

# Fully planned

You've planned countless vacations for yourself and others. Isn't it time you let someone else handle the hassle?

Senior Discovery Tours plans every detail of your itinerary, picks you up, drops you off, books convenient flights and carefully selected hotels, plans unforgettable excursions and authentic dining experiences, provides expert local guides, and leaves you plenty of room to experience the world in new and remarkable ways.

Choose from over 100 extraordinary tours among the world's most iconic destinations.

With us, your only challenge is choosing where to go next.

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66 Having been do-it-yourself travellers for over 50 years, it was wonderful to have someone else manage the details so that we could totally immerse ourselves in the trip.

# Canada's largest and most trusted tour operator for travellers over 55 since 1975.

I have travelled the last 2 years with Senior Discovery Tours.

Both tours were to Italy. I have nothing but praise for absolutely everything ... both Senior tour guides and local guides. Hotels did not disappoint. - Judith

Had a great time and food and lodging were top notch.

I'm sure we had the best the country had to

offer. I highly recommended Senior Discovery Tours

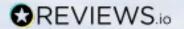
to all my travelling friends. - Rose



Once I went on my first tour with Senior Discovery Tours
I vowed never to travel with anyone else. I appreciate the allinclusive package and I love the door-to-door pick-up! The small size
of the groups allows me to get to know everyone and share interesting
conversations. The trips are well organized from beginning to end ...
I am looking forward to touring again and again! - Carolyn Suzanne



**4.64** avg. rating



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Door to door and everything in between, great experience.

- Lynn-Marie

# How to book your next adventure

- Call 1-800-268-3492 with your credit card info to reserve your space.
- A deposit of \$300 per person for regular tours, or \$700 per person for tours including a cruise or train, is due upon booking.
- \$75 of your deposit is a nonrefundable administration fee.

- For those paying by cheque please send your deposit to one of our offices within 7 days of making your booking.
- Balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure for regular tours, or 90 days prior for tours including a cruise, train, or entry visa.





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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVELS** 

# Be as active as you want to be

Whether you're looking for an energetic adventure or an experience with a slower pace, our tours offer plenty of options to suit your travel style.

Enjoy your adventure your way: check tour descriptions to find the activity level that's right for you.







Leisurely pace with light physical activity. Expect intermittent walking at a relaxed pace, for up to 1 hour on mostly even terrain. Must be able to climb at least one flight of stairs and board the coach unassisted.



Activity Level 2 1 2 3 4

Moderate pace with leisurely intermittent walks up to 2 hours on a variety of terrain, including cobblestones and moderate hills. Must be able to climb at least two flights of stairs, negotiate steps without railings and tolerate periods of standing during guided tours. Some



Activity Level 3 1 2 3 4

Active pace with longer touring days. Expect intermittent walking at a moderate pace for 2–3 hours over a variety of terrain, including cobblestones, hills and uneven pavements. Must be able to negotiate stairs of varying heights, sometimes without handrails. Can



Activity Level 4 1 2 3 4

Energetic pace with more physically demanding activ-

ity. Longer walking/hiking tours (more than 3 hours),

some longer days. Varying altitudes with some steep

over uneven and possibly rugged terrain. Expect







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# 10 wonderful ways we make your journey better

At Senior Discovery Tours, we know how to make great travel experiences happen. After nearly 50 years in business, we have become Canada's largest and most trusted operator of guided tours for travellers over 55. Our worldwide adventures are designed to provide peace of mind for the mature traveller. We take care of all the details, big and small, so you can simply enjoy the destination.

# No surprise costs ... all flights, hotels, and most excursions are included: plus, all transfers, taxes, and gratuities!

Our travellers love all the built-in "value-added extras" we offer, including home pick-up & drop-off, health and cancellation insurance, and our enriching excursions. All prices are guaranteed in Canadian dollars, and there are never any hidden surcharges.





## **Carefully selected hotels**

... we personally inspect each property for quality, service, and value, prioritizing convenient location wherever possible for easy access to local amenities.

Due to our longstanding relationships with most of our partner hotels, those who travel with Senior Discovery Tours are afforded exceptionally gracious service.

# Most meals are covered ... and they are delicious ones too!

Enjoy the best of local cuisine, while enjoying the camaraderie of your like-minded travelling companions. On most of our European tours, wine is included with every dinner!



#### **Exceptional Tour Managers**

... who go above and beyond to make sure that everyone has a fabulous experience.

Our Tour Managers are the best in the business. They go that extra mile to ensure your trip runs smoothly and that everything is delivered at a superior level of service.



We want to make travel easy for you. That's why we include roundtrip transportation right from your doorstep to the airport and safely back home (from most Canadian cities).

Just sit back, relax, and focus on the adventures that await you!



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# Health, cancellation & trip interruption protection

... yes, we take care of that too!

Our mission is to provide you with a carefree travel experience. For this reason, we include a comprehensive insurance plan with health coverage (while outside of Canada), and insurance for cancellation & trip interruption—an all-in offering that's truly unique in Canada!

#### **Over 100 destinations** worldwide

... endless choices for your next journey!

Our carefully crafted itineraries take you to the most exciting and beautiful countries in the world. Explore the charming cities and rural villages of Europe, immerse yourself in the culture of Asia, or soak up the sun in the Caribbean!





#### A tour to suit everyone

... leisure traveller? Adventure-seeker? Whatever your style, we have a tour just for you!

We offer 8 tour styles to choose from, including stay-put vacations, 2 & 3-centre holidays, rail journeys, walking & hiking tours, and cruises. You can take your time to explore and relax ... or experience the thrill of multiple destinations.



#### **Get rewards for travelling**

... Discovery Rewards is our way of saying thank you for travelling with us!

Our Discovery Rewards loyalty program offers you exclusive gifts and great savings on future tours. Signing up for the program is free and easy!





## Share the joy of travel

... and get more rewards through our BlueSky Referrals program.

We want to show our gratitude for your loyalty and glowing reviews over the years. Now, there is a better reason to refer us than ever before ... with our BlueSky Referrals program you receive even more tour savings!





The world of travel has changed, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to the health and safety of our guests. We remain committed to being the best-inclass for your health and safety. Our team consults with health and security experts worldwide to ensure that your health, well being, and enjoyment remain our top priority.



**Senior Discovery Tours** is proudly recognized by the **World Travel & Tourism Council** for excellence in safety and hygienic standards.

#### **Special Cancellation Terms** ... for Your Peace of Mind

Rest assured 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 than other tour operators.

You may cancel your trip up to 60 days prior to departure (90 days prior for cruises or rail journeys) for any reason, and receive a full refund of your deposit / payment (less the \$75 administration fee).

#### **Cancellation & trip interruption** insurance included!

Included in the cost of your tour is our Cancellation Insurance Policy, which provides coverage in case of emergency injury or illness (including Covid), right up to your date of departure (terms and conditions apply).

Our Manulife Out-of-Country Health Insurance Plan covers expenses related to Trip Interruption in case of emergency injury or illness. For tours within Canada, Senior Discovery Tours will cover such expenses (terms and conditions apply to all policies).

For a full list of terms and conditions please see page 106.

# Your feedback means the world to us!

For nearly 50 years, Senior Discovery Tours has sent more satisfied senior travellers on more tours than any other Canadian tour operator. We appreciate your feedback and are always eager to hear about your past travels and memories with Senior Discovery Tours—it's an integral part of how we plan superior travel experiences.

Have you recently returned from a tour with us?

We'd love to hear about it!

Visit **SeniorDiscoveryTours.ca/feedback** or leave us a Google review to share your feedback.



#### Let's connect!

Follow us on social media and share your travel photos using #SeniorDiscoveryTours

Be the first to know about our exciting new tours and cruises! Visit our website to subscribe to our monthly eNewsletter.



# **More Rewarding Travel**



#### A welcome gift the moment you join

Enjoying unforgettable travel experiences with us is now even more exciting with our Discovery Rewards program. From exclusive travel items to savings on future tours with us, Discovery Rewards offer exciting ways to get more out of every trip. The more you travel, the higher your Discovery Rewards tier level status and rewards.

- Great travel-related gift items
- Rewards and savings on future tours
- Easy tier levels mean quick member 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 exciting referral program, BlueSky Referrals. If you're a member of our Discovery Rewards and opt in to BlueSky Referrals, you may refer family and friends right away. If your referrals complete a trip with us, you will both be rewarded!



## 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. We 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 are interested, please email: marketing@stc.ca

For full program details and easy enrollment visit **SeniorDiscoveryTours.ca** 





#### **HOLIDAY SEASON IN**

# Victoria, BC

British Columbia's capital, Victoria, boasts Canada's mildest winters—so no wonder it has the country's fastest-growing retirement community!

Victoria lies in a beautiful natural setting on Vancouver Island, waterfront but surrounded by hills and looking out to the snow-clad Olympic mountains. It is a charming city with, it has been said, 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 an ideal city for those who love to walk, and active seniors with an appetite for adventure will find a vast array of delightful side trips available (in addition to the many included in our program).

Christmas in downtown Victoria is a festive time of year with roaming carollers, 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 within easy walking distance of the BC Parliament Buildings, downtown and the iconic 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 WiFi and a free shuttle service that runs from the hotel to the downtown core for the exclusive convenience of hotel guests.

#### 13 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Dec 21 - Jan 2

#### **COST**

Costs are per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

Standard Room: \$4,397

Includes microwave, small fridge, coffee maker, kettle, dishes & utensils.

Studio Suite: \$4,597

Comfortable seating area, fully equipped kitchen & dining table. Bedroom with a queen bed is set apart by partition wall.

One Bedroom Suite: \$4,797

Separate bedroom (2 twins or 1 king bed), living room & a full kitchen/dining room.

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- Single supplement:
- Standard Room: add \$790
- Studio Suite: add \$890
- One Bedroom Suite: add \$990
- Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax: add \$190
- Winnipeg: deduct \$200
- Edmonton or Calgary: deduct \$500
- Vancouver: deduct \$600

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge - Superior lodgings - 11 full breakfasts & 1 light breakfast - Christmas Brunch • 5 dinners & 2 lunches (Christmas & New Year's dinners & celebrations) • 2 High Teas • Symphony Concert • 11 guided excursions & events • Full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Sightseeing Tour** of Victoria

We explore beautiful Victoria with a visit to Craigdarroch Castle.

#### **Victoria Harbour**

Enjoy a walking tour of Victoria's fabled Inner Harbour area with an entertaining local guide.

#### **Butchart Gardens**

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, featuring the ever-popular Twelve Days of Christmas displays. Afternoon Tea is included at the Gardens. We'll also visit the Victoria Butterfly Gardens, an indoor tropical paradise which also features tropical fish and birds, ornate plants and an exquisite orchid display.

#### **Downtown Victoria**

On this special walking tour of the downtown area we will learn all about how Christmas was celebrated in Victoria during the Victorian era. We will learn about First Nations legends, Christmas Day brawls at Fort Victoria, a touching Gold Rush tale, Christmas store decorations and an amusing memory from Emily Carr's childhood.

#### **Royal BC Museum**

We visit the world-renowned Royal BC Museum, the highlight being the IMAX Theatre presentation.

#### **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.

#### **Miniature World**

This 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.

#### **Afternoon Tea**

We enjoy a delightful Afternoon Tea at the Pendray Inn and Tea House—a magnificent Victorian manor house with old world charm.

#### **Special Christmas Day Brunch**

We enjoy a special brunch with all the trimmings at a nearby hotel.

#### **Christmas Day & New Year's Eve Dinners** and celebrations!



#### **New Year's Day Concert**

The Victoria Symphony Orchestra. What a way to start off the New Year! The VSO and special guests share much-loved arias, overtures, choruses and dances. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.





# 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 four 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, and finish in the desert playground of Las Vegas—a lively way to end our tour!

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tombstone: "The Town Too Tough to Die", home of 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 from all over the world
- Canyon Lake: wonderful scenery along the red rock cliffs with various wildlife sightings
- Sedona: stunning "red rock" monoliths

#### 15 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Nov 7 - 21

#### **COST**

#### \$7,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Calgary, or Edmonton

- Single supplement: add \$1,790
- Montreal: add \$190
- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$390
- Vancouver: deduct \$200
- Winnipeg: add \$590

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Grand Canyon: one of the Natural Wonders of the World
- Antelope Canyon: jeep ride through the most photographed (and breathtaking) canyon in the USA
- "WOW: The Vegas Spectacular"

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • Mainly first-class hotels • Full breakfast daily, 10 dinners and 1 lunch ■ "WOW: The Vegas Spectacular"

No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: TUCSON. We depart for Phoenix. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in Tucson (about a two-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 before heading 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 in the infamous Gunfight at the OK 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", Wyatt Earp, The Bird Cage Theater, 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 re-creates the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert with more than 300 animal species and 1,200 kinds of plants along almost two 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 stateof-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 Theater.

#### **DAY 7: CANYON LAKE /**

**PHOENIX.** Morning at leisure. This afternoon we will enjoy more spectacular scenery as we take a boat ride on Canyon Lake, known for its interesting rock formations resembling 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 iust 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 busy and very scenic day as we enjoy the views of the marvellous strands of red rocks, and beautiful streams and vallevs at Oak Creek Canvon. Then we stop in Sedona—a quaint artists' 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 for gambling, shopping, or some of the best people-watching in the world!

DAY 14: LAS VEGAS. Our city tour begins at The Strip with its theme hotels. Look out for erupting volcanoes, dancing fountains, an Egyptian pyramid, 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 WOW: The Vegas Spectacular, featuring dancers, acrobats, jugglers, comedians, stunning choreography, 3D projections, and awe-inspiring holograms.

DAY 15: HOME. We fly home from Las Vegas.

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**HOLIDAY SEASON IN** 

# **Phoenix, Arizona**

#### With a 2-day excursion to the Grand Canyon & Sedona

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 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.

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Dec 17 - Jan 3

#### COST

#### \$7,297

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- ..... • Single supplement: add \$1,790
- Montreal or Ottawa: add \$90
- Halifax: add \$190
- Vancouver: deduct \$400

Add-ons below include an overnight in Vancouver en route to Arizona:

- Calgary or Edmonton: add \$90
- Winnipeg: add \$290

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Special dinners for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, a Broadway themed New Year's Eve dinner and a New Year's Day BBQ are part of the meals included, along with some impressive excursions (including a 2-day excursion to the Grand Canyon and magical Red Rock Sedona)!

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • First-class hotel • Full breakfast daily, and a Christmas Day Lunch • 10 dinners including Christmas Eve Dinner, New Year's Eve dinner & show, and a New Year's Day BBQ • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**



#### **Tour of Phoenix & 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, cafés, bars and restaurants.

#### **Grand Canyon: Overnight Excursion**

We visit 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 overnight in Flagstaff.

#### **Spectacular Scenery** of Canyon Lake

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 varns of the area and its legends. Dinner follows at Zappone's.

#### **Musical Instrument** Museum

We visit 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 6,500 instruments from all over the world. Then we will enjoy some excellent western entertainment, line dancing and a western style dinner!

#### **Heard Museum**

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.

#### Flea Market

We visit one of the largest Flea Markets in the southwest U.S.A.

#### **City Christmas Lights Tour** & Botanical Garden

This magical visit includes the Desert Botanical Garden's unique and spectacular Las Noches de las Luminarias! Stroll the trails as thousands of Luminaria bags (yes bags not bugs) illuminate the Garden's trails lighting up the night and the Garden's 50,000 desert plants. There will be musical performances, entertainment and more.

#### **Christmas Eve Dinner**

We enjoy special Christmas Eve dinner at a fine restaurant.

#### **Christmas Day Lunch**

Our special holiday lunch will be accompanied by a matinee production of White Christmas.

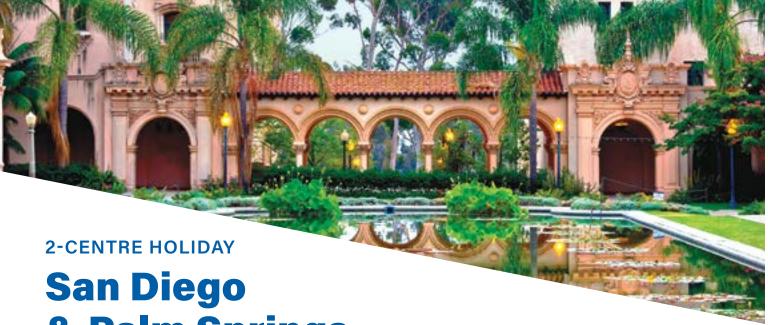
#### **New Year's Eve Dinner Theatre**

New Year's Eve at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre, featuring a musical extravaganza, a fine dinner, party favours and champagne.

#### **New Year's Day BBQ** dinner at Rustler's

We'll enjoy a special dinner at Rustler's Roost with live Country & Western Music, line dancing, and a gorgeous view of the valley lights.





& Palm Springs

With a pleasant climate, varied scenery and so much to see, it's no wonder California is such a popular holiday destinations.

**SAN DIEGO.** The sparkling oceanside city has a wonderful climate year-round, lovely parks, scenic bays and beaches, museums and art galleries, superb restaurants, and excellent shopping. Our hotel for 7 nights will be the classic Spanish style Hacienda Hotel Old Town. The hotel has colourful courtyards, patios and lush landscaping, and is in the heart of Old Town, a historic part of the city with old adobe structures, restaurants, cafés, and shops-great for strolling!

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS IN SAN DIEGO:**

- San Diego Zoo: certainly one of the world's finest zoos
- Harbour Cruise: view historic landmarks & marine wildlife
- Temecula: historic town surrounded by vineyards

**PALM SPRINGS.** The desert resort has a warm dry climate and clean air, and is surrounded by splendid mountains, canyons and countless palm trees. Our hotel for 6 nights is the Homewood Suites by Hilton Cathedral City, located 5 miles from downtown Palm Springs (regular shuttles provided) with its boutiques, restaurants and casinos. Choose between a 1-Bedroom Suite (a king bed and a pull-out couch) or a 2-Bedroom Suite (a king bed in each room).

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS IN PALM SPRINGS:**

- Indian Canyon & Joshua Tree National Park
- Living Desert Museum: a desert botanical garden & zoo located in Palm Desert
- Theatre: professional Broadway musical
- Our last overnight will be in Los Angeles, including a tour of the city & Hollywood

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels • All hotels have heated swimming pools, whirlpool and fitness rooms, or privileges at a nearby health club • Full breakfast daily, 10 dinners and 3 lunches • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

15 DAYS

Nov 6 - 20

#### COST

#### \$7,297

1-Bedroom Suite in Palm Springs

#### \$7,497

2-Bedroom Suite in Palm Springs

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Calgary

- Single supplement: add \$1,990 (1 bedroom)
- Edmonton or Montreal: add \$90

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Ottawa, Halifax, or Winnipeg: add \$290

MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Vancouver: deduct \$200

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





#### National Monument, Mission Bay, **DAY 8: TEMECULA /** Balboa Park, and the Old Town. PALM SPRINGS. We leave San Dinner is at a local restaurant. DAY 3: SAN DIEGO ZOO.

This morning we visit the world famous San Diego Zoo, with its renowned 100-acre botanical gardens which is home to more than 777 species of 3,200 animals. A guided bus tour covers most of the zoo grounds and aerial trams allow for viewing the animals from a higher altitude. The zoo is classified as a must-see, and one of the world's finest.

**ITINERARY** 

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE /** 

the historic Old Town.

**DAY 2: SAN DIEGO TOUR.** 

the surrounding area, which

A full-day tour of San Diego and

will take in Point Loma, Cabrillo

SAN DIEGO. We fly to San Diego

and transfer to our hotel, located in

#### **DAY 4: MISSION SAN DIEGO.**

As the Mexican border is just a tram ride away, today our guide will touch on the rich history, traditions, and culture of Mexico, and how it has influenced San Diego and Southern California. Then we'll take the trolley to the Mission San Diego de Alcala (known as the "Plymouth Rock of the West Coast")—the first mission founded by the Franciscans in "Upper California". The road connecting the missions was known as the El Camino Real, or "The Royal Highway"!

DAY 5: AT LEISURE. There is much to see and do, especially since your hotel is located in Old Town. You may want to return to Balboa Park's Park—a veritable treasury of wildlife art galleries, museums and restaurants, or to Seaport Village—a charming area with a boardwalk, horse-drawn carriages and an 1890 carousel.

#### **DAY 6: HARBOUR CRUISE.**

This morning we hop on the trolley in Old Town and ride to the waterfront, where we board a narrated

cruise/tour of San Diego Harbour and Shelter Island. On the cruise we will see Point Loma, North Island Naval Station, the Submarine Base, as well as the Coronado Bridge and much more.

**DAY 7: AT LEISURE.** Another day at leisure in San Diego.

Diego, and make our first stop and visit in the quaint historic town of Temecula. The town is in an area known as "Southern California's Citrus and Wine Country", as there have been hundreds of award-winning wines produced by the 35 wineries in the area. After some free time in town we'll visit a winery for a Tour and Tasting, as well as a light lunch. After our visit we proceed to Palm Springs.

#### **DAY 9: TOUR PALM SPRINGS.**

On our morning guided tour we experience the world of the 'rich and famous! Relive Hollywood's golden era as we pass by the former homes of such stars as Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Liberace and Frank Sinatra, to name a few. We'll also enjoy a casual nature hike into the famous Indian Canyon—a lush oasis located within desert scenery. Since the Coachella Valley here is known as the Date Capital, later we will visit a Date Garden!

