and across 291 bridges. The highest point of the trip is crossing the Oberalp Pass - over 6600 feet above sea level!
- **Mount Pilatus** - Panoramic gondolas take us to the summit to view 73 mountain peaks of Central Switzerland.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We board our direct flight for Zurich.

Day 2: Zurich / Lucerne. We arrive in Zurich and transfer to the town of Vitznau, situated on Lake Lucerne. From here we enjoy breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding mountains as we cruise to our hotel in Lucerne – our home for the next 3 nights. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Lucerne. A guided walking tour takes us through the city's Old Town. We'll see the Hofkirche Church, wooden covered Chapel Bridge (the symbol of Lucerne) and the famous Lion Monument (carved into a sandstone cliff), followed by a visit of the interactive Swiss Museum of Transport. After some time at leisure to explore this beautiful city on our own, we'll enjoy a wonderful Swiss dinner.

Day 4: Mount Pilatus / Lucerne. We board an aerial cableway and panoramic gondola, to reach the summit of Mount Pilatus. Known as the "Dragon Ride", the cockpit-like cabin of the gondola has windows extending to the floor and provides breathtaking views in every direction.

Day 5: Golden Pass Train / Brienz / Panoramic Express / Interlaken. Our scenic train ride on the *Golden Pass Line* and the *Panoramic Express* train takes us via the Bruenig Pass to Interlaken through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Our first stop is Brienz, set in the midst of towering mountains, for some free time. Then we cruise along the turquoise-coloured Lake Brienz to Interlaken, where we'll board a steam mountain railway that whisks us up 5000 feet for fabulous views of the deep blue lakes below and snow-capped mountains in the distance, including one of Europe's highest mountains – the Jungfrau!

Day 6: Jungfrau Railway / Interlaken. We board the *Jungfrau Railway* and cable car to Kleine Scheidegg – home to Europe's highest mountain, Jungfraujoch. We first take the *Bernese Oberland Railway* to Grindelwald, where we'll board the brand new *Eiger Express*, (a tri-cable aerial cableway) and ascend in just 15 minutes. This state-of-the-art cabin takes us very close to the north face of the Eiger at 1800 metres, so the views are breathtaking. To descend, we take a combination of the *Wengeralp* and *Bernese Oberland Railway* to return to Interlaken.

Day 7: Golden Pass / Montreux. The elegant *Golden Train* takes us from Interlaken to the shores of Lake Geneva. We'll travel along Lake Thun and through the scenic Simme Valley to Zweisimmen, where we board the *Golden Pass Panoramic* to Montreux. We arrive in Montreux for a 2-night stay on the chic, palm-studded Swiss Riviera.

Day 8: Chillon Castle / Montreux. Our walking tour will include a visit of Châteaux Chillon. Located on a rock on the banks of Lake Geneva, this water-castle is Switzerland's most visited historic building. For 400 years it was the residence of the Counts of Savoy, as well as where Lord Byron was imprisoned when he wrote "The Prisoner of Chillon". Be sure to look for his name carved into his cell wall! Afternoon at leisure. You may want to visit the museum dedicated to the rock group Queen (where many recordings were done) and see the Freddy Mercury statue on the promenade!

Day 9: Chocolate Train / La Gruyere / Broc / Visp (Zermatt). We board the stunning *Belle Époque Coaches* to experience the *Chocolate Train* en route to La Gruyere, where we will have some free time and enjoy a typical fondue lunch at a local chalet! Then we continue to Broc, home to the famous chocolate factory – Cailler, where we'll learn about chocolate production and taste some of the finest offerings. Later we'll proceed by train to the pretty town of Visp, in the Zermatt area (known as the 'Sun Terrace of Switzerland'), for a 2-night stay.

Day 10: Zermatt / Visp. A short train ride takes us to Zermatt for a casual walking tour of this quaint village, with the rest of the day at leisure. The air here is clear and clean because only electric cars are allowed to operate in the village. You may wish to climb to Gornergrat on Europe's highest open air cogwheel train. The train crosses impressive bridges and goes through tunnels with views of the majestic Matterhorn – the most photographed mountain in the world.

Day 11: Glacier Express Train / Chur. We travel aboard *The Glacier Express* (perhaps the most famous railway in the world) to Chur. The train meanders through untouched pristine mountain landscapes, deep gorges, breathtaking valleys, through 91 tunnels and across 291 impressive bridges!

Day 12: Bernina Express / St. Moritz / Chur. We board the *Bernina Express* for a truly spectacular rail journey. This 100-year-old heritage line has earned UNESCO World Heritage status for its ingenious engineering and the striking beauty of the scenery it winds through. Travelling past craggy mountain peaks and cascading waterfalls we make our way to Poschiavo, then before returning to Chur we stop in St. Moritz.

Day 13: Zurich. Our scenic train ride to Zurich passes by snowcapped mountains and sparkling lakes. Upon arrival we enjoy a guided walking tour of this beautiful lakeside city, followed by our Farewell Dinner.

Day 14: Home. We board our direct flight back to Canada.



Magical Malta

Blessed with a warm, sunny climate year-round and friendly, hospitable people, the charming island of Malta has been a favourite vacation spot of our travellers for many years.

Located in the heart of the Mediterranean off the coast of Sicily, Malta has played host to a great many cultures - Roman, Greek, Arab and of course British, all leaving their mark on its historic monuments, architecture and ancient sites. There are many areas for you to explore on your own, and there is an extremely efficient and inexpensive bus system that traverses the island, which makes exploring easy and fun. There are many attractions, including the picturesque harbour, the narrow shopping streets of Sliema and colourful craft markets.

We stay at the First Class *Dolmen Hotel*, a seaside resort located in Qawra on the promenade overlooking the Bay of St. Paul. The small town of Bugibba is just a few minutes walk from the hotel and offers a number of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Facilities of the hotel include a

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variety of restaurants, a lounge and bar, fitness centre with sauna, an indoor heated pool and outdoor pool surrounded by sunning terraces.

Daytime activities offered by the hotel include light aerobics, wellness walks, trivia quizzes and other games. There is live music preformed nightly and a full-service Casino. Guest rooms are comfortably furnished, contemporary in design and all are seaview with a balcony or terrace. WiFi is complimentary throughout the property.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

- 1. Orientation Walking Tour:** An orientation stroll in the area around our resort as well as the town of Bugibba.
- 2. Harbour Cruise:** An enjoyable cruise around the Grand Harbour with beautiful views of Valetta.
- 3. Valetta 1:** An orientation tour of the capital Valetta, which includes a viewing of The Malta Experience - a delightful movie featuring the highlights of the island. We will then visit The Upper Barracca Gardens and St. John's Cathedral.
- 4. Valetta 2:** More sightseeing in Valetta, including a visit of the Grand Master's Palace, the Armoury, the National Archaeological Museum and more.
- 5. Malta - Grand Island Tour:** A full-day tour to take in many of Malta's major historic sites. We visit the catacombs in Rabat, the old medieval walled silent city of Mdina, and the unique Rotunda of Mosta Church. Lunch is included.
- 6. Marsaxlokk:** A visit to Malta's largest and most picturesque fishing village. See the vividly painted luzzo (fishing boats) bobbing in the clear blue waters of the harbour. Very symbolic of Malta is the eye of Osiris painted on the bow of the boats to ward off evil at sea. Have a coffee by the harbour while enjoying the unhurried lifestyle of the village.
- 7. Island of Gozo:** A full day tour to the island of Gozo, Malta's sister island, which has barely changed in hundreds of years. We will see small farms, churches, a cathedral and the citadel. Lunch is included.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada and Air Malta (via London).
- First Class seaview accommodation as described
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily (wine, water and coffee with all dinners) and 2 lunches
- December tour only - Gala Christmas dinner, Christmas Day Lunch and Gala New Year's Eve dinner/party with a live band and open bar
- 7 guided excursions
- A folklore night and talk on Maltese customs and traditions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COSTS per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

October tour - \$4597 December tour - \$5597

Single Supplement - \$790

Ottawa or Halifax - add \$90

Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$390



Sicily and Malta

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily (wine and water included with dinners)
- 3 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5797
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Vancouver or Calgary - add \$290
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg or Edmonton - add \$490

Join us at the perfect time of year to visit two of the Mediterranean's most interesting and historic islands.

We begin this delightful tour on the incredibly beautiful island of Sicily which is filled with art, archaeology, history, delicious cuisine and famous wines. Sicily was once a Greek colony, a Roman province, an Arab emirate and a Norman kingdom, so today we can enjoy exploring this eclectic history. With a diversified landscape of orange and lemon orchards, lush forests, ancient olive groves, rugged shorelines and crystal blue waters, there is no other place on earth quite like this Mediterranean gem.

After our stay in Sicily we take a flight to Malta. Blessed with a warm, sunny climate year round, friendly people and 7,000 years of intriguing history, Malta is a wonderful vacation destination. The diverse nationalities that have occupied Malta over the centuries have blended to result in a fascinating culture. The narrow meandering streets of the towns and villages are crowded with Renaissance

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cathedrals and Baroque palaces, and the countryside is dotted with some of the oldest known human structures in the world, which is why Malta has often been described as an open-air museum.

In Malta we stay at the First Class *Dolmen Hotel*, located right on the promenade overlooking the Bay of St. Paul. The small town of Buggiba is just a few minutes walk from the hotel and offers a variety of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Features of the hotel include restaurants, bar, casino, comfortable lounges, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sauna, exercise classes and live music on most nights. The comfortable guestrooms have a seaview and are contemporary in design.

**Those participating in any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Palermo, Sicily with a change of planes in Munich.

Day 2: Palermo. We arrive in Palermo and transfer to our hotel for a 2-night stay. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Day 3: Palermo. Today our city tour of Palermo will show us the Old and New quarters, the Cathedral of Monreale - a stunning architectural treasure, the theatres of Massimo and Politeama and the Capo Market.

Day 4: Erice / Marsala / Mazara Del Vallo. Our touring of western Sicily continues with a visit of the medieval city of Erice, built an impressive 750 metres above sea level. In the afternoon we visit the ancient seaside town of Marsala, well known for their quality wines. Later we proceed to Mazara Del Vallo for a 2-night stay.

Day 5: Mazara Del Vallo. Today we enjoy a full day tour of Mazara Del Vallo. This is one of Italy's foremost fishing harbours and this region of Sicily boasts one of the most beautiful coastlines in the Mediterranean. Lunch is included at a local winery.

Day 6: Agrigento. We travel inland to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, one of the most outstanding examples of Greek architecture, and listed as a Unesco World Heritage Site. Lunch is included before we proceed to the eastern side of Sicily for a 2-night stay.

Day 7: Syracuse. Today we enjoy a full day excursion to the ancient city of Syracuse. Our visit includes the Archaeological Park with its Greek theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the island of Ortega and the Spring of Arethusa Fountain.

Day 8: Taormina / Catania / Flight to Malta. This morning we have a walking tour of the charming cliff-side town of Taormina. Then we depart for Catania to visit the historical centre of the city. In the afternoon there will be free time to enjoy one of the many cafes or do some

shopping in the Piazza Duomo. Later we fly to Malta and upon arrival transfer to our hotel situated on the picturesque Bay of St. Paul's, for a 7-night stay in seaview rooms!

Day 9: Bay of St. Paul / Harbour Cruise. Morning at leisure. In the afternoon we will have a welcome orientation followed by a delightful harbour cruise.

Day 10: Valletta. Our city tour of Malta's capital, Valetta will include the Upper Barracca Gardens, St. John's Cathedral, the Grand Master's Palace and a film viewing of "The Malta Experience". The afternoon is at leisure and you may want to take advantage of the user-friendly, inexpensive public bus system that Malta is known for.

Day 11: Gozo. On today's full day excursion we take the short ferry ride to Malta's second largest island, Gozo. Here we visit the sites of Calypso's Cave, the Citadel, Gozo Cathedral, Xlendi Bay and the pre-historic temples. Lunch is included while in Gozo.

Day 12: Senglea / Cospicua / Vittoriosa. Morning at leisure. This afternoon our excursion takes us to "Malta's Three Cities" of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa. In the evening a local historian will give a talk on Malta and its traditions.

Day 13: Mdina. Our morning excursion to Mdina, Malta's old capital city, includes a visit to the Cathedral and the catacombs in Rabat. We finish at Ta' Qali Crafts Village where you can admire the local artisans at work and find some souvenirs.

Day 14: Bay of St. Paul. A free day to enjoy a stroll along the harbour, visit St. Julian's, see the countryside or try your luck at Sliema's popular casino. This evening will be our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. We transfer to the airport for our flight home via Rome.



Magic of Eastern Europe

• Budapest • Vienna • Prague

On this outstanding tour we will visit historic cities, fairytale medieval villages, Gothic castles and famous monuments in three of Europe's oldest countries.

We begin in the Golden City of Prague - the ancient capital of Bohemia and the best-preserved Baroque city in Central Europe. Built on seven hills and spanning the Vltava River, the city is small enough for a good walker to see most of the major sights, including its beautifully preserved Old Town, massive castle, statue-lined bridge, famous city squares and evocative Jewish Quarter, while enjoying the city's love of music and perhaps the best beer in Europe. In the Czech Republic we'll also visit the UNESCO World Heritage City of Cesky Krumlov - a fairytale town with Renaissance and Baroque architecture.

Next is Vienna - one of Europe's most elegant and historic cities. Vienna boasts opulent buildings, impressive museums and the musical traditions of its famous Opera, Choirs and Orchestras. Vienna's cultural legacy was shaped by its residents like Mozart, Beethoven, Gustave Klimt and Sigmund Freud. Of course the elegant shops that line the great avenues add to its captivating charm.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotels
- Full buffet breakfast daily, 10 dinners (with wine) and 3 lunches.
- Concert at the Schonbrunn Palace
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5997
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Vancouver - add \$290
- Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$690

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We finish off in Hungary's architecturally stunning capital - Budapest. With over 1000 years of history, Budapest today is perhaps the most exciting commercial, cultural and entertainment centre in Eastern Europe. Majestic bridges span across the Danube River joining "Buda's" medieval grandeur with "Pest's" magnificent 19th century buildings, grand boulevards, beautiful Opera house as well as Europe's oldest and 2nd largest Parliament building. The city is abundant with lively pedestrian streets, squares and cafes and boasts numerous museums, art galleries and Spas - earning its moniker of "Spa City". While in Budapest, we will stay in a lovely Spa hotel!

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Prague, via Paris

Day 2: Prague. We arrive in Prague and transfer to our centrally located hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Prague. Our coach and walking tour will show us the stunning sights of the Hradcany Castle district, with a visit to the majestic St. Vitus Cathedral, the Loretto Chapel and “The Golden Lane” – named after the goldsmiths who lived here in the 17th century. Some of the alchemists attempted to turn metal into gold here!

