

2022 VOLUME 4 - FALL/HOLIDAY SEASON TOURS

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ABOUT US



PEACE OF MIND

At Senior Discovery Tours, we take care of all the travel details, so all you have to do is sit back and enjoy every minute of your trip. As Canada's largest and most trusted group tour operator for over 45 years, our tours are designed to provide peace of mind and a carefree experience for the mature traveller. We offer over 100 different tour programs which deliver outstanding service, value and discovery, so get ready to fill your minds and cameras with beautiful images, striking landscapes and special moments.



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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Our travellers love our tours because, unlike most other tour operators, we include everything: flights, carefully selected hotels, most meals, all tips, all taxes, insurance for cancellation and health while outside Canada, and even transportation between your home and the airport (from most Canadian cities). All prices are guaranteed in Canadian dollars, and there are never any surprise costs or hidden surcharges.



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Our Tour Managers are the best in the business. They go above and beyond to ensure your trip runs smoothly, and that everything is delivered at a superior level of service. Their experience enables them to expertly handle unexpected situations, and their enthusiasm for travel enlivens every tour.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND PEACE OF MIND

TRAVEL SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

The world of travel has opened up, and most of the health protocols related to the pandemic have been lifted. However, please rest assured that as a company specializing in tours for those 55+ we remain committed to being the best-in-class for your health and safety, and will adhere to whatever health protocols (as determined by our host countries) may be necessary to ensure carefree travel.

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).
- In order to create the safest group environment on our tours, and to ensure peace of mind for all of our guests, **we will 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.

SPECIAL CANCELLATION TERMS THROUGH THE END OF 2022

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 through the end of 2022.

Special Cancellation Highlights:

- Up to 60 days prior to the departure of your tour (90 days prior to the departure for cruises) 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 an immediate full refund of your deposit / payment.
- If you choose to 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.

#SAFETRAVELS



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.



MORE REWARDING TRAVEL



BENEFITS THE MOMENT YOU JOIN

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.



THE CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Senior Discovery Tours has always welcomed the opportunity to offer clubs and associations an exclusive reward for their loyalty when their members travel with us. When we resume operating our tours, we will offer a 4% commission that will be paid directly to the club/association AND there is no minimum number of bookings required to receive the commission.

If you have any questions or would like to book a virtual presentation for your club/association, please contact us at info@stc.ca or call 1-800-268-3492.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND FEEDBACK

Thank you to all of our loyal customers who have been posting 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.

Please feel free to leave us Google and Facebook reviews, and share your travel photos with us on our website or social media using #SeniorDiscoveryTours. Be sure to LIKE, SHARE, and SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel! You can always check our website and social media for updates.

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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 (including Covid), 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 the office nearest you to reserve your space.
- A deposit is due at time of booking - \$300 per person for regular tours, or \$700 per person for tours including a cruise.
- 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.
- Please see Page 1 for our special cancellation terms for 2022.
- *All travellers must be vaccinated (2 shots) for Covid 19.*

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Below is a summary of our 2022 summer and fall multi-stop tours in North America and Europe, and our Exotic Tours to the rest of the world, that appeared in our previous brochures.

Should you wish a detailed description of any of these tours, please call our office.

Prices listed are based on double occupancy, Toronto departures.

CANADA AND THE U.S.A.

BEAUTIFUL B.C. AND THE ROCKIES - July, August & September departures - from \$4797

VANCOUVER ISLAND (GRIZZLIES AND WHALES) - August & September departures - from \$5397

QUEBEC'S GASPE AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER - Summer departures - \$3797

THE MARITIMES - Summer and Fall departures - \$4997

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL TOUR - SOUTHWEST U.S.A. - September 23 - \$6997

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME - October 7 - \$5597

SPECTACULAR SOUTHWEST - October 6 - \$5997

NASHVILLE TO NEW ORLEANS - October 11 - \$5797

BRITAIN AND IRELAND

LONDON SHOW TOUR - August 15 - \$5197

ANCIENT TOURING ROUTES OF ENGLAND - July 25 - \$5197

DEVON AND CORNWALL - September 18 - \$5797

CHANNEL ISLANDS - September departures - \$5497

NORTHERN / CENTRAL ENGLAND (OFF THE BEATEN PATH) - September 12 - \$5497

RAILROADS AND WATERWAYS OF BRITAIN - September 4 - \$6997

ALL AROUND IRELAND - September departures - \$4997

SCOTLAND AND IRELAND - September 19 - \$6597

SCOTLAND'S EAST COAST HERITAGE - September 5 - \$6197

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS RAIL AND SAIL - September departures - \$6997

ITALY and GREECE

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY - September & October departures - \$5997