#### **DAY 10: JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK /**

"VILLAGEFEST". Today we visit the stunning Joshua Tree National and plants. The wildflowers, palm groves, colourful canyons, surreal geological features, and breathtaking vistas make this one of the world's richest living museums. Lunch is included. This evening is Palm Springs "Villagefest"a weekly colourful street fair with craft stalls and food stands.

#### **DAY 11: AT LEISURE / THEATRE**

**SHOW.** A morning at leisure. Our coach will be on hand to provide shuttles to and from Palm Springs' renowned downtown district. Or, relax at the hotel, take a swim in the heated pools or use the fitness room. In the afternoon we'll enjoy an entertaining performance at one of the local theatres.

#### **DAY 12: LIVING DESERT**

**MUSEUM.** We visit the Living Desert Museum, where we will enjoy a guided safari tram tour through this unique wildlife and botanical park. Lunch is included.

#### **DAY 13: AERIAL TRAMWAY.**

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, the world's largest rotating tram car, travels over 2 miles along the cliffs of Chino Canyon into the pristine wilderness of Mt. San Jacinto State Park. The tram rotates slowly, offering spectacular vistas of the valley below as it elevates to almost 9,000 feet! Stunning viewpoints, trails, and hikes can be found at the top.

#### **DAY 14: LOS ANGELES.**

We proceed to Los Angeles, where we'll first have some free time at the Farmer's Market. Then on our city tour we'll pass by famous sights such as Rodeo Drive, Sunset Strip, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, and more. A walking tour will take us into the heart of Hollywood to see the famous celebrity hand and foot prints on the Walk of Fame, and also Awards Walk-home to the Academy Awards. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner!

DAY 15: HOME. We transfer to the LA airport and fly home.





Experience Polynesian culture, swim in waterfalls, enjoy scenic wonders, and soak up the sun on golden beaches.

We begin with a 5-night stay in Honolulu's legendary Waikiki district, which brims with culture, entertainment, shopping, and culinary delights. Our hotel is the well-located Courtyard by Marriott, which has a restaurant, spa, pool and gardens, and is a short walk from Waikiki Beach. All rooms have a kitchenette and a balcony.

Our next stop is the Island of Hawaii where we will stay at the Royal Kona Resort for 4 nights. It has a dramatic oceanfront setting overlooking Kailua Bay and is a short walk to the shops, restaurants and activities in Kona. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, oceanfront pool, beautiful gardens and lovely, spacious guest rooms.

Maui is our last stop, and a chance to experience the island's distinctive red, black and white sand beaches, the soaring summit of Haleakala Volcano, and the lush lao Valley.

Our hotel for our 4-night stay (plus late-check-out on the last day) is the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, voted Best Hotel in Hawaii in USA Today's 2023 Readers Choice Awards. This 23-acre oceanfront oasis is situated on the most prime expanse of 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. It is also a favourite snorkel location for encounters with green sea turtles. The hotel has a huge lagoon-style pool meandering through lushly-landscaped gardens, a variety of 8 indoor and outdoor restaurants and bars, scheduled

#### **15 DAYS**

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Nov 2 - 16

#### COST

#### \$9,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$3,990
- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$190
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: deduct \$200
- Vancouver: deduct \$300

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



**MODERATE.** Refer to page 2 for full details.

activities like lessons in ukelele and hula dancing, a spa that offers a variety of services in an idyllic environment, and lovely, spacious guestrooms with balconies.

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels, including late check-out on the last day
• Full breakfast daily & 2 special dinners • All inter-island airfare and taxes (airline baggage

fees not included) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Lei Greeting Upon Arrival**

Experience Hawaii's famous "aloha" welcome. Giving guests this beautiful garland of fragrant flowers is a beautiful Hawaiian custom that symbolizes hospitality, respect and love.

#### **Full-day Tour of Oahu**

We will spend the day exploring Oahu, seeing the island's incredible beaches, Diamond Head Crater and stunning Manoa Falls.

# Honolulu City Tour Including Pearl Harbour

We will visit Chinatown, 'Iolani Palace (the only royal residence in the US!), Washington Place, the State Capitol Building, and the popular statue of King Kamehameha. From there, we will go to Pearl Harbor's moving Visitors Center. Our visit includes the USS Arizona Memorial, the resting place of over 1,000 sailors killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

# **Spectacular Polynesian Dinner Show**

Enjoy a delicious Polynesian banquet with dancing and an incredible fire show!

# Full-day Tour of the Island of Hawaii

This tour is all about getting to know the "Big Island," home to snow-capped peaks and lush rainforests, Volcanoes National Park and the jet-black sands of Punaluu Beach. We will spend the day immersed in beautiful landscapes and Hawaii's fascinating history and culture.

#### Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Home to Kilauea, the most continuously active volcano in the world, and Mauna Loa, the world's largest volcano, this awe-inspiring place is an International Biosphere Reserve, a World Heritage Site—and one of the only places where you can walk on land that's younger than you are!

#### **Full-day Tour of Maui**

Travelling along one of the world's most scenic roads, we will see breathtaking ocean and mountain views, volcanoes and waterfalls. We will make a stop at Haleakala National Park, home to a dormant volcano crater with desert-like landscapes, sacred sites and a waterfall-laden tropical oasis.

# Iao Valley & Plantation Tour

We will head to the lush lao Valley, with an easy hike through sacred lands, past the lao Needle, (a dramatic lava formation covered in vegetation), and the lao Stream. We will also visit the Maui Tropical Plantation to learn about the island's crops and sample some mouth-watering local fruit.

#### **Special Farewell Luau**

One of the highlights of the trip is this spectacular dinner show on our final night. Experience a famous tradition dating back hundreds of years with an evening of live music, hula dancing, lei making, Samoan fire knife dancing, and a delicious dinner with plenty of tropical cocktails.





With charming towns, stunning landscapes, incredible food, and a palpable joie de vivre, it's no wonder visitors love "La Belle Province."

Our journey begins and ends in vibrant Montreal, where you'll find great shopping, cafés, museums and beautiful architecture, especially in historic Old Montreal. From there, we will explore the picturesque villages and rural landscapes of the Eastern Townships—mystery lovers will recognize the region as the setting of Louise Penny's popular novels.

Then it's on to a 2-night stay in Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage site rich with history. Fall under the spell of cobbled streets lined with art galleries, artisan shops, and bistros. Listen to the clip-clop of the horse-drawn carriages. Visit Orleans Island with its New France architecture, farming traditions and gorgeous scenery.

Next, we will journey through the picturesque Charlevoix region, with a scenic train trip along the Beaupré hills and the St. Lawrence River coastline, taking in centuries-old hamlets and shores teeming with migrating birds. Nature lovers will adore Tadoussac, site of the first trading post in Canada, and now known worldwide as a holiday resort and whalewatching destination. Visitors come from around the world to see belugas, humpbacks and blue whales in this pristine environment—it's an unforgettable experience!

#### 10 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 1 - 10

#### COST

#### \$4,397

per person, double occupancy,

Departs from Toronto, Burlington, Whitby, and Kingston

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Triples: deduct \$70 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Montreal sightseeing tour
- Waterfront resort in the Eastern Townships
- Baie-Saint-Paul artist's community
- Wine tastings & traditional sugar shack meal
- Guided tour of Quebec City old walled town
- Picturesque Île d'Orléans & Montmorency Falls
- Whale-watching on the St. Lawrence River
- The spectacular Train de Charlevoix

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

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Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi • Moderate and first-class hotels • 9 breakfasts, 7 dinners & 1 lunch • Charlevoix Train Journey • Whale Watching Cruise No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE /

MONTREAL. We depart from our Ontario pick-up points 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 Basilica and authentically charming Old Montreal. This afternoon we depart for the Eastern Townships with a scenic stop on Quebec's wine route to 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 Fitch Bay's Bleu Lavender-pioneer of Quebec's lavender culture and one of the largest lavender farms in Canada. After a tasting of the lavender, we'll continue on to visit the town of Stansted, home to some magnificent 19th-century buildings (and considered one of Quebec's most beautiful villages). The town straddles what's been called 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. We'll begin our stay with a guided tour of the city's most famous sights including Place Royal, Little Champlain Quarter, the Plains of Abraham and the port where so many newcomers first set foot in 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 a historic home and the Bilodeau Orchard where cider making is an art form passed down 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 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 high-light—a whale-watching cruise on the magnificent St. Lawrence River, 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, stroll on the beach or one of the picturesque walking trails by our hotel, or perhaps visit the Marine Mammal

Interpretation Centre.

#### **DAY 8: MONTREAL.**

We depart for Montreal. En route we will drive on the first road built in New France, Le chemin du Roi (the King's Road), 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. We continue on to Montreal for a free evening in 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 gardens 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's many 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 return to Ontario bringing with us fine memories of La Belle Province.

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# **Fall Escape**

Say bonjour to 10 beautiful days in La Belle Province, enjoying Quebec's sophisticated cities and stunning countryside.

Visit Montreal's historic port and walk the cobbled streets of Old Quebec. Drive along one of North America's oldest roads. Explore stunning land and coastlines, rich boreal forests and colourful coastal villages. Listen to traditional Quebecois music and taste delicious locally produced artisanal cheeses, wines and ciders.

Starting and ending in Montreal with lots of unforgettable stops in between, we will explore the best of everything this charming province has to offer!

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Guided tours of Montreal and Quebec City
- Historic sites of Saguenay-Lac Saint-Jean
- Saint-Félicien Wildlife Zoo
- Mashteuiatsh First Nation Museum
- Saguenay Fjord villages & cruise
- Breathtaking Charlevoix region and Isle-aux-Coudres
- Delicious cuisine and terroir product sampling

#### 11 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 8 - 18

**COST** 

#### \$4,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

Departs from Toronto, Burlington, Whitby, and Kingston

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Triples: deduct \$100 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi • First-class and moderate hotels • Full breakfast daily, 8 dinners + 2 lunches • No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: DEPART/MONTREAL.

We depart Toronto by coach. Upon arrival in Montreal, we check-in to our centrally located hotel, and enjoy our Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 2: QUEBEC CITY. We proceed to Quebec City, where we will enjoy a guided tour, seeing the Place Royale, the Little Champlain Quarter, the Plains of Abraham, and charming Old Port.

DAY 3: CÔTE-DE-BEAUPRÉ / QUEBEC CITY. This morning, we will take the New France Route along the centuries-old Côte-De-Beaupré, one of North America's oldest roads. We will stop at breathtaking Montmorency Falls, visit a wood sculpture museum, and check out the famous Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré sanctuary, a magnificent basilica overlooking the St. Lawrence. The afternoon is free to explore old Quebec's enchanting streets, boutiques and cafés.

#### **DAY 4: VAL-JALBERT /**

ST-FÉLICIEN. We depart for Lac Saint-Jean, travelling through the Laurentide Wilderness Reserveour first opportunity to see local wildlife! We will stop at the historic village of Val-Jalbert, and see Quebec's first pulp mill, located next to the beautiful Ouiatchouan Falls. After lunch, we will take a funicular ride for panoramic views of Lac Saint-Jean, then continue on to Saint-Félicien, our home for the next two nights.

#### DAY 5: ST-FÉLICIEN.

We will visit the famous Perron cheese factory (dating back to 1895!) to learn about traditional cheddar making techniques (and have a few tastes, of course.) Next up is the marvelous Wildlife Zoo of

Saint-Félicien, a unique chance to see majestic flora and fauna from the Boreal climate up close.

#### **DAY 6: MASHTEUIATSH** FIRST NATION RESERVE /

**CHICOUTIMI.** We will learn about the Pekuakamiulnuatsh way of living from local guides and enjoy tea and bannock bread in a traditional camp. Then we head to the lively town of Chicoutimi, first settled by the French as a fur trading post in 1676, where we will visit a museum, the town's famous "Little White House," and check into our hotel with some time to explore.

#### **DAY 7: SAGUENAY FJORD NATIONAL PARK / ISLE-AUX-**

**COUDRES.** Today we'll travel along the magnificent "Route du Fjord", passing by some of Quebec's most beautiful villages. We will take a river cruise to the picturesque village of l'Anse-Saint-Jean, enjoying amazing views of the Saguenay Fjord along the way. After some leisure time, it's on to the picturesque "Route du Fleuve," with delightful river views and colourful Quebecois farms. Then we will ferry over to the L'Isleaux-Coudres, a spot renowned for incredible sunsets and beautiful shingle beaches, where we will enjoy a 2-night stay.

#### DAY 8: L'ISLE-AUX-COUDRES.

This morning we will take a scenic drive around the island, stopping at a cidery, an old flour mill, and a site for ice caneoing—unique to Quebec, with plenty of photo ops

in this beautiful region. The rest of the day is free time to enjoy this wonderful Island.

#### **DAY 9: BAIE-SAINT-PAUL /**

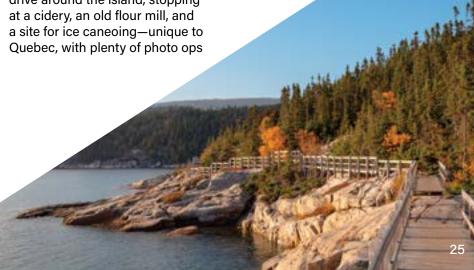
MONTREAL. Today we visit Baie-Saint-Paul, a charming artists' town with many galleries to explore. Lunch is at an authentic Quebecois sugar shack, where we will hear traditional "reel" and "rigidons" music and taste maple taffy on snow. Then it's on to Montreal, with time to enjoy one of North America's most exciting cities.

#### **DAY 10: MONTREAL.**

A guided tour of the city will take us through Mount Royal, Sainte-Catherine Street, Notre-Dame Cathedral and quaint Old Montreal. In the afternoon we have free time to do some shopping, go to a museum, or simply enjoy a stroll through Montreal's lively streets. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 11: DEPART.**

We travel home, bringing with us wonderful memories of "La Belle Province."





# **Autumn**

# **Splendour**

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

Experience autumn at its absolute best! Our tour starts off in stunning Sault Ste. Marie 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 it's off to enchanting Mackinac Island, Michigan, a car-free spot with Victorian architecture, horse drawn carriages, majestic views, and plenty of old-fashioned charm.

From here we proceed to Frankenmuth, Michigan's "Little Bavaria," a charming town with half-timbered buildings that's like a page out of a fairytale. Then in Dearborn, we will visit the fascinating Henry Ford Museum of Innovation and Greenfield Village, its outdoor living history museum. Then it's a final overnight in Windsor, with a visit to the casino, and a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Incredible fall colours
- Algoma Railway through Agawa Canyon
- Mackinac Island with lunch at historic Grand Hotel

#### 7 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Sep 29 - Oct 5 / Oct 6 - 12

#### COST

#### \$3,297

per person, double occupancy

**Departs from Toronto & Burlington** •••••

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Triples: deduct \$50 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Frankenmuth, Michigan's "Little Bavaria"
- Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn
- Windsor Casino

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi • Moderate accommodation • 6 breakfasts (5 full breakfasts & 1 continental breakfast) • 5 dinners & 2 lunches (incl. the Grand Buffet at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: SAULT STE. MARIE.**

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

#### **DAY 2: AGAWA CANYON.**

Early this morning we board the legendary Algoma Railway for the journey through the scenic vistas of the 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 on Lake Huron. Time slows down to a leisurely pace on this genteel island. As there are no cars allowed, 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 maybe treat ourselves to some of that famous Mackinac fudge!

#### **DAY 4: FRANKENMUTH.**

We leave Mackinac Island and head for Frankenmuth where we spend 2 nights. Frankenmuth was settled in the 1840's by Franks emigrants from Franconia in Bavaria (the town's name means "courage of the Franks").

#### **DAY 5: FRANKENMUTH.**

Today we will discover the many attractions of Frankenmuthincluding Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and the Glockenspiel Tower. We will also enjoy wine tasting at a local restaurant. Almost like visiting a corner of Germany in the US!

#### **DAY 6: DEARBORN / WINDSOR.**

We depart for Dearborn, Michigan where we will visit the Henry Ford Museum, founded in 1929 by Ford himself. The exhibits here are truly one-of-a-kind, tracing back over 150 years and highlighting the changes that America has experienced. After the museum visit we'll experience the awe-inspiring scale of a real factory floor and get an inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150.

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 we enjoy our Farewell Dinner, and then visit the Windsor Casino, with an opportunity for you to challenge the slot machines or blackjack dealers.

#### DAY 7: HOME.

We say farewell to our fellow travellers as we return to the Toronto and Burlington areas to end our tour.





# & Newport, Rhode Island

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, charming 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 generations.

We hope that like us, you'll fall in love with Old Cape Cod.

#### **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 & the Common
- And much more!

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Sep 8 - 14 / Sep 22 - 28

#### COST

#### \$2,997

per person, double occupancy

#### Departs from Toronto & Burlington

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Triples: deduct \$100 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi • Moderate accommodation

• 6 full breakfasts and 6 dinners • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

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

DAY 2: PLYMOUTH. After breakfast we proceed to Cape Cod. En route we'll stop at America's Home Town: Plymouth, where the Pilgrims first settled in 1620. We'll stop for photos at iconic Plymouth Rock, National Monument to the Forefathers, and the Mayflower II a reproduction of the ship that transported the Pilgrims to the New World. We then proceed to 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 the Kennedy family compound.

This evening we will enjoy a lobster dinner, and overnight in South Yarmouth.

DAY 3: CAPE COD. A full day of exploring scenic Cape Cod. We travel along historic Route 6A, stopping at the Eastham Windmill and a typical Cape Cod lighthouse. Driving along 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 photogenic sights and tempting 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. Or, you may choose to stay ashore and join a Dune Tour to explore the shoreline of the protected lands of

Cape Cod National Seashore, This will be an opportunity to view the "Dune Shacks" which have inspired famous artists and writers.

DAY 4: NEWPORT. Today we visit Newport, Rhode Island, 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 take us through the city, including the famed Ocean Drive and the Bellevue Avenue Mansion area. Admission to one of the mansions is included.

This evening we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 5: NANTUCKET. This morning's highlight will be 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 very special charm. Enjoy a tour of the island and some free time for browsing the galleries, shops and museums before returning to the Cape.

DAY 6: BOSTON. We depart the Cape for Boston, considered by many to be America's most historic city. We will enjoy a guided tour of the various historical and famous landmarks 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 Farewell Dinner and overnight.

#### **DAY 7: RETURN.**

We continue our journey back to the Toronto / Burlington area (with a stop for duty-free shopping), taking with us fond memories of beautiful Cape Cod.





This friendly town in the Ozark Mountains is the live entertainment capital of the world, with an incredible variety of live shows and events.

You'll feel the warmth of Branson's hospitality from the moment you arrive. With over 50 theatres and 60,000 seats, Branson has an incredible selection of shows, with diverse programming featuring some of the best talent around.

From musicians to magicians, Branson has truly incredible live entertainment options, and you'll get a great sampling, as we will be attending 5 of the town's most popular shows!

Our tour also includes sightseeing in St. Louis and Branson, with a visit to the famous Titanic Museum, unique shopping adventures—and even an authentic, old-fashioned five and dime store. Our Branson adventure will be sure to have everyone velling "encore!"

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Guided tour of St. Louis
- 5 live shows including the Grand Jubilee & Hamner's Unbelievable Variety Show
- Titanic Museum
- College of the Ozarks Student Guided Tour
- Showboat dinner cruise

#### 8 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Sep 8 - 15 / Sep 22 - 29

#### COST

#### \$3,297

per person, double occupancy

**Departs from Toronto & Burlington** 

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Triples: deduct \$70 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4)









MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi • First-class accommodation • 7 full breakfasts, 7 dinners and 2 lunches • All shows and attractions as described in the itinerary No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE /**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO.** We depart from pick-up points in the Toronto / Burlington area, and cross into the US at Fort Erie with an opportunity to purchase Duty-Free. Tonight's overnight is in Columbus, Ohio, with dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 2: ST. LOUIS.

We travel to St. Louis, Gateway of the West, known for its iconic Gateway Arch—America's largest man-made monument. Upon arrival we check-in to our centrally located

#### DAY 3: ST. LOUIS / BRANSON.

We enjoy a tour of the grand old city of St. Louis, including the historic Soulard District, Forest Park site of the 1904 World's Fair—and of course the Gateway Arch. We then continue to Branson, for a 4-night stay.

Tonight we enjoy our first evening of entertainment at the Grand Jubilee Show. Audiences fall in love with the power harmonies and dynamic performance of Branson's finest quartet. The high energy and versatility of the entire cast astound with songs from Country to Gospel and 50's to modern day.

#### **DAY 4: BRANSON.**

Today we will attend 2 shows at the Clay Cooper Theatre, home to Branson's most talented artists and incredible entertainers. Our daytime show will be one of Branson's current #1 hit shows. Then, following dinner at the Uptown Cafe, we will attend the exciting Clay

Cooper Country Music Show. Clay and his fantastic cast of 15 veteran entertainers perform a high-energy show of singing, dancing, gun-slinging, rope-twirling, and hysterical comedy!

#### **DAY 5: BRANSON.**

This morning we visit the interactive Titanic Museum, followed by our included lunch at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen. In the afternoon we'll enjoy a city sightseeing tour of Branson.