Day 4: Prague. We continue our guided walking tour with a stroll across the Charles Bridge to Lesser Town’s winding narrow streets, where we see the artisan houses, small 17th century palaces, the Jewish Ghetto and the famous astronomical clock. We will enjoy a 1-hour river cruise through the historic district, then an afternoon at leisure.

Day 5: Prague. At leisure in the Golden City. Prague is a very pleasant and lively city in which to stroll, so you may want to revisit Little Town and some of the quaint shops (best buys are crystal and garnet jewelry). Enjoy a coffee (and people watching) in Old Town Square. After dinner, why not visit one of the local pubs to enjoy the famous dark ales brewed here.

Day 6: Cesky Krumlov / Vienna. We depart Prague and drive to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Cesky Krumlov. This picture postcard, beautiful fortified medieval town is surrounded by unspoiled countryside. Our walking tour will take us through the historic centre of narrow cobblestone streets winding along romantic nooks abundant with lively shops, cafes, and museums. Lunch is included. After our tour we will proceed to Vienna for a 4-night stay.

Day 7: Vienna. Our city tour of Vienna captures the true elegance and magnificence of the “Ringstrasse” lined with palatial and extravagant buildings like the Opera House, Hofburg and more, built when Vienna was the capital of the Austro-Hungarian empire. We visit the Schonbrunn Palace with its 440 rooms and lavish interiors. It is here in the Grand Gallery that Mozart gave his first royal concert. This evening we will dine at the Palace followed by a concert performance of the works of Mozart and Strauss in the Palace Orangery.

Day 8: Vienna. Our tour of the lovely Vienna Woods includes visits of the 12th century Cistercian Abbey and the former Imperial hunting lodge at Mayerling. Before returning to Vienna we enjoy a special dinner with musical entertainment and wine at one of Vienna’s famous wine villages.

Day 9: Vienna. A day of leisure. The city planning of “The Ringstrasse” makes it easy for exploring. You may want to visit the Spanish Riding School to catch a Lipizzaner horses training session, or maybe venture to the countryside blanketed with vineyards and quaint villages including the opulent Melk Abbey. Vienna is known for its coffee culture, so stop to enjoy coffee and a taste of Sacher Torte!

Day 10: Bratislava / Gyor / Budapest. En route to Budapest we stop in two charming cities: Bratislava (capital of Slovakia), and the old Hungarian city of Gyor – the “City of Waters”. We will have walking tours of both cities, through their quaint pedestrian Old Town centres abundant with statues, old city squares and 18th century pastel-coloured buildings. Later we arrive at our spa hotel in Budapest.

Day 11: Budapest. Our city tour begins on the Pest side at the magnificent Heroes’ Square – an epic display of the history of the Magyars! A drive down the Grand Boulevard takes us past the magnificent Opera House, the House of Parliaments, the Jewish Quarter (with the world’s 2nd largest synagogue) and more. We’ll stroll through the lively pedestrian streets to the “Great Market Hall” and enjoy an included “food tasting” lunch! Later we cross over to Buda to the top of Gellert Hill with its bird’s eye view over the Danube River and city. We finish in the Castle District, home to the Royal Palace, where we visit the famous Mathias Church and Fisherman’s Bastion. Tonight we enjoy a typical Hungarian dinner and folklore show.

Day 12: Danube Tour / Budapest. We drive along the Danube into Hungary’s countryside and the Baroque, artisan village of Szentendre – an 18th century town with cobblestone streets, hidden alleys and colourful old houses. It is a perfect town in which to stroll and visit some of the many galleries and shops. A tour and tasting awaits us at the Marzipan Museum, featuring sculptures made of Marzipan! Lunch is included in Visegrad, a town with a 13th century fortified fortress that has housed many notorious visitors (and according to one legend, even “Dracula” was imprisoned in its tower!)

Day 13: Budapest. At leisure. At our thermal spa hotel you have free access to most of its facilities including the thermal baths, steam rooms and reasonably priced treatments. You may also want to attend one of the many musical events the city is famous for. This evening we enjoy our romantic Farewell Dinner Cruise along the majestic Danube illuminated by breathtaking architectural masterpieces!

Day 14: Home. We fly home, via Paris.



Croatia and Slovenia

From Dubrovnik to Venice

We begin this unique tour with 3 nights in the Jewel of the Adriatic - Dubrovnik - a UNESCO World Heritage Site and certainly one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

Then we will discover the medieval architecture, tranquil lakes, quaint villages and local charm as we visit some of Croatia's other port towns such as Zadar, Trogir and Split. In the historic city of Mostar in Bosnia / Herzegovina we'll absorb the Turkish atmosphere and see the famous old bridge. We'll explore Plitvice National Park - a lush valley where waterfalls cascade down sheer cliffs connecting pristine lakes and then the vibrant capital city of Zagreb - the country's economic, intellectual and cultural centre.

We then travel into Slovenia - a country of stunning natural beauty with snow-capped peaks, turquoise- green rivers and a Venetian style coastline. Our touring here will include, Ljubljana - winner of the European Green Capital award, the impressive caves of Postojna, the emerald-green resort town of Lake Bled and many scenic drives.

We finish off in the romantic city of Venice. With its marvellous canals, beautiful architecture and Byzantine atmosphere, Venice never fails to enchant its visitors.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with British Airways
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, and 3 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5397
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- Single supplement - \$990
- Montreal - add \$290
- Ottawa - add \$490
- Halifax, Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$690
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890

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Tour Highlights:

- The beautiful old port city of Dubrovnik
- Region of Konavle and mountain village of Gruda
- The defensive walls of Ston
- Mostar's famous historic bridge
- Seaside town of Split
- Trogir - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Plitvice National Park
- Funicular ride to Zagreb's Upper Town
- Ljubljana, Slovenia's charming capital city
- Boat ride on Lake Bled
- Postojna's incredible Karst cave system
- The island city of Venice

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart with British Airways for Dubrovnik, via London.

Day 2: Dubrovnik (Croatia). We arrive in Dubrovnik and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure until our Welcome Dinner this evening.

Day 3: Dubrovnik. Our city tour of Dubrovnik shows us the city walls and fortifications, the Rector's Palace, set-piece churches and public buildings that blend seamlessly with green-shuttered stone houses, and Europe's oldest apothecary in the Franciscan Monastery. Later we travel by coach to the region of Konavle with a stop at the little mountain village of Gruda to see the mills and enjoy a tasting of local ham, cheese and grappa.

Day 4: Dubrovnik. At leisure to return to the old city or take a boat ride along the coast. An optional tour will be offered to Montenegro.

Day 5: Ston / Mostar. We travel to Mostar, en route visiting the village of Ston with its impressive series of defensive walls which once surrounded and protected the city. Upon arrival in Mostar a guided tour of the city will show us the beautiful old town, the famous old bridge and the Turkish section, including a visit of a Turkish home and the Mosque.

Day 6: Split. We head back to the coast and enjoy a scenic drive to the energetic town of Split, the second-largest city in Croatia with the perfect balance of tradition and modernity.

Day 7: Split. Our tour of Split features the historic inner city - the biggest in Dalmatia, built around a Roman Palace. We see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple and the Peristyle. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this popular seaside town's dozens of cafes, restaurants and shops.

Day 8: Trogir / Zadar. We visit the UNESCO Heritage Site of Trogir Island - a Croatian artistic centre. Scholars from all over the world gather to study and paint here, and you will see why. We continue to Zadar where our tour shows

us the harbour, the historical center, the Romanic marks and the pre-Romanic church of Saint Donat.

Day 9: Plitvice Lakes / Zagreb. We depart for Plitvice Lakes National Park, a lush valley with 16 terraced lakes strung together by countless cascading waterfalls and miles of pleasant paths and wooden bridges. Our visit here will include a boat ride on the still waters of Kozjak Lake and an electric train around the park. We then continue to Zagreb, Croatia's capital.

Day 10: Zagreb. Our city tour will include a funicular ride to the Upper Town where a complex of churches, palaces, museums, government buildings and galleries has retained much of its old-world charm.

Day 11: Ljubljana (Slovenia). We continue to Slovenia's medieval capital, Ljubljana. Our city tour will include a funicular ride to Ljubljana castle for a panoramic view of the old town and red-roofed houses. The afternoon is at leisure to stroll the old town with its small shops, outdoor cafes and charming restaurants.

Day 12: Lake Bled / Ljubljana. Today's tour at emerald-green Lake Bled includes a visit of Bled Castle, which stands on a cliff above the lake with spectacular views, and a "pletna" boat ride to the island where you can ring the bell at St. Mary's Church for good luck.

Day 13: Postojna Caves / Venice (Jesolo). We travel to Postojna to visit the incredible Karst cave system. A minitrain takes us through this fantastic underground world of beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. We continue toward Venice and our hotel in nearby Jesolo.

Day 14: Venice (Jesolo). A boat ride will take us to the island of Venice for a guided tour of this magical city. We will see St. Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs, the Doge's Palace and more. In the afternoon we will enjoy some time at leisure to explore before we return to the mainland. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. We fly home to Canada, via London.



Dubrovnik and the Adriatic Coast

Croatia's Dalmatian coast remains an undiscovered treasure - a wonderland of magical islands, azure blue seas, Roman ruins and medieval towns and villages that have remained unchanged for centuries.

Along the coast the green hills serve as a backdrop to the inlets, cliffs and beaches along the Adriatic Sea.

Croatia is a remarkable mix of cultures - Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic. In addition to the attraction of its glorious coastline, it is also well known for its lively cafes, busy markets and colourful folklore, so it has become one of Europe's favourite destinations.

Our hotel for this Stay-Put tour is the First Class *Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik* - a delightful resort located in the green oasis of the Babin Kuk peninsula with spectacular views of the Elaphiti Islands. Situated near the old town of Dubrovnik (6 kms away), you can enjoy strolling in the medieval town, visiting churches, monasteries and palaces. For stunning views of the Adriatic, take a walk

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along the path atop the city ramparts. The old town has many cafes, bars, restaurants and shops.

Facilities of the hotel include a variety of bars and restaurants, a luxury wellness spa and both indoor (heated) and outdoor (not heated) pools. 250 meters from the hotel is the beautiful Val President Relax Beach, with its well-tended coastline, crystal clear sea, beautiful views of the Elaphiti Islands and numerous amenities including water sports, a diving centre, a mooring place for boats and occasional daytime and evening events. Guest rooms for our stay are all superior category with balcony and sea view, and complimentary WiFi provided throughout the hotel.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

In addition to the following included excursions, there will be other excursions offered on an optional basis.

- 1. Dubrovnik:** Our panoramic sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik and surrounding area begins with a photo opportunity overlooking the coast and the old city, which Lord Byron called the "Pearl of the Adriatic". In the 15th century Dubrovnik was the only part of the Dalmatian coast not under the rule of Venice, and it remained an independent republic for centuries. UNESCO recently designated the city a World Heritage Monument. We walk through the old town's pedestrian-only streets to visit the Gothic and Renaissance-era Rector's Palace, the Franciscan Monastery (1424), the baroque cathedral and the Sponza Palace where, for hundreds of years, trade societies and art academics met.
- 2. Cavtat and Konavle:** We enjoy an orientation tour of Cavtat, one of the prettiest towns on the Adriatic coast. We visit the Franciscan Monastery and Church of Our Lady - a renaissance edifice with marvellous works by 16th century Croatian artists. We continue in to the countryside to Konavle, a green landscape of rivers and canals that has been cultivated since pre-history. We visit the typical Konavle village of Komaji and try the wine in an old cellar.
- 3. Dalmatian Village:** We continue our sightseeing in the countryside with a visit to the village of Cilipi, where we receive a welcome drink and a presentation of local dance styles in traditional dress. There are some shopping opportunities for the embroidery produced in this area and the chance to attend a local mass.
- 4. Montenegro:** We enjoy the region's countryside as we drive to Montenegro - a small republic tucked in between Croatia and Serbia. The coastal road follows the rugged coastline of the Adriatic, leading us to Kotor Bay and the world's southernmost fjord. This region is famous for its' breathtaking landscapes of mountains, beaches, forests, hidden coves and diverse flora and fauna.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with British Airways. All gateways fly via Toronto (and London)
- 12-nights seaview rooms in a First Class hotel
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Wine and water included with dinners.
- 4 excursions as described above
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver ... \$4997

Single Supplement - \$790

Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to Trudeau Airport, Montreal)

Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690

Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890



Greece

Seaside Holiday

Ancient sun-bleached ruins, stunning blue skies year-round, a scenic mountainous mainland, an endless picturesque coastline, a timeless welcoming culture and some of the world's freshest seafood are just some of the features that have been attracting visitors to Greece since time immemorial.

In the springtime the climate in Greece is mild and pleasant - ideal for walking and exploring. This lively and economical holiday is perfect for those looking for a relaxing vacation with the opportunity to explore some of the towns, villages and historic sites for which Greece is world renowned.

Our hotel for this relaxing holiday is the First Class *Kinetta Beach Hotel & Spa*, which is set on expansive gardens, located on a pebble beach by the sea in Corinthos, approximately 50 kms from Athens and 7 kms from the village of Theodori. Facilities of the hotel include a lounge, bar, gift shop and main restaurant serving

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buffet meals. A special feature of the hotel is their spa facilities, including a sauna, gym, heated indoor pool and various spa treatments available at a nominal cost. There is also an inviting outdoor pool surrounded by deck chairs and lounges. Guest rooms are comfortably furnished with a balcony or patio.

In order to give insight into life in Greece and allow opportunities to meet with the local people, an activity programme will offer Greek language and cooking lessons, folkloric shows, movie nights, visits to a monastery and a vineyard, as well as a series of lectures on mythology, ancient history and modern Greece.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

- 1. Athens.** City sightseeing includes Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Zeus, The Stadium, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the former Royal Palace. A highlight will be the Acropolis and the incredible Parthenon. After our included lunch at a restaurant in the city there will be free time to explore the Plaka.
- 2. Cruise.** A one-day cruise to the Saronic Islands, including Aegina which was a busy port in antiquity and is now a tranquil resort. We dock at Poros to enjoy a stroll through its enchanting harbour, and then on to another colourful harbour at Hydra. Lunch is aboard.
- 3. Delphi.** A full-day tour through the mountains and magnificent scenery to Delphi, once known as the centre of the world. Here we visit the temple of the Greek god Apollo, a beautiful site that evokes the classical past of this area. Those who wish may climb to the top of the theatre for lovely views of the countryside. Lunch today is at a Taverna.
- 4. Countryside Tour and Orientation.** We see the Corinth Canal (the world's smallest ocean canal) and surrounding countryside, picturesque villages and towns. A winery visit is included.
- 5. Athens By Night.** We drive into Athens to see all the iconic sights beautifully illuminated. A special dinner with wine and a lively folklore show is included.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada (direct non-stop flights between Toronto and Athens).
- First Class accommodation as described
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, plus afternoon tea (tea, coffee and wine are served with lunch and dinner)
- 5 excursions as described above (optional tours will also be offered)
- Scheduled activity programme as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax - \$4397

Single Supplement - \$990

Winnipeg - add \$190. Calgary or Vancouver - add \$290. Edmonton - add \$590.