HILLTOP TOWNS OF ITALY plus ROME and VENICE - October 5 - \$5997

SORRENTO and the AMALFI COAST - October departures - \$5997

ITALIAN RIVIERA AND TUSCANY - September departures - \$6397

ITALIAN RIVIERA, TUSCANY AND FRANCE'S COTE D'AZUR - October 7 - \$5997

ITALIAN LAKES AND BOLOGNA - October 6 - \$6497

SWISS ALPS AND ITALIAN LAKES - September departures - \$6997

PUGLIA - "THE HEEL OF THE BOOT" - September 16 - \$5597

BELLISSIMA ITALIA RAIL TOUR - September 24 - \$6397

MAGICAL ISLANDS OF GREECE - September departures - \$6597

GLORIOUS GREECE WITH CRUISE - September / October departures - \$6797

THE REST OF EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

THE POPPY TRAIL (HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS) - September 23 - \$6997

SOUTHERN FRANCE AND PARIS - September / October departures - \$5997

BORDEAUX, BILBAO (SPAIN) AND THE PYRENEES - October 7 - \$5797

WINE ROUTES OF FRANCE - September 20 - \$5597

ICELAND - "LAND OF FIRE AND ICE" - September 14 - \$7597

GRAND RAIL TOUR OF SWITZERLAND - September 4 - \$9597

PRAGUE, VIENNA AND BUDAPEST - September departures - \$5997

AUSTRIA - 2-CENTRE HOLIDAY - October 1 - \$6197

BERLIN, OKTOBERFEST, PRAGUE AND AUSTRIA - September 10 - \$6997

IMPERIAL CITIES OF EUROPE AND OBERAMMERGAU - September departures - \$7797

ENCHANTING RHINE CRUISE AND OBERAMMERGAU - September 24 - from \$11197

CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND VENICE - September / October departures - \$5397

GRAND TOUR OF PORTUGAL - September 20 - \$5397

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL - September / October departures - \$5797

ISRAEL - THE HOLY LAND - November 4 - \$7797

HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY - October 12 - \$5397

EXOTIC TOURS (SOUTH AMERICA, ASIA, AFRICA & SOUTH PACIFIC)

WONDERS OF PERU - October 7 - \$8197

ARGENTINA, CHILE AND PATAGONIA - November 8 - \$7997

WONDERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT - October / November departures - \$6497

MAGNIFICENT MOROCCO - October departures - \$4997

SOUTH AFRICA - September / October departures - \$11997

TANZANIA SAFARI - November 13 - \$11997

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS - November 9 - \$9397

BORNEO, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE - November 7 - \$8497

JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA - September 15 - \$11197

INCREDIBLE INDIA - October 17 - \$7397

HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE - BHUTAN AND NEPAL - November 2 - \$11197

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND - October 15 - \$15397

WALKING TOURS)

WALKING IN SOUTH WALES AND THE COTSWOLDS - September 15 - \$5997

HIKING IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES - September 22 - \$5997

WALKING IN PROVENCE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA - October 7 - \$6797

WALKING IN THE SWISS ALPS - August 28 - \$7397

WALKING CINQUE TERRE AND THE AMALFI COAST - September 30 - \$7397



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*

• **13 DAYS • DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 2**

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

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.

15 DAYS • DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 2

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 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

18 DAYS • DECEMBER 17 - JANUARY 3

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 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.

16 DAYS • DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 4

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 Season Southwest Explorer

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

- 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.



Hawaii

3-Island Tour

Oahu, Maui and Kona

A string of lush islands scattered in a cobalt blue ocean, Hawaii is a tropical paradise where you can experience Polynesian culture, swim in waterfalls, enjoy a wide diversity of scenic wonders and soak up the sun on golden-sand beaches.

Perhaps Hawaii's most special feature is the “Aloha Spirit” you will find in the Hawaiians. Each of the islands have their own distinct personality and unique attractions.

We begin with a 5-night stay in Waikiki (Honolulu) on the island of Oahu. Waikiki is brimming with cultural activities, entertainment, shopping and culinary delights. Our hotel is the *Courtyard by Marriott*, located in the heart of Waikiki a short walk from famous Waikiki Beach. The hotel has a restaurant, spa, pool area and gardens, and all our rooms have a balcony and kitchenette facilities.

Our next stop is the Island of Hawaii (also known as the “Big Island”) - home to a wide array of scenic wonders, including Volcanoes National Park, the snow-capped peaks of Hawaii's highest mountains, green rainforests and the jet-black sands of Punaluu Beach. It is also home to sacred Hawaiian historical sites, such as Hawaii's first missionary church. Our hotel, the *Royal Kona Resort*, has a dramatic oceanfront setting overlooking picturesque Kailua Bay. It is conveniently located within walking

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distance of the town of Kona with its great assortment of restaurants, shops, historic sites and activities. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, oceanfront swimming pool, lush gardens and lovely, spacious guestrooms.