After dinner at McFarlain's Restaurant, we'll attend Hamner's Unbelievable Variety Show, where we'll be treated to a fantastic array of Branson entertainment. Led by master magicians, Dave and Denise Hamner, the show is packed full of great performing artists. The variety includes sensational singing, phenomenal dancing, stunning illusions, and a singing impressionist too spot-on to be believed!

#### **DAY 6: BRANSON.**

This morning we visit the College of the Ozarks for our student guided tour of their fascinating campus. Then we're "All Aboard" the famous Showboat Branson Belle for a fun-filled dinner cruise and entertainment. We begin with a visit to White River Landing

followed by a two-hour cruise on Table Rock Lake for fabulous dining and award-winning theatre.

#### **DAY 7: INDIANAPOLIS.**

We say farewell to Branson and travel through scenic Northern Missouri and Indiana. Our overnight and Farewell Dinner will be in Indianapolis.

#### DAY 8: HOME.

After our buffet breakfast we return to Canada, arriving back in the Toronto / Burlington area by early evening.





With world-class casinos, amazing nightlife and a beautiful seaside setting, it's a destination that promises non-stop fun!

Hit the blackjack tables at Caesars, take in a show at the Hard Rock, pamper yourself at the spa or enjoy a day at the beach—there's no shortage of things to do in Atlantic City. This popular destination has all the glitz and glam of Las Vegas, fascinating history, plus an amazing coastal location and a lot more to do "off-strip."

This coach tour is the perfect mix of sightseeing, shopping and time to explore on your own. In addition to Atlantic City, you'll have the chance to explore the historic streets of Smithville, New Jersey, tour Philadelphia, and spend some time in charming Harristown, Pennsylvania.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel on a luxury coach
- 3 nights in Atlantic City
- Scenic skyline cruise
- Tour of Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall
- Guided Philadelphia city tour

#### 6 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

**Sep 9 - 14** 

#### COST

#### \$2,497

per person, double occupancy

Departs from Toronto & Burlington

- Single supplement: add \$590
- Triples: deduct \$100 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi • Moderate & First-class accommodation

• 5 full breakfasts and 4 dinners • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE / BINGHAMTON NY.**

We depart from pre-determined pick-up points in Toronto and Burlington, travelling by coach to Binghamton, NY, where we will enjoy our Welcome Dinner and spend the night.

#### DAY 2: SMITHVILLE, NJ / ATLANTIC CITY.

After breakfast, we'll stop in historic Smithville, NJ, with time to explore this charming town. Then it's off to Atlantic City for an exciting 3-night visit! We will stay at the waterfront Resorts Casino Hotel, right on the iconic Atlantic City Boardwalk.

#### **DAY 3: ATLANTIC CITY.**

Our day begins with a scenic cruise along the oceanfront skyline of Atlantic City. We'll tour Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall, learn about its intriguing history—and see the world's largest pipe organ, weighing in at over 150 tonnes! We'll round things out with a guided city tour and a fascinating look into the city's dynamic history.

#### **DAY 4: ATLANTIC CITY.**

A day at leisure to enjoy everything the city has to offer. Take a stroll along the scenic Boardwalk, shop till you drop at the Tanger Outlets, or try your luck at one of the many casinos!

#### **DAY 5: ATLANTIC CITY /** PHILADEPHIA / HARRISBURG.

Today we bid farewell to Atlantic City, and it's off to Philadelphia for a guided tour of the City of Brotherly Love. We'll stop at the King of Prussia Mall, the third largest mall in America, then head to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for our Farewell Dinner and an overnight

#### **DAY 6: DEPART.**

It's time to head home, arriving in Burlington and Toronto by early evening.









**COACH TOUR** 

# New York, New York

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

Only in "The Big Apple" 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 the 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, plenty of time for shopping and take in the Broadway hit, *The Heart of Rock and Roll*.

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 the city's most exciting attractions, including Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and the Theater District.

#### **5 DAYS**

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Sep 30 - Oct 4 / Oct 14 - 18

#### COST

#### \$3,197

per person, double occupancy

Departs from Toronto & Burlington

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Triples: deduct \$100 per person

**Note:** Roundtrip airfare to Toronto not included.

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Central Park
- World Trade Center Observatory
- Empire State & Chrysler Buildings
- Harbour Cruise to the Statue of Liberty
- Trump Tower

- Rockefeller Center
- Times Square
- Wall Street
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Broadway musical: The Heart of Rock and Roll

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi • First-class hotel (in the heart of Times Square) • 4 full hot breakfasts • 4 dinners • Broadway play: *The Heart of Rock and Roll* **No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.** 

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE / ALBANY,

NY. We depart from pre-determined pick-up points in the Toronto and Burlington areas. After crossing the border, we travel through New York State to our overnight stopover in Albany, 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 which will include Times Square, Central Park and much more. 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. 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". Our guided panoramic tour will take in 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. We then continue to the One World Observatory of the World Trade Center and take the elevator to the top for the world-famous city views.

Tonight we hit Broadway and enjoy the hit show *The Heart of Rock and Roll,* packed with iconic megahits by Huey Lewis and The News, including "Do You Believe in Love", "Hip to Be Square", and "If This Is It". Set in 1987, this musical comedy revolves around two young adults on the verge of determining their futures

#### **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 countless museums the city has to offer. Your Tour Manager will be happy to provide 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 at the Toronto / Burlington areas in the early evening.









Classy and chic, Barbados is famed for its soft white-sand beaches, perfect climate and distinct personality. The arts scene is vibrant here, shopping amongst the best in the Caribbean and visitors are warmly welcomed at local events from cricket matches to live concerts.

From the rugged beauty of the east coast to the serene elegance of the west coast, with acres of sugar cane in the middle, it is one of the most varied and scenic islands.

As the "Culinary Capital of the Caribbean", Barbados brings together the influences of African, Caribbean, West Indian and European delights to create a unique culinary experience. Of course fish is a mainstay, including Flying Fish—a national symbol of Barbados, but your options range from elegant sophistication to funky street food.

Sightseeing on the island is a pleasure with many historic UNESCO World Heritage sites, splendid architecture and rich cultural attractions. But it is the friendliness of the people that will leave a lasting impression.

Our hotel during our stay is the beachfront Barbados Beach Club—a great-value, informal all-Inclusive resort located on the south coast in laid back Maxwell Gap. You may prefer to lounge by the beachfront poolside with a rum punch in hand. This is also the spot for an early morning dip or to join a water aerobics class. Enjoy the water toys such as kayaks, paddle boats, and snorkelling equipment—available on-site and included in your stay. Within walking distance or a short taxi ride away is bustling St. Lawrence Gap with its many fun restaurants and pubs including karaoke venues, sports bars, and classic old rum shops.

3 meals daily, afternoon tea and unlimited beverages (soft drinks, juice, beer, wine, local spirits, cocktails and smoothies) are all included at the Barbados Beach Club. Choose

#### **15 DAYS**

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Nov 10 - 24

#### COST

#### \$7,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

• Single supplement: add \$1,990

All add-ons below include hotel overnights in Toronto each way:

- Ottawa, Halifax or Montreal: add \$390
- Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, or Vancouver: add \$690

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

between two on-site restaurants featuring an array of local and international cuisine throughout the day. There is low-key local entertainment during the evenings.

Hotel rooms are simply furnished and include individual air conditioning, safe, mini-fridge, complimentary WiFi, and private balcony.

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • Moderate accommodation as described • Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, also afternoon tea • Unlimited beverages (soft drinks, juice, beer, wine, local spirits, cocktails & smoothies) • 4 excursions as described • Full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### 1. Island Tour

This tour, which takes us all around the island, begins with a visit to Oistins village—once a major seaport and now home to one of the world's best open-air parties. Then we visit the historic capital, Bridgetown, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we see the 19th century Parliament Buildings and a synagogue (with attached museum) built in 1654 (one of the oldest synagogues in the Western Hemisphere). On the west coast we'll stop in Holetownthe landing site of the first British settlers in 1627. On the rugged east coast we'll see the roaring waves pounding the shore, carving out natural pools in the coral. Lunch is included at a scenic spot on the east coast.

#### 2. Gardens & Abbey Tour

We first visit the important historical site of St. Nicholas Abbey Great House and Distillery. Built almost 350 years ago, this sugar plantation is well maintained and has retained its architectural beauty. The distillery here produces award-winning rums, and our local guide will educate us on the history and rum making process at the Abbey. We will take a ride on a steam locomotive through the plantation fields and mahogany woods, ending with a breathtaking view from Cherry Tree Hill of the rugged east coast and Scotland District. Our last stop will be at the Flower Forest Botanical Gardens, 53 acres of tropical trees and flowering plants which bloom year-round.

#### 3. Caves & Critters

Our first visit is the geological wonder of Harrison's Cave. We'll board the electric trams and travel underground to discover the stalactites and stalagmites in their quirky formations, naturally flowing waterfalls and crystal-clear pools. We then visit the Barbados Wildlife Reserve and stroll through the four acres of forest, looking out for the famous Barbadian Green Monkey, deer, tortoise and beautiful peacocks roaming the grounds. The aviary here features brilliantly coloured parrots and macaws.

#### 4. Catamaran Cruise

We enjoy a scenic catamaran cruise along the stunning coast of Barbados. There will be several stops for a chance to swim in a tranquil secluded bay, snorkel at a sunken shipwreck and an opportunity to see the incredible sea turtles that inhabit these waters! An on-board lunch of local specialties and drinks is included.





# **Costa Rica**

#### San José, Arenal Volcano & Hot Springs, all-inclusive **Guanacaste Resort**

Towering waterfalls and breathtaking cloud forests, simmering volcanoes and mist-covered hot springs. Welcome to paradise.

Blue Morpho butterflies resting in the trees. Capuchin monkeys chattering to each other. Vivid scarlet macaws gracefully soaring through the air. Costa Rica is a land of incredible natural beauty, with beaches, scenery and biodiversity you need to see to believe.

Our Costa Rican adventure begins with 3 nights at the firstclass Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana, conveniently located right in downtown San José, where we will take in the city's rich history and culture. Then we travel to Arenal to see its dramatic volcano and lush landscapes, staying 4 nights at the lovely Magic Mountain Hotel.

Finally, it's off to Guanacaste on the Pacific Coast for an all-inclusive 7-night stay at the Occidental Tamarindo, located oceanfront near the charming coastal town of Tamarindo, where we will have plenty of time to relax on the beach or by the pool, wandering around the nearby town or try out an optional excursion from the hotel.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- San José city tour
- Doka Estate Coffee Plantation tour
- Poás Volcano
- Sarchí handicraft village
- Mineral hot springs
- Rainforest Sky Tram & Sky Walk
- Caño Negro Wildlife Reserve
- Palo Verde boat tour
- Sunset catamaran cruise
- Cultural/Blue Zone experience

15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Nov 3 - 17

Nov 10 - 24

Nov 17 - Dec 1

COST

per person, double occupancy,

• Single supplement: add \$1,390

Montreal or Ottawa: add \$90

• Halifax, Calgary, or Edmonton:

Winnipeg or Vancouver: add \$290

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (4)

MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Toronto on the way home

Add-ons below include an overnight in

\$6,997

from Toronto

add \$190

TOUR INCLUSIONS Flights with Air Canada (all flights via Toronto) • First-class hotels

• Full breakfast & dinner daily, and 12 lunches • All drinks at the all-inclusive resort No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

# **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE / SAN JOSÉ.

We fly to San José and transfer to our hotel for a 3-night stay.

#### DAY 2: SAN JOSÉ.

We start off with a tour of San José that includes the commercial district, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Theatre, and the university campus. Then, we'll learn all about the country's #1 export—coffee! We will experience an entertaining multimedia tour and taste Costa Rica's finest blends. Lunch is included. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

#### **DAY 3: POÁS VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK / DOKA**

**ESTATE.** Today's tour takes us to a volcano that has the largest active crater in the world. Poás volcano is a bubbling, steaming example of the geothermal forces that formed Costa Rica, When the mist and clouds part, you'll see the green lake at the bottom, smoke and steam rising from fumaroles, and maybe even a geyser that can shoot over 800 feet in the air! We will then head to Doka Estate Coffee Plantation to learn about production and taste some delicious Costa Rican coffee.

#### DAY 4: ARENAL VOLCANO.

We transfer by coach to Arenal. En route we will visit the town of Sarchí, a traditional craft centre where we can see artisans at work on their trademark colourful oxcarts. The local church is one of the prettiest in the country.

**DAY 5: ARENAL VOLCANO & HOT SPRINGS.** This morning we will experience the rainforest from a unique perspective: on the Sky Tram, travelling up the mountain in an open-air gondola to an observation platform to enjoy the view. Then we embark on our Sky Walk, a spectacular combination of suspension bridges and

rainforest paths. In the afternoon, we can relax in the Ecotermales thermal mineral pools, with dinner included.

#### **DAY 6: ARENAL VOLCANO.**

A day at leisure to spend time in the town of La Fortuna, or to enjoy the hotel facilities.

#### **DAY 7: ARENAL / CAÑO NEGRO BOAT TOUR.** Today we head out to the countryside for a leisurely cruise on the Frio River to observe local wildlife. You may see howler monkeys, sloths, caimans, river otters and a variety of birds. Our guide will be wildlife spotting for

us: be sure to bring your binoculars

#### **DAY 8: GUANACASTE.**

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

and camera. Lunch is included.

#### **DAY 9: GUANACASTE.**

A day at leisure to enjoy the sun and sand, or join an optional tour offered by the hotel.

#### **DAY 10: GUANACASTE / PALO**

**VERDE.** Today we visit Palo Verde National Park, home to mangroves, swamps, swamp forests, marshes and saltwater and freshwater lagoons. We will take a boat tour on the Tempisque River to enjoy the fabulous array of wild birds, howler monkeys (yes, they do howl!), green iguanas, crocodiles, and more.

#### **DAY 11: GUANACASTE CULTURAL TOUR.**

Today we will have a unique hands-on cultural experience, where we'll learn fascinating local history and make traditional clay pots in the ancient Chorotega

tradition. We will sample the flavours of their ancestral cuisine with an authentic "Blue Zone" lunch accompanied by live traditional music.

#### **DAY 12: GUANACASTE.**

Day at leisure to enjoy the sunshine and resort facilities.

#### **DAY 13: GUANACASTE /** CATAMARAN SUNSET TOUR.

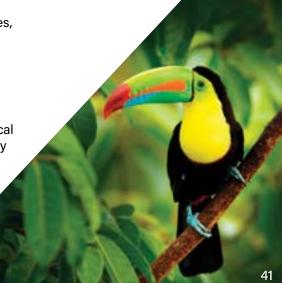
This afternoon we embark on the ultimate experience: a catamaran tour along Costa Rica's Golden Coast. This adventure offers a perfect blend of relaxation and excitement, with an opportunity to snorkel and see incredible marine life. Enjoy cocktails and delectable snacks as we view the Guanacaste's stunning scenery.

#### **DAY 14: GUANACASTE**

At leisure to enjoy the beach, resort facilities, or one of many optional tours offered by the hotel. Tonight we will have our Farewell Dinner.

#### **DAY 15: DEPARTURE.**

Transfer to San José airport for our flight home.





# **Cuba: Towns** & Villages

Experience Cuba's vibrant culture, enchanting countryside, colourful history, pristine beaches, and friendly people.

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

Next is a 3-night stay in **Trinidad**, the crown jewel of Cuba's colonial cities. Historically important, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the Caribbean's best-preserved cities, with cobblestone streets and neo-classical architecture. We'll enjoy an excursion to Cienfuegos, featuring Cuba's most beautiful bay.

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

Our last 3 nights are back in Varadero, with 3 excursions.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Beaches of Varadero
- Cardenas: "Flag City"
- · Cienfuegos: Pearl of the South
- Playa Giron Museum
- Boat ride through mangroves to visit an Indian village
- Trinidad: Cuba's most well-preserved old city

MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Nov 4 - 18

COST

Add add-ons below include an overnight

per person, double occupancy,

• Single supplement: add \$990

in Toronto on the way to Cuba

• Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton,

• Montreal or Halifax: add \$790

or Vancouver: add \$590

Ottawa: add \$190

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

\$5,397

from Toronto

- Performance of Cuban music
- Pinar Del Rio

#### Old and New Havana

& dance

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**TOUR INCLUSIONS**  Flights with WestJet • First-class hotels • Breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily • Local beverages throughout the tour (mineral water, soft drinks, & beer with all lunches & dinners, wine with dinners & local spirits while in Varadero) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### 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 sion of 1961. Then we continue collections of art and history.

DAY 4: TRINIDAD. We proceed to Trinidad for a 3-night stay. En route 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 the historic indigenous village of Taino where we'll see first-hand how Cubans lived centuries ago. A delicious seaside lunch is included.

DAY 5: TRINIDAD. We enjoy a tour of Trinidad, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its historical importance as a centre of the sugar trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is Cuba's most well-preserved colonial city. During our walking tour we'll visit Cantero Palace, the famous Canchanchara Bar (located in an 18th century mansion), and the Plaza Mayor in the town centre. There will be free

time to explore colonial Trinidad on our own.

#### **DAY 6: CIENFUEGOS /**

**TRINIDAD.** We enjoy an excursion to Cienfuegos, a well-preserved colonial city with European flavour. The city has 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 ornate architecture. We also enjoy a boat excursion on Cienfuegos Bay, and then explore 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, before returning to Trinidad.

**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 invaon 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, of course!

DAY 9: PINAR DEL RIO / **HAVANA.** We tour the Vinales Valley in Pinar del Rio, where the world's finest tobacco is grown and the sight of ox-drawn plows will 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 Memorial of José Marti. 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 occupied by the writer, this was the cradle 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: VARAHICACOS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE.**

Today we'll enjoy a city tour of Old Varadero before visiting the Varahicacos Ecological Reserve, with its natural caves, ancient burial grounds and unique flora and fauna. Later we'll 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.





With pink sands and turquoise waters, British customs and a romantic vibe, this charming island is the perfect setting for an unforgettable holiday in the sun.

Bermuda. It's where shell-pink beaches meet warm waters shining a hundred shades of turquoise. Where fragrant flowers splash colour everywhere you go, and pastel houses, stately mansions, ancient forts, and narrow country roads offer plenty of old-world charm. It's no wonder Bermuda has been voted "Best Island to Visit in the World" by Condé Nast-18 times!

You'll love the British heritage: in Bermuda, they drive on the left, serve tea promptly at 4:00, police are known as bobbies, cricket is the national sport—and yes, they do actually wear Bermuda shorts!

Our hotel in Bermuda is the first-class Grotto Bay Beach Hotel, located on a secluded cove with 21 acres of landscaped gardens and spectacular views of Bermuda's azure waters. The lovely oceanview guest rooms are all beautifully appointed, with two doubles or one king bed, mini-fridge, coffee maker and private balcony or patio.

Hotel facilities include a restaurant, bar, convenience shop, 2 private beaches, jacuzzi, tennis courts, exercise room, swimming pool, spa, guest laundry and evening entertainment. The hotel is a 10-minute bus ride from historic St. George and 20 minutes from Hamilton, with bus stops right at the resort entrance.

#### 15 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Dec 19 - Jan 2

#### **COST**

#### \$7,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

• Single supplement: add \$1,990

All add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto en route to Bermuda

- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$990
- · Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$1290

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



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#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • First-class hotel • Full breakfast & dinner daily Afternoon tea daily
 Manager's weekly cocktail party
 Panoramic island tour
 Christmas Dinner and Gala New Year's Dinner • Bermuda Transport Pass: allows access to all buses & ferries on the island • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### THINGS TO DO

This relaxing holiday is best suited for those who enjoy exploring at their own pace, and the simple pleasures of beautiful beaches and warm, sub-tropical days. But in case you need ideas, here are some wonderful activities to enjoy.

#### Take the pink bus!

The (very reliable) pink public buses will get you to many nearby attractions—and are a fun mini-adventure in themselves.

#### Go snorkelling or scuba diving

Bermuda is the shipwreck capital of the world, with over 300 shipwrecks in the waters around the islands, some dating as far back as the 1600s. Many of them aren't in deep water and are easy to see if you're snorkeling. The biggest one is the Cristobal Colon, a Spanish luxury liner that sank in 1936.

#### **Try Bermuda's** national drinks

The Dark n' Stormy is made with Gosling's Black Seal Rum and ginger beer, and the Rum Swizzle is a potent rum punch invented at the Swizzle Inn in 1932.

#### **Visit historic St. George**

This charming town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an outstanding example of the earliest English urban settlement in the New World, Founded in 1612, it's chock-full of cultural history: you can explore the old fortifications, learn about the area's fascinating military history, or pop into St. Peter's Church to see the oldest Anglican place of worship outside the British Isles.

#### Walk (or ride) the island from end to end

A former island railway is now the scenic Bermuda Railway Trail National Park, where you can walk or ride a bike almost 30 km from St. George to Sandy's Parish - and take in some truly spectacular scenery.

#### Hit the greens!

With more golf courses per square mile than anywhere else in the world-and vistas you have to see to believe-Bermuda is a true golfer's paradise. Take a swing on courses designed by famous course architects and played by the world's greatest golfers. Tee-off times can be arranged at a nearby golf course.