Magical Islands of Greece

• Athens • Mykonos • Crete • Santorini

The charm of the Greek Islands has fascinated visitors for many years. On this tour we start in Athens, with its historical treasures, vibrant culture and celebrated monuments (out of Athens we also enjoy a day cruise and an excursion to classical Delphi). Then we visit three of the most popular islands in Greece.

Mykonos is a delightful port with winding cobblestoned streets, white washed houses and picturesque churches. Its famous windmills look glorious against the backdrop of the blue Aegean Sea and sandy beaches. The shops and cafes are on the waterfront. Sit a while in a taverna, sip the local Ouzo and watch the sunset ... heaven!

Santorini is known for its high cliffs, black volcanic sand beaches and spectacular landscapes formed by centuries of volcanic activity. The main town of Fira sits atop a cliff edge which plunges almost 900 ft. to the sea. The island's cafes and shops line the streets of the town, and the white houses with distinctive blue doors spread down to the long, black beaches. From the west end of town there are stunning views of the harbour, coastline and the neighboring islands. One of the great pleasures is to

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Deluxe and First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, 4 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6597
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- Single Supplement - \$1490
- Ottawa or Montreal - add \$90
- Halifax, Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$190
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$590

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wander the cobblestone streets, browse through the craft shops and arrive at the western edge of town to watch the sun bathe the harbour and sea in a magenta glow. Mules are used as transport to and from the harbour.

Crete is the largest Greek island, and its attractions are many - mosques, monasteries, gorges, grottoes, beaches and wonderful mountain scenery. The walled capital city of Heraklion is just 3 miles from the restored ruins of the 5,000 year old Minoan Palace of Knossos, believed to be the site of the mythical labyrinth of King Minos. Heraklion also has one of the finest archaeological museums in Greece. There are coastal fishing communities and rustic farming settlements in the hills. This diversity makes for an interesting and lively stay.

** Those joining any of our European tours must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Athens.

Day 2: Athens. We arrive in Athens and transfer to our hotel, located in the heart of Athens within walking distance of The Plaka - the oldest section of Athens with churches, shops, cafes and ruins of ancient temples. It is a safe and delightful area to explore.

Day 3: Athens. On our full day tour of Athens we see wonders known around the world - Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Zeus, the Stadium, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the former Royal Palace and the government buildings. The highlight will be the Acropolis and Parthenon. Lunch will be at a typical taverna.

Day 4: Delphi / Athens. Our full day tour to Delphi begins with a drive into the mountains for a visit to Arahova, known for its colourful rugs and carpets. We then proceed to Delphi, once known as the centre of the world. Here we visit the temple of the Greek God Apollo, a beautiful site which evokes the classical past of this area. Those who wish may climb to the top of the theatre for incredible views of the countryside.

Day 5: Cruise / Athens. We cruise to the Saronic Islands via Aegina, a busy port in antiquity and today a tranquil resort. We continue on to Paros where we will enjoy a stroll by its enchanting little harbour, and then the quaint, colourful harbour of Hydra. Lunch is included. We return to Athens for our overnight.

Day 6: Crete. We fly to Crete and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Day 7: Crete. Today's excursion will include a visit to the Palace of Knossos - the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete that has been named Europe's oldest city at various points in history. We then visit the town of Heraklion and the Archaeological Museum, showcasing the most notable and complete collection of artifacts of the Minoan civilization of Crete.

Day 8: Crete. Today we will enjoy a full day tour of the countryside which will take us past vineyards and olive groves to Gortys - the old Greek and Roman town with ruins of Saint Titus Church. Then on to Phaestos for a visit of the Minoan Palace and for the beautiful view over the Messara Plain and Ida Mountain.

Day 9: Santorini. We ferry over to the dramatic island of Santorini and transfer to our hotel.

Day 10: Santorini. At leisure to explore the town at your own pace. See the Orthodox Cathedral, now a Byzantine museum, and marvel at the dazzling white houses topped with blue domes.

Day 11: Mykonos. We ferry to Mykonos for a 3-night stay. Enjoy the facilities of our resort hotel and beach, stroll into the quaint village or perhaps take the local bus to explore the small churches, chapels, glittering white houses, arcades and narrow streets.

Day 12: Mykonos. This morning we will have an orientation of Mykonos, including the beautiful esplanade lined with cafes and outdoor terraces overlooking the busy harbour.

Day 13: Mykonos. Our tour today takes us to the island of Delos - birthplace of the legendary Gods Apollo and Artemis. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Delos is one of the most important mythological, historical, and archaeological sites in Greece.

Day 14: Athens. We fly to Athens for some time at leisure to further explore the Plaka or revisit one or more of the many attractions. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Home. We transfer to the airport for our flight home.



Israel The Holy Land

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily, 1 lunch
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$7797
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- Single Supplement - \$2290
- Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax - add \$90
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$190

Israel is a small country, with the sea on one side and the desert on the other, but never has such a small place meant so much to so many.

To millions of Jews, Christians and Muslims this is the Holy Land where King David ruled, Jesus died and Muhammad visited. As we visit places we've heard about all our lives, and see the ruins scattered throughout the country by the Greeks, Romans, Crusaders and Turks, we will be thrilled by the depth of history we encounter.

Israel today is a modern, progressive country where English is spoken everywhere. The warm, friendly people have come to Israel from over 100 countries, producing a potpourri of custom and dress that is reflected in the panorama of everyday life.

These diverse cultures and beliefs co-exist in a land full of scenic contrasts. There are mountains, subtropical valleys, lovely beaches, fertile farmland and arid deserts. Furthermore, everywhere you look there is the abundance of flowers that Israel is renowned for.

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A highlight of our visit here will be the Golden City of Jerusalem, sacred to Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. With all of the excavations of the past few years, the City of Peace has never looked more awe-inspiring.

We will also spend time in vibrant Tel Aviv, the beautiful Golan Heights and Sea of Galilee, mystic Safed, historic Nazareth and Bethlehem, dramatic cliff-top Masada and the buoyant Dead Sea. Also included in our tour will be some unique experiences to connect with the local people and various cultures as we enjoy a Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem, take part in Bedouin hospitality and see a lively folklore show.

**Those participating in any of our tours to the Middle East must be able to walk fairly long distances.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Tel Aviv on our direct non-stop flight from Toronto.

Day 2: Tel Aviv. We arrive in Tel Aviv and proceed on a brief orientation of the city with a stop at Sarona Market. The rest of the day is at leisure until this evening's Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Tel Aviv. Our city tour shows us modern Tel Aviv and its lovely seafront promenade. Included is a visit of the Museum of Diaspora - a multi-media depiction of the history of the Jewish people.

Day 4: Caesarea / Acre / Haifa / Galilee. Today we explore Caesarea, the Roman capital of Judea for 600 years and now an important archaeological site, where we see the remains of the Roman Amphitheatre, aqueduct, hippodrome and the Crusader's City. Then we depart for Haifa - Israel's largest port, where we stop for a view of the famous Bahai Gardens and Shrine, and the Carmelite Church of Stella Maris where the prophet Elisha is said to be buried. We continue to the Galilee for a 3-night stay.

Day 5: Sea of Galilee / Capernaum / Galilee. We take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and see the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered three significant speeches. We stop at Capernaum where Jesus stayed during his ministry, and then Tabgha to visit the church, mosaics and site of the "bread and fishes" miracle. This evening we will see (and participate in) a cultural dance demonstration

Day 6: Golan Heights / Galilee. Today we ascend Mount Bental for a panoramic view of the Golan Heights. We will visit the city of Qazrin, enjoy a wine tasting at the Golan Heights Winery and visit the modern olive oil mill to learn about skin care products made of this Mediterranean culinary staple.

Day 7: Nazareth / Jerusalem. Our first stop is Nazareth (where Jesus spent his boyhood) to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and Joseph's Workshop. We then proceed to Jerusalem for a 4-night stay. This evening we enjoy a special "Shabbat" evening, including a festive homemade Shabbat dinner and ceremony, hosted by a Jewish family.

Day 8: Bethlehem / Jerusalem. We first visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity where pilgrims have come

for centuries. Then we visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book that houses the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Day 9: Jerusalem. Our tour of Jerusalem's Old City begins at the Mount of Olives for spectacular views over the city. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane, Church of All Nations, Mt. Zion to see the room of The Last Supper and Tomb of King David. We will walk through the winding streets to David's Tower, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the "Wailing Wall" and the Via Dolorosa (His path to the crucifixion). There will be free time to shop in the Old City bazaars or relax at one of the many coffee houses.

Day 10: Jerusalem. Further touring of Jerusalem brings us to the Hadassah complex to view the impressive Chagall Windows. We then continue to visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial and museum, where we will walk along the Avenue of the Righteous and see the Children's Pavilion. On the way back to the hotel we will drive through the Mea Shearim for a glimpse of the ultra-orthodox area.

Day 11: Massada / Dead Sea. We drive through the Jordan valley to the Dead Sea, passing Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and follow the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. It was here at the site of Herod the Great's Palace that the Jewish Zealots held off the Roman army for three years before committing mass suicide. We ascend by cable car to tour the ruins and take in the breathtaking views. After our visit we continue to our Dead Sea hotel for a relaxing dip and perhaps a regenerative mud bath!

Day 12: Ramon Crater / Bedouin Hospitality / Tel Aviv. We first stop at the huge and beautiful Ramon Crater, a unique geological formation. Then we enjoy Bedouin hospitality with a hosted lunch and a chance to learn more about this unique desert-dwelling Arab tribe. An optional camel ride is available, before we continue to Tel Aviv.

Day 13: Jaffa / Tel Aviv. This morning we visit old Jaffa for a walk through the ancient streets, the restored artist's quarter, the central plaza and the Franciscan Monastery of St. Peter. The afternoon is free until our Farewell Dinner this evening.

Day 14: Home. We transfer to the airport for our direct, non-stop flight back to Canada.



Highlights of Turkey

With unique historical and archaeological sites, breathtaking natural beauty, religious and cultural diversity, and a welcoming tradition of hospitality, Turkey is one of world's most fascinating destinations.

This comprehensive tour begins in Istanbul where we will see the domed mosques, minarets and palaces, followed by the energetic, modern capital city of Ankara with its tree-lined avenues. Then we journey to the rock churches of Cappadocia and the incredible Goreme Valley.

We then proceed to experience the thermal springs and amazing white cliff waterfalls of Pamukkale. Next is perhaps the main highlight of the tour - Ephesus, the world's best-preserved ancient city. After some time at leisure at the picturesque seaside resort of Kusadasi, we visit the city of Bursa - famous for its Ottoman architecture and enticing silk markets.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with British Airways
- First Class hotels
- Continental buffet breakfast & dinner daily
- Visa arrangements and fees
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5397
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- Single Supplement - \$1190
- Montreal - add \$190
- Ottawa - add \$350 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Vancouver, Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890

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Tour Highlights:

- Exotic Istanbul and its Grand Bazaar
- Cruise along the impressive Bosphorus Straits
- Mystical Whirling Dervish performance
- Ankara - the capital city of Turkey
- The Cappadocia region
- Konya - home of the Whirling Dervishes
- Pamukkale with its cascades of white travertine
- The seaside resort of Kusadasi
- Ephesus - the world's grandest and best-preserved ancient city
- Historic Bursa - a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Istanbul, via London.

Day 2: Istanbul. We arrive in Istanbul and transfer to our hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Istanbul. Our full day tour starts at the magnificent Byzantine church of St. Sophia, one of the first and largest architectural works of art in the world; then on to the famous Suleyman's Mosque and the beautiful Blue Mosque. We also see Topkapi Palace - a former imperial residence from where the great Ottoman sultans once ruled. We finish with a visit to the Grand Bazaar.

Day 4: Istanbul / Bosphorous Cruise / Whirling Dervish. This morning we cruise the unforgettable Bosphorus. We pass by palaces, churches, villages, old wooden houses, mansions and modern villas. In the afternoon we visit the Asian side of Istanbul via the two bridges that link the east to the west. This evening we enjoy a "Whirling Dervish" performance, which is both a form of entertainment and a spiritual journey.

Day 5: Ankara. Our morning drive will take us through the Bolu Mountains to Ankara - capital city of Turkey. Our tour of Ankara will include the Mausoleum of Ataturk (the founder of modern Turkey) and the Museum of Anatolian Civilization, considered the best in Turkey.

Day 6: Cappadocea. We depart this morning for the unique Cappadocea region. In the afternoon we visit the Goreme Valley, also known as the Petrified Valley, where the wind and rain have eroded the volcanic soil into a spectacular, bizarre landscape of rock cones, capped pinnacles and deep ravines. This area is also famous for its rock churches.

Day 7: Cappadocea. Our tour of this fascinating area features ancient excavated towns, troglodyte villages and breathtaking scenery. This area, a UNESCO world heritage site, has changed little over time - with locals travelling between villages in horse-drawn carts.

Day 8: Konya. Konya, scenically situated high on a plateau, has long been a centre of the Muslim faith. The Whirling Dervishes were actually founded here in the 11th century. We visit the mausoleum of Mevlana, founder of the sect.

Day 9: Pamukkale. Appearing at first as an enormous, chalky white cliff, as we approach Pamukkale it takes on

the appearance of a cotton castle. This thermal spring has attracted the weary and the curious for over 2000 years. We spend time at the mineral pools for those who wish to try the healthy warm waters. We also visit the holy city of Hierapolis - a spa and religious centre since Roman times.

Day 10: Kusadasi. We travel across a highland plateau rich in farms to Aphrodisas, one of the most important artistic sites. See the beautiful Temple of Aphrodite - goddess of love. Later we arrive at the picturesque seaside resort of Kusadasi, where we spend the next 4 nights.

Day 11: Kusadasi. A day of leisure to explore. The town centre has an interesting waterfront, modern shopping, colourful bazaars and several interesting teahouses.

Day 12: Ephesus. This morning we visit Ephesus, once the capital of the Roman's province of Asia. Here the Temple of Diana was counted among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. St. Paul wrote his most profound epistles here. A white marble avenue known as the Arcadian Way stretches through the city with ruins of great buildings such as the Library of Celsius, the Temple of Hadrian and the public latrines! Finally we see the house of the Virgin Mary where it is believed she spent her last years.