Our final stop is the island of Maui (the “Valley Isle”). Designated as the World's Best Island to Visit by most major travel publications, Maui offers a wealth of activities (on land and sea) and scenic wonders which include black, red and white sand beaches, the soaring summit of the Haleakala Volcano and the emerald peaks that tower above the lush Iao Valley. Our hotel, the *Royal Lahaina Resort*, is located right on Kaanapali Beach with its 3 miles of fine white sand, a championship golf course, a daily sunset cliff-diving ceremony and the Whaler's Village shopping complex. Kaanapali is also a short drive from Lahaina - a historic whaling village which is now a lively resort town with world-class art galleries. Our hotel has a restaurant, 2 bars, a beach activity centre, 2 oceanfront swimming pools, tennis courts, fitness centre and classes, scheduled activities, nightly live Hawaiian entertainment, lush gardens, shuttle service to Lahaina and lovely, spacious guestrooms with balconies.

- Flights with Air Canada
- 13 nights accommodation as described, plus late check-out on the last day
- Full breakfast daily
- Flower Lei greeting upon arrival
- Full day tours of each of the 3 islands
- Honolulu city tour including the Pearl Harbour site and memorial
- Spectacular Polynesian Dinner show
- Visit of Volcano Park on Kona
- Visit Maui's spectacular Iao Valley and the Tropical Plantation
- Special Farewell Luau - with traditional Hawaiian buffet dinner, cocktails & entertainment
- All inter-island airfare and taxes (airline baggage fees not included)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST per person, based on double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax
or Winnipeg - \$6597

Single Supplement \$2190
Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary - deduct \$100



Grand Tour of Arizona plus Las Vegas

- Tucson • Phoenix
- Grand Canyon • Las Vegas

Spectacular scenery, arid desert lands, a clear sunny climate with very low humidity, fascinating Spanish and Indian cultures, the romantic allure of the Old West and an easy-going lifestyle are just a few of the reasons why Arizona has become such a popular resort area.

We begin with 4 days in Tucson - the "City of Sunshine" with a fascinating mix of Wild Western, Spanish, Mexican and Indian cultures. Tucson is known for the flourishing beauty of the surrounding Sonoran Desert.

Next is Phoenix in the "Valley of The Sun", which boasts more than 300 days of sunshine every year. The city is rich in arts, culture and a wide array of culinary delights. The surrounding desert and the nearby Superstition Mountains offer an incredible diversity of wildlife.

After Phoenix we explore Northern Arizona (see Highlights). and finish in the desert playground of Las Vegas - a lively way to end our tour!

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- Mainly First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 8 dinners and 1 lunch
- The spectacular *Las Vegas Extravaganza*
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from
Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary,
Edmonton or Vancouver - \$5597

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- Single Supplement - \$1390
 - Ottawa or Halifax - add \$190

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Tour Highlights:

- Tombstone - "The Town Too Tough too Die" home to the legendary Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday and the OK Corral
- Sonora Desert Museum - world-renowned zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden, all in one
- Musical Instrument Museum - a world of music focusing on cultures all over the world.
- Canyon Lake - wonderful scenery along the red rock cliffs with various wildlife sightings
- Sedona - stunning "Red Rock" monoliths
- Grand Canyon - one of the World's Natural Wonders
- Antelope Canyon - most-photographed canyon in the Southwest. One of the world's most beautiful canyons.
- Las Vegas - The Entertainment Capital of the World.

Day 1: Tucson. We depart for Phoenix. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in Tucson (about a 2 hour drive). This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Tucson. We have a full day of sightseeing in and around Tucson. We see the city sights first and then on to Sabino Canyon, a desert oasis in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The highlight here will be a tram tour through the stunning canyon.

Day 3: Tombstone / Tucson. Today we visit Tombstone - "The Town Too Tough to Die". As one of the most famous of all the old Arizona Mining towns, many treasure hunters came here to strike it rich. The town had a reputation for lawlessness, culminating with the infamous Gunfight at the O.K. Corral. An entertaining guide in period costume will bring the town to life with fascinating stories of the Old West, and the likes of "Big Nose Kate", the Wyatt Brothers, The Bird Cage Theatre and more. We'll have a chance to walk among the tombstones and read the unusual and clever epitaphs.

Day 4: Sonora Desert / Tucson. We travel through beautiful Saguaro National Park to the Sonora Desert Museum - a world-renowned zoo and botanical garden. The museum recreates the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert with more than 300 animal species and 1,200 kinds of plants along almost 2 miles of paths traversing 21 acres of beautiful desert. A light lunch is included onsite.

