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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

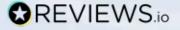
to all my travelling friends. - Rose



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 days may include 3-5 km of walking over the course of the day.



**Active** pace with longer touring days. Expect inter-

a variety of terrain, including cobblestones, hills and

uneven pavements. Must be able to negotiate stairs

of varying heights, sometimes without handrails. Can

tolerate periods of standing during guided tours and

be able to climb in/out of various modes of transpor-

tation. Some days may include 5-7 km of walking over

mittent walking at a moderate pace for 2-3 hours over

### Activity Level 3 (1)(2)(3)(4)

the course of the day.









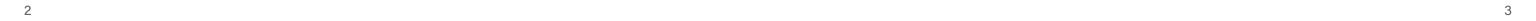
# Activity Level 4 1 2 3 4







**Energetic** pace with more physically demanding activity. Longer walking/hiking tours (more than 3 hours), over uneven and possibly rugged terrain. Expect some longer days. Varying altitudes with some steep ascents/descents. Capable of standing for extended periods of time. Some days may include 5–13 km of walking over the course of the day.





# 10 reasons you'll love travelling with us

### 1/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.

### 2/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.

### 3/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!

### **4/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.

### **5/Roundtrip transport**

... right from your doorstep to the airport and home again.

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).

# 6/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!

### 7/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!

### 8/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.

### 9/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!

### 10/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 126.

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# 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!

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# **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** 





# 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).

So this winter, don't bother with your passport, exchange rates or bottled water. Just come with us to this Canadian

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 Wi-Fi and a free shuttle service that runs from the hotel to the downtown core for the exclusive convenience of hotel guests.

Feb 25 - Mar 14 / Mar 18 - Apr 4 **Apr 8 - 25** 

### COST

Costs are per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, or Halifax

Standard Room: \$5,397

(1 or 2 queen beds) Includes microwave, small fridge, coffee maker, kettle, dishes & utensils.

Studio Suite: \$5,597

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

One Bedroom Suite: \$5,797

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

- Single supplement:
- Standard Room: add \$1,190
- Studio Suite: add \$1,390
- One Bedroom Suite: add \$1,590
- Edmonton or Calgary: deduct \$200
- Vancouver: deduct \$500

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge - Superior accommodation - Full breakfast daily, 6 dinners and 2 lunches • 2 Afternoon Teas • 12 guided excursions as described 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 a tour to famous Butchart Gardens, a 50-acre showplace comprising various incredible gardens. Lunch is included (afternoon tea menu). We also visit the Victoria Butterfly Gardens, with tropical fish, birds and an orchid display.

### **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.

### **Emily Carr Themed Walk**

We enjoy an Emily Carr themed walking tour which will take us through the famed painter's Victoria neighbourhood.

### **Maritime Museum**

We enjoy a tour of The Maritime Museum of British Columbiawhere we'll learn about the maritime culture and history of the Pacific Northwest through rotating exhibits.

### **Victoria Harbour Ferry**

You may join your choice of cruise (an Inner Harbour Cruise stopping at Fishermen's Wharf, or a cruise up the historic Gorge Waterway) any time during your stay.

### **Seaside Community** of Sidney

A full-day tour to the charming seaside community of Sidney, including a visit to the BC Aviation Museum, After our included lunch we will enjoy some time to explore the shops in Sidney.



### **Island Tour**

We begin at the Malahat Skywalk -a 600 m tree walk through a beautiful arbutus forest, leading to a spectacular lookout with views of the surrounding waterways and mountains. We continue to Chemainus, and explore the town's beautiful murals. We'll also visit Duncan, famous for its Totem Poles.





# Florida: **Gulf Coast**

Escape winter on this sun-soaked holiday to Treasure Island, located on Florida's beautiful Gulf Coast.

This relaxed tour is the perfect combination of beach time, local exploration and fun with friends. Soak up the sun, shop, join a fun sightseeing tour-and experience the best of everything this amazing destination has to offer. The Suncoast Trolley stops right in front of the hotel for quick trips to St. Petersburg, John's Pass Fishing Village, Corey Avenue shopping and Clearwater's Marine Aquarium.

We will stay at the moderate Bilmar Beach Resort, which has breezy Caribbean decor, sweeping views of the Gulf of Mexico, and an unbeatable location right on Treasure Island's sandy shores. Amenities include 2 heated swimming pools, whirlpool spa, fitness room, beachside walking trail, and onsite restaurant.

Your accommodation will be in Beachfront Studio Rooms, or Beachfront Premium Studio Rooms. All rooms have a private balcony or patio overlooking the beach, cooktop stove, fridge, microwave, coffee maker, a large flat-screen TV, and 2 gueen-size beds (Premium rooms have the option of a king-size bed). The Premium rooms are 20% larger, with a spacious kitchenette and a breakfast bar for 4.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tours of St. Petersburg, Tampa & Sarasota
- Tour of Tarpon Springs: World Sponge Capital
- Ringling Circus Museum
- Dalí Museum
- Sunken Gardens
- Boat cruise
- Florida Aquarium

### 15 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Jan 12 - 26 / Jan 26 - Feb 9

### COST

**Beachfront Studio Room** with Balcony:

Jan 12: \$5,497 Jan 26: \$5,747

Beachfront Premium Studio Room with Balcony:

Jan 12: \$5,747 Jan 26: \$5,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplements:
- Beachfront Beach Studio: add \$1,790
- Beachfront Premium Beach Studio: add \$1,990
- Triples: deduct \$150 per person (cots are not available)
- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$290
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$690 (includes an overnight in Toronto en route to Florida)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • Beachfront accommodation • 14 breakfasts, 4 dinners & 1 lunch

• 9 guided excursions & events • Full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

### **One-day Trolley Pass**

Enjoy a hop-on, hop-off day aboard the Suncoast Beach Trolley, Explore St. Pete/Clearwater, check out the Corey Avenue Sunday Market, wander the shops in John's Pass Village, or take in a beautiful Gulf sunset from a waterfront café.

### **Tour of St. Petersburg**

Get to know the Sunshine City on a tour that hits all the local highlights.

### **Dalí Museum**

This remarkable art museum is home to an unparalleled collection of works by renowned artist Salvador Dalí, with more than 2,400 works from his prolific career. From his iconic melting clocks to imaginative visual illusions and avantgarde symbols, it's a unique place to shop, play, wander and enjoy a one-of-a-kind cultural experience.

### **Ybor City**

Visit Tampa's fascinating Latin Quarter, a historic neighborhood where workers in the local cigar factories once rolled hundreds of

### Florida Aquarium

Rated among the best aquariums in the US, this amazing destination has over 10,000 aquatic animals and plants.

### **Tour of Tarpon Springs**

Discover the "Sponge Capital of the World," which was settled by Greek sponge divers in the early 1900s. The tour includes a scenic boat ride—and maybe even some dolphin sightings!

### **Sunken Gardens Tour**

This serene botanical paradise is home to more than 50,000 tropical plants and birds—including a flock of flamingos!

### **Lunch Cruise**

We will board the StarLite Majesty for a leisurely cruise along the Intercoastal Waterway, with informative narration from the Captain and a delicious meal onboard.

### **Sarasota Tour**

See the best of Sarasota on an engaging guided tour of the city, with stops at botanical gardens, notable beaches, shopping areas and other points of interest including the world-famous Ringling museum.

### **Ringling Circus Museum**

Immerse yourself in circus history at the world's premiere circus museum—and even try your hand at walking the wire!





### Flagstaff, Phoenix & Tucson with Grand Canyon & Sedona

With endless sunshine, warm, dry weather, and unrivalled natural beauty, it's no surprise Arizona is one of America's most popular vacation destinations.

Our tour starts off with 3 nights at the Hilton Garden Inn in Flagstaff, which will be our home base as we visit the artists' haven of Sedona and the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. After that, we're off to Phoenix for 5 nights and Tucson for 6.

Phoenix and Tucson are incredible cities surrounded by the stunning Sonoran Desert, and are rich with history and culture, with incredible food, places to shop, and the perfect mix of modern conveniences and "Old West" charm.

We will stay at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in both locations. Each tastefully decorated one-bedroom suite has two queen beds or one king, plus a wet bar with microwave, coffee maker, fridge, and sink.

Each hotel has a restaurant, heated outdoor pool, complimentary Wi-Fi, fitness centre, made-to-order breakfasts, and complimentary evening receptions. Our Phoenix hotel is within a mile of Camelback Mountain (a great place for a hike), golf courses, Biltmore Fashion Park, and Old Town Scottsdale.

### 15 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 10 - 24

### COST

### \$8,497

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$2,190
- Vancouver: deduct \$400

Add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto or Vancouver en route to Arizona.

- Edmonton or Calgary: add \$90
- Montreal or Winnipeg: add \$390
- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$690

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sedona—Red Rock Country
- Grand Canyon
- Desert Botanical Garden
- Canyon Lake

- Heard Museum of Native Heritage
- Musical Instrument Museum
- Taste of Tucson tour
- Sabino Canyon tram tour
- Sonoran Desert Museum & Desert Botanical Garden
- Tombstone: "The Town Too Tough to Die"

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • First-class hotels—Suite accommodation • Full hot breakfast daily, 8 dinners & 4 lunches • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: FLAGSTAFF. We arrive in Phoenix and depart for Flagstaff. This evening is our Welcome dinner.

DAY 2: SEDONA. Today we travel to Sedona, known for its magnificent red rock formations and quaint artists' colony. We will ride a trolley and hear captivating stories about Native American history, mysterious energy vortexes, and filming Westerns.

### **DAY 3: GRAND CANYON.**

Today, we visit the Grand Canyon, an unforgettable Natural Wonder of the World and one of the planet's most remarkable, awe-inspiring landscapes.

### **DAY 4: PHOENIX CITY TOUR.**

We transfer to Phoenix and start with a tour that includes a drive through Phoenix and a walk in Old Town Scottsdale. Highlights include the Arizona State Capitol (with artifacts of the USS Arizona, flagship of the fleet sunk at Pearl Harbor), the beautiful Arizona State University campus, Camelback Mountain and more. We'll enjoy a fun evening at the legendary Rustler's Rooste, with a BBQ feast, live country and western music, guided line dancing, and spectacular views.

### **DAY 5: PHOENIX AT LEISURE.**

Wander the streets of Old Town Scottsdale or go shopping at Fashion Square, enjoy a round at Biltmore Golf & Country Club or venture into the nearby Superstition Mountains for a hike. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to assist you.

**DAY 6: CANYON LAKE/ PHOENIX.** Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, we'll take a boat ride on Canyon Lake, known for rock formations that resemble people and animals, and listen to tales and legends of the area. Later, we'll stop in Goldfield, a ghost town on the historic Apache Trail.