Day 13: Kusadasi. We take an excursion to Miletus and Didyma, where we see the beautiful Great Theatre - a remarkably intact 25,000 seat amphitheatre, the Roman baths and gymnasium. We continue to the Temple of Apollo - one of antiquity's most sacred places.

Day 14: Bursa. Today we drive to this famous town known for its spa and silk markets. It was here that Ottoman architecture bloomed. The minarets above the 125 mosques make for a grand skyline. One of Turkey's more prosperous cities, it is a pleasing mix of old stone buildings and wealthy suburbs with vintage wood-frame Ottoman villas. Bursa is called the Green City, both for the green tiles that decorate some of its most famous monuments and for its parks and gardens.

Day 15: Istanbul. We return to Istanbul. The afternoon is free to explore or revisit the Grand Bazaar for last minute purchases. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. We return to Canada, via London.



Magnificent Morocco

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- DeLuxe and First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily
- Water, tea and coffee with all dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax, Winnipeg or Calgary - \$4997
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Edmonton - add \$390

Because this ancient kingdom is where Africa meets Europe, Morocco has long been known as “the Gateway to Africa”. It is a land of cultural and scenic contrasts with exotic old-world charm that delights every visitor.

The Moroccan people, famous for their hospitality, are a mix of Arab and Berber, and their rich culture lives on in their dress, food, customs and festivities. The best place for people watching is the markets, where the shopping is colourful in both the wares available and also the crowds in the local bazaars with acrobats, snake charmers, water sellers and the occasional camel vying for your attention.

On our tour we will see medieval walled cities rich in culture and history, with palaces, mosques and local markets. The wonderful scenery along the way includes snow-capped mountain peaks, deserts with sand dunes and beautiful fertile valleys.

So join us and discover why Morocco has been attracting so many visitors for so many centuries.

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Tour Highlights:

- Romantic Casablanca
- Imperial Marrakech and its famous traditional market
- Spiritual Fez - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Hassan II Mosque - 3rd Largest Mosque in the world
- Chefchaouen, known as the “Blue City”
- Voulubilis - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Merzouga and its famous sand dunes
- Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou, a 16th Century UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Tichka Pass – Morocco’s highest pass with breathtaking views of the High Atlas Mountains

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Casablanca, via Montreal.

Day 2: Casablanca. We arrive in Casablanca and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Day 3: Casablanca / Rabat. Our tour of Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, begins at the old Medina - a labyrinth of streets, barbers, butchers, ironmongers and grocers. Nearby is majestic Mohammed V Square with its combination of French and Moorish architecture. We also see the Royal Palace and the famous Hassan II Mosque situated directly on the ocean - the world's third largest mosque. Then we proceed to Morocco's capital - Rabat, the seat of the Royal Family and home to many palaces and mosques. Our city tour will show us the imposing exterior of the Royal Palace - official residence of King Mohamed VI, the Royal Mausoleum of Sultan Mohammed V - the man who led Morocco to independence, and the exquisite Hassan Tower.

Day 4: Tangier. We depart for Tangier, a cosmopolitan city combining all of its historical inhabitants - Phoenician, Romans, Vandals, Berbers, Arabs, Portuguese, Spanish, British and French. Our tour of the old city shows us the crowded Souks where traditional products are made and sold, then through the archway to the walled Medina - a medieval world of narrow lanes leading to the lively bazaars.

Day 5: Chefchaouen / Meknes. We proceed to the mountain city of Chefchaouen, known as the "Blue City". It is famous for the old Medina, houses with blue doors, wrought iron windows and tile roofs. The local markets are animated with traditionally dressed locals and colourful goods. After our tour we continue to Meknes.

Day 6: Meknes / Volubilis / Fez. Like a mirage looming up out of the rock in the countryside, the former royal city of Meknes is yet another unexpected delight of Morocco. This beautiful city has old city walls, monumental gates and palatial ruins. We visit the city walls, the Royal stables and the intricate Bab Al Mansour Gates. We then visit the remarkable ancient Roman ruin of Volubilis (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) before proceeding to Fez.

Day 7: Fez. A maze of stone and marble surrounded by orchards, Fez is the spiritual centre of Morocco. The old town's maze of alleys, houses and shops sit in the shadow of the mosque's minarets. From their workshops in the back alleys potters, charcoal burners, goldsmiths and weavers still practice their ancient trades. The Jewish Quarter here has long had a reputation for producing the finest ironwork in the country. On our full-day tour you will see the Medina

(a UNESCO World Heritage site), the Najjarine Fountain, the Moulay Idriss Mausoleum, the Karaouine Mosque and more.

Day 8: Erfoud. We travel to the town of Erfoud, built by the French and known for its red sand buildings that contrast with the surrounding desert. We stop in Midelt in the Atlas Mountains with wonderful landscape views.

Day 9: Merzouga / Boulmane. An optional tour to ride a camel over the sand dunes at sunrise will be offered. We proceed to Merzouga and see its famous sand dunes, some of which are 160 metres high. Then we continue to Boulmane, en-route visiting the magnificent Todgha Canyons and marvel at the carved out cliff-sided canyons with sheer rock walls.

Day 10: Ouarzazate. We travel to Ouarzazate on the edge of the Sahara - an ancient garrison town made famous when the film Lawrence of Arabia was filmed nearby, then through Dades Valley, or "Valley of One Thousand Kasbahs". We also visit Taourirt - one of Morocco's most beautiful Kasbahs.

Day 11: Marrakech. We first visit Ait Ben Haddou - a 16th century UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Morocco's best preserved and spectacular Kasbahs. Then we proceed to Marrakech via the Tichka Pass - Morocco's highest pass. The views of the High Atlas Mountains interspersed with small Berber villages typical of the region are breathtaking.

Day 12: Marrakech. The 1,000-year-old "Red City" of Marrakech is drenched in culture and history. Our full-day tour includes the Mejdorelle Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, El Bahia Palace and the Medina. At Djemaa El Fna Square we see snake charmers, acrobats and scribes writing letters for the illiterate.

Day 13: Ourika Valley / Marrakech. We travel to the Ourika Valley, enjoying views of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains and tiny villages clinging to the steep hillsides, with rocky landscapes merging with the desert.

Day 14: Essaouira. En route to the coastal town of Essaouira we will visit an Argan co-operative to see how local women produce Argan oil. In Essaouira our city tour includes the beautiful medina (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the Orson Welles Square and Memorial, dedicated to the famous director's filming of Othello. We may get lucky and spot the famous tree climbing goats in the Argan trees.

Day 15: Casablanca. We travel back to Casablanca. The afternoon is free to explore until tonight's Farewell Dinner.

Day 16: Home. We fly home via Montreal.



Safari in Tanzania and the island of Zanzibar

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with KLM via Amsterdam
- First Class safari and hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily while in Africa, plus 10 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal or Calgary - \$11997
- Single Supplement - \$1990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Edmonton - add \$390
- Halifax, Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$490

Tanzania, the largest country in East Africa, is considered by many to offer the best game viewing on the continent and the greatest variety of wildlife in the world.

On this tour we will enjoy several exciting game drives in the finest National Parks and game reserves, including Lake Manyara and the Serengeti Plains. Expect to see rhinos, hippos, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, buffalo and the common plains game such as zebra, giraffe, a variety of bird life and several species of antelope and monkeys.

We will travel safely and comfortably in specially designed 4 x 4 vehicles seating six people with large viewing windows (each person has a window seat to afford unobstructed viewing). Your driver / guide is an expert on the local customs, traditions and location of wildlife.

This part of the world also boasts an amazing natural environment, as we will see when we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ngorongoro Crater with its striking scenery and close range viewing of wildlife.

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The island of Zanzibar, just 40 kms off the coast of Tanzania, is a tropical paradise with mile upon mile of pristine white sand beaches, fringed by coconut palms. During our stay we visit Stone Town (also a World Heritage Site), with its maze of narrow streets and alleys that have changed little over the last 200 years. You will see why Zanzibar is often referred to as "The Spice Island" as we visit a local Spice Farm and learn about the rich history that makes this destination so intriguing.

While on safari we will enjoy a mixture of accommodations including beautiful lodges. While in Zanzibar we will stay at a First Class hotel.

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Kilimanjaro, with a change of planes in Amsterdam.

Day 2: Kilimanjaro. We arrive in Kilimanjaro in the evening and transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Lake Manyara. We travel to Lake Manyara National Park and our lodge overlooking the Great Rift Valley and the stunning Manyara Soda Lake. The wall of the Rift Valley forms a fantastic backdrop to the park and its forest, open grassland, swamp and lake. Wildlife includes baboons, rhino, impala, giraffe, leopard, water buck and blue and vervet monkeys. The lions here have honed their tree-climbing skills. Manyara is also noted for its wonderful bird life.

Day 4: Lake Manyara / Ngorongoro Crater. This morning we enjoy a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, home to a variety of primates and other wildlife. The extraordinary birdlife has made this place world-renowned among ornithologists, who come to observe the masses of pink flamingos and great birds of prey.

Then in the afternoon we depart for the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ngorongoro Crater. Our lodge is perched atop the uppermost rim of the crater and offers breathtaking views of the crater floor far below. The 100 square miles of this collapsed volcano is 10 miles across and 2,000 feet deep.

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater. We descend in to the crater for a full-day game drive. This is the world's largest intact caldera, the floor of which is primarily grassland with freshwater ponds, a salt lake and small forests. It harbours 20,000 large animals - a virtual Noah's Ark! Buffalo, wildebeest, zebra and gazelle graze the grassland while elephants roam the wooded areas and hippos gather in the marshes and ponds. Lions, spotted hyenas and jackals are easy to spot. Resident ostriches, crowned cranes and kori bustards are joined seasonally by other migrating birds.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater. This morning we enjoy a special Bush Breakfast in the crater, followed by some more game viewing. In the afternoon we visit a Masaai village.

Day 7: Serengeti. After breakfast we drive into the seemingly endless plains of Serengeti National Park. The National Park here, considered the finest in Africa, has spectacular concentrations of migrating game.

Days 8, 9 & 10: Serengeti. We enjoy three days of safari in the Serengeti. Travelling through this unique conservation area provides a spectacular game-viewing experience. We take our game drives in the early morning to catch the animals as they start their day and again in the evening to spot the nocturnal beasts that are beginning their prowl.

Day 11: Arusha / Zanzibar. We depart for Arusha where we will have lunch before boarding our plane to Zanzibar. Upon arrival, we transfer to the Bluebay Beach Resort and Spa located on the beautiful north-east coast.

Day 12: Zanzibar. We have a morning city tour of historic Stone Town and later visit a spice farm for an interesting and educational tour.

Day 13: Zanzibar. A day at leisure. You may consider taking an optional Blue Safari Fumba boat trip with a beach visit. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 14: Zanzibar / Depart for Home. At leisure at our resort hotel, with late check-out, until we fly back to mainland Tanzania to connect with our international flight home.

Day 15: Home. We fly home via Amsterdam.



South Africa

- Plus Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Chobe National Park (Botswana)

South Africa is one of the world's most beautiful countries, and we are sure you will agree after your first visit. The incredible scenic beauty includes nearly 2,000 miles of beautiful coastline, snow capped mountains and tropical splendour. The magnificent National Parks and game reserves boast an unparalleled diversity of wild life. Other features that make this destination so desirable include a wonderful climate, ancient forts and historic monuments, tribal dancing, museums and art galleries. Above all, South Africa's hospitality is legendary.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with KLM
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, plus 8 lunches
- All visa fees and arrangements
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$11997
- Single Supplement - \$1390
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Calgary - add \$590
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690
- Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$890 (for an additional \$99 p.p. double occupancy (\$189 single) you may chose to overnight in Toronto before or after the tour).

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In addition to our tour of South Africa's highlights we will also visit Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and safari in Chobe National Park (Botswana). Victoria Falls are the largest waterfalls in the world (they are three times as wide and twice as high as Niagara Falls), and the spray can be seen 20 miles away! Chobe National Park is world renowned for its splendid and unique variety of wildlife.

So join us on this remarkable adventure and experience the diversity and beauty that is South Africa.

** This tour is suitable only for the fit and active traveller.*

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Johannesburg, via Amsterdam.

Day 2: Johannesburg. We arrive in Johannesburg in the late evening and transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Victoria Falls. We fly to Victoria Falls and transfer to our lovely lodge hotel.

Day 4: Victoria Falls. We enjoy a morning tour of the Falls - a sight to behold! The afternoon is free, and there will be an opportunity to take an optional helicopter flight over the falls. This evening we enjoy a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, with a special African dinner experience.

Day 5: Chobe. We proceed to our safari lodge near Chobe National Park - home to a splendid variety of wildlife, including hippo and elephants that troll the river paths to drink. We take our first game cruise this afternoon.

Day 6: Chobe. On our morning game drive we enjoy the wonderful surroundings of wild Africa! In the afternoon we take a boat ride along the river and get up close with the bounty of Chobe as we view herds of kudu, waterbuck and possibly elephants coming to the river to drink.

Day 7: Johannesburg. We fly from Victoria Falls back to Johannesburg, and then proceed to our hotel en route to Kruger National Park.

Day 8: Kruger National Park Area. We proceed to Kruger National Park for wildlife viewing at its best! The park offers an experience in beauty, tranquility and variety not found anywhere else in the world. En route we visit the majestic Blyde River Canyon to see God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes - true natural wonders! Our hotel is located just outside the Park.

Day 9: Kruger National Park Area. A full day of game viewing in open safari vehicles. We start early in the morning, the best time to find the world's largest variety of wildlife including the Big Five (lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and buffalo), hippo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and crocodile. The park is also home to more than 400 bird species.

Day 10: Kruger National Park Area. A morning at leisure to enjoy the various activities at the hotel. Relax by the pool, do some game or bird watching or take a nature walk. Later we depart for our evening game drive to see if we can catch some nocturnal animals in the spotlight.

Day 11: Johannesburg. We drive back to Johannesburg. This afternoon we visit the Apartheid Museum - the pre-eminent museum in the world dealing with 20th century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story.

Day 12: Soweto / Garden Route. We begin with an unforgettable tour of the township of Soweto, which sets the trends for South Africa in politics, fashion, music and dance. After our visit we will transfer to the airport for our flight to George, on South Africa's fabled Garden Route.

Day 13: Garden Route. We travel over the mountains to Oudtshoorn to visit an ostrich farm, followed by a visit of the Cango Caves, whose stalagmites and stalactites will leave a lasting impression.