Day 5: Phoenix. We transfer to Phoenix, but before we check-in at our hotel we will visit the Musical Instrument Museum. With state-of-the-art technology this unique museum allows one to hear and feel the sounds of more than 10,000 instruments from all over the world.

Day 6: Phoenix. This area is known as the Valley of the Sun, as it receives more than 4,000 hours of sunshine annually. Our city tour includes the beautiful campus of Arizona State University, the Capital Building and Camelback Mountain. We also enjoy a walking tour of Old Town Scottsdale - a great place to revisit on a free day. This evening we enjoy a dinner and show at the *Arizona Opry Theatre*.

Day 7: Canyon Lake / Phoenix. Morning at leisure. This afternoon we will enjoy some spectacular scenery as we take a boat ride on Canyon Lake, known for its interesting rock formations that resemble people and animals. Listen to the tales and legends of the area told by the captain.

Days 8 & 9: Phoenix. Two days of leisure in which to soak up some sun, swim, shop or just explore more of the *Valley of the Sun*. Your Tour Manager will offer suggestions. A wonderful western BBQ, with live country and western music is included one of these evenings.

Day 10: Sedona / Flagstaff. A very scenic day as we first visit Oak Creek Canyon, enjoying views of the marvellous strands of red rocks, and beautiful streams and valleys. Then we stop in Sedona - a quaint artist colony town known for its magnificent red rock formations. We will enjoy a trolley ride to the most fantastic sights, and learn about the Western movies filmed here as well as Native American history. Later we proceed to Flagstaff.

Day 11: Grand Canyon / Flagstaff. Today we visit the Grand Canyon - one of the Natural Wonders of the World. The canyon is 15 miles wide, a mile deep and formed over millions of years. The most wondrous aspect of the canyon is that the walls change hue with every change of light throughout the day. There are many scenic lookouts, so bring those cameras. We return to Flagstaff and overnight.

Day 12: Antelope Canyon / Page. On this marvellous day of sightseeing we pass two Indian reservations and the vibrant Painted Desert. We enter the spectacular Antelope Canyon and enjoy a Navajo guided jeep tour through the Canyon's petrified sand dunes - a natural marvel created by wind, water and sand! We overnight in Page.

Day 13: Las Vegas. We travel to Las Vegas and our First Class hotel right on The Strip. The rest of the day is free.

Day 14: Las Vegas. Our city tour begins at *The Strip* with its theme hotels. Look out for erupting volcanoes, dancing fountains, pyramids, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty! A visit to the historic downtown ("Glitter Gulch") includes a stop at the legendary Golden Nugget Hotel (one of the few hotels remaining from the Rat Pack era), displaying "The Hand of Faith" - at 61 pounds the largest gold nugget in the world! We'll also visit the Mob Museum and the amazing Freemont Street Light Show, which stretches 5 blocks with the world's largest video screen! After our Farewell Dinner, we'll attend the spectacular *Las Vegas Extravaganza* on Bally's iconic stage, featuring dancers, skaters, comedians and ventriloquists from across the globe.

Day 15: Home. We fly home from Las Vegas.



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.

A scenic view of a Quebec town, likely Saguenay, with a prominent church featuring a blue steeple. The town is nestled at the foot 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".



Autumn Splendour

Departs from Toronto
and Hamilton

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- Moderate accommodation
- 6 breakfasts (4 full breakfasts and 2 continental breakfasts)
- 5 dinners and 2 lunches (including the Grand Buffet at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except, of course, round-trip airfare)*

COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2397
- Single Supplement - \$490
- Triples deduct - \$50 per person

- **Agawa Canyon**
- **Mackinac Island**
- **Frankenmuth**
- **Windsor Casino**

Our tour starts off with a trip on the famous Algoma Railway which takes us through the Agawa Canyon - a natural phenomenon that comes ablaze with colour in the fall. Then its off to the enchanting Mackinac Island, Michigan - a place of stunning Victorian architecture,

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horsedrawn carriages and majestic views. From here we proceed to Frankenmuth - Michigan's Little Bavaria. This little town, with its half timbered buildings is like a page out of a Grimms fairytale. Then in Dearborn, we will have the opportunity to visit the extraordinary Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. We finish off with an overnight in Windsor and our Farewell Dinner at the Windsor Casino before heading home.

Day 1: Sault Ste. Marie. We depart from the Toronto and Hamilton areas by coach and travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a 2-night stay.

Day 2: Agawa Canyon. Early this morning we board the Algoma Railway for the journey through the incredible Agawa Canyon where we will enjoy Mother Nature's spectacular fall foliage display. Lunch will be served on board the train.