### **DAY 7: DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN / HEARD MUSEUM.**

Our day starts with a visit to the Desert Botanical Garden, where we'll see the incredible diversity of plants of the Southwest. Then it's off to the acclaimed Heard Museum to see the vibrant arts and cultures of the local indigenous people. Lunch is included at the famous Organ Grinder with its mighty Wurlitzer.

### **DAY 8: MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM / PHOENIX.** At this

unique museum, you can see—and hear!-more than 10,000 instruments from all over the world.

### **DAY 9: CASA GRANDE NATIONAL MONUMENT /**

TUCSON. En route to Tucson, we will stop to explore the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People's community and Great House (known as the Casa Grande Ruins), whose origin and purpose remain unknown. We continue to our all-suite hotel in Tucson.

### **DAY 10: TUCSON CITY TOUR.**

This full-day tour starts with a tram ride in the Sabino Canyon, then takes us to the Presidio San Agustin del Tucson, an 18th-century Spanish fort. We will stop at the Railroad Station where Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday gunned down Frank Stilwell and the Hotel Congress where John Dillinger was captured. And we will end with a visit to the Mission San Xavier del Bac, the beautiful "White Dove of the Desert" built by Spanish Jesuits and now used as a spiritual centre by the Tohono Indians.

### **DAY 11: TASTE OF TUCSON.**

This guided culinary walking tour includes tastings at a variety of downtown eateries, with conversations with chefs and restaurant owners. A delicious way to experience a fascinating city!

### **DAY 12: TUCSON AT LEISURE.**

Soak up the sun, swim, shop or explore Tucson on your own. You can visit Old Tucson Studios, the Pima Air and Space Museum, the Biosphere research facility, or Kitt Peak National Observatory, site of the first telescope. This evening, we will enjoy a show at the local theatre.

### **DAY 13: TOMBSTONE / TUCSON.**

After a walking tour with a colourful local guide, we can watch a shootout reenactment with Wyatt Earp and the gang at the OK Corral or visit the famous Bird Cage Theatre, a former theatre, saloon, gambling parlour and brothel. We finish at the Boot Hill Graveyard, which is known for its witty epitaphs.

### **DAY 14: SONORA DESERT MUSEUM / TUCSON.**

Today we visit the world-renowned museum that recreates the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert, with over 300 animal species and 1,200 kinds of plants along two miles of scenic paths. Our Farewell dinner will be at Pinnacle Peak, a western-themed steakhouse with a vintage cowboy vibe.

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

We transfer to the airport and fly home.





# 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 in Phoenix, "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.

Next we spend 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.

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

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 25 - Mar 11

### COST

### \$8,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$2,190
- Vancouver: deduct \$300

All of the add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto or Vancouver en route to Phoenix.

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- Calgary or Edmonton: add \$90
- Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, or Winnipeg: add \$390

### **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 2 lunches • "WOW: The Vegas Spectacular" No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We fly to Phoenix and transfer to our hotel on arrival. This evening we gather for a Welcome Drink and get to know our fellow travellers.

DAY 2: PHOENIX. Today's tour includes beautiful Arizona State University campus, the Capital Building, Camelback Mountain, and walking tour of Old Town Scottsdale.

DAY 3: CANYON LAKE / **PHOENIX.** Morning at leisure. This afternoon we take a boat ride on Canyon Lake, known for rock formations that look like people and animals, and listen as the captain tells us tales and legends of the area. This evening, we enjoy dinner and a show at the Arizona Opry Theater.

DAY 4: PHOENIX. A day at leisure to swim, shop, or explore. Ask your Tour Manager for suggestions. A wonderful western BBQ with live music is included this evening.

### DAY 5: PHOENIX / TUCSON.

This morning we visit the Musical Instrument Museum, a unique experience where you can hear 10,000 instruments from all over the world. After our visit, we proceed to Tucson.

DAY 6: TUCSON. A full day of sightseeing, starting with Tucson highlights, then heading to Sabino Canyon, a desert oasis in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Our tram tour through this stunning canyon will be a definite highlight!

### **DAY 7: TOMBSTONE / TUCSON.**

Today we visit Tombstone, "The Town Too Tough to Die." Treasure hunters came here to strike it rich. and it 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.

**DAY 8: SONORA DESERT / TUCSON.** We travel through beautiful Saguaro National Park to the Sonora Desert Museum, a world-renowned zoo and botanical garden with more than 300 animal species and 1,200 kinds of plants along two miles of paths. A light lunch is included.

### **DAY 9: SEDONA / FLAGSTAFF.**

Today we'll see a 1927 Wurlitzer organ, the largest theatre pipe organ ever made, with 6,000 pipes and 1,074 keys, buttons and switches that create the sound of a full orchestra! After lunch (included) we continue to Sedona, known for its quaint artists' colony and magnificent red rock formations. After a trolley ride to see the area's spectacular views, we continue to Flagstaff.

**DAY 10: GRAND CANYON / FLAGSTAFF.** Today we visit the Grand Canvon, one of the Natural Wonders of the World and an awesome natural spectacle that's 15 miles wide and a mile deep, with colours that shift with every change of light. There are plenty of scenic lookouts, so bring those cameras!

### DAY 11: FLAGSTAFF / PAGE.

Today begins with a walking tour of downtown Flagstaff with a local storyteller. Then we drive to Page, passing through the vibrant Painted Desert.

**DAY 12: ANTELOPE CANYON / PAGE.** We take a Navajo-guided jeep tour through the Canyon's petrified sand dunes—a natural marvel created by wind, water and sand. In the evening, we'll enjoy a Navajo dinner with pow-wow dancing, live music, and storytelling.

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: look out for dancing fountains, an Egyptian pyramid, and the Statue of Liberty! Then we'll head to "Glitter Gulch," the city's historic downtown. We'll stop at the legendary Golden Nugget Hotel, one of the few hotels remaining from the Rat Pack era, visit the Mob Museum, and experience the amazing Freemont Street Light Show. After our Farewell Dinner, we'll attend WOW: The Vegas Spectacular, featuring dancers, acrobats, comedians, 3D proiections, and more.

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





# **Palm Springs**

Palm Springs has long lured everyone from the rich and famous to nature lovers—and anyone who craves warm winter sunshine in a breathtaking setting!

With 250 days of sunshine every year, this desert town is known for its wonderful year-round weather, pure, clean air and gorgeous setting, with healing hot springs, scenic mountains, lush canyons—and, yes, plenty of palm trees.

Our hotel is the First Class Lifehouse Palm Springs, located a short distance from downtown Palm Springs, near the San Jacinto Mountains, restaurants, and golf courses. The local Sun Bus (bus pass included) is minutes away from the hotel for easy access to the downtown core of Palm Springs. The hotel combines the beauty of the Coachella Valley with Old Hollywood glamour. Features of the hotel include a heated swimming pool, poolside bar, cabanas, gardens, outdoor fire pit, free Wi-Fi, and more.

### 15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Feb 4 - 18

### COST

### \$8,797

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

- Single supplement: add \$2,990
- Vancouver: deduct \$300
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$90

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### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Guided tours of Palm Springs
- Indian Canyon hike
- Sunnylands Center & Gardens
- Living Desert Museum
- California Coastline Tour
- Local experiences: Wine & Cheese Art Tour of a private home
- · Los Angeles & Hollywood tour
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Tram ride to San Jacinto Peak

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada (direct flights between Toronto or Vancouver, and Palm Springs)

• First-class hotel accommodation as described • Breakfast daily, 8 dinners (including a dinner-show) and 4 lunches • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

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

We fly to Palm Springs and transfer to our hotel. This evening is our Welcome Reception.

### **DAY 2: RICH AND FAMOUS**

TOUR. Since the 1930's, Palm Springs has been the playground of the well-to-do. Today we'll visit famous neighbourhoods of star-studded homes such as the Las Palmas area, and hear stories and secrets of the stars who frequented Palm Springs, including Bing Crosby, Hedy Lamarr, Elvis Presley, the Rat Pack, Marilyn Monroe, Liz Taylor, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and more! This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

### DAY 3: COASTAL TOUR / **MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO** / EVENING STREET FAIR. Our full-

day guided tour of California's picturesque coast begins with a harbour cruise at Newport Beach. We will stop in Laguna, founded as an art colony, and end at the historic San Juan Capistrano Mission. In the evening, we will attend Village Fest to see craft vendors and food stands.

### **DAY 4: AT LEISURE / EVENING**

**ART TOUR.** A day at leisure. This evening, we "Meet the Locals" with a Wine & Cheese reception and Art Tour of a private home—a 1948 California Ranch with many architectural elements geared to desert living.

### **DAY 5: AT LEISURE / MUSICAL**

**SHOW.** Enjoy a free day to explore Palm Springs—your Tour Manager will be happy to suggest activities. This evening we will take in a musical performance.

**DAY 6: SUNNYLANDS CENTER** AND GARDENS. Once a haven for presidents, monarchs, stars and

tycoons, this beautiful, sprawling mid-century estate still functions as a neutral meeting place for diplomats and world leaders.

### **DAY 7: LIVING DESERT MUSEUM.**

Our adventure today is a guided safari tour of this unique wildlife and botanical park. Lunch is included.

### **DAY 8: BOTANICAL GARDENS** & CACTARIUM / THEATRE

**PRODUCTION.** We stroll over to Moorten's Botanical Gardens & Cactarium—a privately owned arboretum featuring over 3000 varieties of desert trees, plants and cacti from around the world. In the evening, we will take in an entertaining show at a local theatre.

### **DAY 9: AGUA CALIENTE CULTURAL CENTRE.** We visit

the Agua Caliente Cultural Center, where we will learn about the culture of the local Cahuilla Native Americans. Onsite one can find hot mineral springs—part of the tribe's healing tradition. The incredible spa features an acoustic wellness lounge, tranquility garden, salt caves and more. There will be an option to enjoy one of the most luxurious hot mineral spring spas in the USA.

### **DAY 10: LOS ANGELES & HOLLYWOOD / EVENING**

**STREET FAIR.** Our tour starts downtown, where we will see Walt Disney LA Concert Hall and other famous sites before heading to Beverly Hills and Hollywood. On our stroll along Hollywood Boulevard, we'll see celebrity' handprints and footprints in front of the TCL Chinese Theatre, check out the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and get an epic view of the legendary Hollywood sign! This evening offers another opportunity to enjoy the Village Fest street fair.

### **DAY 11: INDIAN CANYON / DATE**

**FARM.** Today begins with a leisurely nature hike in Indian Canyon. Our knowledgeable guide will teach us about native plants, animals, lore and local history. Later, we'll visit a date farm in Coachella Valley, California's "date capital."

### **DAY 12: JOSHUA TREE**

**NATIONAL PARK.** Today we visit one of the world's richest living museums, with stunning wildflowers and palm groves, breathtaking canyons and surreal geological features sculpted by wind and time. Lunch is included.