#### **Visit Walsingham Nature Reserve**

Spend the day hiking, snorkelling, swimming and spelunking at this amazing 12-acre natural wonder. Dive into the inviting blue-green waters of the awe-inspiring Crystal Caves. Dive into the deep, crystalclear blue pools and grottos, swim in Causeway Cave, a deep-water grotto that's a popular spot for swimming, snorkelling and rock climbina.

#### Just...relax

The island's blissful pink sand beaches are the island's biggest draw, hands down. Kick back in your lounger at the resort's stunning private beach, cocktail in hand. Laze around in the shallow blue waters, take a dip in the freshwater pool or have a soak in the outdoor Jacuzzi. It's your vacationdo whatever you want. Aaaaaah.







**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 9 - 18

#### COST

#### \$6,497

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, or Vancouver

- Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, or Calgary: add \$290
- Edmonton: add \$490

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

through time from 1985 to 1955.

- Excellent seats to 3 pre-booked hit shows
- Coach and walking tours include Westminster Abbey and Windsor Castle

1. Back to the Future: The Musical. Jump in the DeLorean and

grab the plutonium in this award-winning musical, based on

the animated movie! Join the adventures of aspiring rocker

Marty McFly and madcap scientist Doc Brown as they travel

2. Mrs. Doubtfire. Based on the hit 1993 film, this heartwarm-

ing production is about a divorced dad so desperate to spend

time with his children that he poses as a Scottish nanny to be

close to them. Sweet, funny, and occasionally heartbreaking,

We will stay at the centrally located Park Plaza Waterloo (or simi-

lar), situated on the south side of the Thames with dramatic river

and skyline views—and an easy walk to the House of Parliament,

The hotel features stylish, modern furnishings and first-class

facilities including fitness centre, indoor pool, sauna and

steam room. All superior quest rooms are air-conditioned

with flat screen TV, safe, coffee/tea facilities and free WiFi.

it's a story of the lengths a father will go to for his kids.

3. Your choice: pick one of 3 of the hottest West End /

National Theatre shows to see as your third show!

Big Ben, the London Eye, and train and tube stations.

- Full-day excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon, with Sunday Roast lunch
- Backstage and behind-the-scenes theatre tours

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotel • Full English breakfast daily • 4 dinners, a pub lunch, and an afternoon tea • Theatre and tours as described No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

**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

**DAY 3: LONDON TOUR /** 

Dinner.

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 at leisure. There are countless attractions, museums and galleries in London to visit. 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 a visit to Ann Hathaway's cottage and garden and a backstage/ auditorium tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre with engaging stories of their

unique and magical history. Today a Sunday Roast pub lunch is included.

#### **DAY 6: WINDSOR / THEATRE.**

This morning we visit Windsor and the castle that has been "home" to English monarchs for almost 1,000 years. It is said to be the favourite residence of His Majesty King Charles. We also pass by Runnymede—site of the signing of the Magna Carta, and stop at the R.A.F. Memorial, overlooking the scenic countryside.

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 Austen's home, the Avon River, Bath Abbey and more. We'll visit the magnificent Roman Baths, built by the Romans nearly 2,000 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.

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, cafés, 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

This evening is our final theatre night!

set "Pygmalion"—the basis for the

movie "My Fair Lady", right under

DAY 9: AT 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: RETURN.**

the Portico!

It's "Cheerio" as we fly home via Air Canada.





#### A special holiday treat

Ancient doorways swathed with garlands. Carollers and bright holly berries, sips of warm cider and twinkling holiday lights. Is there anything more magical than Christmastime in England?

The first 5 nights of this splendid seasonal tour will be spent in Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of Shakespeare and the perfect setting for soaking up the enchantment of the season. From there, we head to the quaint and historic market and cathedral town of Bury St. Edmunds, the cultural and retail centre for West Suffolk, and a perfect hub for exploring this region.

Highlights of our tour include the UK's biggest holiday performance in Thursford, and a city tour of London, We'll shop, dine and have fun at the largest Christmas market outside of Germany and Austria, enjoy delicious Christmas luncheons, and see traditional chocolate-makers in action at Cadbury's World. Our final 4 nights will be in charming Winchester, England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great.

This unique tour is the perfect way to put yourself in the holiday spirit-and see some of England's most spectacular places, all decked out for the season.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall
- Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage Site
- Performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company
- · Birmingham's world-famous Christmas Market
- Cadbury World chocolate museum

#### 14 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Nov 19 - Dec 2

#### **COST**

#### \$7,297

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, or Calgary

- Single supplement: add \$1,190
- Ottawa: add \$190 (for round-trip transportation to Montreal airport)
- · Halifax, Winnipeg, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$190

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Newmarket, the renowned home of horse racing
- Cambridge, one of England's Heritage Cities
- Thursford Christmas Extravaganza show
- Cathedral cities Winchester & Salisbury
- London city tour including Royal Albert Hall

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with Air Canada • First-class & moderate hotels • Full breakfast daily • 10 dinners • 3 lunches (including 2 Christmas lunches), and a festive cream tea • Christmas Spectacular performance • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We depart for London.

**DAY 2: STRATFORD-UPON-**

**AVON.** We arrive at our centrally located hotel for a 5-night stay.

#### **DAY 3: COTSWOLDS & BLENHEIM PALACE.**

Today we'll meander through the Cotswolds, a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, stopping in a quintessential local village. We'll visit Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill-and see this Baroque masterpiece transformed into a Christmas wonderland—with plenty of time to explore, and enjoy a delectable Christmas lunch. This evening we attend a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

#### **DAY 4: STRATFORD-UPON-**

**AVON.** Our guided walking tour begins at Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall, where we immerse ourselves in 16th-century Stratford. Afterwards, we'll have time on our own for strolling, shopping and photos. Then we're off to Judith's Tasting Room (named for Shakespeare's daughter) for a tutored gin tasting.

#### **DAY 5: STRATFORD-UPON-**

AVON. A day at leisure in one of Britain's Heritage Cities. Explore the delightful shops and side streets, stroll along the river, and take in the history and traditional holiday ambiance.

#### **DAY 6: BIRMINGHAM /** CADBURY'S WORLD.

At Cadbury's World, we'll learn about the Cadbury family and learn about traditional chocolate-making techniques. Next is Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market, the largest authentic German-style Christmas market outside Germany or Austria. Choose from a vast selection of traditional goods, gifts and all the pretzels, schnitzels and

bratwursts you can eat, washed down with gluhwein (hot spiced wine) or weissbier (wheat beer).

**DAY 7: NEWMARKET.** Newmarket has been the home of horse racing for over 2,000 years. Learn how Charles II fared in the first recorded horse race in history, why two royal palaces were built here, and what Queen Elizabeth did on her frequent visits here. Lunch and a festive cream tea are included, then we head to our Georgian ivy-clad boutique hotel in the heart of Bury St. Edmunds, for a 3-night stay.

#### **DAY 8: CAMBRIDGE.**

This city of discovery is home to more Nobel Prize winners than any other place—and it boasts magnificent architecture and plenty of historic charm. We'll see the River Cam and King's College Cathedral (a Gothic masterpiece), then have time to explore on our own.

#### **DAY 9: THURSFORD.**

Today, we'll enjoy an unforgettable performance: the Christmas Spectacular, England's largest holiday show with mechanical organs, carousels, and a cast of hundreds. The 3-hour experience is an extravaganza of singing, dancing, humour and variety.

London, with a city tour of iconic

sites including the Royal Albert

#### DAY 10: LONDON / WINCHESTER. Today we're off to

Then we head to Winchester and our lovingly restored manor house hotel in the glorious Hampshire countryside.

**DAY 11: BEAULIEU & THE NEW FOREST.** In the vast and ancient New Forest, we step back in time. We'll start at 800-year-old Beaulieu, visiting its stately home, the world-famous motor museum and 13th-century abbey. A sumptuous Christmas lunch, served in the magical Beaulieu Abbey Domus, is included.

#### **DAY 12: WINCHESTER.**

We will explore England's ancient capital on foot, seeing the statue of King Alfred, the Great Hall with its Round Table (and connection to King Arthur!), and the site of Winchester Castle and Winchester Cathedral, with free time to discover on our own.

#### **DAY 13: SALISBURY /**

WINCHESTER. On to Salisbury, where we'll visit Salisbury Cathedral, home to an original Magna Carta manuscript and Britain's tallest spire, with some free time to explore the historic city centre. Then it's time for our Farewell Dinner—where we will raise a glass of cheer to celebrate an amazing holiday!



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# **London & Paris**

From the Tower of London to the Tour d'Eiffel. Piccadilly Circus to les Champs-Élysées, this trip is an incredible chance to sightsee, shop and eat your way through two must-see cities.

Our tour starts with a guided tour of London, where we'll hit all the important sites, from Big Ben to Buckingham Palace. We'll see a West End show, visit Oxford and the Cotswolds, and have plenty of time to explore this incredible city on our own.

Then it's off to Paris! We'll enjoy the City of Lights together, eating delicious food, wandering through famous Parisian neighbourhoods, and seeing all the incredible sights.

We will stay in first-class, centrally located hotels close to attractions and transit in both cities. The Park Plaza Waterloo (or similar), with wonderful views of the river and the London skyline, will be our base in London. In Paris we will stay at the Holiday Inn Bastille (or similar), an elegant belle époque building that's close to Notre Dame Cathedral, the Opéra Bastille, the Left Bank, and the Gare de Lyon transportation hub.

Both hotels have comfortable, fully air-conditioned guestrooms, satellite TV, Wi-Fi and fitness rooms.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- London city tour, with Westminster Abbey
- Day trip to Oxford & the Cotswolds
- Visit to Covent Garden
- Live West End theatre performance
- High-speed Eurostar train from London to Paris

#### 10 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Oct 5 - 14

#### COST

#### \$6,397

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

- Single supplement: add \$1,190
- Winnipeg or Calgary: add \$190
- Vancouver, Edmonton, or Halifax: add \$390

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- "Highlights of Paris" tour with Montparnasse Tower
- Visit to historic Montmartre
- Illuminated evening cruise on the Seine
- Day trip to Monet's gardens in Giverny
- Delicious meals at authentic Parisian restaurants

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Air Canada flights • First-class hotels • Breakfast daily (full English breakfast in London, generous continental buffet breakfast in Paris) • 6 dinners & 2 lunches • Theatre show in London's West End • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We depart with Air Canada for London.

DAY 2: LONDON. Upon arrival in London we transfer to our centrally located hotel. An orientation tour around the area is included prior to our Welcome Dinner.

#### DAY 3: LONDON CITY TOUR.

We begin with a visit to Westminster Abbey for a guided tour of this magnificent Gothic church, the traditional site of coronations and burial site for English monarchs. We continue to take in some of London's other legendary highlights: Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Canadian War Memorial and more.

**DAY 4: DAY TRIP TO OXFORD** AND THE COTSWOLDS. We travel first into the green countryside and visit The Cotswolds—a region of many small old towns and villages famed for their postcard-perfect honey-coloured cottages 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, scholars and some of the world's brightest minds. A walking tour takes us past several of the university's 30 colleges and their picture-perfect courtyards. If possible we will tour one of them. A lunch is included at a typical pub as authentic a British experience as you can get!

**DAY 5: COVENT GARDEN / THEATRE.** We walk through the West End Theatre District to Covent Garden—one of the liveliest districts in London. Originally a flower market, Covent Garden has evolved into an area of stylish shops, market stalls, cafés, bars, restaurants and pubs, not to mention the many entertaining

street performers. After some free time, we will walk to an evening performance—your choice between 2 of the West End's top

#### **DAY 6: PARIS VIA EUROSTAR!**

Cheerio to London and bonjour Paris, as we whiz through the Channel tunnel at 320 km per hour on the high-speed Eurostar train. Incredibly, 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. Today's panoramic tour will include the major highlights of Paris, beginning with a trip to the top of the Montparnasse Tower for a mesmerizing view of the City of Lights, including the best view of the Eiffel Tower. We then continue our tour and see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde, the Opéra (founded in 1669) and Notre Dame Cathedral, From here we continue to the beautiful and historic Montmartre area and a visit to the Sacré Coeur Basilica for breathtaking views of Paris. We will have some free time to explore Place du Terte and watch the artists at work. Tonight's dinner is at a typical and authentic Montmartre restaurant.

**DAY 8: DAY 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 diverse symmetry and colour. Monet mixed the simplest flowers (such as daisies and poppies) with the rarest varieties. This is where he painted the

famed "Japanese Bridge", and the delicate "Water Lilies" which have been forever immortalized in his incredible works. After our visit to his home and gardens, we stop at the Musée des Impressionismes for a light lunch before returning to the city.

#### **DAY 9: AT LEISURE / SEINE**

CRUISE. A day at leisure to visit, or revisit, those attractions that interest you. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to advise and assist. In the evening we take a cruise on the Seine to view Paris from another perspective, a chance to appreciate the illuminated brilliance of The City of Light.

DAY 10: RETURN. We bid adieu to Paris and transfer to the airport for our flight home.







Tuscany is truly the best of Italy, with stunning cities, artistic masterpieces, extraordinary landscapes, and incredible food and wine! It's the perfect setting for an enriching yet relaxing holiday.

In this stay-put holiday, our home base will be charming Viareggio, a small resort town with wide sandy beaches, lovely parks and pine forests. Relax at the seaside, shop along the lively beachfront promenade, and explore the beautiful countryside.

The town is close to Florence, Siena, Pisa and Lucca, all of which we will see on our tour. We will also visit stunning Cinque Terre and medieval Bolgheri, taste incredible Chianti wines (this region produces some of the best wines in Italy), sample delicious local specialties—and bask in the beauty of this incredible region.

In Viareggio our hotel is right on the Riviera Versilia, with a backdrop of the magnificent Apuan Mountains. We'll stay at the Hotel President, a four-star hotel overlooking the seafront promenade and the beach. Facilities include a pleasant lounge, bar and restaurant, with comfortable, well-appointed questrooms.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walking tour of Viareggio
- Visit to a Tuscan olive farm
- Full day in Florence
- Visits to Bolgheri, Castagneto Carducci
- Full day in Cinque Terre

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Sep 9 - 23 / Sep 23 - Oct 7 Oct 7 - 21 / Oct 21 - Nov 4

#### COST

#### \$5,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Montreal: add \$190
- Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$390

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Wine tasting in Chianti
- Day trip to Pisa & Lucca

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotel • Full breakfast & dinner daily (mineral water & wine included with dinners) - Farm lunch, and lunch en route to the hotel on the day of arrival - No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We depart for Rome.

#### **DAY 2: ROME / VIAREGGIO.**

We arrive in Rome and transfer by coach to Viareggio on the Riviera Versilia, with lunch included en route. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

**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 family-run farm that produces some of the finest olive oil in Tuscany, as well as other fine produce specific to this region.

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 visiting surrounding towns and villages is easy.

#### **DAY 6: FLORENCE.**

A full day in the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and former stronghold of the Medici family. Today we visit the Academia Gallery to see Michaelangelo's magnificent David, then take a walking tour of the city to see the colourful marble cathedral, the Baptistery, Signoria Square and finally, Piazzale Michelangelo, where we can enjoy the best view of the city.

#### **DAY 7: VIAREGGIO.**

At leisure, with optional excursions 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 to visit unspoiled medieval villages. In Bolgheri, we'll drive along the impressive 5 km-long avenue lined with cypress trees, and take in the

beautifully maintained historic buildings, old roads and small shops. There will be time to shop before we continue along the wine route to visit a traditional wine cellar. Lunch in Castagneto Carducci will feature a selection of typical dishes—including homemade pasta with wild boar sauce. We return to Viareggio via the beautiful rocky coastline.

#### **DAY 9: CINQUE TERRE /**

**LIGURIA.** We travel by train to the five villages known as Cinque Terre, which cling dramatically to the cliffs along the rocky coastline. We will explore lovely Manarola, then take the local train to Vernazza for some free time. After that, it's a boat ride to Monterosso-the prettiest of the five villages. Finally, we return to Viareggio by train.

#### **DAY 10: VIAREGGIO.**

At leisure, perhaps to visit the street market or nearby towns.

#### DAY 11: SIENA AND CHIANTI.

This full-day tour begins in the medieval town of Siena, a lovely city famous for its annual Palio horse race. 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 the area's famous wines.

**DAY 12: VIAREGGIO.** 

#### DAY 13: PISA / LUCCA.

This morning we visit Pisa, and yes, the tower is still leaning! The beauty of Campo dei Miracoliwhich includes the tower, the duomo, the baptistry and the cemetery-will amaze you. A visit to the cathedral is included. After some free time to explore, we will head to Lucca, a town that looks like a movie set for a medieval film. Stroll the narrow, car-free streets to see the magnificent churches, squares and statuary, then spend some free time to visit the small shops, enjoy a coffee and people watch—it's always a great pastime in Italy!

#### **DAY 14: VIAREGGIO.**

At leisure. This evening we enjoy a Tuscan experience with a typical meal of local specialties.

#### **DAY 15: RETURN.**

We say arrivederci to Tuscany and head back to the Rome airport for our flight home.





# **Umbria**

#### Off the beaten path in Central Italy

Spectacular scenery, fascinating history and incredible food and wine—we will savour it all as we explore this beautiful region just north of Rome.

Picture-postcard villages, venerable cathedrals and ancient castles lie scattered across the lush countryside. A warm welcome with seasonal hearty fare. That's Umbria: lovely, traditional and timeless.

Our trip starts in Perugia, a region famous for its chocolate and pasta. We will explore places rarely visited by tourists: the charming town of Gubbio at the foot of the Apennine Mountains, scenic Lake Trasimeno, clifftop Orvieto, with one of Italy's most impressive Gothic cathedrals, and of course Assisi and its magnificent shrine—the St. Francis Basilica.

Amidst all that, we'll enjoy local wine, taste the purest olive oils and indulge in the finest chocolate and truffles.

Our home for the first 6 nights will be the elegant Perugia Park Hotel, located near transit for easy access to Perugia's famous historic centre and nearby towns. The hotel has bright, modern quest rooms, a fitness facility and relaxing lounge.

From Perugia, we're off to Assisi for a 7-night stay at the lovely Hotel Assisi La Terrazza—a perfect base for exploring. The hotel sits amongst Assisi's hillside olive groves, overlooking the picturesque valley, with the historic city centre an easy walk or bus ride away. It has a gym and swimming pool (not heated), with an excellent restaurant that serves regional specialties and international cuisine.

#### **15 DAYS**

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Oct 17 - 31

#### COST

#### \$5,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa, Halifax, or Winnipeg: add \$90
- Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$190

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Perugia guided tour
- Full-day tour of Spello and Deruta
- Cruise on Lake Trasimeno
- Guided tour of Assisi
- Visits to Gubbio & Marmore's Falls
- Italian truffle lunch

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels • Generous continental buffet breakfast & dinner daily (mineral water, wine & coffee included with all dinners) No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPARTURE. We depart for Rome with Air Canada.

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

DAY 3: PERUGIA. Today we enjoy a tour of Perugia, the capital city of the region of Umbria and wellknown 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 4: SPELLO / DERUTA / PERUGIA. A full day tour to Spello, one of the most beautiful borgos (villages) 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 5: ORVIETO / PERUGIA.**

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 complete with local wine and medieval costumes!

DAY 6: PERUGIA. A day at leisure to explore Perugia's historic centre on your own, or perhaps take a stroll in the countryside. You could also join an optional tour to Cortona in Tuscany-rich in museums, history and art, or to a wild deer and boar farm with jeep rides and a farm-fresh lunch featuring local specialties.

#### DAY 7: 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 8: ASSISI. We depart for Assisi with a stop en route to sample the local olive oil.

DAY 9: 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 10: ASSISI. A day at leisure. You may want to join an optional excursion to Urbino-one of the best preserved and historic cities in Italy, and the holy city of Loreto, featuring its famous Basilica.

#### **DAY 11: 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 theatre, Palazzos dei Consoli, Bargello and Ducale.

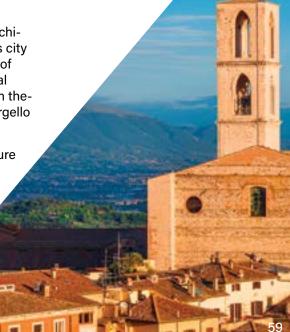
DAY 12: ASSISI. A day at leisure to further explore Assisi on your own, or join an optional tour.

#### **DAY 13: SPOLETO / CASCATE DELLE MARMORE / ASSISI.**

Today we visit Spoleto to see its historic monuments and buildings: the Roman Theatre, Piazza del Duomo. Then we're in for a treat: our included lunch today will feature Italian truffles! In the afternoon we set off for Marmore's Fallsa man-made waterfall created by the ancient Romans. Enjoy the observatory near the top which offers a grand view of the falls and the Nera Valley below.

DAY 14: ASSISI. A day at leisure for last-minute shopping and for a final opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of this beautiful region of Italy.

DAY 15: HOME. Arrivederci, Italia! We transfer to the Rome airport for our flight back to Canada.





# **Southern Italy**

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-the "toe" of the boot of Italy. It is one of the regions of Italy where old traditions thrive, and ancient festivals and customs are still enjoyed.

From secluded valleys to remote hilltop villages, Roman ruins to Romanesque cathedrals, this is a region steeped in history. The dramatic coastline is studded with secluded beaches and bustling resorts, making Calabria a destination with something for everyone.

We will explore vibrant markets, taste regional dishes, and visit tiny hilltop villages where time has stood still for centuries.