Day 14: Garden Route. Today we visit a township near George, where we will have a chance to meet the children at a local primary school. Then we travel to Knysna and ferry over to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, dedicated to the protection of the local flora.

Day 15: Garden Route / Cape Town. Our Garden Route drive takes us along the coast, around lakes, mountains, golden beaches and cliffs - an enchanting drive with a romantic history. We arrive in Cape Town and take a cable car ride up Table Mountain for panoramic views.

Day 16: Cape Town. Our city tour shows us the Malay Quarter, the Botanical Gardens and more. In the afternoon we embark on a ferry ride and guided tour of the Robben Island Prison Museum (weather permitting) where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years.

Day 17: Cape Town. A Winelands tour through lovely scenery of vineyards, oak shaded rivers and old Dutch colonial homes. We enjoy a tasting in a wine cellar and lunch at a private estate. In Stellenbosch we visit the Village Museum.

Day 18: Cape Town. A full-day tour to Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, where we see colonies of penguins in their natural environment. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 19: Capetown / Departure. A day at leisure in Capetown. After dinner we depart for home.

Day 20: Home. Arrival back in Canada.



Borneo, Malaysia and Singapore

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Cathay Pacific Airways
- First Class hotels and Jungle Lodges
- Full breakfast daily, 12 lunches and 12 dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Calgary or Edmonton - \$8497
- Single Supplement - \$1490
- Ottawa, Montreal or Winnipeg - add \$190
- Halifax - add \$290
- Vancouver - deduct \$200

The island of Borneo is known for its ancient, biodiverse rainforest - home to unique wildlife such as orangutans and gibbons, as well as its wide array of cultures and age-old traditions.

We begin with a jungle adventure in Sabah - home to the world's oldest jungles and one of Southeast Asia's highest peaks - Mount Kinabalu. We will explore rainforests and jungle trails, float along rivers spotting wildlife, snorkel in colourful coral reefs and stroll serene white-sand beaches.

We will also visit local tribes who have lived in the jungle for generations and visit the lively local markets. At our jungle lodge on Mount Kinabalu we will experience the flora and fauna - home to thousands of species of orchids, hundreds of varieties of birds, monkeys and other jungle creatures. There will be river safaris, night-time walks to spot nocturnal animals and an excursion to Gomantong Caves to see the exodus of millions of bats.

We will visit Sepilok Orangutan Reserve - a rehabilitation centre that prepares orphaned animals for a return to life in the rainforest, Sun Bear Rehabilitation Centre to meet

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the world's smallest bears and Proboscis Sanctuary to delight at the elusive and peculiar monkeys of this region. At Abai Jungle we enjoy spectacular scenery among the magnificent mangroves, and at scenic Pitax Oxbow Lake we may glimpse families of pygmy elephants bathing in the wild.

After our jungle adventure we fly to the vibrant metropolis of Kuala Lumpur, known for its fantastic shopping, great restaurants and surrounding natural wonders. From here we travel overland to Malacca - the historical state of Malaysia rich in heritage buildings and ancient landmarks. We complete our tour in the island city of Singapore.

** Those joining any of our tours to Asia must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Borneo, via Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur.

Day 2: Kota Kinabalu: We arrive in Kota Kinabalu and transfer to our hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Sapi Island. We take a ferry to Sapi Island for a relaxing day of strolling the picturesque beach, swimming in the turquoise waters, snorkelling to see the abundant tropical fish and marine life, and enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch.

Day 4: Kudat / Sahab. We take the scenic drive to the northern tip of Borneo, passing expansive paddy fields, bustling villages, oil palm plantations, and stalls selling local produce and handicrafts. En route we stop at Sumangkap Village, known for its “Gong” making, and later at the Gombizau Honey Bee Farm to sample raw honey straight from the honeycomb! We continue to the Tanjung Simpang, known as the “Tip of Borneo” for spectacular views of the South China Sea before returning to Sahab for our overnight.

Day 5: Kinabalu Park / Sepilok. We travel the winding mountain road to Kinabalu Park - home to a wide range of exotic flora and fauna. First we stop at Nabal Market where produce and handicrafts are sold, then enjoy the spectacular view of Mount Kinabalu. At the Park's Exhibit Centre and Mountain Gardens we'll discover the beautiful local plant life, then proceed to our nature resort in Sepilok for a 2-night stay.

Day 6: Sepilok. We visit the Orangutans at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, where these majestic apes are rehabilitated before release into the wild. Then we continue to the Sun Bear Rehabilitation Centre for a close encounter with the world's smallest bear. Later we visit Labuk Bay where the mangrove forest is a sanctuary for the unique Proboscis Monkey - unique to Borneo and one of the world's most peculiar animals. We will also visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre before returning to our hotel where we may see the “flying squirrel” in action!

Day 7: Boat Safari / Abai Jungle Lodge. We begin with a one-hour cruise through the striking scenery of the Mangrove Forest to Abai Jungle Lodge. After lunch at the lodge we take another boat trip in search of wildlife, and after sunset we'll see the magic of the fireflies who light up the foliage like Christmas trees. After dinner those who wish can do a guided night stroll on the nature boardwalk in search of birds and other wildlife.

Day 8: Pitax Oxbow Lake / Sukau. We take a river trip to Pitax Oxbow Lake where we see elephants, monkeys, orangutans

and even crocodiles in their natural habitat. We then enjoy the lunch prepared by the villagers. In the afternoon we cruise up river to Sukau village in search of the Proboscis Monkeys, birds and other wildlife and later take a boat ride on the Menanggul River before arriving at Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge in Sukau for a 3-night stay.

Day 9: Sukau. We take a cruise on the Kinabatangan River to search for wildlife, and explore the Menanggul River, a smaller tributary.

Day 10: River Safari / Gomantong Cave / Sukau. The calls of Gibbons and Hornbills rouse us this morning, before we travel overland to the area of Gomantong Caves. We will hike on a forest trail and witness the sunset exodus of over two million bats, as well as raptors, from the Gomantong Cave.

Day 11: Boat to Sandakan / Kuala Lumpur. We travel by boat back to Sandakan and transfer to the airport for our flight to Kuala Lumpur. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel.

Day 12: Kuala Lumpur. Our tour of the city's highlights takes in the Railway Station, the National Mosque, Merdeka Square, Sultan Abdul Samad Building and the National Monument. At the Central Market we see local handicrafts, and there will be a photo-stop at the iconic Petronas Twin Tower. This evening dinner is at a local restaurant featuring Malay specialties.

Day 13: Malacca. We travel to historical Malacca. Our fascinating walking tour includes the Baba and Nyonya Heritage Museum, bustling Jalan Hang Jebat Street, the river dock where wooden barges deliver charcoal and rice from Sumatra, the Town Square with its terracotta Dutch colonial buildings, the Malaccan Sultanate's Palace and a visit of the great 16th century Portuguese Fort A'Famosa.

Day 14: Singapore. We proceed overland to Singapore. This evening we tour Chinatown, which has a rich history and heritage. We'll visit a Chinese Medical Hall, enjoy dinner at a local Chinese restaurant and wander along the narrow lanes of the Night Market. The highlight is a trishaw ride through the alleyways of Chinatown, then a bumboat cruise along the river to see the city lights.

Day 15: Singapore. Our city tour takes in the Singapore Cricket Club, the “Padang”, historic Parliament House and Marina Bay. We will visit Thian Hock Keng Temple - one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, the Singapore Botanical Gardens and Little India. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner at the Orchard Café.

Day 16: Home. We fly home to Canada via Hong Kong.



Walking in South Wales and the Cotswolds plus London

On this exciting tour we will walk through impressive countryside and picturesque villages led by experienced, expert hiking guides.

Each day there will be a choice of 3 different levels of walks, each designed for the avid walker. The gentle walks will range from 5 - 6 kms with ascents of up to 150m. More challenging walks will also be offered daily for those interested.

The first 7 nights will be in the Cotswolds town of Bourton-on-the-Water (voted one of England's prettiest towns), where gentle hills, picture-postcard villages and tempting tea shops combine to make this quintessentially English countryside perfect for walking. Here we will stay at the *Harrington House*, which retains many of its stunning original Georgian features - the most breathtaking is the sunny walled garden with a landscape of green rolling hills and timeless golden stone villages in the background.

We will spend the following 3 nights in Brecon (Wales) - a quaint market town at the foot of the Brecon Beacons - an area of sweeping high moorland and beautiful green valleys. Our hotel, the historic *Nythfa House*, is a charming country house on the edge of Brecon within easy

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class country house hotels, and a First Class hotel in London
- Full English breakfast and dinner daily (except for one dinner while in London), and 8 picnic lunches
- Guided walking tour program
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal - \$5997

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- Single Supplement - \$990
 - Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary or Vancouver - add \$190
 - Edmonton - add \$590

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reach of the Brecon Beacons National Park and many fine walking areas - a location is perfect for walkers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Our final 2 nights will be at a centrally located hotel in 'everyone's favorite city', London.

Tour Highlights:

- Walking the stunning Cotswolds countryside with green rolling hills criss-crossed by countless footpaths
- Bath - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Stratford-upon-Avon, including Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Distillery
- Brecon Beacons National Park
- London

** Those participating on this walking tour must be able to complete a minimum of 6 km of walking.*

Walks described are the easier option. More challenging walks will also be offered each day.

Day 1: Depart. We depart for London

Day 2: Bourton-on-the Water. We arrive in London and transfer to our country house hotel in the centre of Bourton-on-the Water. On our guided walking over the next few days we'll discover glorious golden stone villages with thatched cottages, mansions, pastoral countryside and quiet country lanes. This evening is our Welcome Briefing and Dinner.

Day 3: The Slaughters and the Windrush Valley (Walk 7km with 40m ascent). We start by following the Monarch's Way before crossing the Windrush Valley, passing some of the quarry lakes to Salmonsbury Camp and Bourton. At the end of our walk there is plenty of time to explore Bourton-on-the-Water. Enjoy a pint in one of the pubs, visit the shops, or find a bench beside the River Windrush and soak up this charming rural village.

Day 4: Fish Hill to Broadway (Walk 5km with 40m ascent). Starting at Fish Hill we follow the Cotswold Way with time to visit Broadway Tower. Then we descend to spend time exploring Broadway. Broadway Tower was the brainchild of the great 18th Century landscape designer, Capability Brown. His vision was carried out for the Earl of Coventry and was completed in 1798.

Day 5: Stratford-upon-Avon. We spend the day in Shakespeare country! We start at Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall, where Shakespeare spent his schooldays, discovered theatre and was educated and inspired to become the world's greatest playwright! There will be free time before we head out to Shakespeare Distillery, where we'll learn about the history of gin, how it is made and the many different ingredients used. There will of course be a tutored tasting to finish off our day.

Day 6: Chedworth Roman Villa (Walk 6.5km with 140m ascent). We start this walk by exploring the beautiful 12th century church of Hampnett, with its astonishingly ornate patterns of mock-medieval stencilling. We then follow the Macmillan Way to the small rural parish of Yanworth. Finally we arrive at the Roman Villa at Chedworth.

Day 7: Hailes Abbey to Sudeley Castle (Walk 4.5km with 60m ascent). We explore Hailes Abbey before walking to

Winchcombe. We enjoy the views of the heritage steam railway before arriving at Sudeley Castle. Steeped in history, the castle was home (and now the burial place) of Queen Catherine Parr - one of Henry VIII's many wives.

Day 8: Lower Slaughter (Walk 5km with 50m ascent). A picturesque circular walk to Lower Slaughter. With its' fine old houses and cottages sitting alongside the River Eye, this is one of the most photographed villages in England. There will be time to visit the church and look at the mill before we return to Harrington House.

Day 9: Brecon, Wales. We depart the Cotswolds and make our way to Brecon, arriving at our country house hotel, Nythfa House, for a 3-night stay. The hotel is surrounded by hidden coves, breathtaking scenery and some of the best walks in Wales.

Day 10: Black Mountains and Crickhowell. (Walk 6km with 60m ascent). We take a circular walk around the lovely town of Crickhowell. After crossing the picturesque Usk bridge, we follow the canal passing the village of Llangattock, then return to explore Crickhowell with its shops, cafes and art galleries featuring local artists.

Day 11: Western Beacons (Walk 6.5km with 150m ascent). We start our walk in the village of Panycae in the upper Swansea Valley and pass Craig-y-Nos - a 19th century castle once owned by opera diva Dame Adelina Patti - the Madonna of her time. We walk around the park with its lake and tea room before continuing up the valley to Dan-yr-Ogof where we will have the opportunity to visit some of the most spectacular show caves in Europe.

Day 12: Bath / London. Enroute to London we stop in Bath for some free time to explore this UNESCO World Heritage City, famous for its beautiful architecture, Roman Baths and fascinating history which has attracted visitors for centuries. Later we arrive at our central London hotel.

Day 13: London. A free day in London to visit or revisit some of the countless attractions. At our Farewell Dinner we will raise a glass to say 'Cheers' for this memorable walking tour.

Day 14: Home. Air Canada takes us home.



Hiking through the Yorkshire Dales plus Liverpool

Between the solitude of Yorkshire's glorious wilderness, and the charm of cobbled streets in its quaint villages, the quiet beauty of Yorkshire will have you hooked.

This unique walking tour will include "gentle" walks that range from 6 - 11 km with a maximum ascent of 320m, led by experienced hiking guides. There are 2 other walks available each day for those who prefer more of a challenge. Our walks will take in the amazing landscapes that Yorkshire is known for, and we will also stop at historic pubs oozing with character, so we can sample the local culture, cuisine and perhaps a pint or two as well!

We'll spend the first 7 nights in The Yorkshire Dales - the quintessential landscape of Northern England. Our country house hotel, *Newfield Hall*, sits in open countryside where we can enjoy the surrounding scenery of green patchwork fields, drystone walls and wild moorland hills.

The next 3 nights will be in Sedburgh, known for its old-world atmosphere. Our country house hotel, *Thorns Hall*, is set in the magnificent western dales of Yorkshire Dales National Park, near the rugged fells of the Lake District.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with British Airways
- First Class country house hotels, and a First Class hotel in Liverpool
- Full English breakfast & dinner daily (except for one dinner in Liverpool),
- 6 picnic lunches and 2 pub lunches
- Guided walking tour program
- Many evenings of entertainment
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto ... \$5997
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$190
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$290

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Our final 2 nights are in Liverpool. The birthplace of the Beatles brims with maritime culture, magnificent Georgian and Victorian architecture, and countless attractions.