Day 3: Mackinac Island. We depart the Sault and head into Michigan where we will board the hydroplane ferry for a speedy trip to Mackinac Island, located amid the waters of Lake Huron. Time slows down to a more leisurely pace on this genteel island. As there are no cars allowed on the island we will enjoy a narrated carriage ride of this historic isle with its many legends. We will enjoy a fabulous luncheon buffet at the Grand Hotel, take some time to browse in the shops and treat ourselves to the famous Mackinac fudge.

Day 4: Frankenmuth. We leave Mackinac Island and head for Frankenmuth. Frankenmuth was settled in the 1840's by Franks - emigrants from Franconia in Bavaria; the town's name means courage of the Franks. We will stay here for 2 nights.

Day 5: Frankenmuth. Today we will discover the many attractions of Frankenmuth - including Bronners Christmas Wonderland and the Glockenspiel Tower. We will also enjoy wine tasting and a strudel making experience at a local restaurant. This delightful town has something for everyone!

Day 6: Dearborn / Windsor. We depart for Dearborn, Michigan where we will visit the Henry Ford Museum, founded in 1929 by Henry Ford. The exhibits here are truly one-of-a-kind, tracing back over 150 years and highlighting the changes that America has experienced. We also visit Greenfield Village for a glance at the lifestyles of the American pioneers. The highlight of our visit here will be our included train ride around the village.

In the early afternoon we cross the border back into Canada, with a stop at the Duty Free Shop, and check in to our hotel in Windsor. This evening our Farewell Dinner will be at the Windsor Casino, with an opportunity to challenge the slot machines or black jack dealers after dinner.

Day 7: Home. We say farewell to our fellow travellers as we return to the Toronto and Hamilton areas to end our tour.



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 Areteco Lake, the Valley of the Mushrooms, the Cusare 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.



Costa Rica

- 3 nights San Jose with excursions
- 4 nights Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs
- 7 nights All-Inclusive Guanacaste Resort

Any traveller who has been to Costa Rica considers this amazing Central American country to be a true paradise on earth. This is a land of towering waterfalls, breathtaking cloud forests, simmering volcanoes, mist-covered hot springs and unspoiled jungle where a remarkable collection of flora and fauna live and thrive (in fact there is no place on earth with such an abundance of both tropical plant and animal species). This is a place where you can see Blue Morpho butterflies resting in the trees, comical capuchin monkeys chattering amongst themselves and scarlet macaws gracefully soaring along their flight path.

We begin with 3 nights in the capital San Jose. Our hotel, the First Class *Aurola Holiday Inn*, is conveniently located right downtown. Then we travel to Arenal with its dramatic volcano, and stay 4 nights at the beautiful *Arenal Manoa Hotel* with its gorgeous series of natural thermal mineral pools. After Arenal we proceed to the province of Guanacaste for a 7-night stay. Our all-inclusive resort,

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, plus 12 lunches
- All drinks at the All-Inclusive resort
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5797
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$90. Montreal - add \$190
- Halifax or Vancouver - add \$190 (includes an overnight in Toronto either to or from Costa Rica)
- Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$290 (includes an overnight in Toronto in each direction)

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Occidental Tamarindo, is located right on the Pacific Ocean near the charming coastal town of Tamarindo.

Tour Highlights:

- San Jose City Tour
- Britt Coffee Plantation Tour
- Irazu Volcano
- Orosi Valley
- Sarchí Handicraft Village
- Mineral Hot Springs
- Sky Tram and Sky Walk in the rainforest.
- Caño Negro Wildlife Reserve
- Palo Verde Boat tour
- Coastal Sunset Cruise

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

Day 1: Departure / San Jose. We depart for San Jose, and upon arrival we transfer to our hotel.

Day 2: San Jose. This morning we see the historical monuments, museums and parks of San Jose, including the commercial district, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Theatre (an historical landmark) and the university campus. Then, since coffee is the country's main export, we learn about its production in an entertaining way - through a multi-medium, interactive tour. Of course we will have an opportunity to taste Costa Rica's finest blends. Lunch is included. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Irazu Volcano National Park / San Jose. Today's tour takes us to the highest volcano in the country. The huge crater at Irazu is surrounded by a moonscape and has a small lagoon at the bottom. From the top you can enjoy the wonderful view over the forest of Braulio Carrillo National Park and the Caribbean coast. Later we visit the Orosi Valley, which offers some of the richest scenery in Costa Rica - a landscape of rolling hills terraced with shade-grown coffee plantations, and expansive valleys dotted with pastoral villages. We will stop in the town of Orosi and see the oldest church in Costa Rica.

Day 4: Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs. We transfer by coach to Arenal. En route we will visit the town of Sarchi - a well-known craft centre where we can see the artisans at work. The local church is one of the prettiest in the country.