### DAY 13: MOUNT SAN JACINTO.

Rising 10,834 feet, San Jacinto Peak is the second-highest in California. As the ancestral homeland of the Cahuilla people, its rugged terrain has tremendous spiritual and cultural heritage—and pure scenic splendour. We will take the tramway to the summit for panoramic views of Palm Springs and the desert. Lunch is included.

DAY 14: AT LEISURE. Our final day in the Palm Springs area, followed by our Farewell Dinner.

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

We transfer to the airport to return home.





# San Diego & **Palm Springs**

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

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 Lifehouse Palm Springs, a former Hollywood starlet's mid-century desert hideaway. Just a short distance from downtown Palm Springs, the modernist hotel combines the beauty of the Coachella Valley with Old Hollywood glamour. The hotel has a pool, pool bar, cabanas, and more. The local Sun Bus is minutes away from the hotel for easy access to downtown Palm Springs.

### 15 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 19 - Mar 5

### COST

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### \$8,797

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

- Single supplement: add \$2,590
- Vancouver: deduct \$200
- Edmonton or Winnipeg: add \$90
- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$190

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **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 • Breakfast daily, 10 dinners and 3 lunches • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

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

SAN DIEGO. We fly to San Diego and transfer to our hotel, located in the historic Old Town.

### **DAY 2: SAN DIEGO TOUR.**

A full-day tour of San Diego and the surrounding area, which will take in Point Loma, Cabrillo National Monument, Mission Bay, Balboa Park, and the Old Town. 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.

### **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 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.

**DAY 8: TEMECULA /** PALM SPRINGS. We leave San 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 pro-

ceed to Palm Springs.

**DAY 9: TOUR PALM SPRINGS /** "VILLAGEFEST". 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! This evening is Palm Springs "Villagefest"a weekly colourful street fair with craft stalls and food stands.

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

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

### **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: RETURN. We transfer to the LA airport and fly home.





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 Iao 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 2025** 

Feb 6 - 20 / Feb 20 - Mar 6

### COST

### \$9,997

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 ukulele 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**

Included in our full-day tour of the "Big Island", will be a visit to 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.

### lao Valley & **Plantation Tour**

During our full-day tour of Maui, 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 Iao 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.





### Oaxaca - Chiapas - Mexico City

Celebrated for their rich Mayan history and stunning natural landscapes, Oaxaca and Chiapas are known for their rich Indigenous communities proudly practicing age-old traditions in cuisine, clothing, and folk art.

Our journey begins and ends in vibrant Mexico City, where we explore pre-Hispanic neighbourhoods and colonial-era churches nestled among brightly painted houses.

Next, we spend four nights in Oaxaca, a guintessential Mexican town known for its colourful markets, delicious food, and stunning churches. We'll stay at Hotel Boutique Na'ura Centro, a colonial-style boutique hotel characteristic of the splendid architecture of this historic city, and from there we can explore the town's narrow, winding streets, enjoy charming local cafés, or venture out to discover aweinspiring ancient ruins.

Our next adventure includes a 5-night stay in Chiapas, Mexico's "Paradise of the South." We will stay at Casa Vieja, an enchanting hotel near the main pedestrian areas, and enjoy visits to Mayan villages and tranquil natural attractions.

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 6 - 20

### COST

### \$7,797

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

- Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Ottawa, Halifax, or Winnipeg: add \$290 (includes a Toronto overnight en route to Mexico)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tour of Mexico City and its historic centre
- Colonial Puebla: a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Mountain-top Monte Alban: UNESCO Site
- Historic Oaxaca: a UNESCO Site

- City of San Cristobal de las Casas
- Mayan villages of Zinacantan & San Juan Chamula
- Mayan archaeological site of Tonina
- Boat ride through 800-metre deep Sumidero Canyon

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • Mainly first-class hotels • Full breakfast daily • 12 dinners, 2 lunches

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

### **ITINERARY**

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

We fly for Mexico City and transfer to our hotel.

### DAY 2: MEXICO CITY /

**PUEBLA.** Our morning tour includes Constitution Plaza, the Metropolitan Cathedral, Aztec ruins at Mayor Temple, Alameda Park, and more. In the afternoon, we head to Puebla.

### **DAY 3: PUEBLA / OAXACA.**

Our morning tour of Puebla, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcases magnificent colonial buildings and the Chapel of the Rosary, world-renowned for its beauty. After lunch at a traditional local restaurant, we head to Oaxaca.

### DAY 4: MONTE ALBAN /

**OAXACA.** Today we explore Monte Alban, a fascinating mountaintop archaeological site dating back to 500 BC. In the afternoon, we're off for a guided tour of Oaxaca's historical centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated for its stunning architecture.

### DAY 5: MITLA.

We start our day at Mitla, an ancient Mixtec ceremonial centre, followed by a tour of a mezcal distillery and lunch. Later, we visit Teotitlán del Valle, where a Zapotec family demonstrates traditional weaving techniques using natural dyes to create beautiful rugs.

### DAY 6: OAXACA.

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore, visit museums, or join your Tour Manager for a trip to the local market to sample fried grasshoppers!

**DAY 7: TEHUANTEPEC. Today** we move on to Santo Domingo Tehuantepec, the second-largest city in the state of Oaxaca.

**DAY 8: TEHUANTEPEC.** Enjoy a leisurely morning, perhaps visiting a quaint fishing village or a beautiful beach. In the afternoon, we will tour Santo Domingo Tehuantepec, including the Dominican Convent where Indigenous women craft traditional Tehuana dresses.

### **DAY 9: SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS**

CASAS. We embark on a boat ride through the stunning Sumidero Canyon, featuring deep, narrow passages with walls up to 1 km high. Our naturalist guide will help spot monkeys, crocodiles, and birds. Afterward, we proceed to San Cristobal de las Casas for a 4-night stay.

### **DAY 10: SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS**

CASAS. In colonial times, this city was the most important one in the region. Our guided walking tour will include visits to the Cathedral, Santo Domingo church, and the picturesque streets of the historical centre.

### **DAY 11: MOXVIQUIL.**

**Ecological Reserve and Orchids** Garden. Today we visit Moxviquil Botanical Gardens, a place dedicated to the protection and conservation of the orchids and bromelias of the state. Enjoy a fascinating walk with an expert on the flora and fauna of the state.

### **DAY 12: INDIGENOUS VILLAGES.**

Today we step back in time with visits to two captivating Tzotzil Mayan villages: Zinacantan and San Juan Chamula. In Zinacantan, we'll visit a family of weavers who continue to use ancient backstrap looms, creating colourful clothing adorned with floral designs. In San Juan Chamula, we will learn about unique religious practices that intertwine Catholicism with Mayan beliefs.

### **DAY 13: TUXTLA GUTIERREZ.**

This morning we leave the mountains and drive down to the capital of the State of Chiapas where we will overnight. Upon arrival to Tuxtla Gutierrez we will visit Zoomat, a wonderful zoo where we will see endemic fauna from Chiapas, a state with the highest concentration of animal species in North America. After our visit, we drive to our hotel to check in and have free time for lunch. This afternoon we will enjoy a tour of the city to include the main plaza, City Hall, the Cathedral, Santo Domingo Church and the Marimba Park where we will listen to the musical instrument from this state. You will be able watch the locals dance to the rhythm of the marimba or even join them. We drive back to the hotel for dinner.

### **DAY 14: MEXICO CITY.**

After breakfast we transfer to the Tuxtla Gutierrez airport for the flight to Mexico City. We enjoy a farewell dinner tonight at the hotel.

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

We transfer to the airport for our flight home with Air Canada.







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 Resort & Spa, 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 2025**

Feb 22 - Mar 8 / Mar 6 - 20 Mar 22 - Apr 5

### COST

February tour: \$7,297 March tours: \$7,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

• Single supplement: add \$1,990

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

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- Montreal, Ottawa, or Winnipeg: add \$390
- Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$490

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • First-class hotel • Full breakfast & dinner daily, & 1 lunch

- Afternoon tea daily
   Manager's weekly cocktail party
   Guided tours as described
- Bermuda Transport Pass: allows access to all buses & ferries on the island
- No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

# INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

### **Panoramic Island Tour**

We'll drive through the nine parishes of the island and see the main landmarks including Gibb's Hill Lighthouse, Fort St. Catherine, the capital city of Hamilton, and the picturesque town of St. George, all the while appreciating the natural beauty of the seaside and pink beaches. Our guide will provide insight into the history and culture of the island. Lunch is included at the Anchor Restaurant.

# Guided walking tour of the Royal Naval Dockyards

History comes alive as we enjoy a guided tour of the 19th century Royal Naval Dockyards, known as the "Gibraltar of the West". It was once the largest British naval base outside of the UK—and is now the most visited site in Bermuda, with historical buildings and a famous arts centre.

# **Guided tour of 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. We'll explore the old fortifications, learn about the area's fascinating military history, and pop into St. Peter's Church—the oldest Anglican church outside the UK.

# The Bermuda Zoo and Aquarium

We visit this facility which showcases marine and other animal life from Bermuda and around the world, including seals, turtles, monkeys, and birds, as well as the world's first living coral reef exhibit.

### THINGS TO DO

This holiday is best suited for those who enjoy exploring at their own pace, and the simple pleasures of beautiful beaches and warm, subtropical days. Here are some ideas for you to enjoy.

### Take the pink bus!

Use our included Transport Pass to take the reliable pink public buses to get to many nearby attractions. These buses are a fun mini-adventure in themselves

### Go snorkelling

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 are easy to see if you're snorkeling.

# 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 stroll and take in some truly spectacular scenery.

### Hit the greens!

Bermuda is a golfer's paradise, with courses featuring vistas you have to see to believe, designed by famous course architects and played by the world's greatest golfers. Tee-off times can be arranged.

### Visit Walsingham Nature Reserve

Spend the day strolling, snorkelling, or swimming at this amazing 12-acre natural wonder. Dive into the inviting blue-green waters of the awe-inspiring Causeway Cave, a popular deep-water grotto.

### Just...relax

The island's blissful pink sand beaches are its biggest draw. Enjoy our 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.





# **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, and a cruise on one of Cuba's most beautiful bays.

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

**INCLUSIONS** 

TOUR

- Boat ride through mangroves to visit an Indigenous village
- Trinidad: Cuba's most well-preserved old city

# 15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Feb 18 - Mar 4 / Mar 11 - 25

### COST

### \$5,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,190
- Ottawa or Calgary: add \$290
- Montreal or Halifax: add \$790 (includes a Toronto overnight on the way home)
- Vancouver or Edmonton: add \$590 (includes a Calgary overnight en route to Cuba)
- Winnipeg: add \$990 (includes Calgary) overnights in each direction)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

- Old and New Havana
- Cuban music & dance performance
- Pinar del Rio

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 Our city tour includes a visit to the collections of art and history.