Tour Highlights:

- Guided walks through the wild landscape of the Southern Yorkshire Dales
- Green valleys and waterfalls on riverside strolls
- Quaint villages and the warm Yorkshire hospitality
- 2 Lunches at authentic Yorkshire village pubs
- Lake District Cruise
- Liverpool - Beatles landmarks, Maritime Mercantile City and World Heritage Sites

** Those participating on this walking tour must be able to complete a minimum of 11 km of walking.*

Walks described below are the easier option. More challenging walks will also be offered each day.

Day 1: Depart. We depart for Manchester, via London.

Day 2: Malham, Yorkshire Dales. Upon arrival in Manchester we transfer to our country house hotel - *Newfield Hall House*, situated in an enviable location close to Malham Cove in the Yorkshire Dales, for a 7-night stay.

Day 3: Airton and The Pennine Way (Walk 6.5km with ascent of 100m). We start out north on the Pennine Way, along the banks of the River Aire. After passing an old mill, we have the chance to walk along the old leat and return via fields and farms to Newfield Hall. We may see 'dippers' in the River Aire and visit the 17th century village of Airton.

Day 4: Clapton Beck and Ingleborough Cave (Walk 6km with ascent of 200m). We walk through the traditional Dales village of Clapham, passing through the Ingleborough Estate, to Ingleborough Cave. We'll have a tour of the cave with its impressive stalactites and stalagmites, then return to the village for some time on our own. You may want to enjoy coffee and cake in the village café.

Day 5: Leisure. *Newfield Hall* sits in rolling open countryside, 7 miles from the market town of Skipton where there are shops, pubs and cafes. You may want to enjoy the facilities of our hotel, which include a heated indoor swimming pool, extensive gardens with views of the Yorkshire Dales and a walled garden with putting green.

Day 6: Eshton Moor and the Haw Crag (Walk 6.5km with ascent of 140m). Our circular walk explores the Pennine Way, before going over the Eshton Moor to the Haw Crag, then rejoining the Pennine Way back to our hotel. The views today are spectacular, and if you feel energized you will have the opportunity to climb Haw Crag (200m).

Day 7: Wharfedale and Grassington (Walk 6.5km with ascent of 120m). We follow the Dales Way along the beautiful River Wharfe, first to Linton Falls - the largest waterfall on the river, then to picturesque Grassington where there will be plenty of time to explore or relax in one of the many tea shops.

Day 8: Janet's Foss & Malham (Walk 7km with ascent of 150m). We first cross National Trust land to view Janet's Foss. Then a gentle walk takes us up to the magnificent Malham Cave - truly spectacular! Look out for peregrine falcons nesting on the cliffs, and the river emerging from the base of the cave. We then make our way back to Malham village.

Day 9: Lake District / Sedbergh. We venture north to Windermere, England's largest lake and the most popular area in the Lake District. Here we enjoy a lake cruise and free time to explore one of the lakeside towns. Later we arrive at *Thorns Hall* in West Yorkshire, for a 3-night stay.

Day 10: Thwaite To Gunnerside (Walk 9km with ascent of 300m). Starting from the village of Thwaite, we cross farmland to the hamlet of Angram. We then ascend onto the shoulder of Kisdon Hill and follow the route of the River Swale, enjoying the views along Swaledale and the surrounding hills before descending to the village of Muker. We enjoy lunch at the *Farmers Arms* - a 'proper' Dales pub with hearty home cooking (no frills) - a very typical village Yorkshire pub! After lunch we stroll back along the banks of the River Swale to Thwaite and the *Kearton Hotel* for a well-deserved drink!

Day 11: Sedbergh To Dent (Walk 9.5km with ascent of 180m). We walk along the River Rawthey, then up the open moorland of Frostrow Fells to admire the views of Dentedale and the Howgills before descending into the village of Dent. Our lunch will be at the *Sun Inn* - a lovely white-painted, traditional pub at the top of the village, with an interior untouched for decades. The pub serves traditional locally brewed ales. After lunch there will be time to explore the village.

Day 12: Liverpool. Leaving the Yorkshire Dales we make our way to Liverpool. The birthplace of the Fab Four has a maritime history that stretches back over 800 years. Our city tour begins at the historic waterfront area, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then we drive along Hope Street and take in both of Liverpool's cathedrals. Of course no tour of Liverpool would be complete without taking in some of the Beatles landmarks, such as Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields!

Day 13: Liverpool at Leisure. A day to explore one of England's most beautiful and historic cities at your own pace. Liverpool's Waterfront is one of the most recognizable waterfronts in the world. Explore the Albert Dock and world class museums, including "The Beatles Story". Our Farewell Dinner will be at a restaurant on Albert Dock.

Day 14: Home. We fly home from Manchester, via London.



Walking in Provence and the French Riviera

This walking tour in Southern France showcases the unspoiled parts of Provence and the French Riviera.

Discover picturesque hilltop villages, spectacular landscape of the Southern Alps and Mediterranean Sea and gorgeous architecture, complemented by delicious freshly prepared local cuisine and wines. Designed for the avid walker (and moderate hiker), each day we will enjoy walks ranging from 5 - 12 km with ascents of 100m – 400m, led by experienced hiking guides on good paths (which are sometimes rocky underfoot).

We begin in Provence with 5 nights in charming Gréoux-Bains - an ancient Roman town with thermal baths. Our hotel is the *Villa Borghese*, a member of the prestigious Château Demeures de Tradition group. The hotel has beautiful grounds, a spa, an outdoor heated swimming pool shaded by century old oak trees and a restaurant renowned for the quality of its regional cuisine.

We spend the next 5 nights in the Riviera's best kept secret - Menton, known throughout the country as "The Pearl of France". Menton's old town with its pastel-coloured buildings, fragrant lemon trees and pristine beachfront is a delight. Situated at the base of the Alps, the town is a hiker's paradise. We will stay at the lovingly

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (except for 1 day - lunch instead of dinner). Wine and coffee with all dinners.
- Guided walking tour program
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$6797
- Single supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Vancouver - add \$590
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$690
- Calgary or Edmonton - add \$890

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restored *Hotel Royal Westminster* - a 19th century Belle Epoque style palace located directly on the seafront promenade (all of our rooms are seaview!)

Tour Highlights:

- Explore dramatic clifftop villages described as the most beautiful in France
- Visits of Simiane-La-Rotonde Castle & Banon village
- Visits of Salagon's Abbey and Forcalquier Market
- Visit of Eze Exotic Garden
- Walking tour of Menton
- Explore the Murrès Plateau, the Provencal Colorado in Rustrel and Verdon Gorge - Europe's largest canyon
- Guided visit of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild
- An excursion to Italy's beloved Liguria region, with a typical Italian lunch and guided visit of Dolceacqua

** Those participating on this walking tour must be able to complete up to 11 km of walking on varied terrain.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Marseille via Paris.

Day 2: Gréoux-Les-Bains. We arrive in Marseille and transfer to Gréoux-les-Bains for a 5-night stay. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner in France.

Day 3: Rustrel / Simiane-la-Rotonde / Banon (Walk 5km with 150m ascent). We travel to Rustrel, known for its amazing ochre cliffs and small canyons which gave the village the nickname the “Provencal Colorado”. On our walk we will see an incredible succession of rust-coloured rocks, golden cliffs and red earthen chimneys which rise majestically out of the vegetation. Then we visit Simiane-la-Rotonde, listed as one of the most beautiful villages of Provence. Simiane is a place where Mediterranean and Alpine influences meet. We will enjoy a visit of the medieval castle and free time to wander the charming streets of the village. Our last stop will be in the quaint village of Banon, renowned for its goat cheeses. We will sample some specialties at a goat cheese factory.

Day 4: Moustiers Sainte Marie (Walk 6km with 110m ascent OR 10km with 350m ascent). We walk along the ridge above the Moustiers-Ste-Marie, listed as one of the Most Beautiful Villages of France. The town has ancient gates, medieval architecture, pottery shops and a gorgeous location at the base of rocky cliffs. Enjoy the breathtaking views of the Provencal Alps and Lake Sainte Croix as we walk on the old Roman path down towards the village.

Day 5: Forcalquier / Mourres Plateau / Abbey of Salagon (Walk 7km with 200m ascent OR 11km with 400m ascent). We begin at the picturesque hilltop town of Forcalquier - home to one of the largest and liveliest Provencal markets. We will explore the market, then visit a typical olive mill and take in the gorgeous views over the Luberon landscape. Then we proceed with our walk on the Mourres Plateau. where mushroom shaped formations resemble human faces - a true geological wonder! We finish the day with a visit of the Abbey of Salagon - a peaceful 13th century priory with lovely theme gardens.

Day 6: Verdon Gorge (Walk 8km with 150m ascent OR 12km with 250m ascent). We head to the village of Quinson for a scenic walk along the lower Verdon Gorges. The walkway follows an old canal previously used to carry drinking water to Aix-en-Provence. The views of the turquoise waters of the Canal are wonderful. We return to Gréoux where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

Day 7: Menton. We proceed to sunny Menton for a 5-night stay. On our walking tour of this delightful seaside resort we see the lovely pastel-coloured architecture, the old town, the cemetery where many prominent 19th century English and Russian figures are buried and the wonderful views of the surrounding countryside.

Day 8: Menton. At leisure in Menton to explore this exquisite town, enjoy a swim in the Mediterranean Sea, visit the museum dedicated to the artist Jean Cocteau, or nearby towns like Monaco or Nice.

Day 9: La Turbie / Eze (Walk 5km with 100m ascent OR 10km with 300m ascent). Our walk begins in La Turbie. Overlooking the Principality of Monaco, this small town resembles a balcony hanging over the Mediterranean and seems to float in the sky. The tall Trophee d'Auguste built 2,000 years ago for the glory of Emperor Augustus is impressive while the rest of the town, with its medieval vaulted passageways, bell tower and baroque fountains is enchanting. Then walk on the trail towards Eze - a fine 14th century village built on a hill. We'll enjoy a visit of the exotic garden and magnificent views over the coast.

Day 10: Italy / Dolceacqua / Aprical. We cross into Italy for a beautiful day of sightseeing. We first discover the beautifully preserved medieval town of Dolceacqua located in the Lugharian Hills. The town enchant visitors with its scenic bridges and small houses that circle the Castello dei Doria. French painter Claude Monet immortalized the town in one of his famous paintings. We will enjoy a typical Italian lunch at a local restaurant featuring fresh locally grown food. Later we visit the perched village of Aprical - surrounded by forested hills it is on the list of the 'Most Beautiful Villages in Italy'. Dinner is on our own this evening.

Day 11: Cap Ferrat / Villa Ephrussi (Walk 11km with 150m ascent). Our last walk is on the picturesque hiking path along the rocky seaside from Beaulieu and around the main peninsula of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. We pass magnificent villas and see how unspoiled Cap Ferrat has remained. We conclude our walk with a visit of the Villa Ephrussi - home of the Rothschild family. The villa's opulent furnishings, garden with musical dancing fountains and views of the Mediterranean are breathtaking — a wonderful way to end our walking journey! Tonight enjoy a farewell cocktail followed by dinner.

Day 12: Home. We fly back to Canada via Paris.



Fall Foliage Cruise on the *Enchanted Princess* plus New York City

This cruise, which begins and ends in New York City, sails along the New England coastline, and back through Canada's Maritime Provinces, showing us the spectacular array of fall colours, with plenty of opportunities for sightseeing in some of North America's most historic cities.

We will sail aboard the *Enchanted Princess*, a floating resort with all the amenities of a resort hotel, and a perfect balance of tradition and innovation. Princess' award – winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs bring the local culture to life.

Dining aboard a Princess ship is a joyful celebration in the truest sense with every dish “designed for fresh” and crafted to exceed any kind of appetite. From hand-tossed pizza to dazzling multi-course gourmet dinners, you will enjoy freshly prepared cuisine.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities and entertainment
- First Class hotel in New York (in central Manhattan) including breakfast, dinner and a city tour
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal
 - Inside Cabin..... \$4197
 - Outside Cabin with private balcony... \$4997
 - Deluxe balcony cabin..... \$5197
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- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
 - Ottawa or Halifax - add \$90
 - * *Costs below include a Toronto overnight enroute.*
 - Calgary - add \$490.
 - Winnipeg or Edmonton - add \$590
 - Vancouver - add \$890

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As for entertainment, dazzling stage sets, international performers, modern hits, timeless classics and lavish productions are all the order of the day in the state-of-the-art Princess theatres!

Following our cruise we will enjoy an overnight at a hotel in the heart of Manhattan (the *Hampton Inn Manhattan Empire State Building*), including a guided city tour, an afternoon at leisure and our Farewell Dinner.

** All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

Day 1: Departure / Embarkation. We depart for New York and upon arrival we transfer to our floating resort, the *Enchanted Princess*. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

Day 2: Newport, Rhode Island. The lovely New England town of Newport is best known for its opulent mansions (many of which are now museums) built by America's rich and famous in the 1890's. This is a delightful town in which to stroll.

Day 3: Boston. America's most historic city offers such legendary attractions as Paul Revere's home, Beacon Hill and the Bunker Hill Monument.

Day 4: Bar Harbor, Maine. Bar Harbor is Maine's best known ocean resort. Follow the scenic loop road through Acadia National Park or visit Victorian Bar Harbor, a charming town that was once home to the rich and famous.

Day 5: Saint John, New Brunswick. We cruise up the Bay of Fundy to the loyalist city of Saint John. Here you will delight in the historic waterfront, high cliffs overlooking the sea, solitary lighthouses and rugged scenery. Enjoy a stroll along the Loyalist Trail.

Day 6: Halifax, Nova Scotia. The capital of Nova Scotia is a charming mix of old and new. You may wish to visit the Citadel – the fortress guarding the city and harbour, or perhaps an excursion to Peggy's Cove – home to the most photographed lighthouse in the world.

Day 7: At Sea. Relax and enjoy all of the activities and entertainment on board our ship.

Day 8: New York City. We disembark the ship in New York and embark on our half day city sightseeing tour, during which we will see Times Square, Central Park, the Empire State Building and many other well known sights. After our tour we proceed to our hotel, the *Hampton Inn Manhattan Empire State Building*. The afternoon is at leisure. Our hotel is located in the heart of mid-town Manhattan - convenient for exploring the city. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

Day 9: Home. After breakfast we transfer to the airport where Air Canada takes us home.



Southern Caribbean Cruise

aboard the
Enchanted Princess

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities and entertainment
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal
- Inside cabin \$3597
- Outside cabin with balcony \$4397
- Deluxe balcony cabin \$4597

- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)

** All add-ons below include an overnight in
Toronto or Montreal en route to Miami*

- Halifax - add \$390
- Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg - add \$590

**Come cruise with us to discover exotic landscapes
brimming with natural, unspoiled beauty,
world-renowned beaches and colourful cultures.**

On this cruise we will venture deeper into the Caribbean on the road-less-travelled to remote islands teeming with lush rainforests, waterfalls, rare birds and spices unique to the region. We will also discover aquamarine seas ablaze with brightly coloured coral reefs teeming with technicolour fish, breathtaking national parks and world – renowned beaches.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the new *Enchanted Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort.