Day 5: Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs. This morning we will experience the rainforest from the truly unique perspective of the sky walk - a spectacular combination of suspension bridges situated 30 meters off the ground, and pathways through the rainforest. In the afternoon we have the opportunity to rejuvenate in the thermal mineral pools, surrounded by lush vegetation.

Day 6: Arenal Volcano. A day at leisure to enjoy the hotel's hot springs or to spend time in the town of La Fortuna. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions.

Day 7: Cano Negro Boat Tour / Arenal. A very scenic day as we head out to the lush countryside and take a leisurely cruise on the Sarapiquí River. While one can enjoy the glorious scenery on these trips, the emphasis is on observing animals and birds in the trees and on the riverbank. You might see howler monkeys, sloths, caimans, river otters and a variety of birds. Our boatman/guide will be spotting for us and you will be amazed at how quickly you can spot them too. Be sure to bring your binoculars and camera. Lunch is included.

Day 8: Guanacaste. We proceed to the coast for a 7-night stay at our all-inclusive resort.

Day 9: Guanacaste. A day at leisure to enjoy the sun and sand, or an optional tour offered by the hotel.

Day 10: Palo Verde / Guanacaste. Today we visit one of the most important National Parks in Costa Rica - Palo Verde. The park has at least 12 different habitats including mangroves, swamps, swamp forests, marshes and saltwater and freshwater lagoons. Included will be a boat tour on the Tempisque River to enjoy the fabulous array of wild birds and a myriad of creatures such as howler monkeys, green iguanas, crocodiles and many more.

Day 11: Guanacaste. A day at leisure to enjoy the sunshine and resort facilities.

Day 12: Coastal Cruise / Guanacaste. Today we enjoy a cruise along the Guanacaste coastline. We'll sip on cocktails en route to a secluded bay where we enjoy an island picnic lunch and a swim, before returning to our hotel.

Days 13 & 14: Guanacaste. At leisure to enjoy the beach, resort facilities or one of many optional sightseeing tours offered by the hotel. The last evening will be our Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Departure. We transfer to the airport for our flight home.



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



Cuba Towns and Villages 3-Centre Tour

• Havana • Varadero • Cienfuegos

Cuba is one of the Caribbean's most beautiful and safe destinations. This tour offers a unique opportunity to experience Cuba's vibrant culture, enchanting countryside, colourful history, pristine beaches and friendly people.

We begin with a 3-night stay in the beach resort town of Varadero, known for its beautiful white sandy beaches and turquoise blue waters.

Next is a 3-night stay in Cienfuegos on Cuba's southern coast. Known as the "Pearl of the South", this area has Cuba's most beautiful bay, and a well-preserved historic centre with neo-classical architecture. From here we enjoy excursions to Trinidad - the crown jewel of Cuba's colonial cities, and Cuba's oldest botanical garden.

Then we proceed to the lively capital of Havana for a 5-night stay, stopping en route in Zapata for a show of Cuban music and dance. In Havana we will sightsee in both the old and modern sections, the Ernest Hemingway Museum as well as an excursion to Pinar del Rio - an area of picturesque valleys and dramatic landscapes.

We end with 3 nights in Varadero, including 3 excursions.

HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Sunwing Airlines
- First Class hotels
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Local beverages throughout the tour (water, soft drinks and beer with all lunches, wine with all dinners). All beverages and local spirits while in Varadero
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

COST:

- per person double occupancy from Toronto or Montreal - \$4497
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal Airport)
- ***Add-on fares below include an overnight in Toronto or Montreal in each direction*
- Winnipeg or Halifax - add \$890
- Calgary, Vancouver or Edmonton - add \$1090

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Tour Highlights:

- Beaches of Varadero
- Cardenas, known as the "Flag City"
- Cienfuegos - *Pearl of the South*
- Boat ride through mangroves to visit an Indian village
- Trinidad, Cuba's most well-preserved old city
- Playa Giron Museum
- Old and New Havana
- Performance of Cuban music and dance
- Pinar Del Rio

** This tour is recommended for the fit and active traveller who enjoys walking.*

Day 1: Departure / Varadero. We depart for the lively beach resort town of Varadero and upon arrival we transfer to our hotel.

Day 2: Varadero. A day to relax, stroll or swim at the beach or enjoy the activity program and facilities of our All-Inclusive resort.

Day 3: Cardenas / Varadero. We first visit Cardenas City - known as the "Flag City" (we will see where the Cuban national flag was raised for the first time). We also visit a traditional sugar mill factory, where we will stroll through the sugar cane plantation and sample the island's famous Guarapo juice. Then we board a century-old steam train for a memorable journey across Cuba's scenic countryside - past sugar cane fields, banana and orange groves and lush green hills. Finally, we visit the Oscar Maria de Rojas Museum - Cuba's second-oldest museum with important collections of art and history.