Our home base will be the well-located seaside town of Siderno, in the moderate Grand President, an easy 2 km walk away from the town centre. The hotel overlooks the Ionian Sea, accessible via the hotel's private pedestrian tunnel. It has a restaurant, bar, tennis court, and fitness centre, and each comfortable guest room has a balcony or terrace. All meals are included daily, with wine and mineral water with lunch and dinner. WiFi is complimentary.

#### **15 OR 17 DAYS**

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

15 days: Oct 16 - 30 (Special value tour)

17 days: Dec 21 - Jan 6 (Holiday season celebration tour)

#### COST

Oct Tour/15 days: \$5,797 Dec Tour/17 days: \$6,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, or Calgary: add \$290
- Edmonton or Vancouver: add \$590

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Stay at a family-owned beachfront resort
- Lunch at the home of a Calabrian family
- Visit to local olive oil farm

- · Visits to ancient villages Gioiosa Jonica, Gerace, Siderno Antica and Locri
- Full-day tour of Reggio-Calabria

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • Accommodation as described • Continental buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily • Wine & water with all lunches & dinners • Special holiday celebrations for December tour only • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### Gioiosa Jonica

We will start with a trip to Gioiosa Jonica, a typical village with a stop at the open-air market to see (and sample!) the fresh, colourful local produce. Our lunch today will be at the home of a Calabrese family.

#### Gerace

A half-day tour to the magical town of Gerace, nicknamed Calabria's "tiny Florence" thanks to its wonderfully preserved medieval past. The historic centre is full of beautiful old churches and buildings, many of which are dug directly into the rock.

#### Siderno Antica

We will visit this small, ancient village, known for its embroidery, to see how the villagers live and work, then enjoy a typical regional lunch with local products.

#### Reggio Calabria

We will take a full-day tour to Reggio Calabria, the region's largest town, taking in the picturesque countryside, with a stop to see the Bronzi di Riace at the National Museum. We will also visit the enchanting coastal village of Scilla -a place reminiscent of the famous Cinque Terre, with colourful houses overlooking calm waters, but not nearly as many tourists!

#### Locri

Sitting among hectares of ancient olive groves is the most important archaeological area in Calabria. Established by the ancient Greeks between the 8th and 7th century BC, this seaside town was once the centre of the political and artistic life in Magna Graecia (the Greek settlement in what is now Southern Italy). We will visit a museum with locally excavated finds including Hellenic pottery, architectural remains and objects used by women in everyday life.

#### **Farm Visit**

We will spend some time at a local farm to see how olive oil and wine are produced in the region—and have a chance to sample the delicious products.

#### **Calabrese Dinners**

We will enjoy two special dinners with delicious regional specialties, featuring performances by local musicians, plus a gala farewell dinner on the final night.

#### **Cultural program**

This trip is a chance to immerse ourselves in the warm and vibrant Calabrian culture: the hotel hosts a variety of wonderful programs, including language lessons, cooking demonstrations, music, folklore and artisan presentations.

#### **Holiday Celebrations**

For those joining us on the December tour, we celebrate the holidays with special dinners on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We ring in the New Year in style with a Gala NYE Dinner and party. (December tour only.)





It's a destination rich in culture, customs and tradition as evident in the local art, music, cuisine, architecture, and even its own language—and a wonderful choice for the history buff. It is also incredibly scenic, with a coastline of pristine sandy beaches, dramatic cliffs, and rocky shores with crystal-clear azure waters. Inland, you'll find rolling hills, fruit and olive orchards, ancient villages, and archaeological treasures.

We begin with 3 nights in Palermo, followed by 5 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 myriad 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 7-night stay in the lovely resort town of Taormina, which stretches out along the Ionian Sea. En route we visit The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento—one of Sicily's most important archaeological sites. Our sightseeing in this area will include the cliff-top resort town of Taormina, the bustling city of Catania, ancient Syracuse and the typical Sicilian towns where "The Godfather" was filmed!

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Palermo's Duomo (Cathedral), Capo Market & Monreale
- The Greek archaeological site of Segesta
- Arab-influenced 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

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 20 - Nov 5

#### **COST**

#### \$6,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa or Winnipeg: add \$190
- Montreal, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$390

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Cliff-side town of Taormina
- Taormina seafront boardwalk
- Riviera of the Cyclops and city of Catania
- Sicilian hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza d'Agro
- The ancient city of Syracuse
- Sampling of local wines and regional specialties

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels • Generous continental breakfast and dinner daily. Wine, mineral water, and coffee included with all dinners • 4 lunches while touring **No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.** 

#### ITINERARY

#### **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 3-night stay.

#### DAY 3: MONREALE / PALERMO.

We travel to the hilltop town of Monreale, renowned for its Arab-influenced 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: PALERMO. This morning we drive to beautiful Mount Pellegrino to visit the Shrine of Santa Rosalia, the patron saint of Palermo. Afternoon at leisure. You may want to explore one of the main markets, reminiscent of Arab souks, with their abundant variety of food, and theatrical vendors.

## DAY 5: SEGESTA / ERICE / 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 a mountaintop 750 metres above sea level overlooking the city of Trapani. Our included lunch will feature typical Sicilian fare. We then continue to Mazara del Vallo for a 5-night stay.

#### DAY 6: 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, and take a stroll in the Kasbah. The afternoon is at leisure. Dinner will be at a local pizzeria.

#### DAY 7: MAZARA DEL VALLO.

A day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the area at your own pace. This is a city with a fascinating mix of culture, history, ethnicity, and art. Stroll through the labyrinthine North African Kasbah in the city centre, see the bustling fishing harbour, and the beautiful Piazza della Repubblica. We recommend to enjoy a coffee at an outdoor cafe in one of the city squares—you will not find a better place for people-watching than here! Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 8: MOZIA / MARSALA.

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 centre of Marsala and enjoy a light lunch (and tasting) at a winery.

#### **DAY 9: MAZARA DEL VALLO.**

Morning at leisure, followed by a tasting at one of the local wineries, and dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 10: AGRIGENTO /

TAORMINA. We travel to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, one of the most important sights in Sicily, and one of the most impressive complexes of ancient Greek Buildings outside of Greece. Then we proceed to our hotel in the Taormina area for a 7-night stay.

# DAY 11: TAORMINA / GIARDINI NAXOS / TAORMINA.

We begin with a walking tour of Taormina, followed by some free time to enjoy the spectacular views, elegant gardens, cafés, and shops of this old-world resort town. We then enjoy the drive along the seafront of Taormina, and a stroll along the boardwalk.

#### DAY 12: 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 13: GODFATHER TOUR / TAORMINA. We visit the unspoiled

and typical Sicilian hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza d'Agro 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 14: TAORMINA.**

A free day to enjoy this lovely resort town at your own pace, or take an optional tour to legendary Mt. Etna.

#### DAY 15: 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 16: TAORMINA.

A final day at leisure. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

#### DAY 17: HOME.

We fly home, via Rome.



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filled with art, archaeology, history, distinct cuisine and 16 DAYS

famous wines. Sicily has been a Greek colony, a Roman province, an Arab emirate, and a Norman kingdom: truly an 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, English-speaking people, and 7,000 years of intriguing history, Malta, which had a long association with Britain, is a wonderfully surprising vacation destination. The diverse nationalities that have occupied Malta over the centuries have blended to result in a uniquely Maltese culture. The narrow meandering streets of the towns and villages are crowded with Renaissance 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 Doubletree by Hilton, 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, cafés, 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. WiFi is complimentary throughout the lobby and rooms.

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Nov 3 - 18 / Nov 10 - 25

#### COST

#### \$7,197

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa or Winnipeg: add \$190
- Montreal, Halifax, Calgary, Vancouver or Edmonton: add \$390

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1)(2)(3)(4)





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels

■ Breakfast & dinner daily (wine & mineral water included with dinners) ■ 3 lunches No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE.**

change of planes in Rome.

#### **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 / MONREALE.**

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 tour of western Sicily continues with a visit to 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 its famed quality wines. Later we proceed to Mazara del Vallo for a 3-night stay.

#### **DAY 5: MAZARA DEL VALLO.**

Today we enjoy a 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: MOZIA. 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.

#### **DAY 7: AGRIGENTO / RIVIERA**

**DEI CICLOPI.** We travel inland to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, one of the most outstanding examples of Greek architecture, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is included before we proceed to the eastern side of

Sicily. Upon arrival in Catania we We depart for Palermo, Sicily with a enjoy a walking tour of the historical centre of the city, before proceeding to our hotel in Riviera dei Ciclopi area, for a 2-night stay.

> **DAY 8: SYRACUSE / TAORMINA** / RIVIERA DEI CICLOPI. We drive to the ancient city of Syracuse, and we'll visit the island of Ortigia, and the Spring of Arethusa Fountain. After our visit of Syracuse we proceed to the charming cliff-side town of Taormina for a scenic walking tour, before returning to our hotel in Riviera dei Ciclopi.

#### DAY 9: FLIGHT TO MALTA.

We fly to Malta and upon arrival transfer to our hotel for a 7-night stay in seaview rooms!

#### **DAY 10: GRAND HARBOUR**

**CRUISE.** Morning at leisure. In the afternoon we will have a welcome orientation, followed by a delightful cruise around the Grand Harbour with beautiful views of Valletta.

#### **DAY 11: VALLETTA.**

Our city tour of Malta's capital, Valletta, will include the Upper Barracca Gardens, Upper Barracca Gardens, St. John's Cathedral, the Grandmaster's Palace, the Armoury, and a viewing of the film The Malta Experience. The afternoon is at leisure and you may want to take advantage of the very user-friendly, inexpensive public bus system that Malta is known for.

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 13: SENGLEA / COSPICUA** / VITTORIOSA. This morning our excursion takes us to "Malta's Three Cities": Senglea, Cospicua, and Vittoriosa. Afternoon at leisure.

In the evening a local historian will give a talk on Malta and its traditions.

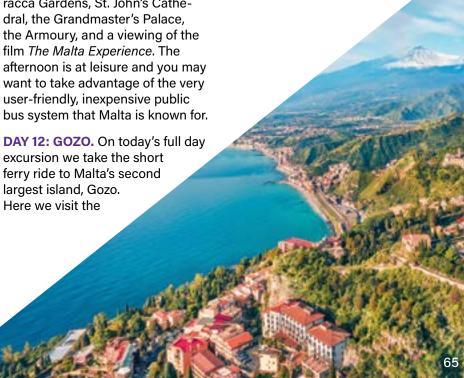
DAY 14: MDINA. Our morning excursion to Mdina, Malta's old capital city, includes a visit to the Cathedral and the catacombs in Rabat. We finish at Ta' Qali Crafts Village where you can admire the local artisans at work and find some souvenirs.

#### **DAY 15: MALTA, AT LEISURE.**

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 16: HOME.

We transfer to the airport for our flight home via Rome.





## Costa del Sol

## **Spain's Sunshine Coast**

This gem on Spain's southern coast boasts 320 days of sunshine every year—which means more sunny afternoons to enjoy the miles of sandy beaches, spectacular scenery, fascinating sites and incredible Spanish culture.

Rows of striped sun umbrellas dot the inviting beaches, and the famous Paseo Maritimo beachfront promenade, with kiosks and shops of every description, begs to be explored. The centre of the charming town of Torremolinos, is an easy walk away, and the perfect place to explore colourful boutiques, cafés, and bars.

We will stay at the all-suite Sol House Costa del Sol, located directly on famous Carihuela Beach, steps from shops, restaurants, galleries, and the exclusive Puerto Marina. Our hotel has 5 outdoor seafront pools (one is heated), an international buffet restaurant, and nightly live entertainment.

Each guest suite features a picture window, sliding doors to a private terrace with a mountain view, a living area with sofa and separate bedroom (queen or 2 twin), and free Wi-Fi. A limited number of upgrades to Puerto Marina Sea View rooms are available.

COST

Oct 3 - 18 / Dec 17 - Jan 8

#### October tour (16 days): \$6,397 December tour (23 days): \$7,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement October tour: add \$990 December tour: add \$1,390
- Ottawa: add \$190 (including round-trip ground transport to Trudeau Airport, Montreal)
- Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$990
- Upgrade to "Puerto Marina Seaview" October tour: \$290 per person, double; \$590 single December tour: \$450 per person, double; \$890 single

MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







**TOUR INCLUSIONS**  Flights with Air Transat • First-class hotel • Buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily (wine & beer with all hotel lunches & dinners) • Daily afternoon tea (except on touring days) • Holiday celebrations (December tour only) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Tour of Malaga**

We will take a full-day tour to Malaga, an ancient port known as "the City of Paradise" for its perfect mix of history and culture, sunny beaches and blue seas. We will visit the Gibralfaro, an old Moorish fortress with fantastic sea and city views, an incredible cathedral, and explore Picasso's history and art at the Picasso Museum and Picasso Casa Natal. A special tapas (small plates) lunch is included.

#### **Granada & the Alhambra**

We will spend a full day in Granada, stopping at the Alhambra, a majestic fortress that was the summer residence of royalty. We will see fascinating remnants of ancient Moorish culture, including the enchanting maze of the old Arab quarter, the Alcaiceria market, the old university, beautiful hammams and other gems. Lunch at a local restaurant is included.

#### **Antequera**

This half-day tour into the heart of Andalusia takes us to the medieval town of Antequera, where we will see Alcazaba Citadel castle, Najera Palace (now home to a museum), and other buildings and monuments dating as far back as the Bronze Age.

#### Nerja Caves & Frigiliana

We will take a half-day tour of the magnificent prehistoric caves known as the "Underground Cathedral". Famed for their huge. dramatic stalactites and stalagmites-including the largest stalactite in the world—they are home to some of the oldest art known to humankind. We will also visit Frigiliana to explore its historic quarter, one of the best-preserved Moorish settlements in Spain. We will walk its winding streets, learn its history, and take in some truly spectacular views of the Costa del

#### **Marbella & Puerto Banus**

On this half-day coastal tour, we will visit Spain's most exclusive resort area, with 27 km of beaches, villas, hotels and golf courses. The focal point is a luxury marina and shopping complex, which welcomes some of the largest and most luxurious private ships in the world.

#### **Fuengirola Market & Mijas**

We will visit the colourful Fuengirola Street Market on Tuesday, where hundreds of

vendors have everything from antique maps to gemstones to clothing for sale—with bargains galore! From there, we'll head to the picturesque village of Mijas to explore its whitewashed streets and ancient buildings, with a stop at a local bar for a tasting of wine and tapas.

#### **Countryside Tour**

This fascinating tour takes us inland for a glimpse of authentic rural life in Andalucia, with enchanting white villages and beautiful vistas with fruit and olive trees. We will stop at a rural plantation filled with fragrant orange and lemon trees, and visit the Agricultural Museum to learn about the area's interesting history.

#### **Holiday Celebrations**

For those joining us on the December tour, we celebrate the holidays with special dinners on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We ring in the New Year with a festive Gala NYE Dinner & Party with many delicacies, open bar and live band. (December tour only.)





#### **All-Inclusive Holiday**

A long-time favourite of British sunseekers for its white sand beaches and azure waters, the Costa Blanca (White Coast) is the perfect setting for an all-inclusive resort stay with fascinating day trips to the surrounding area.

This holiday is based in Benidorm, a resort town with scenic beaches and a palm-fringed promenade. Relax in the sun, stroll the lively esplanade, and take in the rich culture.

Our hotel in Benidorm is the moderate Poseidon Resort. which is close to shopping, restaurants and the inviting Playa de Levante beach. It is made up of two hotels joined by a swimming pool surrounded by extensive gardens. Indoor and outdoor pools, fitness centre and Jacuzzi, bars and lounges, sports, games and live entertainment are shared by all guests, with restaurants exclusive to the guests of each hotel.

Rooms are simply furnished and comfortable, with twin beds, private bath, satellite TV, central heating and A/C, mini-bar, and balcony. Safety deposit boxes are available for a small fee, with WiFi available throughout.

All meals are buffet-style, with a wide variety featuring local specialties and table service for beverages. All-inclusive beverages include local wines, beers, spirits, and soft drinks.

We will fly via Lisbon in each direction. To make our return trip more convenient, our final night will be in Valencia, Costa Blanca's international gateway.

#### 16 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Nov 6 - 21

#### COST

#### \$5,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$990

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Flights with Tap Portugal • Moderate hotel • Buffet breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily (except for 1 lunch) • All beverages (local wines, beers, & spirits) while in Benidorm • 8 guided excursions (with 2 lunches in a local restaurant) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### Villajoyosa

Our visit to the pretty coastal village of Villajoyosa starts with a walking tour of the charming old quarter, where we will see the colourful fishermen's houses along the beach. We will also visit the factory and museum of Chocolates Valor (with a sampling, of course!) before returning to Benidorm.

#### Guadalest

This beautiful medieval village is located in the centre of one of the most picturesque valleys of the Costa Blanca. We will explore its fascinating old town, a fine example of southern Spain's Arab history, then stop at the Belem Museum of Miniatures.

#### **Novelda & Bodega Winery**

We will head to the city of Novelda, famous for its magnificent vineyards and beautiful marble. A visit to the 8th century Arabic-Christian Castle will be followed by a tour of a wine cellar and a tasting of local Alicante wine.

#### **North Coast**

We will take a trip along Costa Blanca's north coast to see picturesque towns and villages, with a visit to the famous church of the Virain de Loreto.

#### Murcia

We will visit this typical Spanish town to see its famed cathedral, visit the Orchard Ethnology Museum, then have some free time for shopping along the charming streets and in the famous El Corte Ingles department store.

#### **Alicante**

Starting with the town's delightful palm-fringed promenade paved in marble, we will see Santa Barbara Castle, the cathedral and the town hall, which houses the beautiful Salvador Dalí statue of Saint John. There will be free time for those who wish to visit the Modern Art Museum.

#### **Elche**

Spain's "palm capital" is the source for dried palm fronds used in Easter celebrations. We'll see a palm forest, planted centuries ago by the Moors, and explore the ruins of the castle and surrounding gardens in the old quarter. Since Elche is also Spain's shoe capital, we'll visit a shoe factory, where we'll enjoy a local liqueur and see a demonstration.

#### Valencia

Our final tour will take us to the third-largest city in Spain, where we will see the old quarter with its 14th century cathedral, La Lonja (the silk exchange) UNESCO World Heritage site, Plaza Mercado, and the beautiful bridges over the river that runs through the city. We overnight in Valencia before the morning flight home.



**TOUR** 

**INCLUSIONS** 



Spain's Canary Islands—located off the northwest coast of Africa—have long been a popular holiday destination with Europeans, thanks to their yearround warm, sunny climate and lovely beaches.

Each island has its own personality and geography, resulting in extremely varied landscapes of dramatic volcanoes, broad beaches, lush pine forests, prehistoric sites, lunar-like landscapes, and Sahara-style sand dunes.

The local "Canarios" are a blend of Spanish and South American heritage with a touch of African influence.

We will stay on Tenerife, the largest island, which features a well-developed tourism infrastructure, sandy beaches, cosmopolitan cities, historic towns, small villages, a huge expanse of National Park, and the highest mountain in all of 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 centre of Puerto de la Cruz. 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 oceanview with a balcony or terrace. Several evenings a week there is live music, and WiFi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

#### 16 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 11 - 26

COST

#### \$6,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$990

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

We have included 7 wonderful excursions in our program. Please note that many of the attractions we visit require quite a bit of walking.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Tap Portugal • First-class oceanview hotel • Full buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily (except for one lunch in La Gomera) • Wine, beer & water with all lunches & dinners

• Afternoon tea/coffee & cookies • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Orientation of Puerto de la Cruz and Orotava Valley**

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 return along the picturesque north coast.

#### **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.

#### Santa Cruz/Candelaria

We first visit the island's capital, Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Founded in 1492, the city features old-world charm and beautiful parks and gardens. We'll visit some of the typical squares and buildings, such as the Plaza del Príncipe, El the Plaza de España, After some free time, we'll enjoy a guided walk to the Church of La Concepción. Today we will also visit the village of Candelaria and its impressive basilica, home to the Virgin of Candelaria, Patron Saint of the Canary Islands. This national monof pilgrimage, and features imposing bronze statues commemorating the ancient menceyes (Guanche kings) of Tenerife.

#### La Gomera (full-day)

Our excursion to the island of La Gomera will take in the Hermigua Valley, the village of Agulo (for lunch in a traditional restaurant), Garajonay National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Laguna Grande (where it is said the ancient witches of the island used to meet), the imposing Roque de Agando (a steep volcanic lava formation), and San Sebastián (site of the final strongholds of Christopher Columbus before sailing to North America).

#### La Laguna

We visit the university town of La Laguna (a World Heritage Site), for a walking tour of the old town centre with its narrow streets, pastel-hued houses, inviting cafés and quaint shops.

#### 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 town 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 Tangue for an optional camel ride!

#### 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.





SPAIN'S

## **Costa Daurada** & Costa Azahar

Orange Blossoms & Golden Shores. Get ready for a memorable Mediterranean vacation with beautiful beaches, incredible history and rich culture.

Costa Daurada (the Golden Coast) and Costa Azahar (Orange Blossom Coast) are two can't-miss sun destinations on the Spanish coast, and part of an unforgettable 2-centre holiday that's the perfect mix of relaxation and exploration.