DAY 4: TRINIDAD. Our first stop today is Guama, where we visit a crocodile farm. Raised wooden platforms provide vantage points to admire these awesome beasts. From here we'll 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. After lunch we'll visit the Playa Giron Museum, located on the landing site of the Armed Cuban Exiles during the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961. Then we proceed to Trinidad for a 3-night stay.

**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: TRINIDAD. This morning we enjoy a boat excursion on Trinidad's Casilda Bay. Then we'll visit the Museo San Isidro De Los Destiladeros, where we'll learn about the history of slavery. The museum consists of a carefully reconstructed colonial house, slave barracks, Cuba's first rum distillery, and the site where sugar cane was produced at the time.

### DAY 7: CIENFUEGOS / HAVANA.

En route to Havana we stop in Cienfuegos, a well-preserved colonial city with European flavour. The city has wide Parisian-style boulevards and elegant colonnades. colonial-style Terry Theatre and De Valle Palace, with its ornate architecture, 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. After our visit of Cienfuegos 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!

**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 9: PINAR DEL RIO /

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 Martí. We will also visit the Decorative Arts Museum.

DAY 11: HAVANA. Today we visit the Ernest Hemingway Museum, one of the most popular museums in Havana. Located in a villa that was owned and 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: RETURN.**

We fly home from Varadero.





# **Dominican** Republic

Experience rich cultural diversity where Spanish, African, and Indigenous Taíno influences blend to create a tapestry of culture and tradition.

From beautiful golden beaches to lush tropical forests, the Dominican Republic's north coast welcomes you with natural beauty and famed hospitality as you relax and explore.

Our stay is at the all-inclusive Iberostar Costa Dorada Resort. This beachfront hotel features manicured palm gardens, with a wide variety of dining options including an excellent buffet, three à la carte restaurants, one snack bar, café, and 4 bars (note open 24-hours). Each spacious Premium guest room guest room has a terrace or balcony, and includes air-conditioning, coffee/tea maker, in-room safe, mini bar.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- All-inclusive Iberostar Costa Dorada Resort
- Puerto Plata city tour
- Ocean World Park
- Rio San Juan and Gri Gri Lagoon
- Cabrera Village with farm visit

15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Feb 5 - 19 / Feb 26 - Mar 12

### COST

February 5: \$5,997 February 26: \$5,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

Single supplement: add \$1,790

Add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto en route to the Dominican Republic

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

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







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Air Transat Flights (all flights via Toronto) • First-class hotels as described • Full breakfast, lunch & dinner daily • All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy at any time

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

### **ITINERARY**

### DAY 1: DEPARTURE / SAN JUAN.

Arrival in San Juan and transfer to our all-inclusive resort.

### **DAY 2: COSTA DORADA.**

After a short information briefing in the morning, spend the day enjoying the resort.

### **DAY 3: PUERTO PLATA.**

Our guided tour of this fascinating colonial city features key attractions including the Macroix House of Rum, Fortaleza San Felipe, Amber Museum, and scenic spots like Plaza Independencia. We'll end with a scenic cable car ride and lunch.

### DAY 4: COSTA DORADA.

Enjoy a day of leisure! With so many activities to choose from, you may not know what to choose first. Windsurfing, kayaking, snorkeling, and more awaits.

### **DAY 5: OCEAN WORLD PARK.**

Today we visit Ocean World Park near Puerto Plata, a premier marine park featuring the world's largest man-made dolphin habitat. The tour includes a dolphin encounter, a light lunch and free time to explore the park.

### DAY 6: COSTA DORADA.

A day at leisure to enjoy the sun, sand and surf.

**DAY 7: SAN JUAN / GRI-GRI** LAGOON. This afternoon we will explore the village of Rio San Juan and visit tranquil Gri Gri Lagoon, a natural sanctuary with incredible birds and mangrove forests.

### DAYS 8 & 9: COSTA DORADA.

A day at leisure to enjoy our beautiful resort.

### DAY 10: CABRERA VILLAGE.

Today's guided tour will take us off the beaten tourist track, into the heart of the country, where we'll experience the local culture. Included will be visits to an artisan cheese factory, the community of Las Lajas, a cocoa farm where Creole chocolate and cocoa wine is produced, a small coffee plantation, the community of Saballo with its 100-year-old sugar cane factory, and the typical house of an 82-year-old artisan in La Piragua where we'll learn how to make guano baskets using natural materials. We'll finish off with a stop at a hidden beach where we'll enjoy a majestic view.

### DAYS 11 & 12: COSTA DORADA.

More time to kick back on the beach and enjoy everything our resort has to offer!

### **DAY 13: MONKEYLAND.**

Today we visit Monkeyland, a natural jungle habitat that's home to beautiful scenery—and friendly squirrel monkeys! After a scenic drive through the Dominican countryside, we'll have the opportunity to interact with these cheeky, friendly creatures in their natural environment. The sanctuary is also home to beautiful botanical gardens of native flora, well worth a stroll to view all the colourful medicinal plants, flowers and fruit trees native to the Dominican Republic.

### **DAY 14: COSTA DORADA.**

A final day at leisure to enjoy Iberostar Costa Dorada Resort.

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

We say farewell to this friendly island and fly back to Toronto.





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 Fisha 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 2025** 

Jan 23 - Feb 6 / Feb 20 - Mar 6

### COST

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### \$7,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,790
- Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, or Vancouver: add \$490 (includes hotel overnights in Toronto each way)

### **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 Wi-Fi, 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

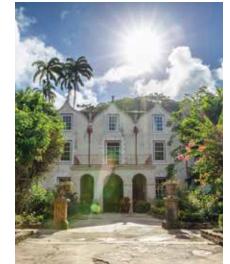
This tour, which takes us all around the island, begins with a visit to Oistins village—once a major seaport and now home to one of the world's best open-air parties. Then we visit the historic capital, Bridgetown, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we see the 19th century Parliament Buildings 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.





# **Martinique** & Guadeloupe

With exceptional beauty, vibrant culture, distinctive cuisine and legendary hospitality, the French Caribbean islands are enchanting, inspiring—and completely unforgettable.

We begin with 6 nights at La Pagerie Tropical Garden Hotel in La Pointe du Bout, Martinique's famous resort area. The hotel is in the colourful town of Les Trois-Islets, overlooking the Baie des Flamants and the capital city, Fort-de-France.

Next is Guadeloupe, a 5-island archipelago with azure seas and pristine white beaches. We will enjoy 6 nights at La Créole Beach Hotel & Spa, a beautiful beachfront property in Gosier, with daily activities, entertainment and delicious international buffets.

Guests joining us for the February 21 trip will enjoy Carnival, with incredible music and colourful parades all over the island.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- · La Pagerie Museum, l'Habitation Clément, Les Salines Beach
- Guided tours of Fort-de-France & Pointe-à-Pitre
- Balata Botanical Garden, Depaz Rum Distillery, Frank A. Perret Museum, Mount Pelée, Carbet Mountain Range Rainforest and Beach
- Scenic Grande-Terre Island
- Guadeloupe National Park, Crayfish Waterfall, Deshaies Botanical Garden, Ste-Rose Ecomuseum

# **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 8 - 20 / Feb 22 - Mar 6

(2nd date is during Carnival)

### COST

### \$7,397

per person, double occupancy, from Montreal Village View Rooms in Martinique Superior Rooms in Guadeloupe

- Single supplement: add \$1,790
- Upgrade to Garden View Rooms in Martinique and Seaview Rooms in Guadeloupe: add \$290 per person in double occupancy. \$550 single occupancy
- Toronto: add \$190 (includes a Montreal overnight on the way home)

All add-ons below include an overnight in Montreal in each direction

- Ottawa: add \$390 (with round-trip ground transportation to Montreal)
- Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver: add \$490

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







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### TOUR **INCLUSIONS**

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water & coffee included with meals) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1: DEPART / MARTINIQUE.**

We fly to Martinique via Toronto or Montreal and transfer to our hotel, with the rest of the day free until our Welcome Dinner at the hotel's fine dining restaurant.

### **DAY 2: FORT-DE-FRANCE.**

We board the sea shuttle to Fortde-France for a guided walking tour that includes the colourful central market, the Aimé Césaire Museum, and the famous Bibliothèque Schoelcher, built in France for the 1889 World Exposition. Afternoon at leisure.

### **DAY 3: NORTH ISLAND.**

We embark on a full-day tour (by coach) of Martinique's northern region. Our first stop is the beautiful Balata Botanical Garden, then we travel through lush rainforest to a local restaurant for a delicious Creole lunch and a visit to the Depaz Distillery for a taste of award-winning rum. Next up is the Frank A. Perret Museum, and finally a stop and stroll at lovely Carbet Beach for a small stroll.

### **DAY 4: AT LEISURE.**

A free day to explore the colourful streets, boutiques, and galleries of Pointe du Bout, hit the beach or just wander through our hotel's beautiful tropical gardens.

### **DAY 5: SOUTHEAST ISLAND.**

Our full-day tour begins at Le Musée de la Pagerie, the birthplace of Napoleon's first wife. Then we visit Habitation Clement, an 18th century sugar plantation and rum distillery with a designated "Remarkable Garden." We continue to the southernmost part of the island, enjoying a typical lunch en route, and arrive at the famous Les

### **DAY 6: AT LEISURE.**

A full day to unwind and enjoy our hotel. You may also want to visit La Savane des Esclaves, a re-created village that depicts the life of slaves who escaped plantations to live off the land. Or, check out the Potterv of Trois-Islets, one of the world's oldest active brick factories. The village is home to artisans, potters, and authentic Creole cafés.

### **DAY 7: POINT-A-PITRE, GUADELOUPE.** We fly to

Guadeloupe's Grande Terre Island for a 6-night stay. Afternoon at leisure.

### **DAY 8: BASSE-TERRE ISLAND.**

Our tour begins with a scenic drive along the "Route de la Traversée," through tropical forests in the National Park. After a stop at pretty Crayfish Waterfall, we'll follow the coastline to the commune of Deshaies for a visit to the Botanical Garden—which boasts incredible tropical plants and colourful birds including lorikeets, macaws, and Caribbean flamingos. Next up is the Ecomuseum, where we'll learn about the traditional medicinal garden. We finish with a cocoa workshop and lunch (included).

### **DAY 9: AT LEISURE.**

A day to relax at our beach resort, or enjoy an excursion to Les Saintes Terre-de-Haut Island, known for its coral-rich waters, palm-lined Les Saintes Bay (one of the world's most beautiful bays), and the 19th-century Fort Napoléon. Alternatively, enjoy a cruise and snorkeling at Cousteau Reserve with its abundant marine life including turtles.