Day 4: Cienfuegos. We proceed to Cienfuegos for a 3-night stay. Enroute we stop in Guama where we visit a crocodile farm. Raised wooden platforms provide vantage points to admire these awesome beasts. We will take a boat ride through the mangroves to visit an Indian village and see first-hand how the aboriginals of Cuba have lived for centuries. A delicious seaside lunch is included.

Day 5: Cienfuegos. This well-preserved colonial city has European flavour, with wide Parisian-style boulevards and elegant colonnades. Our city tour includes a visit to the colonial style Terry Theatre and De Valle Palace, with its peculiar architecture. We also enjoy a boat excursion on Cienfuegos Bay.

Day 6: Cienfuegos / Trinidad. Today we visit Cuba's oldest botanical garden, which consists of more than 2,000 plants, including 280 breeds of palm trees, 65 species of figs and 23 varieties of bamboo. Then we travel across the Topes de Collantes mountain range to Trinidad. Founded in 1514, Trinidad is a relic of the early days of Spanish colonization and is Cuba's most well-preserved old city. During our walking tour we will visit Cantero Palace, the famous Canchanchara Bar - housed in an 18th century mansion and the Plaza Mayor in the town centre before returning to Cienfuegos.

Day 7: Havana. Our first stop today will be a visit of the Playa Giron Museum, located on the landing site of the Armed Cuban Exiles during the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961. Then we continue on to the town of Jagüey Grande, where we visit the Commander Museum of the Revolutionary Armed Forces. This museum of Cuba's historical and cultural heritage displays photographs, documents, furniture, armaments and other artifacts related to this building when it served as Command Post during the Bay of Pigs invasion. After our visit we proceed to Cuba's capital, Havana, for a 5-night stay.

Day 8: Old Havana. Our tour of historic Old Havana will include a visit to the General Captain's Palace and the Rum Museum where we will enjoy a sampling.

Day 9: Pinar Del Rio / Havana. We tour the Vinales Valley in Pinar del Rio, where the world's finest tobacco is grown and ox-drawn plows transport us back in time. Then we'll enjoy a boat ride through a local cave where guides will point out fascinating rock formations.

Day 10: New Havana. We enjoy a city tour of New Havana, including a visit to Revolutionary Square where you will see the the Memorial of José Martí. We will also visit the Decorative Arts Museum.

Day 11: Havana. Today we visit the Ernest Hemingway Museum, one of the most popular museums in Havana. Located in a villa that was owned and lived in by the writer, this was the birthplace of many of Hemingway's best works, including *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. Later we will enjoy a dance and music performance by the local community.

Day 12: Varadero. We proceed to Varadero and our All-Inclusive hotel for a 3-night stay.

Day 13: Varihicacos Ecological Reserve / Varadero. Today we visit the Varahicacos Ecological Reserve, with its natural caves, ancient burial grounds and unique flora and fauna. Later we will see a lively dolphin show, always an exciting and heartwarming experience.

Day 14: Varadero. A day at leisure to relax on the beach and to enjoy the many facilities of our All-Inclusive resort.

Day 15: Home. We fly home from Varadero.



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 gym and spa, hair salon, gift shop, shuffle board and

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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 (October tour) or Air Transat (December tour)
- 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
- Candlelight Christmas dinner and Gala New Years Eve dinner/party featuring many delicacies, open bar and live band (December tour only)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

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

October Tour (16 days) ... \$4397

December Tour (20 days) ... \$5197

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

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

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

Vancouver - October tour no add-on (same price as Toronto). December tour - 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.



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

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
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- Single Supplement - \$790
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$390

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.

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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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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



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



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.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- 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.
 - Cancel 59 days to 31 days prior: Loss of deposit.
 - Cancel 30 days to 8 days prior: 25% of tour cost
 - Cancel 7 days or less prior: 50% of tour cost
- 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.
- Please read the details of your insurance coverage carefully. If you have a **pre-existing condition** please inquire about your insurance validity at time of booking.
- 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!

“The trip was wonderful and I fell in love with Spain!”

I have just returned from the beautiful Costa del Sol. What an amazing tour! The hotel and meals were great, and everyone loved the chocolate waterfall with fresh fruit.

Thanks to Senior Discovery Tours I fell in love with Spain. Every excursion we went on was better than the one the day before. My favourite part was the scenery driving up into the mountains, the white villages, the olive, fig, orange and lemon trees and the flowers in bloom. It was spectacular!

As wonderful as all of this was, the best was your delightful Tour Manager Barbara. She was amazing. She had a great sense of humour and endless energy.

Thank you Senior Discovery Tours for a wonderful tour!

Heather, ON



“We were very happy with all aspects of our tour”.

We wanted to tell you how very happy we were with all aspects of our tour to Tuscany, Italy this past April.