In Costa Daurada, you'll see Roman ruins and resort towns, eat delicious seafood and sample Spanish wines. And, of course, you'll spend plenty of time on the golden beaches that give this area its name. We will stay at the 4-star Melià Sol Port Cambrils resort (or similar) in Catalonia, which is close to Regueral Beach and the Cambrils seafront promenade. Amenities including swimming pools, gym, dining, entertainment and more.

Next up is the peaceful Costa Azahar, with picturesque beaches and charming seaside towns, rugged cliffs and fragrant citrus groves. Our home will be the Hotel Koral Beach in Oropesa del Mar, a 4-star beachfront resort on Morro de Gos Beach, just steps from the town centre. All rooms have sea views, and amenities include swimming pool with sun terrace, gym, wellness room, restaurant, bar and free WiFi.

#### 15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Sep 24 - Oct 8

#### COST

#### \$5,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Montreal or Vancouver: add \$590

Add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto on the way home:

- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$790
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$1,090

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Stavs in 4-star beachfront resorts
- Guided tour of Barcelona
- Tours of Tarragona, Valencia, Peñíscola, Oropesa del Mar
- Plenty of leisure time to enjoy beaches, golf and local towns
- Winery tour and tasting

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air France • First-class hotels • Buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily (water & wine with dinners) • Daily afternoon tea/coffee • No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPART. We fly to Barcelona, with a change in Paris.

DAY 2: CAMBRILS. Coach transfer to Cambrils, Catalonia, with leisure time before our Welcome Dinner.

#### DAY 3: CAMBRILS /

TARRAGONA. We will take a halfday tour to Tarragona, a coastal gem in northeastern Spain with incredible Roman ruins. We will see the Roman amphitheatre, explore the medieval old town, and stroll the picturesque Rambla Nova to soak in the lively atmosphere and Mediterranean views.

#### **DAY 4: CAMBRILS.**

A day at leisure to enjoy some relaxing beach time, play a round of golf at a nearby course, walk along the promenade or explore the town's historic centre.

#### **DAY 5: CAMBRILS / WINERY.**

We will visit a local winery on a tour that takes us through the beautiful vineyards, demonstrates the winemaking process from crushing to aging, and ends with a guided tasting of some of Tarragona's most acclaimed wines.

#### **DAY 6: CAMBRILS.** Day at leisure.

#### **DAY 7: CAMBRILS /**

BARCELONA. We spend a full day in Barcelona, with a tour that begins at the iconic Sagrada Familia. After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, we'll explore the vibrant streets of the Gothic Quarter, stroll the bustling La Rambla, and visit Barceloneta Beach to see the sunset.

**DAY 8: CAMBRILS / OROPESA DEL MAR.** Deluxe coach transfer (~2 hours) to our hotel in the Costa Azahar.

#### DAY 9: OROPESA DEL MAR.

We will spend a full day exploring Oropesa del Mar, visiting the historic town centre and the enchanting Castle of Oropesa, a hilltop fortress with stunning panoramic views. After lunch at the hotel, we will see the Sant Josep Caves. which house incredible rock formations—and the longest navigable underground river in Europe.

#### **DAY 10: OROPESA DEL MAR.**

A day at leisure gives you the chance to explore the area on your own, lounge by the pool or enjoy the view from a beach chair on the hotel's lovely beach.

#### **DAY 11: OROPESA DEL MAR /**

PEÑISCOLA. The day starts with a visit to the iconic Peñíscola Castle, with a stop in the town's charming historic quarter to explore historic buildings and vibrant shops. Then we will have a chance to relax on the sandy shores of Playa Norte, with their crystal-clear Mediterranean waters.

**DAY 13: OROPESA DEL MAR /** VALENCIA. On this full-day tour we will visit Valencia's historic centre, stopping at La Seu, the Plaza de la Virgen, the Basílica de los Desamparados and the church of San Nicolás. After a break for lunch, we will see the rice fields of the Albufera and enjoy a boat ride on the scenic l'Albufera lake.

**DAY 14: OROPESA DEL MAR.** Day at leisure.

#### **DAY 15: RETURN.**

Transfer to Valencia for our flight back via Paris.





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 Carihuela 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. There is a separate living area with sofa and bedroom (queen or twin beds), and free Wi-Fi.

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 dinners.

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 8 - 22

COST

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#### \$7,197

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$1,190
- Ottawa: add \$190 (with round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
- Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$990

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1)-2-(3)-(4)





MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

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

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**  Flights with Air Transat • First-class hotels • Buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily (except for 2 lunches) • Wine, water & beer included with all dinners • 10 guided excursions as described • No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **IN SPAIN**

#### Malaga (half day)

Our tour of the modern yet historic port city of Malaga will take in the ancient Roman Theatre, Picasso's birthplace, entrance to Alcazaba a palatial fortification built during Muslim rule, and entrance to the Cathedral—one of the best examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture, featuring paintings by famous Spanish artists.

#### Mijas (half day)

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.

#### Alfarnatejo (full day 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.

#### Marbella & Puerto Banus (half day)

We visit the well-preserved Old Town of Marbella, with its iconic white streets and flowered balconies. The Castle here is the only local structure remaining from the Muslim period. Then on to the marina of Puerto Banus—popular with international celebrities and harbouring some of the world's most luxurious ships.

#### 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.

#### **IN PORTUGAL**

#### Alte & Salir (half day)

We visit 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. There are many little cafés 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.

#### Lagos & Sagres (full day)

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. After some time here we visit Sagres and nearby Cape St. Vincent-the most southwestern point of Europe. The lighthouse here provides safety for the many ships that pass the Cape. The surrounding cliffs provide a dramatic backdrop with their sheer height and the constant pounding of the ocean.

#### Faro & Olhao (half day)

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.

#### **Silves & Monchique Mountains (half day)**

Silves, located in one of Portugal's best citrus growing areas, was historically the most fought over place in the Algarve. Its 1000-year-old sandstone castle is the best preserved Moorish castle in Portugal. After our visit we drive to Foia-the highest point in the Algarve, with beautiful panoramic views.

#### **Lisbon City Tour** (half day—upon arrival from the Algarve)

Portugal's capital is a legendary city with over 2,000 years of history. On our city tour we'll stroll through the winding streets and alleys of the old quarter of Alfama, we'll see Jeronimos Monastery, see the Tower of Belem and Monument to the Discoveries, and we'll taste the famous "Pasteis de Belem".





## **Portugal**

#### **Cascais & the Algarve**

Castles, history, sunshine, beaches, scenery, seafood, and above all, friendly people. These are some of the features that make Portugal a perfect travel 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 temperate climate. We will stay in the lively town of Albufeira, a perfect base for exploring the nearby 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 Algarve's most popular towns with picturesque white-washed buildings, a main central square, cobblestone streets and many shops and cafés 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. Our comfortable and modern guestrooms here overlook the lovely pool area.

We then travel to Cascais, stopping en route for a visit of the beautiful historic city of Evora. Once a quaint fishing village, Cascais is now a much-loved resort area on the Estoril coast just outside Lisbon. The harbour and square are wonderful for people-watching and catching sight of returning fishing boats. The main square is pedestrian-only and features many outdoor restaurants, cafés, and shops.

#### 15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 14 - 28 / Oct 25 - Nov 8

#### COST

#### \$5,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,190
- Montreal: add \$290
- Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, or Calgary: add \$490

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







**MODERATE.** Refer to page 2 for full details.

We will stay 6 nights at the Hotel Vila Gale Cascais, a short walk from the town centre. Hotel facilities include a restaurant serving buffet meals with a live-cooking station, 2 bars, health club, and delightful gardens, with an outdoor swimming pool. We will enjoy comfortable and modern seaview guestrooms during our stay here.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels (sea-view rooms in Cascais) • Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily, plus 1 lunch . Beverages with dinner (mineral water, soft drinks, house wine, or local beer) • 7 excursions • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### Lisbon

On our panoramic tour of Portugal's capital city we'll stroll in the Baixa district, considered the heart of Lisbon. Then we'll enjoy the scene along Rua Augusta—a lively pedestrian street with beautiful mosaic pavement, outdoor cafés, cosmopolitan 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".

#### **Evora**

We transfer from the Algarve to Cascais, and 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. Lunch is included today.

#### 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.

#### **Lagos and Sagres**

Lagos is known for its beautiful church and castle walls, while Sagres is where Portuguese explorers learned their navigation skills. We also visit Cape St. Vincent—the westernmost point in Europe.

#### **Monchique Mountains**

We begin with a visit to Silves, the old Moorish capital of the Algarve, where we'll view the cathedral and visit the castle. Then on to the wonderful panoramic views from Foia, the highest point in southern Portugal.

#### **Queluz, Sintra, Cascais** & 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.

#### **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 which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.





## **Azores**

Volcanic peaks, hot springs, crater lakes and lush green landscapes await on this beautiful Portuguese archipelago in the middle of the Atlantic.

The Azores offer a unique blend of natural beauty, adventure, culture, and sustainability, making them a perfect destination for travellers seeking an experience that's authentic and unforgettable.

Formed by volcanic activity, the islands' dramatic landscapes and rich biodiversity are beloved by adventurers, nature enthusiasts, and those looking for sustainable tourism. Enjoy outstanding trail walks and wildlife-spotting, soak your stress away in volcanic hot springs, and take in the islands' rich history, cultural heritage and delicious culinary traditions.

In São Miguel, we will stay in seaview rooms at the elegant waterfront Octant Ponta Delgada. Amenities include a restaurant, spa, lobby market, fitness room and panoramic outdoor pool. On Pico Island, our home base will be the gracious Hotel Caravelas in Madalena, which is surrounded by the Atlantic on 3 sides and overlooks picturesque Faial Island. It features an outdoor pool, fitness centre and a bar where you can sample the island's delicious wines.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Guided tour of Ponta Delgada
- Lagoa das Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo
- Volcanically heated thermal baths
- Visit to pineapple plantation with liqueur tasting

#### 15 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Oct 19 - Nov 2

#### COST

#### \$7,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

• Single supplement: add \$1,190

All add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto on the way home

- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$790
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$1.090

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Tour of Pico Island
- Day trips by ferry to São Jorge and Faial Islands
- Wine and cheese tastings

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with SATA Airlines • Deluxe & First-class hotels (seaview in São Miguel) • Breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily (except for 3 lunches) - Beverages with dinner (mineral water, soft drinks, house wine, and local beer) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPART: Fly direct from Toronto to São Miguel Island.

#### **DAY 2: PONTA DELGADA.**

Coach transfer to hotel, with time to relax and get oriented before our Welcome Dinner.

#### **DAY 3: PONTA DELGADA.**

We will start off with a guided tour of the flavours, culture and traditions of the city of Ponta Delgada. We will visit the historic centre, the Churches of São Sebastião and São José, and stop at a traditional local market. Lunch at a local restaurant, with the rest of the day to relax or explore.

DAY 4: PONTA DELGADA / **SETE CIDADES.** We will discover Lagoa das Sete Cidades, two breathtaking lagoons with distinctively different colours. Explore the village of Sete Cidades, walk the easy trails around the lake, and take in the incredible scenery. Lunch at a typical local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will visit a traditional pineapple plantation, where you can sample delicious pineapple liqueur.

**DAY 5: PONTA DELGADA / FURNAS.** Today we will see the famous fumarolas (volcanic vents) at Furnas Lagoon, where locals use the heat to cook traditional Cozido das Furnas, an Azorean specialty we will sample at a local restaurant. After lunch, we'll visit Parque Terra Nostra to enjoy a thermal bath in 35°C waters.

**DAY 6: PONTA DELGADA / LAGOA DE FOGO / RIBEIRA** 

**GRANDE.** Enjoy breathtaking views as we do an easy hike around this picturesque lake, or head to the Caldeira Velha Environmental Interpretation Center to relax in the hot springs. Next, we will head to Ribeira Grande and explore its centuries-old streets

and fascinating heritage. Finally, a local liqueur factory for a tour and tasting.

#### **DAY 7: PONTA DELGADA /** SÃO MIGUEL COUNTRYSIDE.

We will take a half-day trip to a rural dairy farm to learn about local farming traditions and maybe even milk a cow. Afternoon at leisure in Ponta Delgada.

#### **DAY 8: PONTA DELGADA /** NORTHERN SÃO MIGUEL.

Today we will take a trip back in time and visit the first tea plantation in Europe, in operation since 1883. Next up is Ribeira dos Caldeirões Natural Park, with one of the island's most impressive waterfalls. Lunch will be at a small, local restaurant.

DAY 9: PICO ISLAND. After breakfast, we will take a short flight to Pico Island, with the rest of the day at leisure to explore Madalena, the island's largest town.

DAY 10: PICO ISLAND. In the morning, you're invited to hike an incredible trail through the islands UNESCO World Heritage vineyards, seeing rola-pipas (carved slopes to slide wine barrels to the boats), relheiras (tracks from ox carts), shelter houses, wine cellars, and more. After lunch, we'll take a short walking tour of Madalena's historic centre, ending with a tasting of the famous Pico wine.

DAY 11: PICO ISLAND / SÃO JORGE ISLAND. We will take a ferry to São Jorge for the day, visiting the beautiful Jardim da Praça da República, the Piscinas Naturais da Preguiça (lazy natural pools) and Arco Natural de Velas, a natural arch made of basaltic lava. We

will experience traditional Azorean cheesemaking (with the chance to taste, of course!), see a church tower that survived the volcano eruption of 1808, and continue with a sightseeing tour of the island.

#### **DAY 12: PICO ISLAND.**

Today we will visit incredible volcanic rock formations by the sea, and see São Roque do Pico, a town once closely linked to whaling (now banned for many years in Portugal). We will have lunch at a local restaurant, then take a panoramic road to Lajes do Pico, the island's oldest town.

#### **DAY 13: PICO ISLAND / FAIAL.**

Today, it's a day trip by ferry to the museum city of Horta on the nearby island of Faial to see over five centuries of history. After free time for lunch, we will tour the island to see the lush Faial Caldera. the Capelinhos Volcano, and its interpretive centre. Final dinner at a local restaurant.

**DAY 14: PICO ISLAND / PONTA DELGADA.** Morning at leisure to explore Pico Island before we fly back to São Miguel in the afternoon.

#### **DAY 15: DEPART.**

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to Toronto.





in Provence

#### **Plus Marseille**

With its welcoming climate, charming villages, incredible food and photogenic landscapes, Provence is an unforgettable, beautiful destination, and never more so than during the fall harvest season when the vineyards become a fabulous blaze of gold, bronze and red!

Our home base for 10 nights will be Avignon, a beautiful city known for its magnificent 18th century architecture, colourful markets and lively arts and culture scene. Located in the heart of Provence, it's a perfect base from which to explore the area. With an excellent public transport system that offers regular service to surrounding towns.

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

The tour concludes with 2 nights in Marseille, a wonderfully multicultural city with a rich maritime history, vibrant old port, quaint neighbourhoods, and breathtaking views of the Mediterranean.

#### 14 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Oct 1 - 14

#### COST

#### \$6,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$1,190
- Ottawa: add \$190 (for round-trip ground transport to Montreal airport)
- Halifax: add \$690.
- Vancouver, Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton: add \$990

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Avignon walking tour: Palace of the Popes, Pont d'Avignon, Les Halles d'Avignon
- Chef's demonstration with tasting of local specialties
- Arles, Camargue, and typical Manade lunch
- Provençal Roman heritage tour: Maison Carrée, Nimes Amphitheatre, Pont du Gard & Orange Theatre
- Luberon villages & Lavender Museum
- Mont Ventoux, Provence's largest market, wine tasting
- Truffle hunt & lunch
- Aix-en-Provence & Cassis
- 2 nights in Marseille with city tour

#### **TOUR 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) No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE.**

We fly to Marseille via Paris.

#### **DAY 2: AVIGNON.**

We arrive in Marseille and transfer to Avignon, with free time until our Welcome Dinner.

#### **DAY 3: AVIGNON.**

Walking Tour. Today we'll explore Avignon's highlights on foot, seeing the Pont d'Avignon and the lively Place de l'Horloge. We'll visit the imposing Palace of the Popes, and pop into Les Halles, Avignon's quaint food market, for a cooking demo and tasting of Provençal specialties with a local chef.

#### DAY 4: AT LEISURE IN AVIGNON.

A free day to explore the town, its charming streets, museums and vibrant markets.

#### **DAY 5: ARLES / CAMARGUE.**

We will visit Arles, the ancient town where Van Gogh lived and painted. Then it's on to Camarque, a wildlife reserve that's home to over 300 bird species, including flamingoes. We'll enjoy a special lunch at a typical Manade (livestock farm), and meet the "cowboys" who work with the famous Camarque horses. The day end with a visit to the picturesque Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer.

#### **DAY 6: UZES / PONT DU GARD**

/ NIMES. This full-day excursion begins with a walking tour of Uzes, France's premier medieval dukedom. We will stroll the shaded boulevards and medieval streets and visit the Pont du Gard, a technical and artistic masterpiece that has been in place for 2,000 years. Then it's off to Nîmes to see some of the world's best-preserved Roman monuments, with some free time to wander on your own.

#### DAY 7: AT LEISURE IN AVIGNON.

#### **DAY 8: LUBERON VILLAGES.**

Today will take us to the most beautiful villages in France. We'll see Roussillon, with its famous ochre landscape, Gordes, a medieval hilltop village, and Coustellet, where we'll visit the lavender museum.

#### **DAY 9: VAISON-LA-ROMAINE** / MONT VENTOUX / WINERY.

Today begins in Vaison-la-Romaine, an old Roman city that's known for its fabulous market—the largest in Provence! Next is the summit of Mont Ventoux for a breathtaking view of the Toulourenc Valley, and finally, a visit to a lovely local

#### **DAY 10: AVIGNON.** Day at leisure.

#### **DAY 11: ORANGE / TRUFFLE HUNTING / SAVOURY LUNCH.**

First, we visit Orange—the "Gateway to Southern France"—where we will see the famous Triumphal Arch and the Roman theatre. Then it's time for truffles! We'll spend time with a welcoming family who will show us how their dogs cavage (sniff out truffles), then prepare a delicious lunch of truffle dishes to enjoy.

#### DAY 12: AIX / CASSIS /

MARSEILLE. Today we start off in Aix-en-Provence, a beautiful city with majestic squares and distinctive yellow Baroque-style buildings. On our walking tour, we'll walk along the elegant Cours Mirabeau and stop at a local market. The next stop is Cassis, a beautiful fishing village that will make you feel like you've stepped into an Impressionist painting. We end in Marseille for a 2-night stay near the quaint old port.

#### **DAY 13: MARSEILLE.**

Today we will discover the old port and original "Ombrière", Esplanade du J4, Promenade Laffond, Notre-Dame de la Garde with its exceptional view of the city, the Friuli Islands and Château d'If, and more. The afternoon is free to visit one of the famous museums, explore the ancient "Le Panier" neighborhood, take a scenic cruise, or browse the Republic Quarter's stylish boutiques. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

#### **DAY 14: RETURN.**

Au revoir, France! Air France takes us back to Canada via Paris.





2-CENTRE HOLIDAY

## **Croatia**

At the crossroads of Central and Southeast Europe is Croatia, a sunny country with a stunning coastline, crystal-clear waters, ancient cities, and a fascinating history.

We start our tour in historic Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage City. During our stay here we will step back in time by walking the narrow, cobbled streets and visiting the many beautifully preserved medieval landmarks.

Next, we will stay in Split, the "Gateway to the Dalmatian Islands" and a favourite spot for seaside holidays since Roman times. It's an excellent base for island hopping and exploring the history and natural beauty of the Dalmatian coast.

In Dubrovnik, our hotel will be the Valamar Argosy (or similar), with indoor and outdoor pools, tennis courts, buffet restaurant, and wellness zone with saunas and fitness studio. In Split, we'll stay at the newly-built AC Hotel Split, which has fantastic views and great proximity to the city centre. Amenities include a spa, fitness centre, indoor pool, hot tub, restaurant and bar.

**14 DAYS** 

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Oct 12 - 25

#### COST

#### \$6,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,490
- Add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto on the way home:
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$790
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$1,090

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Dubrovnik city tour
- Rector's Palace & Franciscan Monastery
- Hvar with shared catamaran
- Diocletian's Palace
- Peljesac Peninsula with Ston oyster tasting
- Plitvice Lakes National Parks

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Lot Polish Airways (via Warsaw) • First-class hotels

Breakfast & dinner daily (wine, coffee, and mineral water will all dinners)

No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE.

We fly direct from Toronto to Dubrovnik.

#### **DAY 2: DUBROVNIK.**

After we arrive, you'll have some leisure time before our Welcome Dinner.

#### **DAY 3: DUBROVNIK.**

Today we will visit several of the city's fascinating museums, including the Rector's Palace and Franciscan Monastery, which both date back to the 14th century and offer a fascinating glimpse of Dubrovnik's rich history.

#### DAY 4: DUBROVNIK.

Today is a free day: explore the city on your own, relax on a nearby beach, or join an optional excursion to Mostar or Montenegro.

DAY 5: DUBROVNIK.

Day at leisure.

## DAY 6: DUBROVNIK / PELJESAC / STON. We head to the beauti-

ful Peljesac Peninsula, which has beautiful fjords and forests, natural bays and stunning beaches. We'll stop in Ston—a town known for its ancient walls, its salt works, and its oysters—where we will enjoy wine and oyster tastings.