### **DAY 10: POINTE-A-PITRE.**

Today we discover this charming town's busy port, lively markets, traditional homes, and street art, and visit the impressive Mémorial ACTe Museum (Slave Trade Museum).

### **DAY 11: GRANDE-TERRE ISLAND.**

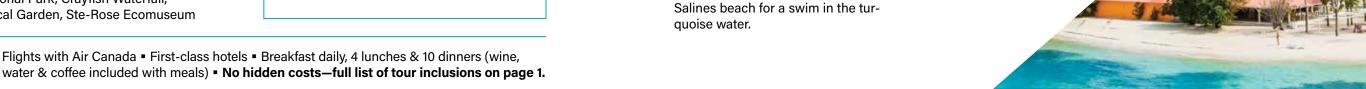
The first stop on our tour is the commune of Sainte-Anne, known for its market, which offers a wonderful selection of culinary specialties and souvenirs. Then, at Pointe des Châteaux (where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean), we'll see cliffs sculpted into dramatic castle-like formations, and take in the panoramic view of the neighbouring islands. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch before continuing to historic Morne-à-l'eau Cemetery, where nearly all the crypts are decorated with checkered black and white tiles.

### **DAY 12: AT LEISURE.**

A final day of leisure in this incredible place. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

### **DAY 13: RETURN.**

We bid a warm farewell to Guadeloupe and head home via Montreal.







Costa Rica is a land of incredible natural beauty, with beaches, scenery and biodiversity you need to see to believe. Welcome to paradise.

Our Costa Rican adventure begins with 2 nights in San José, staying at the first-class Hilton Garden Inn Santa Ana in the centre of town. Then it's off to Guanacaste on the Pacific Coast for a 5-night stay at the charming, all-inclusive CC Beach Front Hotel, with breathtaking ocean views, spectacular sunsets—and lots of time to relax in the sun.

The next 3 nights are in Monteverde, one of the world's top ecotourism destinations. We will stay at the El Establo Mountain Hotel and experience the magical Cloud Forest Reserve, with incredible wildlife spotting and stunning mountain views. Finally, we return to San José for 4 nights that include hikes, hot springs and unforgettable natural wonders.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- · San José city tour with National Theatre visit
- Britt coffee tour
- Santa Cruz & Guaitil Experience
- Wildlife sanctuary by boat
- Sunset catamaran adventure
- Arenal hanging bridges

# 15 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 1 - 15 / Feb 15 - Mar 1 Mar 1 - 15 / Mar 15 - 29

### COST

Feb 1 or Mar 15: \$8,997 Feb 15 or Mar 1: \$9,297 per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Montreal or Ottawa: add \$190
- · Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, or Vancouver: add \$490

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

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

Monteverde Cloud Forest

Corobici river floating

Ecotermales Fortuna

Irazu Volcano National Park

La Paz Waterfalls Gardens

Reserve

Selvatura Park

hot springs

• Full breakfast & dinner daily, and 13 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.

DAY 2: SAN JOSÉ. Our tour of San José is mix of history, culture, and urban charm, with a stop at the Teatro Nacional, one of the city's most beautiful historic buildings. Then, it's off to learn all about the country's #1 export-coffee-with a fascinating tour of Britt Coffee Plantation, with coffee tasting and lunch. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3: SAN JOSÉ / **GUANACASTE.** This morning we leave for Guanacaste, stopping at El Viejo Wetlands for an eco-tour of scenic beauty and incredible biodiversity. We will learn about local culture with a visit to a working hacienda, and cruise along the river for a chance to see monkeys, iguanas, crocodiles and birds. After lunch, we check in to our all-inclusive hotel, with the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 4: GUANACASTE / SANTA CRUZ / GUAITIL.** Our morning will be spent exploring the towns of Santa Cruz and Guaitil. Santa Cruz, known as the "Folkloric City of Costa Rica," is celebrated for its vibrant cultural traditions and warm, welcoming atmosphere. Guaitil is known for its traditional Chorotega pottery, which has been passed down through generations for 800 years. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 5: GUANACASTE / DIAMANTE.** Today we head to Nature Discovery Pass at Diamante, a sanctuary for rescued animals unable to survive in the wild. It's an incredible place to learn about Costa Rica's wildlife preservation efforts. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 6: GUANACASTE / COCO **BEACH.** This vibrant destination is the place to go for relaxation,

adventure, shopping, entertainment—or a little bit of everything!

**DAY 7: GUANACASTE. Morning** at leisure. In the afternoon, we will take a luxury catamaran tour, cruising along the beautiful Costa Rican coastline, snorkelling, swimming and relaxing. Enjoy cocktails and delectable snacks as we view Guanacaste's stunning scenery.

**DAY 8: GUANACASTE / MONTEVERDE.** Today we make our way to our beautiful Monteverde, where we will float down the river on a raft to see monkeys, lizards, crocodiles, river otters, and an astounding variety of tropical birds. Lunch is at Hacienda La Pacifica, a 19th-century hotel.

**DAY 9: MONTEVERDE.** In the morning, we embark on an immersive tour through the enchanting Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Wander along winding trails enveloped in mist, marveling at the lush greenery and vibrant wildlife. In the evening, it's time for a twilight walk through Bosque eterno de los niños (the children's eternal rainforest) to observe the transition to night. We will likely see snakes, tarantulas, fireflies, walking sticks, bats, agoutis, coatimundis, and owls, and may even spot sloths, wide-eyed kinkajous, or armadillos.

### **DAY 10: MONTEVERDE.**

Today we spend the morning at Selvatura Park. It has one of the largest butterfly gardens in the Americas, with more than 30 species. It's also home to a wonderful sloth sanctuary, where we can observe these fascinating creatures and learn about the park's conservation efforts. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 11: MONTEVERDE /** ARENAL / SAN JOSÉ. Todav we head back to Costa Rica's capital city, crossing Lake Arenal and taking in incredible views of the Arenal

Volcano and the Monteverde Cloud Forest. We will explore the Arenal Hanging Bridges, a thrilling adventure through the rainforest canopy. After lunch, we're off to Ecotermales Fortuna, volcanic hot springs where we can relax and recharge in the heart of nature.

DAY 12: SAN JOSÉ. Today we hike Irazú Volcano National Park, which boasts the country's highest active volcano. We will stop at Orosi, which has the oldest church in Costa Rica, have lunch at a local restaurant, and visit Lankester Botanical Garden, a lovely spot that dates back to the 1940s.

**DAY 13: SAN JOSÉ / CENTRAL** PACIFIC AREA. Today is about exploring Costa Rica's incredible Central Pacific area. We will take a jungle crocodile safari along the Tarcoles River, see the Jaco area to get a taste of rustic, authentic Costa Rica, and visit beautiful Jaco Beach for a few hours of sand, surf and sun.

### DAY 14: SAN JOSÉ / POÁS **VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK.**

Another day of adventure begins with a hike in Poás Volcano National Park, an incredible place with an active volcano, beautiful landscapes, and diverse flora and fauna. We will also stop at La Paz Waterfall Gardens Nature Park, which has 5 waterfalls and the largest animal sanctuary in Costa Rica with toucans, scarlet macaws, capuchin monkeys, jaguars, ocelots, 26 types of hummingbirds and much, much more. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

**DAY 15: DEPARTURE.** 

Transfer to San José airport for our flight home.





An unforgettable adventure through the lush, untamed beauty of this ecological wonderland.

From the bustling streets of Panama City to the tranguil Panama Highlands, tropical islands to lush landscapes teeming with incredible wildlife, this unique journey offers a wonderful taste of Panama's incredible landscapes, amazing wildlife and rich culture.

Experience the engineering marvel that is the Panama Canal, visit a rare colony of the beautiful red-billed tropicbird, taste some of the world's best coffee, and rejuvenate at a stunning wellness retreat nestled into a mountain jungle. We will take short flights between several remarkable destinations for an experience that's the perfect balance of adventure and relaxation.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Panama City tour
- Panama Canal tour
- Coffee plantation tour
- Luxury wellness resort in Boquete
- Bird Island & Starfish Beach
- San Lorenzo UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Wildlife spotting in San Lorenzo National Park

### 13 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 18 - 30

### COST

### \$7,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,490
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$90
- · Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$490 (includes a Toronto overnight en route to Panama)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### TOUR **INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels • Full breakfast & dinner daily, & 2 lunches

• Dinner-show with dance performance • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1: DEPART.**

Fly to Panama and transfer to our hotel in Panama City.

### **DAY 2: PANAMA CITY.**

This morning, we'll take a halfday tour of the city, exploring the ruins of Old Panama, climbing the cathedral tower to see incredible city views, and visiting the Old Panama City Museum. We will also see the famous Casco Antiguo (old city), the Flat Arch, The Cathedral, Las Bovedas and the French Plaza. Welcome Dinner at our hotel in the evening.

### **DAY 3: PANAMA CANAL.**

Today we board the Pacific Queen and set sail to the Panama Canal. We'll traverse the Miraflores Locks and tour Miraflores Lake, where we'll enjoy a buffet lunch. Dinner will be at a local restaurant, where we'll enjoy Panamanian cuisine and a traditional dance show.

DAY 4: COLÓN. This morning. we are off to Colón, where we will learn about the construction of one of the world's most impressive engineering feats and enjoy a panoramic view of the locks. Then we'll head to UNESCO World Heritage Site San Lorenzo, a Spanish bastion built to protect the river entrance to Las Cruces Trail. As we travel through the lush rainforest of San Lorenzo National Park, we have the chance to see monkeys, sloths, coatimundis, toucans, and more.

### DAY 5: COLÓN / BOCAS DEL

TORO. It's time to head to our next destination, the lovely Hotel Swan's Cay in Bocas del Toro on Isla Colón. The hotel is perfectly located, with the water, restaurants, shops and activities an easy walk away. Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner in Bocas Town.

### DAY 6: BOCAS DEL TORO.

Today is all about beach time and bird watching. We will visit beautiful Bird Island, home to the red-billed tropicbird, the brown booby, the frigate and more. And even if you aren't into birds, the island is worth a visit for the scenery alone. We will spend the rest of the day on Boca del Drago beach and Starfish Beach, where we can relax, swim, and snorkel in the calm, clear waters.

### **DAY 7: BOCAS DEL TORO.**

Day at leisure to explore Bocas Town, enjoy some time at a local beach—or even try your hand at surfing at nearby Isla Carenero, only a 2-minute water taxi ride

### **DAY 8: BOCAS DEL TORO.**

Another day at leisure to explore and relax. If you're into hiking and nature, there are some incredible trails and waterfalls nearby.

### DAY 9: BOCAS DEL TORO / **BOQUETE.** After a short flight, we head to the luxurious Valle Escondido Resort in Boquete-a beautiful valley at the foot of the Baru Volcano. We will stay for the next 3 nights, with plenty of time to explore and relax in this lush

setting.