Our Tour Manager Suzanne is the epitome of what a good Tour Manager should be. The tour was very busy with lots of walking, and she managed to keep us all happy by sensing our needs to stop every once in a while for an ice cream or to locate the nearest toilets. She had everything set up and running smoothly at all times.

The local guide Vincenzo was very knowledgeable and made everything very enjoyable. We will highly recommend your company to anyone who might be interested in travelling.

Ken and Vivien, AB

“Best vacation ever - Rambling in the Cotswolds!”

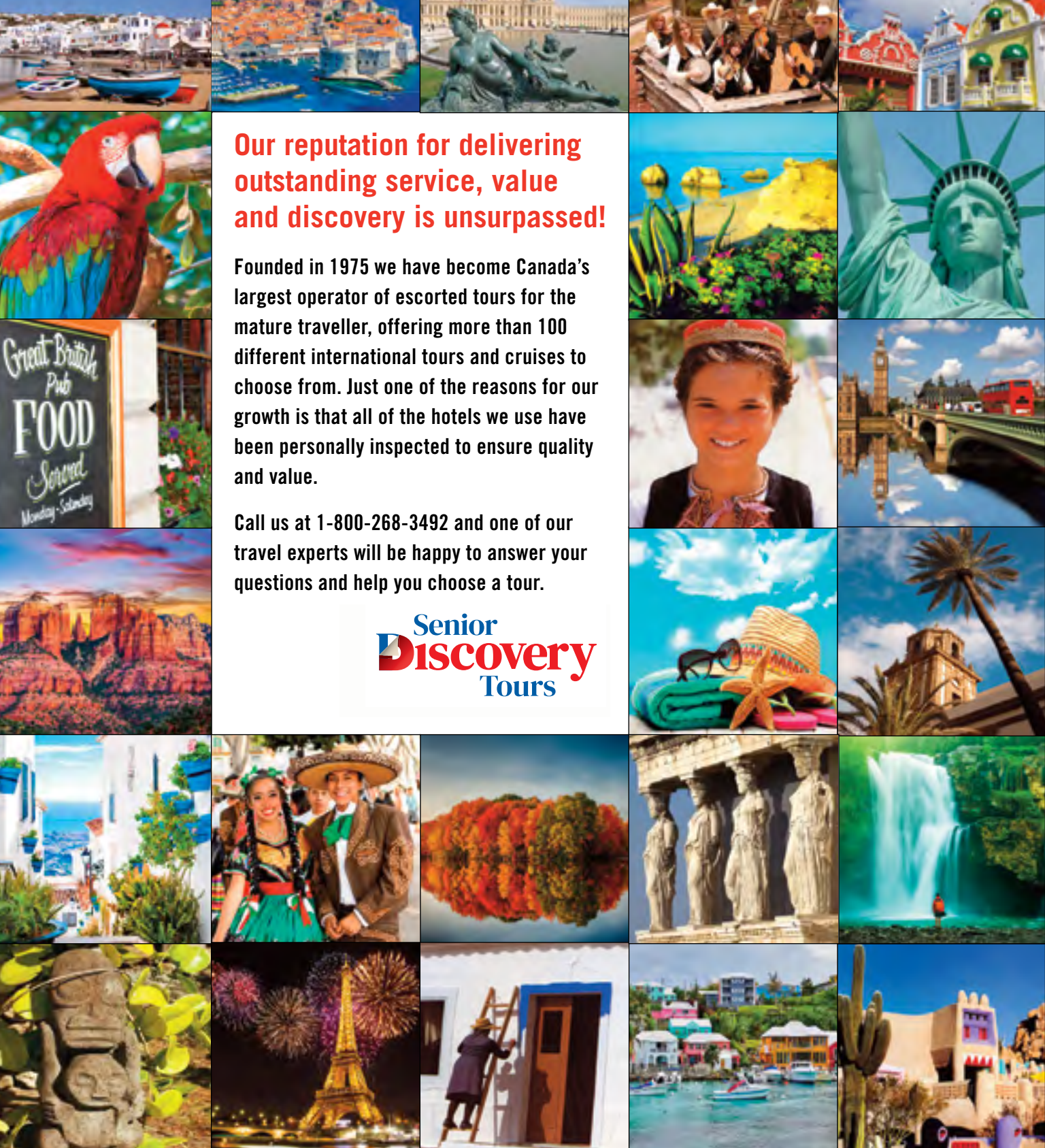
I have just returned from my first ever tour with your company and I have to say it was nothing but wonderful!

The scenery was breathtaking, and our local guide provided a memorable, thrilling, informative experience, which will rank right up there as my best trip ever!

Thanks SDT, looking forward to another adventure with your company

Lillian, BC





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