**DAY 7: DUBROVNIK.** Day at leisure.

## **DAY 8: DUBROVNIK / SPLIT.** We make our way to Split on a luxury coach.

#### DAY 9: SPLIT / HVAR.

Today we will explore the island of Hvar, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will sail to the island on a shared catamaran, and take a city tour that includes the Franciscan Monastery and the 17th-century Hvar Cathedral. Lunch at a local restaurant is included.

#### DAY 10: SPLIT.

Day at leisure: spend it exploring on your own, sitting by the pool, or immersing yourself in history and local culture with an optional excursion to the island town of Trogir, Klis Fortress and "agro-ethno park" Stella Croatica.

DAY 11: SPLIT.
Day at leisure.

#### DAY 12: SPLIT.

Today is our guided tour of the city, founded in the 3rd century by Roman Emperor Diocletian. We will visit Split's most famous landmark: Diocletian's Palace, a fascinating complex with maze-like streets and hidden courtyards, underground cellars and intricate stone carvings.

#### DAY 13: SPLIT / PLITVICE.

We visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, a lush valley with 16 terraced lakes, cascading waterfalls and miles of paths and bridges. In the evening, we say *doviđenja* (goodbye) to Croatia with a Farewell Dinner at our hotel.

#### DAY 14: RETURN.

Transfer to Dubrovnik for our flight back to Toronto.





Blessed with a sunny climate and friendly people, the Mediterranean island of Malta is home to a rich culture, incredible history and beautiful beaches.

There's so much to explore here—an efficient and affordable bus system makes it easy to get around and take in everything this island has to offer, including Valetta's picturesque harbour, colourful markets, the narrow streets of Sliema, and the stunning Blue Grotto.

We stay at the Doubletree by Hilton 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, cafés, bars and restaurants. Facilities of the hotel include a variety of restaurants, a lounge and bar, fitness centre with sauna, an indoor heated pool and outdoor pool surrounded by sunning terraces.

There is live music performed 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

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Grand Harbour cruise
- 2 guided tours of Valletta
- Trip to Marsaxlokk fishing village
- · Full-day island tour
- Full-day tour to Gozo
- Folklore night

#### 16 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Nov 4 - 19 Dec 20 - Jan 4

#### **COST**

**November: \$5,597** Holiday Season: \$6,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Montreal: add \$290
- Ottawa: add \$490
- Halifax, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$790

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class seaview accommodation • Buffet breakfast & dinner daily (wine, water, & coffee with dinner), and 2 lunches • Holiday celebrations (December tour only) No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Orientation Walking Tour**

We will enjoy an orientation stroll through the area around our resort, located in a lively seaside town with beaches, bars, restaurants, and hotels.

#### **Harbour Cruise**

We will enjoy a cruise around Valletta's historic Grand Harbour, one of the greatest natural harbours in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take in the beautiful views and learn about the harbour's long history, which includes two of the most epic sieges the world has known.

#### Valletta 1

We will take an orientation tour of the walled capital city of Valletta, which includes a viewing of The Malta Experience, an audiovisual spectacular that tells the story of 7,000 years of Maltese history. We will visit the scenic Upper Barrakka Gardens, then stop at St. John's Cathedral, one of the finest examples of high Baroque architecture in Europe.

#### Valletta 2

We will do more fascinating sightseeing in Valletta, with a stop at the gracious Grandmaster's Palace, built over 400 years ago for a Knight of Malta and still the ancestral home of a Maltese noble family. We will also visit the Manoel Theatre and explore the National Archaeological Museum, which has artifacts dating back to 2500 BC.

#### Malta—Grand Island Tour

On this full-day tour, we go beyond Valletta to see more of this remarkable island. We will visit St. Paul's Catacombs in Rabat, with extensive underground galleries and tombs dating back thousands of years. We will also explore medieval Mdina, and find out why it is called "the Silent City."

#### Marsaxlokk

On this tour, we will visit Malta's largest and most picturesque fishing village. It's an ancient place that was used as a port by Phoenicians and Carthaginians and has the remains of a Roman-era harbour. See the vividly painted luzzu (fishing boats) bobbing in the clear blue waters: most have the eye of Osiris painted on the bow to ward off evil at sea.

**Island of Gozo** We will enjoy a full-day tour to

#### **Folklore Dinner Show**

We will enjoy an evening discovering Malta's rich customs and enjoying its diverse flavours. The evening includes a delicious dinner and entertaining folklore show, with dancers in traditional costumes telling the story of Malta's long history.

#### **Holiday Celebrations**

For those joining us on the December tour, we celebrate the holidays with a Gala Christmas dinner and a Christmas Day Lunch. We ring in the New Year with a festive Gala NYE Dinner & Party with open bar and live band. (December tour only.)





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 for centuries.

In the fall the climate is mild and pleasant—ideal for walking and exploring. This lively 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 value-packed holiday is the first-class Kinetta Beach Hotel & Spa, set amidst expansive gardens, and located on a pebble beach by the sea in Corinthos, about 50 km from Athens and 7 km from the village of Theodori. Facilities of the hotel include a lounge, bar, gift shop, and main restaurant serving buffet meals. A special feature of the hotel is its spa facility, 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, and feature a balcony or patio. There is free Wifi throughout the hotel.

You'll be invited to join a rich activity program in order to gain insight into life in Greece and allow opportunities to meet with the local people.

#### 15 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Oct 2 - 16

#### COST

#### \$5,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa, Winnipeg or Halifax: add \$290

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 Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$490

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4)







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**  Flights with Air Canada • First-class accommodation • Buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, plus afternoon tea (wine, tea & coffee with hotel lunches & dinners) • 7 excursions • Scheduled activity program as described • No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

In addition to the included excursions below, optional tours will be offered locally on our free days.

#### **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 unforgettable Parthenon. After our included lunch at a restaurant in the city there will be free time to explore the Plakathe colourful neighbourhood in the shadow of the Acropolis that's famed for its narrow lanes lined with shops, cafés and family-run tavernas. Visiting the Acropolis involves climbing many stairs. There may, or may not, be an elevator available at the time of our visit.

#### **Island 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.

#### 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.

#### **Countryside Tour** & Orientation

We see the Corinth Canal (the world's smallest ocean canal) and surrounding countryside, picturesque villages, and towns. A winery visit is included.

#### **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.

#### Loutraki

We visit this seaside resort, known for its vast natural springs and therapeutic spas. We'll stroll around the town and visit the monastery, admiring the great views of the Gulf of Corinth.

#### **Agioi Theororoi**

We'll visit this picturesque seaside town on the coast of the Saronic Gulf, which features a harmonious blend of mountains and sea.

#### **Activity Program**

- Cooking lesson
- Folkloric Shows
- Greek language
- · Lectures on mythology, ancient history & modern Greece
- Movie nights
- Monastery visit
- Vineyard visit





**Cyprus** 

Enjoy rugged mountains and peaceful landscapes, golden beaches and incredible antiquities-all off the beaten tourist track.

Cyprus has fantastic weather, charming villages, and is the birthplace of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. Largely undiscovered by tourists, it's a place at the crossroads of three continents. Explore ancient Greek monuments, dive the clear, calm waters, and discover the best of three cultures. experiencing the island's European, Middle Eastern, and Central Asian influences.

We will stay at the first-class Mediterranean Beach Hotel in Limassol. This gracious, well-located resort has superb restaurants, a split-level outdoor pool with stone cave, heated indoor pool, gym, Pilates and aerobics studio, tennis court, water sports and a 5-star Padi scuba diving center. Do everything-or do nothing at all. Guest rooms are fully renovated and include upgraded kitchens.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Beachside 4-star resort
- Ancient Greek city-kingdom Curion
- Wine tasting at a family-run vineyard
- Mountain village of Kakopetria
- Tours to Pafos, Limassol, Larnaca, Kiti, Choirokoitia, Nikosia & Kyrinia
- Many archaeological & UNESCO World Heritage sites

16 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2024** 

Nov 4 - 19

COST

#### \$5,497

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa: add \$290 (for round-trip ground transport to Montreal airport)
- Montreal: add \$90
- Vancouver: add \$590

Add-ons below included an overnight in Toronto on the way home

- Halifax: add \$790
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$1,090

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1)(2)(3)(4)







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with British Airways • First-class hotel • Full breakfast & dinner daily, and 6 lunches (wine & coffee with all dinners) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPARTURE. We fly from Canada to Cyprus via London.

DAY 2: LIMASSOL. Coach transfer to hotel, with time to relax and get oriented before our Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3: LIMASSOL / KOURION. We will explore Curium, an ancient Greek city-kingdom, seeing the Greco-Roman Theatre and the House of Eustolios, a bath complex with beautiful mosaic floors dating back two millennia. We will stop at a Phassouri citrus plantation, where we'll pick fresh lemons and sip local lemonade. Then it's off to Limassol's old city to eat, explore, and visit the fort where British King Richard the Lionheart married Ber-

DAY 4: LIMASSOL. Day at leisure, with time to sunbathe, swim and explore to our hearts' content.

engaria of Navarre in 1191.

DAY 5: LIMASSOL / KAKOPETRIA / OMODOS. Today we head to the ancient mountain village of Kakopetria. We will take a guided tour of the charming old town, with free time to explore on our own. Then it's off to the ancient Church of Ayios Nikolaos tis Stegis, a UNESCO World Heritage site with wall paintings dating back to the 11th century. Finally, we will stop in Omodos, one of the island's most beautiful villages, to taste wine from a family-run press, enjoy a traditional lunch, and marvel at the oldest monastery in Cyprus.

CHOIROKOITIA / EFKARA / LARNACA. Today's full-day tour visits more incredible (and incredibly ancient) Cypriot sites, including the towns of Larnaca and Kiti, where will see beautiful Byzantine churches dating back over a thousand years. We'll explore Choirokoitia, home to a well-preserved Neolithic settlement. We will visit the home of a local artist, who will show us how to make fresh halloumi (Cypriot goat cheese) and serve a traditional lunch in his garden. The last stop is Lefkara, a village famous for its lace and silver.

**DAY 8: LIMASSOL.** Day at leisure.

DAY 7: LIMASSOL /

DAY 9: LIMASSOL / PAFOS. We will explore Pafos, a UNESCO World Heritage site Inhabited since the Neolithic period and home to Aphrodite's "birthplace," the Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock). We will see the impressive underground Tombs of the Kings in Kato Pafos, which date back to the 4th century BC and were used as catacombs by early Christians. We will enjoy a traditional local lunch, then visit Pafos' archaeological park to see the Houses of Dionysus, Theseus and Aion, with their remarkable mosaics beautifully preserved after being buried for 1,600 years.

**DAY 10: LIMASSOL.** Day at leisure.

Today we will visit the 1,000-yearold capital of Cyprus. Its enchanting old city is enclosed by 16th-century Venetian walls and dotted with museums, medieval buildings and ancient churches. Our guided walking tour through the city's narrow streets includes stops at the Cyprus Archaeological Museum and St. John's Cathedral.

After lunch, we will explore Nico-

sia's northern section and see the

Gothic Cathedral of St. Sophia.

DAY 11: LIMASSOL / NICOSIA.

**DAY 12: LIMASSOL / NORTH COAST.** Today we head to the Pentadaktylos Mountains to see St. Hilarion Castle, one of the three crusader castles along the northern coastline. We will visit Kyrenia, to see its ancient harbour and 7th-century castle. After some free time, we will proceed to Bella Pais for lunch and a visit to the 13th-century Abbey of Bella Pais.

#### DAYS 13-15: LIMASSOL.

Free days at leisure, with time to relax on the beach, snorkel or scuba dive, learn more about the island's fascinating ancient history, and take advantage of everything this wonderfully under-the-radar destination has to offer.

**DAY 16: DEPARTURE.** 

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to Canada.





## & Wine Country, & 1 night in Vienna

Pamper yourself in thermal baths and world-class health spas with the backdrop of one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

The tour starts with 3 nights in Hungary's lovely Lake District, at the Ensana Thermal Heviz Health Spa Hotel in the spa town of Heviz. Here, you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the healing waters—along with some excellent local wines.

Then it's time to head to Budapest. Often called the Paris of the East and the Pearl of the Danube for its beauty, Budapest is also known the world over as the City of Spas. More than 100 natural mineral-rich springs flow under the city, and people have been enjoying their therapeutic properties for millennia, going back to the Celts and the Romans.

We will spend 10 nights at the tranquil Ensana Thermal Margitsziget Hotel, an oasis surrounded by walking trails, with easy access to the city centre. Relax in their state-of-the-art wellness facility, enjoy therapeutic treatments, and soak in soothing thermal baths. The natural spring waters contain calcium, sulphur, magnesium and potassium, which is wonderful for joint and muscle pain, body aches and more.

Choose one of 5 medical and wellness therapy packages, which include a doctor's consultation. (Details of treatment inclusions available on request.)

- 1. Traditional Spa Package
- 2. Essential Pain Relief
- 3. Rejuvenation & Anti-aging

#### 16 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2024**

Oct 18 - Nov 2

#### COST

#### \$8,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Edmonton, or Calgary

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Winnipeg: add \$190
- Vancouver: add \$390

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- 4. Balneotherapy & Wellness 5. Inspire Ayurveda, Wellness
- & Beauty Days

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Air Canada flights (between Toronto & Vienna non-stop) • First-class hotels • Full breakfast & dinner daily, plus 4 lunches • Wine with all dinners • Welcome massage & treatment package of your choice • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

#### **Massage & Thermal Waters**

Enjoy a classic, full-body massage and unlimited access to the hotel's extensive thermal pool facilities.

#### **Walking Tour**

We will take an orientation walking tour of Heviz, and enjoy a charming ride on a petite train.

#### Wine Tasting

Enjoy a trip to a local vineyard and taste delicious Hungarian wines in a gorgeous setting by the lake.

#### **Natural Thermal Lake Visit**

Deepen your relaxation with a visit to a wonderful thermal lake and lakeside float spa.

#### **Balatonfüred** & Tihany Abbey

We will visit this enchanting historic town on the shores of scenic Lake Balaton, take a dip in healing carbonated springs, then head to the Benedictine Abbey of Tihany, a breathtaking church with an exquisite Baroque interior.

#### **Festetics Palace**

Delight in exploring one of the largest Baroque palaces, featuring a private library of 80,000 volumes.

#### **IN VIENNA**

We will enjoy a city tour taking in the grand Ringstrasse with its magnificent architecture.

## IN BUDAPEST

#### **Wellness Experiences**

Your choice of 5 Medical and Wellness therapeutic packages, with unlimited access to the thermal pool facilities. Other activities include chakra cleansing, sound therapy and group meditation. Please note: tipping for services is recommended individually, with a suggested amount of 5 Euros per treatment.

#### **Highlights of Buda**

We will take a guided tour that includes the Gothic Mathias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion, and a ride on a petite train.

#### **Highlights of Pest**

This tour includes Heroes' Square, the Parliament, the Synagogue, and a delightful food tasting at the Grand Market Hall.

#### **Illuminated Night Tour** with Folklore Dinner

Experience traditional music and dance as you enjoy a meal of classic Hungarian dishes, then take in the sparkling city lights after dark.

#### **House of Music Hungary**

Learn about the fascinating history of Hungarian music, followed by a stop at an historic coffee house. Lunch included.

#### **Visits to Famous Spas**

Hungary is home to some of the world's most incredible spas many of which go back centuries. We will visit the Gellert, a stunning Art Nouveau spa, the Baroque Szechenyi Baths, and a traditional 16th-century Turkish bath house.

#### **Performances at Budapest's Grand Theatres**

We will attend unforgettable theatrical or musical performances at two of Budapest's grand theatres and concert halls.

#### **Farewell Dinner Cruise**

We will say viszontlátásra (goodbye) to Hungary on our last night with an evening cruise along the majestic Danube.

#### **OVERNIGHT, DINNER** AND CITY TOUR OF **VIENNA**







# **South America Cruise & Tour**

## **Aboard the Sapphire Princess**

This cruise and tour combination holiday is sure to appeal to the adventurous traveller who wants to experience some of South America's most exciting cities, along with some lesser-known ports-of-call.

On the cruise we will enjoy spectacular scenery, intriguing towns and villages and the opportunity to try various activities such as river rafting, fishing and hiking.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the *Sapphire Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort. Princess' awardwinning shore excursions and engaging on-board programs bring the cultures and colours of South America to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate South America.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the stateof-the art Princess theatre.

Our program includes a night in Santiago, capital of Chile and 2 nights in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, with touring in both cities.

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 19 - Mar 10

#### COST

#### Starting at \$9,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside Cabin: \$9,397
- Outside Cabin (obstructed view): \$9,597

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- Outside Cabin (clear view): \$9,997
- Outside Cabin with private balcony: \$10,997
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax: add \$190
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver: add \$590

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



**LEISURELY.** Refer to page 2 for full details.

\* All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • 14-night cruise, all port taxes & tipping, all meals daily, activities & entertainment • 3 nights First-class hotels with breakfast & dinner daily, and 2 lunches

■ Touring in Santiago & Buenos Aires ■ No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE.**

We depart for Santiago, Chile.

DAY 2: SANTIAGO: We arrive in Santiago and proceed to our city tour. We'll see the Cathedral, San Francisco Church, Plaza de Armas, Santa Lucia Hill and more. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

#### **DAY 3: EMBARKATION.**

We transfer to our cruise ship, and this evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

DAY 4: AT SEA. Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and your fellow passengers, and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities and entertainment on board.

#### **DAY 5: PUERTO MONTT, CHILE.**

Puerto Montt is the gateway to Patagonia, and optional tours include the breathtaking scenery of Patagonia's Lake District and snow-covered Osorno Volcano.

#### DAY 6: AT SEA.

DAY 7: AMALIA GLACIER, CHILE (SCENIC CRUISING). Located in the central part of the Southern Patagonia Ice Fields, the Amalia Glacier descends from the Andes Mountains and towers above the sea. The Amalia's mammoth blue mountain of ice is constantly changing. Keep an eye out for dolphins, frequently spotted swimming by ships.

#### **DAY 8: PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE.**

Punta Arenas is the hub for many adventures—penguin colonies, Antarctica, and Patagonia to name a few. Explore the city's sights or visit a living museum dedicated to the sheep ranchers who settled Patagonia.

DAY 9: USHUAIA (TIERRA DEL FUEGO), ARGENTINA. Ushuaia is the southernmost town in the world, and is located on the island territory of Tierra del Fuego. "The

Land of Fire" features unforgettable scenery and trails of discovery.

DAY 10: CAPE HORN SCENIC CRUISING. A notable day! Today we round the southern tip of South America. You will be awestruck by the rugged beauty and imposing vision of Cape Horn—a massive rocky point that was the bane of early explorers.

DAY 11: STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS. The capital of the Falkland Islands is still considered very British. Here you can visit a penguin rookery, learn of the island's tumultuous past at the Historic Dockyard Museum or enjoy a pint at a local pub.

#### DAY 12: AT SEA.

DAY 13: PUERTO MADRYN,
ARGENTINA. Puerto Madryn is
known today for its animal life,
which Argentina protects in this
scenic, remote wildlife preserve.
Puerto Madryn is also the gateway to Punta Tombo National
Reserve and Argentine Patagonia
—a small city that serves as a base
for exploring the remote wildlife
preserves.

#### DAY 14: AT SEA.

DAY 15: MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY. Uruguay's charming capital overlooks the River Plata and has plenty of unique architecture, parks and monuments. The waterfront promenade is a great

place to stroll and people watch.

#### **DAY 16: BUENOS AIRES.**

We arrive in Buenos Aires—a city of wide boulevards, 19th century mansions, French colonial architecture and colourful traffic-free shopping areas. You can explore the city, take

an optional excursion or enjoy your last day of activities on board the ship. This evening is the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

DAY 17: DISEMBARKATION / BUENOS AIRES. We disembark and proceed to our Buenos Aires city tour. We will see the famed major sights such as the Obelisk, the Plaza San Martin, the main square—Plaza de Mayo and Plaza Alvear. Then we see the green area of Palermo with its parks and artificial lakes, and the Recoleta area with its many elegant boutiques and restaurants. The grave of Eva Perón is located in the cemetery of Recoleta. During the tour we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 18: BUENOS AIRES.**

We enjoy a tour of the charming resort town of Tigre and the Parana River Delta. Tigre is known for its summer residences and yachting. We'll take a boat excursion on the channels of the Tigre Delta to see some of the many beautiful green islands. This evening we enjoy a Tango Dinner Show—a must when you are in Buenos Aires!

## DAY 19: BUENOS AIRES / DEPART FOR CANADA.

The morning is at leisure before we transfer to the airport for our flight home, via São Paulo.

DAY 20: MORNING ARRIVAL IN CANADA.





## **Plus 2 nights in Sydney**

What a lovely way to experience New Zealand—along with a taste of Australia. On this delightful cruise / tour we experience the "wonders-down-under" in style and luxury.

We begin with a 2-night stay in Sydney, including a city tour, and a beautiful waterfront dinner.

Then we board our cruise ship and sail to some of the most popular ports in New Zealand. During our cruise we will see snow-capped mountains, waterfalls, hot springs, rugged coastlines and experience the rich Maori culture.