DAY 10: BOQUETE. Today we discover something Panama is particularly famous for: coffee! We will tour a local coffee plantation: as we wander through the picturesque fields, our guide will tell us the fascinating story of how our favourite pick-me-up gets from the coffee cherries picked by the Ngäbe-Buglé Indigenous People to our morning cups.

DAY 11: BOQUETE. Day at leisure to enjoy our hotel's extensive amenities: take a dip in the pool, get a massage at the spa, or play a round of golf at their challenging 9-hole executive course.

### **DAY 12: BOQUETE / PANAMA**

CITY. Today we fly to Panama City, where we will transfer to the Hotel Plaza Paitilla Inn and have the rest of the day free to do a little more exploring—or simply enjoy a final relaxing day by the pool. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 13: DEPART. We board our return flight to Toronto.





# **Nicaragua**

Swim, hike, taste and discover this incredible Central American country on our tour to the "Land of Lakes and Volcanoes."

Nicaragua is home to incredible biodiversity, fascinating cultural heritage, pristine beaches, lush rainforests, and majestic volcanoes. There's something for everyone on this adventure, from incredible ecological expeditions to journeys into the country's rich history.

Visit colonial towns and lush rainforests and dive into local culture. We will explore Granada and León, taking in their colourful architecture, vibrant markets, and historic cathedrals. Our excursions will take us to mangrove forests and mineral springs, Indigenous towns and jungle islands. And the warmth of the Nicaraguan people adds another layer to an amazing travel experience.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tours of Granada and León
- Flor de Caña rum tour
- Visit to cigar factory
- Artist experience with sculptor Alberto Gutiérrez
- · Las Isletas boat tour
- Indigenous pottery workshop
- Apoyo Lagoon & Ojo de Agua mineral springs
- Masaya Volcano National Park at night

### 16 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 13 - 28

### COST

### \$7,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- ••••• • Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Montreal: add \$190
- Ottawa: add \$290 (includes a Toronto overnight en route to Nicaragua
- Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$390 (includes Toronto overnights in each direction)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### TOUR Flights with Air Canada • First-class & moderate hotels • Breakfast & dinner daily, and 6 **INCLUSIONS** lunches • No hidden costs-full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPART. We fly to Liberia, Costa Rica and cross the border to get to our hotel in San Juan del Sur Beach, Nicaragua.

### **DAY 2: SAN JUAN DEL SUR.**

A day at leisure to relax by the hotel pool or explore the beautiful bay of San Juan del Sur. In the evening, we'll witness a beautiful sunset over the Jesus Christ of Mercy Statue.

DAY 3: SAN JUAN DEL SUR / **LÉON.** Today we take a picturesque drive to the beautiful colonial city of León, where we'll enjoy lunch and visit the city's stunning cathedral.

DAY 4: LÉON. This morning we head to Chichigalpa, the small town where world-famous Flor de Caña rum is made. While there, we will have a tasting and learn how they make this award-winning spirit.

DAY 5: LÉON. This morning we're free to explore lovely León before embarking on a boat tour through the mangroves. We will glide through breathtaking waterways teeming with flora and fauna - and maybe even spot crocodiles! Dinner will be on pretty Las Peñitas Beach as we watch the sunset.

### DAY 6: LÉON / ESTELÍ.

Today we're off to Estelí, a city famous for its tobacco production and cigar manufacturing. The afternoon is free to explore on your own.

DAY 7: ESTELÍ. We will visit a local tobacco factory to learn all about the growing and production processes.

DAY 8: ESTELÍ. We visit Don Alberto Gutiérrez, the famous "hermit sculptor" of Nicaragua, who spends his days shaping stones and enjoying a quiet life in nature. The 80-year-old artist has hand carved more than 3,000 figures in the stones that line his farm. After living in solitude for most of his life. he now welcomes visitors and is happy to talk about his work.

### DAY 9: ESTELÍ / GRANADA.

It's time to leave northern Nicaraqua and head to the Pacific coast, where we will stay in the beautiful colonial city of Granada. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 10: GRANADA / LAS ISLETAS. Today we tour the pastel streets, cathedrals and markets of the oldest city on the mainland. Then it's a boat tour of Las Isletas, a beautiful volcanic archipelago on Lake Nicaragua, to see incredible flora and fauna and experience a one-of-a-kind sunset.

DAY 11: GRANADA / SAN JUAN **DE ORIENTE.** San Juan de Oriente is known for incredible pottery: on our tour, we will take a workshop and learn the secrets of this ancient Indigenous art form. Next up is the relaxing Apoyo Lagoon, where we will bathe in the mystical anti-aging waters of an ancient volcano.

### DAY 12: GRANADA / MASAYA **VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK.**

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, we will visit Nicaragua's most active volcano, where you can stand on the rim and see steam rising from the vents. After the sun sets, we'll watch the light show as the lava lake bubbles in the active crater.

**DAY 13: GRANADA / OMETEPE** ISLAND. Today, we're off to San Jorge in Lake Nicaragua, where we'll take a ferry to beautiful Ometepe Island for an overnight stay. On the way, we will stop at Punta Jesús María, a beautiful lookout over Lake Nicaragua.

### **DAY 14: OMETEPE ISLAND.**

Today we're free to explore on our own, with optional kayak tours available in the afternoon.

**DAY 15: OMETEPE ISLAND /** OJO DE AGUA. After breakfast, we head to the magical oasis of Ojo de Agua, a volcano-fed natural spring, where you can swim in the crystal-clear, mineral-rich waters.

**DAY 16: OMETEPE ISLAND /** LIBERIA. After breakfast, we depart Nicaragua, crossing the border to Liberia, Costa Rica to fly home.





Peru captivates with breathtaking mountain landscapes, world-famous ancient sites, and incredible culture.

Our tour begins and ends in Lima, an ancient city with Inca ruins, art galleries, museums, and 16th century cathedrals. From there we head to Paracas to see an incredible nature reserve (a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site), and fly over the famous Nazca Lines—huge line drawings that predate flight by many centuries, yet can only be seen from the air...a mystery that remains unsolved!

Next we'll see the mystical Sacred Valley in the Andes, with ancient wonders and rich Peruvian culture. We'll visit spectacular Machu Picchu, one of the world's best-preserved ancient cities. We will stop in Cusco to see the capital of the Inca Empire, then head to Lake Titicaca and its floating islands to experience an ancient way of life unchanged for centuries.

At the Colca Canyon, we'll marvel at the scenery and see Andean condors in flight before heading to Arequipa, a city surrounded by snow-capped volcanoes, thermal hot springs, and the world's deepest canyons.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The capital city, Lima
- Paracas & flight over Nazca Lines
- Machu Picchu (World Heritage Site)
- Cusco (World Heritage Site)
- Inca archaeological sites
   Andahuaylillas and Ollantaytambo
- Lake Titicaca & man-made floating islands

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

16 DAYS

Feb 5 - 20

### COST

### \$11,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,990
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$990

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



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

- Majestic Colca Canyon
- The "White City" of Arequipa

Flights with Air Transat • First-class and moderate hotels • Full breakfast daily, 10 dinners and 10 lunches • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1: DEPART.** Late departure on our overnight flight to Lima.

DAY 2: LIMA. Upon arrival in Lima we transfer to our centrally located hotel (early check-in included). After some time to relax we embark on our city tour to see the Old Town, Plaza Mayor, the Government Palace, the Cathedral, and the House of El Oidor, with a guided tour of the Rafael Larco Herrera Museum, built on the site of pre-Columbian pyramid houses. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3: PARACAS. We drive along the ocean to Paracas, stopping en route at Pachacamac to visit the country's second largest Inca ruins, a sacred city dating to 900 BC.

DAY 4: NAZCA LINES /
PARACAS. Today we board a
small aircraft for a flight over the
world-renowned Nazca Lines,
which can only be seen from the
air. We'll learn about the many theories about their mysterious origin
and meaning, then enjoy lunch at a
local restaurant with the rest of the
afternoon at leisure.

### **DAY 5: PARACAS / LIMA.**

This morning we take a boat tour to Ballestas Island. During our short sea crossing we can see the famous El Candelabro, a huge etching in the sandy hill, which is considered the beginning of the Nazca Lines. The island is home to huge colonies of birds, sea lions, penguins and seals.

DAY 6: AREQUIPA. We fly to the "White City" of Arequipa, high in the Andes, and see the extraordinary architecture of the Convent of Santa Catalina, the Main Square, the cathedral and Sarita "Juanita," a Virgin of the Sun who was sacrificed to the mountain spirits and recently discovered in a glacier.

### DAY 7: COLCA CANYON.

We proceed to the town of Chivay, located at the midpoint of the Colca Valley, driving past volcanoes, incredible flora and possibly even some local wildlife.

### **DAY 8: COLCA CANYON / PUNO.**

We enter the Colca Canyon, twice as deep as the Grand Canyon, and visit the Cruz de Condors, where we can watch the condors gliding on air currents rising from the canyon. It's a truly spectacular scene, with the river 1,200 meters below! We'll enjoy a boxed lunch, then continue our scenic drive to Puno.

DAY 9: PUNO. We head out across Lake Titicaca to explore Uros and Taquile, man-made floating islands constructed entirely out of reeds and untouched by the modern world. We will talk to the indigenous inhabitants, learn about their life, and see their traditional clothing and handicrafts. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 10: CUSCO. We transfer to Cusco—en route we'll see the magnificent La Raya mountain range and visit Pukara, a ruin of the fortifications built by Andean people, and the Inca archeological site of Andahuaylillas with its beautiful baroque church. Our hotel in Cusco's city centre is a former home of wealthy Inca families.

DAY 11: CUSCO. We start our day with a visit to the Cathedral of Cusco and Temple of the Sun, the most important temple in the Inca Empire. We proceed to the ancient fortress of Saqsayhuaman, then picturesque San Blas, known as the "neighborhood of the artisans."

### **DAY 12: CUSCO / SACRED**

VALLEY. This morning we visit the small town of Chinchero, where we'll enjoy an Andean weaving demonstration. Next, we'll explore historic Moray to see the magnificent terraced circles built for planting experiments. Our final stop is the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo, where steep stone staircases and terraces lead to an inner temple.

### DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU.

We take a train to the incredible mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu. Our guided walking tour will show us the flourishing ceremonial and agricultural site it was years ago. Today it remains a jewel in a remarkable setting between two peaks of the Andes. Afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 14: MACHU PICCHU /

CUSCO. After further touring Machu Picchu, we take the Vistadome train to Ollantaytambo. Overhead windows enhance our views as we wind our way along the Urubamba Valley. Upon arrival, we transfer back to Cusco.