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Princess' award winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the Caribbean.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the-art Princess theatre!

** All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

Day 1: Departure / Miami. We fly to Miami and upon arrival we transfer to our cruise ship, the *Enchanted Princess*. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

Day 2: Princess Cays, Bahamas. Relax on the sandy beach and take in the island's natural beauty, while lazing on your own comfortable beach chair. Or, you may go snorkeling and explore the underwater paradise hidden within the unspoiled waters of the Bahamas.

Day 3: At Sea. Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities and entertainment. Visit the health club for a workout or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing or perhaps wine tasting.

Day 4: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. St. Thomas is a small island surrounded by a series of jagged bays, inlets and coves with miles of beautiful beaches and green mountains. Enjoy exploring the colourful waterfront and cobbled streets with outstanding duty-free shopping in the lovely capital of Charlotte Amalie.

Day 5: Dominica. This island boasts a wealth of lush rain forests, dense jungles and rugged mountains. You can explore the natural beauty at places like Champagne Reef, Emerald Pool and Ti Tou Gorge. You can also sit back and watch the brilliantly plumed Sisserou and Jacquot parrots flit from tree to tree.

Day 6: Grenada. Breathe in the scent of the wild nutmeg trees that this "Spice Island" is famous for as you stroll past the heliconia and ginger lilies to Grand Etang Lake. Be sure to bring along your swimsuit because the crystal-clear pool at the base of Seven Sisters Falls is hard to resist.

Day 7: Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. If you think you have seen everything, come explore the kunuku - a Caribbean-style outback terrain unique to the Netherlands Antilles. Here nature serves up prickly cactus where iguanas feel at home and the offshore waters shimmer like a million aquamarines.

Day 8: Curacao. Colourful Willemstad is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most recognizable spots in the Caribbean. While the shops in town offer great bargains, there is also an array of pristine beaches as well as the fascinating Hato Caves.

Days 9 & 10: At Sea. Relax and enjoy all of the activities and entertainment on board our ship.

Day 11: Fort Lauderdale / Home. We arrive back in Fort Lauderdale in the morning and transfer to the airport for our flight home.



15-Day Caribbean Adventure Cruise

aboard the *Sky Princess*

Come cruise with us to some of the most exciting ports in the Caribbean aboard the *Sky Princess*.

With a distinctive fusion of European and Latin American influences, the islands of the Caribbean are known for their quaint towns alive with a diverse culture, with a breathtaking backdrop of swaying palm trees, powder white beaches, turquoise waters and blue-green mountains. Highlights of this cruise include the Mayan ruins in Mexico, the huge barrier reef in Belize, the duty-free shopping in St. Thomas and the French and Dutch colonial splendour in St. Maarten.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the *Sky Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-Star floating resort. Princess' award-winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- Cruise as described, port taxes, all tipping, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal
- Inside Cabin (various decks)\$4997
- Outside Cabin with private balcony\$5797
- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Halifax - add \$190
- ** All add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto en route to Miami*
- Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$390
- Winnipeg - add \$490

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programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the Caribbean.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the-art Princess theatre!

** All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

Day 1: Departure / Miami. We fly to Miami and upon arrival transfer to our cruise ship, the *Sky Princess*. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

Day 2: At Sea. Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities, and entertainment. Visit the health club for a workout or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing or perhaps wine tasting.

Day 3: Cozumel, Mexico. A day in Mexico. Shopping on this Mexican island is truly a delightful pastime. Quality crafts, fine jewelry and leather goods are all good buys and the cultural surroundings in this part of Mexico are fascinating.

Day 4: Roatan, Honduras. Roatan is noted for its pristine coral reefs, beautiful beaches, lush tropical foliage and friendly people. One of the most famous attractions here is the Iguana farm - home to over 2700 Iguanas. Perhaps visit Carambola Botanical Gardens - a 40-acre reserve with jungle trails and gentle pathways of beautiful flora and fauna.

Day 5: Belize City, Belize. The dense rainforest in Belize is dotted with Mayan ruins and tropical wildlife. The world's second largest barrier reef is here and offers some of the finest snorkeling and diving in the world. Enjoy Belize City by trolley train, or visit the zoo - home to 125 animals native to the country.

Day 6: Mahahual (Costa Maya), Mexico. This fishing village is the gateway for exploring the ancient Mayan ruins on Mexico's Costa Maya. Explore the ruins of Chacchoben, Kohunlich and Dzibanche, or experience a Mayan village with a visit to a family in their home.

Day 7: At Sea.

Day 8: Fort Lauderdale. The Florida Everglades are home to many endangered species, so an airboat ride through the "River of Grass" is the perfect way to view the wildlife. Go for a stroll on Los Olas Boulevard in the trendy Riverwalk district, with its fabulous art galleries, eclectic boutiques and busy sidewalk cafes.

Day 9: Princess Cays, Bahamas. On Princess' own private island you may relax on the sandy beach and take in the island's natural beauty while lazing on a comfortable beach chair. You may also explore the underwater paradise hidden within the unspoiled waters of the Bahamas.

Day 10: At Sea.

Day 11: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. This small island is surrounded by a series of jagged bays, inlets and coves with miles of sandy beaches and green mountains. Enjoy exploring the colourful waterfront and cobbled streets with outstanding duty-free shopping in the lovely capital of Charlotte Amalie.

Day 12: St. Maarten. The Dutch capital of Philipsburg charms with colonial architecture, historic buildings, wonderful shopping and sun-swept beaches. Just a few blocks wide, delights can be found around every corner. On the other side of the island, the hub of French St. Martin is filled with designer boutiques, sidewalk cafes, bistros and trendy art galleries. Wander through the charming streets and experience a taste of France.

Days 13 & 14: At Sea. Relax and enjoy all of the activities and entertainment on board our ship.

Day 15: Home. We disembark the ship in Fort Lauderdale and transfer to the airport for our flight home.



Christmas / New Years Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Regal Princess*

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Cruise as described, port taxes, all tipping, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment
- Gala Christmas and New Years celebrations
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal
 - Inside Cabin\$7397
 - Balcony Cabin.....\$8597
 - Deluxe Balcony Cabin\$8997
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- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
 - Ottawa or Halifax - add \$190
 - ** All add-ons below include a Toronto overnight en route to Fort Lauderdale*
 - Winnipeg - add \$190
 - Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$390

There's no better way to celebrate the Holiday Season than cruising in the Caribbean Sea.

Princess Cruises knows how to celebrate, with its festively decorated Atrium, a host of holiday events, festive onboard activities, a traditional Christmas dinner and a festive New Years countdown party.

While we're enjoying the joyous holiday atmosphere on board our ship in the evenings, during the day we'll be soaking up the sun, digging our toes in the white sand beaches, and exploring some of the most interesting ports-of-call in the Caribbean. This region boasts quaint towns alive with diverse culture, with the breathtaking backdrop of swaying palm trees, powdery sand and turquoise waters.

We will sail aboard the beautiful *Regal Princess* - a floating resort with all the amenities of a resort hotel,

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and a perfect balance of tradition and innovation. Princess' award winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life, while talented chefs will take you on a mouth-watering culinary journey.

As for evening entertainment, take in some of the finest cruise ship productions anywhere at sea, with lavish Broadway shows complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the-art theatres!

** All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

Day 1: Departure. We fly to Fort Lauderdale and upon arrival we transfer to our cruise ship, the *Regal Princess*. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner onboard.

Days 2 & 3: At Sea. Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities, and entertainment. Visit the health club for a workout or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing or perhaps a wine tasting.

Day 4: St. Maarten. The Dutch capital of Philipsburg charms with colonial architecture, historic buildings, wonderful shopping and sun-swept beaches. Just a few blocks wide, delights can be found around every corner. On the other side of the island, the hub of French St. Martin is filled with designer boutiques, sidewalk cafes, bistros and trendy art galleries. Wander through the charming streets and experience a taste of France.

Day 5: St. Kitts. With so much natural beauty, it's no wonder the English defended the "Gibraltar of the West Indies" from Brimstone Hill. Take it all in - from Piccadilly Circus and an island version of Big Ben to the pink salt pond, the lush gardens and rain forests.

Day 6: San Juan, Puerto Rico. San Juan is known as the walled city and is one of the biggest and best natural harbours in the Caribbean. It is also the second oldest European founded city in the Americas. Explore Old San Juan with its 400 carefully restored 16th and 17th century Spanish colonial buildings. Visit the 16th century National Historic Site fort of El Morro, which covers over 70 acres and features six levels that rise from sea level to 145 feet.

Day 7: Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos. This small island is bursting with 19th century Caribbean charm. The Bermudan British colonial architecture sits alongside the marine - blue waters of the Caribbean. Grand Turk is blessed with miles of quiet sugary beaches and is close to several uninhabited cays just waiting to be explored.

Day 8: At Sea (Christmas Day). Enjoy a culinary demonstration, afternoon tea, or catch a movie under the stars.

This evening we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings, prepared by Princess' own expert chefs.

Day 9: Fort Lauderdale. The Florida Everglades are home to many endangered species, so airboat rides through the "River of Grass" are the perfect way to view the wildlife. Go for a stroll on Los Olas Boulevard in the trendy Riverwalk district which features a host of fabulous art galleries, eclectic boutiques and busy sidewalk cafes.

Days 10 & 11: At Sea.

Day 12: Curacao. Colourful Willemstad is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most recognizable spots in the Caribbean. While the shops in town offer great bargains, there is also an array of pristine beaches as well as the fascinating Hato Caves.

Day 13: Bonaire. If you think you have seen everything, come explore the kunuku - a Caribbean-style outback terrain unique to the Netherlands Antilles. Here nature serves up prickly cactus where iguanas feel at home and the offshore waters shimmer in various shades of aquamarine.

Day 14: Aruba (New Years Eve). Although this unique Dutch island has blossomed as a sophisticated Caribbean destination, the real attraction is under water. Aruba is surrounded by colourful coral. The abundant sea life around Arashi Reef or the wreck of the Antilla is simply breathtaking. If you would rather stay dry, view it all by taking an excursion from the air conditioned comfort of an Atlantis submarine or a glass bottom boat.

This evening we enjoy a gala New Year's Eve Countdown Party.

Days 15 & 16: Last days to enjoy our ship.

Day 17: Fort Lauderdale / Home. We arrive back in Fort Lauderdale in the morning and transfer to the airport for our flight home.



Hawaiian Island Cruise

aboard the *Ruby Princess*

Cruising is an ideal way to explore the tropical paradise of Hawaii.

On this cruise we visit the big island of Hawaii - known for its orchids and volcanoes, Maui - with its green hills and gentle valleys, Kauai (*The Garden Isle*), and Oahu for the excitement of Honolulu.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the *Ruby Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort. Princess' award-winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs will bring the cultures and colours of Hawaii to life. Talented chefs will take you on a

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities and entertainment
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Edmonton
 - Inside Cabin (various decks)..... \$4997
 - Outside Cabin (obstructed view)
Emerald Deck..... \$5197
 - Outside Cabin (clear view), *Plaza Deck*.. \$5797
 - Outside Cabin with private balcony
Lido or Riviera Deck \$6597
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- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
 - Montreal- add \$90
 - Ottawa or Winnipeg - add \$190 (includes a Toronto or Vancouver overnight en route)
 - Halifax - add \$690 (includes a Toronto overnight in each direction.)
 - Calgary or Vancouver - deduct \$100

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culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate Hawaii.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the art Princess theatre!

** All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

Day 1: Departure / San Francisco. We depart for San Francisco. Upon arrival we transfer to our Princess cruise ship which sails later in the afternoon. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

Days 2 - 5: At Sea. Time now to enjoy the many pleasures of our cruise ship. Pamper yourself in the Spa, play a game of shuffleboard, take some time for golf or partake in afternoon tea. Browse the boutiques, take in a movie at the theatre or just curl up in a deck chair with a good book - a time honoured seafaring tradition.

Day 6: Hilo (the Big Island of Hawaii). On the lush rainforest side of Hawaii's Big Island, the "City of Rainbows" offers a look at the power and beauty of nature. You may enjoy the breathtaking views of the 420 foot thundering Akaka Falls or drive around Crater Rim at Volcanoes National Park.

Day 7: Honolulu / Oahu. Honolulu is Hawaii's largest city and the state capital. It is probably most famous for its main beach - Waikiki Beach. You may want to visit Iolani Palace, the only royal palace on U.S. soil, or see the USS Arizona Memorial and the "Mighty Missouri" at Pearl Harbour.

Day 8: Kauai. The oldest inhabited island in Hawaii, the "Garden Isle" boasts Waimea Canyon, known as "The Grand Canyon of the Pacific". You may want to take a boat ride on the Wailua River or visit Fern Grotto and hear a performance of "The Hawaiian Wedding Song".

Day 8: Lahaina (Maui). Maui is the second largest of the Hawaiian Islands. It's largest town, Lahaina, was once a whaling port and now a lovely resort area. It is a great place in which to stroll. The surrounding hills are planted with sugar cane and pineapple and the excellent beaches welcome those who like to swim. Well worth a visit is the Haleakala Crater, the highest point on the island.

Days 10 - 13: At Sea. We leave Hawaii and begin our cruise back to the mainland. Be watchful for whales and dolphins. We have not had a lot of time during these past 4 days to enjoy everything our ship has to offer, but as we head for the mainland you will be able to catch up. Relax and enjoy all the activities, facilities and entertainment on board.

Day 14: Ensenada, Mexico. This friendly port on the Baja Peninsula boasts more than just a warm Mediterranean climate. Optional excursions will be offered to Bodegas de Santo Tomas, Baja's oldest winery.

Day 15: At Sea. A final day to enjoy our luxurious cruise ship.

Day 16: San Francisco / Home. Farewell to our friends on our Princess cruise ship as we disembark and transfer to the airport for our flight home.