Cruising is a wonderful way to see the South Pacific, especially when you are aboard the Royal Princess. The ships of Princess Cruises are considered among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort: more spacious staterooms, more dining and entertainment options, and more services and activities, including swimming pools, sauna, a spa with masseuse, aerobics and dance classes, duty-free boutiques and lectures by on-board experts on the history and highlights of the ports we visit. Princess' talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the South Pacific.

Evening activities include after-dinner drinks in one of the elegant lounges, first-run films, a casino and professionally produced Broadway-style entertainment with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the-art Princess theatre.

**19 DAYS** 

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Jan 14 - Feb 1

#### COST

#### Starting at \$9,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Vancouver

- Inside Cabin: \$9,997
- Outside Cabin with balcony: \$10,997

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- Deluxe Balcony Cabin: \$11,197
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Calgary or Edmonton: add \$390
- Montreal, Ottawa Halifax or Winnipeg: add \$590

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

\* All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • 14-night cruise, port taxes, all tipping, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment • 2 nights first-class hotel in Sydney with breakfast and dinner daily, and touring **No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.** 

#### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We depart for Sydney, via Vancouver. museums and galleries. One Tree Hill, once home to Maori earth-

DAY 2: CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE.

#### **DAY 3: SYDNEY.**

We arrive in Sydney and transfer to our hotel. Afternoon at leisure, with dinner at the hotel.

DAY 4: SYDNEY. Our included tour takes us to the Rocks area (Sydney's birthplace), the magnificent and iconic Opera House, Chinatown, Bondi Beach, the Gap, Watson's Bay, and Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, a sandstone rock carved into the shape of a bench (for spectacular city and harbour views). Dinner this evening will be at a lovely restaurant at the harbour.

DAY 5: SYDNEY /
EMBARKATION. This morning
we visit the Botanical Gardens—a
masterpiece of nature overlooking
Sydney Harbour. Later we board
the Royal Princess for our first delicious lunch and dinner on-board.

DAYS 6-8: AT SEA. Time to get acquainted with the ship and your fellow travellers, and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities and entertainment on board.

#### **DAY 9: BAY OF ISLANDS.**

Thanks to this region's subtropical climate, it's a hub for many water activities, nature walks and fishing. The Bay of Islands is referred to as the "birthplace of New Zealand" due to the numerous events that have taken place here over the centuries. It is also home to many Maori sacred sites and legends.

#### **DAY 10: AUCKLAND.**

New Zealand's former capital boasts scenic beauty, historical interest and a cosmopolitan collection of shops, restaurants, museums and galleries. One Tree Hill, once home to Maori earthworks, overlooks the city. There is much to explore.

#### **DAY 11: TAURANGA.**

With hundreds of miles of white sand beaches, plenty of sunshine and a temperate climate, the Bay of Plenty is New Zealand's favourite holiday destination. There are heritage buildings, historic battle sites, museums, Mount Maunganui, the famous hot saltwater pools and White Island—New Zealand's only active marine volcano. There will be a wide range of optional activities to choose from.

#### **DAY 12: PICTON.**

Picton is the gateway to the South Island's famed Marlborough District. Once known primarily for its lush farm lands and sheep stations, Marlborough is now known for producing fine wines. This region also boasts dramatic sea and land-scapes and some of New Zealand's finest gardens. The rich waters here attract seals and Bottlenose and Hector Dolphins.

#### **DAY 13: WELLINGTON.**

Set on a beautiful waterfront, Wellington is known for its vibrant arts scene and active lifestyle. There are actually more cafés, bars, and restaurants here than in New York City. You may want to explore the winding streets and many museums, or take the cable car from Lambton Quay, the main shopping street, to the top of the hill for incredible views of the city and surrounding area.

#### DAY 14: CHRISTCHURCH.

Christchurch is known as the "most English city outside England". In fact the river that flows through the town is called the River Avon and is crossed by 37 stone bridges. There is a pleasant botanical garden and the Canterbury Museum has a large Maori and Antarctic collection.

DAY 15: DUNEDIN. Hailed as the "Edinburgh of New Zealand", this town has Scottish roots and still retains its Celtic flavour. Enjoy a stroll in the parks and gardens and admire the beautiful surrounding scenery. Optional tours will be offered such as a ride on the Taieri Gorge Railway, the Otago Wildlife Cruise and many more.

PARK. Here on the South Island, many fjords cut the coastline with peaks rising thousands of feet straight from the sea.

#### **DAYS 17 & 18: AT SEA.**

On the last night we enjoy our Farewell Dinner on board.

#### DAY 19: SYDNEY / RETURN.

We disembark in Sydney, transfer to the airport and fly back to Canada.



## **Antarctica Cruise**

From urban Buenos Aires to the untouched beauty of the Antarctic, explore it all on this incredible cruise adventure!

We start our tour in vibrant Buenos Aires, where we will explore the city called "the Paris of South America" for its European vibe and cultural scene. Then it's time to board the luxurious *Sapphire* Princess for an unforgettable experience exploring Argentina, the rugged landscapes of Ushuaia, the distinctive Falkland Islands, and the Antarctic Peninsula, the most isolated continent on Earth.

Take in incredible landscapes, one-of-a-kind natural formations and endless ocean views, all while enjoying Princess' excellent food, entertainment and signature relaxed vibe. The four days in the Antarctic Circle will be spent scenic cruising: the ship will travel slowly while a knowledgeable port lecturer points out significant sites you can see from on board.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Guided tour of Buenos Aires
- 17-night cruise on Sapphire Princess
- 4 ports, 4 days scenic cruising, 7 days at sea
- Tour of Tigre, with boat excursion
- Buenos Aires tango dinner show

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Jan 19 - Feb 9

#### COST

#### Starting at \$9,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside Cabin: \$9,797
- Outside Cabin: \$10,397
- Outside Cabin with balcony: \$12,397

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- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$390
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#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

\* All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • 17-night cruise, port taxes, all tipping, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment • 2 nights first-class hotel in Buenos Aires, with breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, as well as touring • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPART.**

We depart for Buenos Aires, with a stop in São Paulo en route.

DAY 2: BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA). Transfer to hotel, with leisure time to relax before our Welcome Dinner.

#### **DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES.**

Today we will enjoy a morning tour of the beautiful city of Buenos Aires, seeing the majestic Obelisk, the Plaza de Mayo and Plaza San Martin, and the Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva "Evita" Perón was laid to rest. After a traditional local lunch, we transfer to the port to board the Sapphire Princess.

#### **DAY 4: BUENOS AIRES /**

AT SEA. Enjoy free time exploring Buenos Aires until mid-day, when our ship sets sail. Get acquainted with our luxurious home on the ocean and enjoy world-class gourmet dining, on-board entertainment, and the ultimate in relaxation.

DAY 5: AT SEA. There are countless things to do on board: visit the Lotus Spa®, or try your luck in the casino.

DAY 6: AT SEA. Enjoy a day of on board adventure: shopping, dance classes, art auctions and excellent dining options await.

DAY 7: AT SEA. There is something for everyone on board, from Skywalkers Nightclub to Movies Under the Stars. Relax in a hot tub, have a cocktail in one of the many lounges, or just find a quiet corner to read.

#### **DAY 8: PUNTA ARENAS (CHILE).**

Explore historical sites like the Salesian Museum and Fort Bulnes, experience local life and nature at Patagonia Estancia, observe penguins at the Magdalena Island Penguin Reserve, or marvel at the stunning landscapes of Paine National Park.

## DAY 9: TIERRA DEL FUEGO, USHUAIA (ARGENTINA).

Immerse yourself in pristine nature and rugged landscapes with a wildlife cruise through the Beagle Channel, a ride on the Southernmost Railway, a trek through the Tierra Mayor Natural Reserve, or a culinary experience highlighting local delicacies.

#### DAY 10: AT SEA.

## DAY 11: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA / SCENIC CRUISING.

We now begin to take in this breathtaking wonderland as we sail past landmarks, geographic formations and wildlife, with commentary from a local expert. Today we enjoy views of Elephant Island, the Antarctic Sound and Gerlache Strait.

## DAYS 12-14: ANTARCTIC PENINSULA / SCENIC

**CRUISING.** Marvel at towering glaciers and icebergs carved into unique shapes by waves and wind. See penguins and seals, seabirds, and whales in their natural habitat.

**DAY 15: AT SEA.** A day to relax and enjoy shipboard activities and fun!

DAY 16: STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Stanley offers a rich tapestry of history, wildlife, and

rugged natural beauty. Explore the Historic Dockyard Museum, observe penguins at Volunteer Point, see battlefield sites from the Falklands' War. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, the Whalebone Arch, and nearby Gypsy Cove, which is known for its scenic beauty and diverse wildlife.

#### **DAYS 17-18: AT SEA.**

DAY 19: MONTEVIDEO (URUGUAY). Enjoy Montevideo's cosmopolitan charm: see its Beaux Arts architecture and vibrant markets, take a stroll along the waterfront promenade, get a taste of Uruguay's rich wine heritage or wander through Ciudad Vieja, the historic old town.

DAY 20: DISEMBARKATION / BUENOS AIRES. We disembark and enjoy a tour of the Parana River Delta and the charming resort town of Tigre, known for its summer residences and yachting. We'll take a boat through the channels of the Tigre Delta to see some of the beautiful green islands. Lunch at local restaurant is included. This evening we enjoy a Tango Dinner Show – a must when you are in Buenos Aires!

# DAY 21: BUENOS AIRES AT LEISURE / DEPARTURE. We enjoy a free morning to explore Buenos Aires on our own, then transfer to

Aires on our own, then transfer to the airport for our flight back to Canada.

DAY 22: HOME. Morning arrival in Canada.



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## **Canary Islands Cruise**

#### **Aboard the Sky Princess**

Beautiful landscapes, sandy beaches, charming towns and fascinating history await you on this incredible Sky Princess itinerary.

Join us for an unforgettable experience aboard the new and luxurious Sky Princess as it takes us from Southampton to the Canary Islands, Madeira, with stops in mainland Portugal and Spain.

Our journey begins in London, where we will have some time to explore and rest up for the cruise. Then it's off to Southampton, where we will board the Sky Princess, our home for the next 12 days, with 6 exciting ports of call and 5 relaxing sea days to enjoy the state-of-the-art ship.

The Canary Islands are renowned for their beautiful beaches, which boast crystal-clear waters and golden or black sand. But there are also incredible landscapes, rich history, and fascinating archaeological sites - something for every interest! Additional stops in Madeira and Lisbon, Portugal and Vigo, Spain round out the experience.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- 12-night cruise on Sky Princess
- 6 ports of call, 5 sea days
- Panoramic sightseeing tour of London

#### 16 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 22 - Apr 6

#### COST

#### Starting at \$7,497

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside Cabin: \$7,497
- Outside Cabin with Private Balcony: \$9,297

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- Deluxe Balcony Cabin: \$9,497
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
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#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



**LEISURELY.** Refer to page 2 for full details.

\* All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • 12-night cruise, all port taxes & tipping, all meals daily, activities & entertainment • 2 nights in London with breakfast & dinner daily • Sightseeing tour of London

#### • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPART.**

Fly direct from Toronto to London.

DAY 2: LONDON: We arrive in London and transfer to our centrally located hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until our Welcome Dinner.

#### DAY 3: LONDON/ SOUTHAMPTON.

Coach transfer to Southampton, where we board our ship.

DAY 4: AT SEA. Take the day to rest and explore the beautiful Sky Princess. Relax in the tranquil adults-only Sanctuary, enjoy incredible dining, on-board activities and entertainment.

#### **DAY 5: VIGO/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (SPAIN).**

Overlooking a vast bay, Vigo is a city with a rich medieval past. Wander the narrow streets of Ribera del Berbes, the old fisherman's quarter, or take a day trip to Santiago de Compostela, the magnificent cathedral that is the end point to the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

DAY 6: AT SEA. A day at leisure to enjoy the ship, connect with new friends and have fun!

**DAY 7: FUNCHAL, MADEIRA** (PORTUGAL). Situated halfway between Lisbon and the African coast, this island archipelago boasts a mild climate, incredible scenery and interesting history. We will stop in Funchal, Madeira's capital, where you can wander through the picturesque old town, take a scenic cable car ride, visit lush botanical gardens, and sample superb Madeira wines.

#### **DAY 8: SANTA CRUZ DE**

**TENERIFE (SPAIN).** Tenerife is the largest of the Canary islands, with beautiful beaches, otherworldly volcanic terrain and lush forests. The island's main city, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, is a charming place where you can enjoy the historic city centre, browse the stalls of the bustling Mercado, and sample traditional sancocho, a delicious salted cod stew.

#### **DAY 9: LAS PALMAS, GRAN CANARIA (CANARY ISLANDS).**

Las Palmas is the largest city in the Canaries. While there, you can wander the historic streets of Vegueta, shop the stalls of the local market, hike the volcanic crater of Bandama, hit the beach, or sample some tasty empanadas and papas arrugadas (wrinkled potatoes) with mojo sauce.

#### **DAY 10: ARRECIFE, LANZAROTE** (CANARY ISLANDS).

Spend your day exploring the historic fortress of Castillo de San Gabriel, strolling Arrecife's picturesque harbour, relaxing on the beach, tasting wine, or visiting Jameos del Agua, a series of lava caves with an underground lake and a unique concert hall.

#### DAY 11: AT SEA.

Relax by the pool in the Sanctuary, a service at the spa.

#### **DAY 12: LISBON (PORTUGAL).**

From the ancient alleyways of Alfama to the city's ultra-modern food scene, Lisbon is an amazing stop you'll definitely want to come back to. Try an iconic pastel de nata, shop the chic Chiado, ride Tram 28 and visit the grand Praça do Comércio, the city's grandest square.

#### DAY 13: AT SEA.

Spend the day at leisure, doing as much—or as little—as you want.

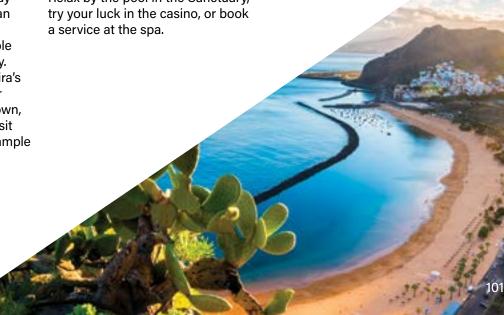
DAY 14: AT SEA. Enjoy the final day on the beautiful Sky Princess, maybe picking up a souvenir or two in the ship's shops.

#### **DAY 15: SOUTHAMPTON/**

LONDON. We disembark in Southampton and proceed to London for a panoramic sightseeing tour that includes Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Canadian War Memorial. Then we will have some leisure time before our Farewell Dinner.

#### **DAY 16: DEPART.**

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to Toronto.





## **Abu Dhabi • United Arab Emirates** Oman - Qatar - Dubai

Join us as we cruise to some of the most fascinating port cities in the Middle East, and visit many of the amazing attractions in and around the dazzling city of Dubai.

We begin in Dubai, which has gone from a sleepy pearldiving village to one of the world's most talked-about cities. The business capital of the United Arab Emirates has breathtaking architecture, towering skyscrapers, man-made islands and a glittering cityscape, as well as old, traditional Middle Eastern buildings, souks and traditions.

We then board our cruise ship and sail through the Persian Gulf, visiting various ports in Oman, Qatar, and Abu Dhabi before returning to Dubai. We will sail in comfort aboard the Costa Smeralda. This moderate European-style floating resort is in the grand size class of ships, so there are many options for entertainment, dining and activities. Features of the ship include 4 swimming pools, jacuzzis, skywalk, and spa centre offering a full range of beauty, health and relaxation treatments. There are theme parties, dance lessons, a casino and boutiques. And there's no shortage of choice when it comes to dining, with 15 dining venues to suit all tastes. And with 17 bars and lounges there is always a place to relax and enjoy your favourite cocktail. The theatre for evening shows is spread over 2 levels. Our spacious guestrooms are well appointed, and you have the choice of an inside, outside, or balcony cabin.

#### 13 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 11 - 23

#### COST

#### Starting at \$6,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside Cabin: \$6,397
- Outside Cabin: \$6,597
- Outside Cabin & balcony: \$7,197
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa, Montreal, Calgary or Halifax: add \$190
- Winnipeg, Edmonton or Vancouver: add \$390



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

\* During the land portion of the tour all excursions are included. During the cruise portion all shore excursions are optional. Those interested will pay on board the ship.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**  Flights with Air Canada • 7-night cruise, port taxes, all meals, all tipping, activities & entertainment • In Dubai: 3 nights first-class hotel with touring, and meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner daily) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE.**

We depart for Dubai on a non-stop flight from Toronto.

DAY 2: DUBAI. We arrive in Dubai and transfer to our hotel. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3: DUBAL Our touring in Dubai begins with the twin minarets of the Jumeirah Mosque—a magnificent example of Islamic architecture and one of Dubai's most famous sites. We drive around the Bastakiya area with its old merchant houses and wind towers, and then visit the Shindagah Museum. An abra (water taxi) will take us across the Dubai Creek to browse the spice and gold souk (market). Lunch is included on our tour. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we enjoy a Dhow Dinner Cruise along Dubai Creek with spectacular views of the city.

#### DAY 4: DUBAI / AL AIN.

Today we enjoy a full-day tour to the oasis city of Al Ain located in the Hajar Mountains. One of the oldest cities in the UAE, Al Ain was for thousands of years an important caravan stop on the ancient trade routes across Arabia. We visit the Qasr al Muwaiji Heritage Museum and the Sheikh Zayed Palace Museum-the residence of the Sheikh and his family. Lunch is included, followed by a visit to Al Hili Archaeological Park—famous for its excavations.

DAY 5: SHARJAH /

**EMBARKATION.** This morning we enjoy a tour of Sharjah, where we will discover a unique Arabian lifestyle and Islamic culture. We will visit Sharjah Fort, see the grandiose King Faisal Mosque and learn about local life through the ages at the Heritage Museum. After lunch we visit Dubai Frame. It has been described as "the biggest picture frame on the planet". The

location of the frame was carefully chosen to give the best view of old and new Dubai. Later we transfer to the pier to board our cruise ship.

DAY 6: DUBAI. At leisure to enjoy the activities on board or take an optional excursion.

DAY 7: DUBAI. Enjoy the facilities of our ship or take an optional excursion.

#### DAY 8: MUSCAT (OMAN).

Relive the history of Oman's capital by venturing among its ancient walls and visiting the colourful stalls of its bustling souks. Explore on your own or choose an optional excursion to see the impressive Grand Mosque and the Bait Al Zubair Museum.

DAY 9: AT SEA. At leisure to enjoy all the ship has to offer.

#### DAY 10: DOHA (QATAR).

Doha is a vibrant capital with a mix of modern skyscrapers and picturesque souks. The Mosque of Phanar is a newly built Mosque, and is a fine example of Islamic architecture with the particular spiral minaret which is perfectly symmetrical from every angle. At night the Mosque is enhanced by magnificent lighting effects. Today you can also visit the nearby souks, and immerse yourself in the ambience of the Middle East.

#### DAY 11: ABU DHABI.

Situated on a peninsula and surrounded by a cluster of islands, Abu Dhabi is the ultra-modern capital of the United Arab Emirates, with wide avenues separating bold skyscrapers. This capital of luxury sparkles day and night. If you take the optional city tour, you will see the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque—considered the foremost architectural treasure in the UAE.

You will also see the ultramodern glimmering skyscrapers, and visit Heritage Village—a reconstructed traditional oasis which will give you a glimpse of life here before oil revenues changed so much here.

#### **DAY 12: DISEMBARKATION / FUTURE DUBAI AND THE LOST**

**CHAMBER.** We disembark our ship and proceed on a full day tour. We first see the Burj al Arab, the world-renowned 7-star luxury hotel. We then drive along Jumeirah Beach to see the incredible manmade island residence, "The Palm", followed by a visit to the incredible Lost Chambers, where the legend of the lost mythical underwater city of Atlantis comes alive. We will also see the Dubai Marina and Souk Madinat Jumeirah before visiting the Mall of the Emirates-home to the world's largest indoor ski slope, as well as the floating water dance show. After lunch, we ascend by high-speed elevator to the observation deck of Burj Khalifa—the tallest building in the world, for a breathtaking 360 degree view of the city, ocean and desert. Later we enjoy our Farewell Dinner, then board our direct flight to Toronto.

#### DAY 13: HOME.

We arrive back in Canada.



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- 2. 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.
- 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.
- 4. 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 or rail portion. Cruise or rail cancellation fees may vary).
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- 5. 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, less the \$75 administration fee (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.
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- 8. All **gratuities** are included for all services provided while on tour. For extra services such as optional excursions, meals on your own, room service, limousine drivers between your home & the airport (over which we have no control) 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!
- There may be different standards in utilities, services and accommodations outside Canada. Our classifications for hotels 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.
- 10. Single travellers must pay a supplement due to hotel charges. 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!
- 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.

- 12. Luggage handling is included wherever possible, however in some situations it does not exist—especially when removing your luggage from airport carousels. You should be capable of handling your luggage in such situations.
- 13. 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 unplanned overnight travel to or from your destination, the cost will be borne by the traveller.
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- 20. You may buy our tours on a "land only" basis and arrange your own flights—an air rebate will be applied. If you book your own flights, home pick-up and drop-off are not included. If you book different flights from the rest of the group, 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.
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