**DAY 15: LIMA.** We fly to Lima, with the afternoon at leisure. This evening we enjoy our Farewell Dinner.

**DAY 16: RETURN.** We transfer to the airport for our flight back to Canada.



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Late winter and spring are lovely times of year to visit Southern Italy, as the pleasant mild climate is ideal for walking and exploring the small villages and towns of the Calabrian region—the "toe of the boot" of Italy.

Calabria is one of Italy's most untouched regions, off the major tourist routes, 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, and Wi-Fi is complimentary.

En route to Calabria we will spend an overnight in Rome— "The Eternal City", including a city tour, lunch at a local restaurant, and dinner.

### 16 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 18 - Mar 5 / Mar 3 - 18 Mar 13 - 28

### COST

### \$5,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Ottawa or Montreal: add \$190
- Halifax or Winnipeg: add \$390
- Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$690

### 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 Ionica, Gerace, Siderno Antica and Locri
- Full-day tour of Reggio-Calabria
- City tour of Rome: the "Eternal City"

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

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

### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS**

### Gioiosa Ionica

We will start with a trip to Gioiosa Ionica, 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 Superiore**

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.

### Rome

On our city tour of Rome we'll see the highlights-the Roman Forum, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, and much more.





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 6 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 2025** 

Mar 8 - 25 / Mar 22 - Apr 8

### **COST**

### \$7,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- ••••• • Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa or Montreal: add \$190
- Halifax or Edmonton: add \$290
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Vancouver: add \$390

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







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 6-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 café 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: TRAPANI. We enjoy a visit of the historical centre of Trapani, which features prestigious buildings and the Purgatory Church with its beautiful facade.

DAY 10: MAZARA DEL VALLO. Day at leisure.

### **DAY 11: 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 12: 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 13: 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 14: 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 15: TAORMINA.**

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

**DAY 16: 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 17: TAORMINA.**

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

**DAY 18: RETURN.** 



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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 many 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 frequently and a full-service Casino. Guest rooms are comfortably furnished, contemporary in design and all are seaview with a balcony or terrace. Wi-Fi 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 2025**

Feb 17 - Mar 4 / Mar 3 - 18 Mar 10 - 25 / Mar 19 - Apr 3

### COST

February tour: \$6,197 March tours: \$6,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$790
- Ottawa or Halifax: add \$190
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$290

### **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 5 lunches 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. After our cruise we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, as well as a tour of a winery.

### 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. 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." Today we will also enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and a visit to the Benedictine Monastery.

### 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

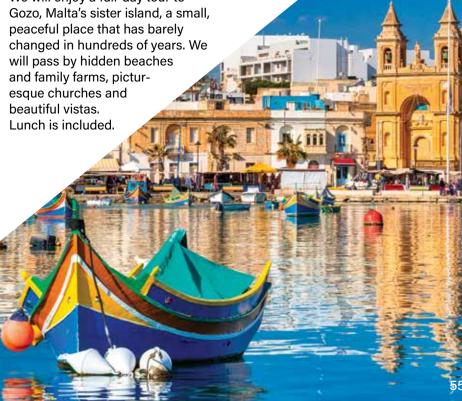
### **Folklore Dinner Show**

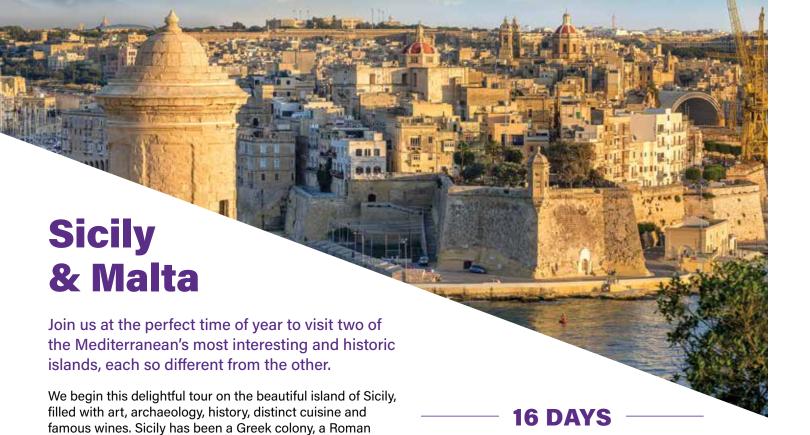
We will enjoy an evening discovering Malta's rich customs and enjoying its diverse flavours. The evening includes a delicious dinner and entertaining folklore show, with dancers in traditional costumes telling the story of Malta's long history.

### **Half-Day Excursion**

Pick up from the hotel for a half-day guided excursion visiting:

- Mosta Church
- St. Paul's Bay
- Ghain Tuffieha Bay





**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Mar 15 - 30 Mar 22 - Apr 6

Mar 29 - Apr 13

COST

### \$7,497

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

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- Ottawa or Montreal: add \$190
- Halifax or Winnipeg: add \$390
- Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$690

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







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

lobby and rooms.

an open-air museum.

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels

province, an Arab emirate, and a Norman kingdom: truly an

eclectic history. With a diversified landscape of orange and

shorelines, and crystal blue waters, there is no other place on

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 surpris-

ing 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

dotted with some of the oldest known human structures in

the world, which is why Malta has often been described as

of the towns and villages are crowded with Renaissance

cathedrals and Baroque palaces, and the countryside is

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 Bugibba 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

The comfortable guestrooms have a seaview and are con-

temporary in design. Wi-Fi is complimentary throughout the

pools, sauna, exercise classes and live music on most nights.

lemon orchards, lush forests, ancient olive groves, rugged

earth quite like this Mediterranean gem.

- 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 and our hotel in Riviera dei Ciclopi area, for a 2-night stay.

**DAY 8: SYRACUSE/ RIVIERA DEI** We depart for Palermo, Sicily with a **CICLOPI.** We drive to the ancient city of Syracuse, and we'll visit the island of Ortigia, the Spring

of Arethusa Fountain, and the Archaeological Park. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 9: TAORMINA/CATANIA/ FLIGHT TO MALTA.** We visit

the charming cliff-side town of Taormina for a scenic walking tour, followed by a walking tour of the historical city centre of Catania. We'll have dinner at a local restaurant before proceeding to the airport for our flight to Malta. Upon arrival in Malta we transfer to our hotel for a 7-night stay in seaview rooms!

### **DAY 10: SENGLEA / COSPICUA**

/ VITTORIOSA. This morning, we'll have a welcome orientation followed by an excursion that takes us to "Malta's Three Cities": Senglea, Cospicua, and Vittoriosa.

### DAY 11: MALTA AT LEISURE.

Morning is at leisure. In the evening a local historian will give a talk on Malta and Maltese traditions.

### **DAY 12: GRAND HARBOUR**

CRUISE. Morning at leisure. In the afternoon we will enjoy a delightful cruise around the Grand Harbour

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 and inexpensive public bus system that Malta is known for.

DAY 14: GOZO. On today's fullday excursion, we take the short ferry ride to Malta's second largest island, Gozo. Here we visit the sites of Fontana Cottage, the Citadel, Gozo Cathedral, Dwejra inland sea, and the pre-historic temples. Lunch is included while in Gozo.

DAY 15: 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 16: RETURN.**

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





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 spring 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 Wi-Fi 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.

### 16 DAYS

### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 30 - Apr 14

### COST

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### \$6,197

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

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

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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 lesson
- · Lectures on mythology, ancient history & modern Greece
- Movie nights
- Monastery visit
- Vineyard visit





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.

### **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 2025** 

Mar 13 - 28

### COST

### \$6,297

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$990
- Ottawa: add \$190 (for round-trip ground transport to Montreal airport)
- Vancouver: add \$590
- Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$990

### 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 Berengaria of Navarre in 1191.

DAY 4: LIMASSOL. Day at leisure, with time to sunbathe, swim and explore to our hearts' content.

### DAY 5: LIMASSOL / KAKOPETRIA / OMODOS, Todav

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.

### DAY 7: LIMASSOL / CHOIROKOITIA / LEFKARA /

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 10: LIMASSOL.** 

Day at leisure.

### 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 11: LIMASSOL / NICOSIA.

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 Nicosia's northern section and see the Gothic Cathedral of St. Sophia.

**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.





# 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.



MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

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Feb 8 - M	1ar 2	Feb 9	-	Mar 10
Feb 15 - M	1ar 9	Feb 11	-	Mar 12
Feb 27 - M	1ar 21	Feb 23	-	Mar 24
Mar 8 - M	1ar 30	Mar 2	-	Mar 31
Mar 13 - A	pr 4	Mar 11	-	Apr 9

### COST

### From \$5,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

<u>3-We</u>	ek Tours	<u>4-We</u>	4-Week Tours			
Jan:	\$5,797	Jan:	\$6,597			
Feb:	\$5,897	Feb:	\$6,797			
Mar:	\$5,997	Mar:	\$6,997			

 Single supplement 3-week tours: add \$990 4-week tours: add \$1,350

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

- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$790
- · Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$1,090
- Upgrade to "Puerto Marina Seaview" 3-week tours: \$290 per person,

double; \$590 single

4-week tours: \$390 per person,

double; \$790 single

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with TAP Air Portugal • First-class hotel (with early check-in) • Buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily (wine & beer with all hotel lunches & dinners) • Daily afternoon tea (except on touring days) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

### **Tour of Malaga**

We will take a 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. 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 guarter, the Alcaiceria market, and the old university.

### **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 a tapa.

### **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.





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 Primavera Park is the authentic oasis in the heart of Benidorm. Located very close to the historic center of the city, right next to the Town Hall and just a few meters from the beach, you will be in the hotel with the newest and most exclusive facilities, completely renovated for you. It boasts of a rooftop with an infinity pool in addition to a massage room, fitness facilities and a chill out terrace lounge.

Rooms are cozy, bright and spacious with a large and sunny terrace where you can bathe in the Mediterranean and Benidorm sun and a rain shower. The rooms are equipped with 42"; TV, minibar (chargeable), free Wi-Fi, safe (at a small fee), tea kettle and a separate living room with sofa bed

All meals are buffet-style, with a wide variety featuring local specialties and table service for beverages (water and wine included).

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

## 18 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Feb 19 - Mar 8

#### COST

#### \$5,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

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

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with KLM • Moderate hotel • Buffet breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily (except for 1 lunch)

- 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.