Seven Country Danube Cruise

- **First Class Riverboat Cruise**
- **1 night and tour in Bucharest**
- **Many shore excursions included!**

On this delightful cruise we will sail from Vienna (Austria) through seven Old World countries, ending in Bucharest (Romania). The itinerary will immerse us in the thousand-year-old history and culture of this fascinating region, home to the once mighty Hapsburg Empire. Featured stops include Bratislava (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary), Vukovar (Croatia), Novi Sad and Belgrade (Serbia) and Vidin (Bulgaria). In addition to all of our included excursions with English-speaking guides at these ports-of-call, we will also enjoy lectures on Balkan history and the Modern Balkans, including the Communist period when most of these countries were behind the “Iron Curtain”.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class cruise in outside cabins, including all meals (unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners)
- 1-night First Class accommodation in Bucharest, with breakfast and dinner
- All excursions as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 1*

COST:

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Main Deck (2 small windows)\$7597
- Middle Deck (panoramic window) ... \$7997
- Middle Deck (French Balcony)\$8397
- Upper Deck (French Balcony) \$8597
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- Single accommodation on request
- Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax - add \$190
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$290

13 DAYS • SEPTEMBER 10 - 22

Our riverboat, the First Class *MS Vivienne* is an intimate ship specially built for cruising European rivers.

While aboard you may relax in the panorama lounge, jacuzzi, exercise room or the Sun Deck.

Dinners will include coffee and tea, regional wines, beer and soft drinks. Afternoon tea and late night snacks are offered as well. The nightly entertainment features folkloric and musical performances.

All the cabins are “outside” with either 2 small windows, a panoramic window or French Balcony.

** Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

Day 1: Departure. We depart for Vienna, via Frankfurt.

Day 2: Vienna, Austria / Embarkation. We arrive in Vienna and transfer to the *MS Vivienne*. After a welcome cocktail we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Vienna, Austria. On our city tour we will see the highlights of this “Imperial “ capital, including Hunderwasser, the Ringstrasse, the Parliament, the State Opera, Hofburg (Imperial Palace) and Belvedere Palace. Our last stop will be in the old center of Vienna to take a walk through the pedestrian zone from Graben and Kohlmarkt to Michaela Square, ending at the entrance of St. Stephan’s Cathedral. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 4: Bratislava, Slovakia. We will enjoy a tour of this lovely city, including the famous St. Martin's Cathedral and the Primate's Palace. Our tour will end with a walk through the Old Town where we will see Michael's Gate and Tower, Main Square, Old Town Hall and the Slovak National Theatre.

Day 5: Budapest, Hungary. Our tour of this lovely city will take in The Parliament Building, St. Stefan Cathedral, the Opera, the Square of Heroes, Fisherman’s Bastion, Gellert Hill and the town park with Vajdahunyad Castle.

Day 6: Budapest, Hungary. A day at leisure to enjoy pedestrian friendly Budapest on your own, or partake in an optional excursion. Before dinner we will enjoy a concert performed by a local Gypsy duo.

Day 7: Vukovar, Croatia. View the passing vistas from the Sun Deck as we sail into Croatia. Upon arrival we’ll enjoy a walking tour of this riverside city - Croatia’s largest river port. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery and Museum.

Day 8: Novi Sad, Serbia. Novi Sad, Serbia’s third largest city, is a delightful pedestrian friendly town. We will join a local guide for a walking tour through the town center. There will be free time to explore this lovely town on our own, or partake in an optional Monastery Wine & Honey Tasting tour.

Day 9: Belgrade, Serbia. Our city tour of this lively and vibrant capital will take in the major attractions, including Kalemegdan Fortress and St. Sava’s Orthodox Cathedral, followed by a guided stroll through Knez Mihajlova Pedestrian Street. We will enjoy lunch at an authentic Serbian ethno restaurant including wonderful Serbian home-made fare, local “shlivovitz” (plumb brandy), live music and unique Serbian hospitality! This evening we enjoy a private folklore show onboard.

Day 10: Cruising Through the “Iron Gates” Gorge. Today’s highlight will be the passage through the “The Iron Gates” - the highest gorge on the Danube. Over 100 km. long, this canyon was historically a gigantic obstacle to navigate because of its pointed rocks, cliffs and changing water levels. A dam built in the 1970’s enables safe passage for passenger and cargo ships all the way to the Black Sea. Tonight is the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

Day 11: Vidin, Bulgaria. We embark on a tour of this delightful Bulgarian river port, highlighted by a visit to the 13th century fortress named “Baba Vida” (“Grandma Vida”) - Bulgaria’s best preserved medieval fortress. There will be free time in the afternoon.

Day 12: Disembarkation / Bucharest, Romania. We disembark our ship and transfer to the “Paris of the East” – Bucharest, Romania’s lovely capital. Highlights of our city tour will include Revolution Square, Arch de Triumph, the National Theatre, the Romanian Athenaeum and more. We will stop for photos at President Ceausescu’s huge “People’s House” (today’s Parliament) - the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon.

Day 13: Home. We transfer to the airport for our flight back to Canada (via Frankfurt).

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read this page carefully before booking your Senior Discovery Tours (SDT) holiday.

- SDT acts solely as agent between the passenger and supplier for providing services as described in the brochure. SDT will not assume **responsibility** for any claims, damages or expenses arising from situations beyond our control.
- **Passports** are required for travel outside of Canada, and must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of your expected return to Canada.
- **All itineraries are “tentative”**. While we make every effort to follow the original itinerary, we may make changes to improve the tour, or for reasons beyond our control. If any component of a tour cannot be honoured by the contracted supplier, SDT will make every effort to provide a **comparable alternative**, however no liability should be inferred from these efforts.
- Those who choose to decline our comprehensive insurance package will be issued a rebate on their tour cost, the amount to be informed by your Tour Consultant. The following schedule of cancellation fees applies to you (and your travelling companion) **only if you have declined our insurance package, or if you cancel a tour for a reason not covered in our insurance package** (applies to tours without a cruise portion. Cruise penalties may vary). This schedule of cancellation fee applies for all tours in 2022.
 - Cancel 60 days or more prior to departure: No fees.
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- Our tours are designed for those who are **physically fit**. All tour members must be able to walk fairly long distances at a reasonable pace and climb stairs easily. Our tours are not suitable for those requiring wheel chairs and/or walkers. If you have walking limitations, we recommend a cruise on which the excursions are optional. If you are concerned about your physical ability to join one of our tours, we urge you to discuss which of our programs is appropriate for your activity level with one of our travel experts. **If you join a tour beyond your physical ability SDT reserves the right to send you home**, at your own cost and with no refund for unused services. SDT reserves **the right to decline any passenger** as a member of our tours at any time for any reason at our sole discretion.
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- All **gratuities** are included for all services provided in our tour package. For extra services such as optional excursions, meals on your own, room service and any exceptional services, tipping is at your discretion. If you wish to show appreciation to your Tour Manager please do so on an individual basis - collections are not permitted!
- **Single travellers** must pay a supplement due to hotel charges. However this does not imply that they will necessarily be assigned a room as large as those assigned to two people sharing. We can often team up **those without a partner!**
- Please be advised that there may be **different standards** in utilities, services and accommodations outside Canada. Our classifications for accommodation are made in terms of local standards. Please note that outside North America coffee, tea and drinking water are generally not included with lunch or dinner. All rooms are non-smoking.
- **Flight schedule changes** are beyond our control. We are therefore occasionally forced to change airlines, and/or routings, and/or date of travel for your benefit. In such cases we provide as much notice as possible, and do everything possible to ensure your convenience and comfort. Should a schedule change result in an unplanned overnight enroute to or from your destination, the cost will be borne by the traveller.
- SDT will attempt to accommodate **special requests** by notifying the suppliers in writing, however we cannot guarantee that requests such as room locations or meal requirements for flights or hotels will be adhered to by our suppliers, and therefore we cannot be held responsible. Please note that advance seat selection for flights on our group tours is not permitted, as per the conditions of our contract with the airlines. Sea view or pool view rooms are not guaranteed unless specifically noted in our brochure.
- **On cruises - all shore excursions are optional**, and are paid for on board the ship, unless stated otherwise in our brochure. Our local tour operators may also offer optional excursions. While we do our best to monitor their quality, SDT is not responsible for the operation or costing of these excursions.
- Please note that our cancellation insurance policy does not include **“upgrade to single accommodation”** in case your partner cancels. In this case you may either pay the single supplement and travel as a single (space permitting), or cancel the tour and receive a full refund (assuming the cancellation is for a reason covered by our cancellation insurance policy). Also, while our cancellation insurance policy covers the partner of a person cancelling, it does not cover their friends who are not sharing accommodation with the cancelling party. **If you must cancel your tour you must notify us within 48 hours** of learning that you are unable to travel, otherwise the cancellation insurance policy is null and void.
- Generally you will receive your **tour documents** 10 to 14 days prior to departure, unless we are held up by a supplier providing documentation, in which case you may not receive them until closer to departure.
- **Luggage handling** is included wherever possible, however in some situations it does not exist - especially when removing your luggage from the carousels at airports. You should be capable of handling your luggage in such situations. Luggage carts are generally available at all airports worldwide.
- You may purchase ticket **upgrades to Business or First Class**. You may also purchase our tours on a “land only” basis and **arrange your own flights** independently. Our consultants will be pleased to quote all cost adjustments. If you book your own flights, home pick-up and drop-off, and arrival / departure airport transfers at the destination, are not included. If you book your own flights, please protect yourself with cancellation insurance as we cannot be held responsible for schedule changes, or if a tour is cancelled for any reason.
- You may not make any **changes to your flight arrangements** after the final payment due date.
- There may be occasions in which the **flight portion** of your SDT holiday is **unescorted**.
- If a **tour is cancelled** for any reason our liability is limited to your full refund. No tours will be cancelled due to **international events**, unless the government specifically advises not to travel to your destination.
- We are unable to refund those who do not participate in any **included meals or excursions**, as they are prepaid.
- All of our tours are conducted in **English only**. Reg.#2160711

WHAT OUR TRAVELLERS ARE SAYING!

“SIMPLY AMAZING!”

We recently spent 3 weeks in Portugal in the Algarve with Senior Discovery Tours, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Our Tour Manager Margaret was simply amazing. This was our 6th trip with you and she was one of the best so far. The hotel was great and the location was perfect for getting around. The local guides on the included excursions were entertaining and informative. We are certainly looking forward to our next trek with SDT.

~Dorothy and Dean, Ontario



“THANKS AGAIN SDT.”

This was my second trip with Senior Discovery Tours and I really enjoyed being so well looked after. I was picked up and dropped off at home, and it was so helpful to be greeted at the airport by a representative from SDT.

Our Tour Manager was very accommodating and managed us well, even if it was like trying to “herd cats” at times. I have sung your praises to many many people as I feel that your service goes above and beyond. Thanks again SDT.

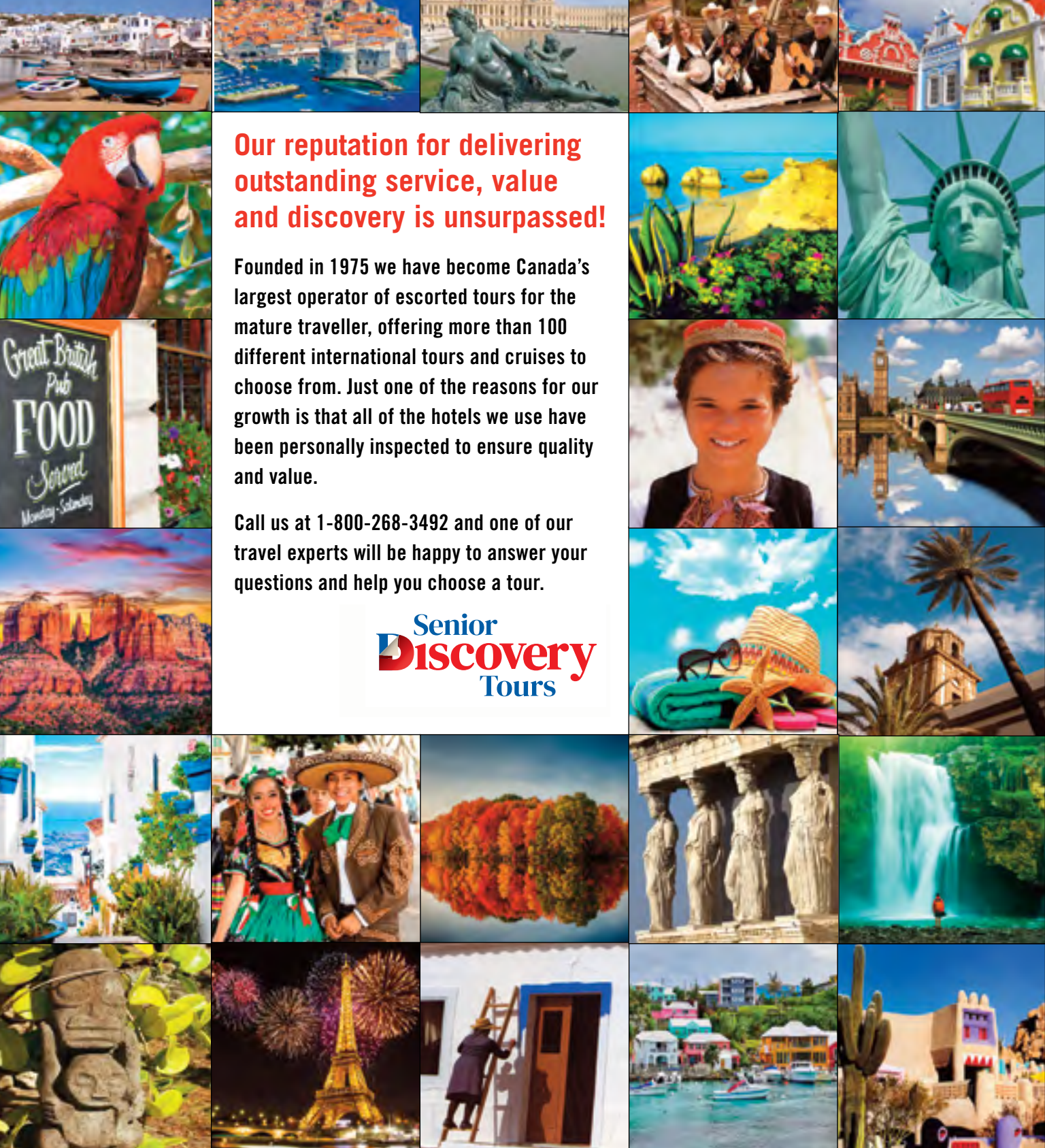
~ Elizabeth, Alberta

“WE WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR TOUR MANAGER”

The tour to Sicily was wonderful!! One might think “how could it be otherwise?” when the weather was so perfect, the scenery absolutely incredible, the meals beyond delicious, but I know that it took a great deal more than this. The planning and general arrangements were well thought out and suitable for Discovering Seniors! The Tour Manager’s part in the success was paramount; David’s unfailing unflappable good humour and patience with answering off repeated questions, his flexibility in accommodating special needs and requests, and tireless checking and fine-tuning of details made it a very special holiday. Thank you David. I shall feel lucky to meet you again, on some future trip.

~ Ann, AB





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