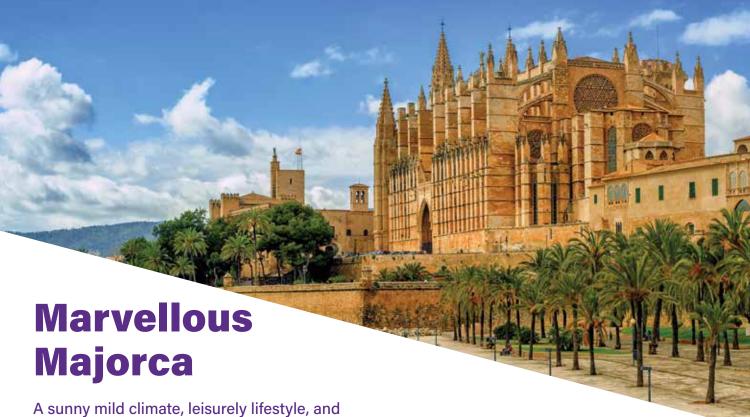
#### **Elche**

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.





spectacular scenery are just a few of the reasons why the Spanish island of Majorca is such a popular vacation destination.

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

Our hotel for this relaxing holiday is the Deluxe Hotel Palma Bellver by Melia situated in the lively city of Palma de Mallorca. Ideally located on the seafront promenade of Palm Bay with lovely views of the marina and a famous Cathedral, there are many shops and restaurants nearby, and the charming Santa Catalina district with its popular outdoor cafés, bars, and restaurants is within a short walk.

Facilities at the hotel include a large sundeck, outdoor pool (not heated) and a pool bar with beautiful views. Breakfast and dinners are served in the main international restaurant. The bright, sunny guest rooms are comfortably furnished and include air conditioning, satellite TV, room safe, and a balcony. There is complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.

18 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Mar 3 - 20

#### COST

#### \$7,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,790
- Ottawa or Montreal: add \$690

Add-ons below include a Toronto overnight on the way home.

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

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Lufthansa and Air Canada • 16 nights in a deluxe hotel • Full breakfast and dinner daily (wine, water, and coffee with all dinners) • 6 guided excursions

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

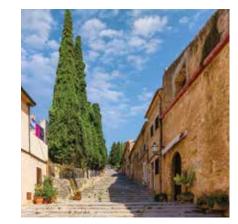
#### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Palma**

A half-day tour of Palma to discover the history and architecture of the city, including a visit of Castle of Bellver, the Cathedral, and see the Old Quarter.

#### **Port of Pollensa**

A full-day tour to the Port of Pollensa. Included will be a stop at Mirador de Es Colomer for views of the mountains and sea.



## Village of Sineau

A half-day visit of the colourful local market in the village of Sineau at the very centre of Majorca, typical of the quaint, rural communities that can be found on the island.

#### **Valldemosa**

A full-day tour to Valldemosa, where Chopin wrote some of his finest compositions. We will also visit both the Port of Sollera and Alfabia Gardens, and enjoy a visit to an olive oil mill, and tasting.



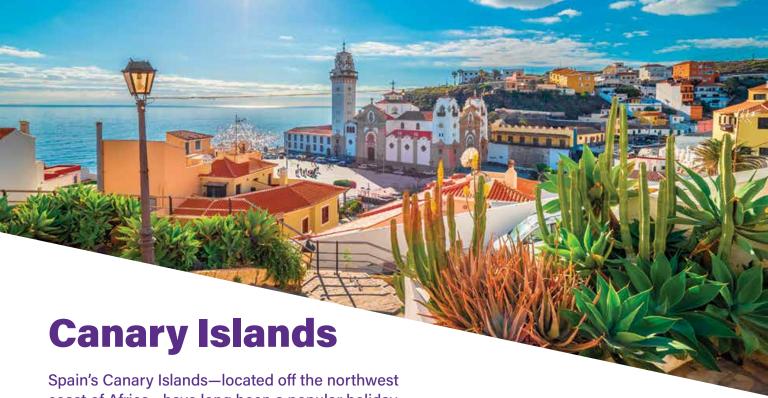
### **Caves of Drachs**

Today we explore the famous Caves of Drachs with their peculiar stalagmites, grottos, and the largest underground lake in Europe. We will also visit the charming fishing village of Porto Christo.

#### **Els Calderers**

Half-day tour to Els Calderers, a beautiful 13th century mansion surrounded by lush vegetation, beautiful gardens, and natural fountains. Greatly valued in Roman times for the vast quantity of water which flowed here, it still has a magnificent natural spring. A tasting of "sorbrasada" (a paprika flavoured sausage spread) is included.





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 seaview with a balcony or terrace. Several evenings a week there is live music, and Wi-Fi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

## 20 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Feb 20 - Mar 11 / Feb 27 - Mar 18 Mar 18 - Apr 6

#### COST

#### \$7,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$690

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 Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$990





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Tap Portugal • First-class hotels: 17 nights seaview rooms in Tenerife, 1 night in Lisbon on the way home. • Full buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily

- Wine, beer & water with all lunches & dinners
   Afternoon tea/coffee & cookies in Tenerife
- No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

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

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

We begin in Puerto de la Cruz, where our walking tour will show us places like Plaza del Charco, the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Peña, and the Muelle Viejo. Then we'll proceed to the Orotava Valley, where we'll take in the panoramic view at Humbolt Viewpoint, and explore the cobbled streets in the old quarter of the historic and artistic town of La Villa de La Orotava.

## **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 / Anaga / Las Teresitas (full day)

Our first stop will be Santa Cruz de Tenerife, the capital of the island. We will walk through its vibrant streets that will take us to the most outstanding places, such as the Plaza de España, Plaza Weyler or the Market of Nuestra Señora de África. You will have time to have lunch and taste the rich Canarian gastronomy in one of the charming restaurants of the city. We will continue our way into the Anaga Massif, an impressive natural area that was declared a Biosphere Reserve in 2015 by UNESCO for its extraordinary biodiversity. Here we will visit some of its most representative viewpoints, such as the Mirador de la Jardina and the Mirador Cruz del Carmen, We will end the day at Las Teresitas Beach, known for its golden sand from the Sahara and its calm, crystal-clear waters. After the visit, return to the hotel.

## 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 / Marachico / Masca (full day)

On this tour we will visit three of the most representative places in the north of Tenerife: Icod de los Vinos, Garachico and Masca. In Icod de los Vinos we will have the opportunity to contemplate the famous Drago Milenario: a specimen of drake (Dracaena Draco) which is thought to be approximately 800 years old. It is a symbol of the island and one of the oldest specimens of its kind. Here we will have time to have lunch and enjoy the rich Canarian gastronomy. We will visit Garachico, included in the list of the "most beautiful villages of Spain", where the most important port of the island was

once located, until it was partially destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 1706. Nowadays it has a rich architectural heritage from the 16th and 17th centuries that is very well preserved, which is why its historic quarter was declared an Asset of Cultural Interest in 1994, and is one of the most representative of the Canary Islands. Finally, we enter the Teno Rural Park until we reach the hamlet of Masca, a small village surrounded by ravines and nature, which stands out for its traditional Canarian architecture and its impressive beauty.

## **Island Tour (full day)**

We will start our excursion to the village of Candelaria, home of the Patron Saint of the Canary Islands: the Virgin of Candelaria, known as "la morenita". Here you will also have the opportunity to see the imposing bronze statues commemorating the ancient menceyes (Guanche kings) of Tenerife. We will continue along the southeast coast of the island, passing by places like Los Cristianos, Las Américas, Playa San Juan or Playa de la Arena. We will arrive at the Mirador de Los Gigantes, where we will be able to admire the majestic cliffs with their vertiginous vertical walls that fall into the ocean from heights ranging from 300 to 600 metres. We will cross the villages of Tamaimo and Santiago del Teide until we reach Erjos, where we will stop for a camel ride and have time for lunch before returning to the hotel.



## **Plus Lisbon**

Portugal's southernmost province, the Algarve, offers hundreds of kilometres of golden beaches, plenty of sunshine year-round, stunning coastline vistas, medieval Moorish villages, and smiling, friendly people.

On this relaxing holiday we stay 16 nights in one of the most attractive resort towns in the Algarve—popular Albufeira, with its charming old town, narrow cobblestone streets and whitewashed buildings. The lively town square is the ideal place to enjoy the cafés, people watch and shop for local handicrafts. Fisherman's Beach (Praia dos Pescadores) is where local fishermen used to bring in their catch in the days before Albufeira had a harbour. Today the beach is an inviting scene of holiday makers strolling the golden sand, bathing in the sun and enjoying the views of the sea and surrounding cliffs.

Our hotel, the First Class Vila Gale Nautico, is situated in the centre of Armacao de Pera just a few meters from the beach, and within a few minutes walk of shops and restaurants. Amenities of our hotel include a heated indoor pool, outdoor pool, fitness centre and hydro-massage pool. Spacious guest rooms are twin-bedded with a pool view and balcony. Buffet breakfast, afternoon tea, and dinner are included daily while in the Algarve. Local wine, beer, soft drinks, and mineral water are included with all dinners. Wi-Fi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

**20 DAYS** 

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Mar 3 - 22

#### COST

#### \$6,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Ottawa: add \$90
- Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$290

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Following our stay in the Algarve we will travel by coach to Lisbon (with a stop in Evora en route), for a 2-night stay including a city tour and Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with Air Canada • First-class hotels • Full buffet breakfast & dinner daily (local wine, beer, soft drinks, & water with dinner) • Tea & cookies daily in the Algarve

- 6 half-day excursions & 1 full-day excursion (with lunch) as described
- No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

#### **Albufeira**

A tour of the resort town of Albufeira. The Moorish flavour of the town is evident in the architecture and in the labyrinth of narrow streets that lead down the hillside to the central square. A tunnel at the end of the pedestrian-only shopping area brings you to the town's main beach.

#### **Silves**

We visit the medieval city of Silves where we see the 12th century Cathedral and visit the Moorish Castle. We then enjoy a scenic drive in the Monchique Mountains and stop in Foia for magnificent views from the highest point in the Algarve.

#### Alte

An excursion to the elegant village of Alte, perhaps the most picturesque of the Algarve, to see the 16th century church and natural hot springs, followed by the authentic village of Salir surrounded by olive and almond trees.

#### Sagres

We explore the historic town of Lagos and the picturesque fishing village of Sagres. Lagos retains many architectural features of its ancient past and several interesting statues of famous figures, while Sagres and Cape St. Vincent offer some the Algarve's most dramatic scenery of serene beaches and sea-carved cliffs.

#### Faro

A tour of Faro, the provincial capital of the Algarve and thriving university town. We will wander the walled old town with it maze of cobblestone streets, then proceed to the fishing village of Olhao to discover the old port and waterfront.

#### **Evora**

After our stay in the Algarve we will depart for Evora—one of Portugal's most beautifully preserved medieval towns, for a walking tour and lunch, then continue to Lisbon.

#### Lisbon

A city tour of Lisbon. 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 8-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 Wi-Fi. 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.

## 18 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 24 - Mar 13 / Mar 3 - 20 Mar 10 - 27 / Mar 19 - Apr 5

#### COST

#### \$6,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- • Single supplement: add \$1,390
- Ottawa or Winnipeg: add \$90
- · Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$190

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

We will stay 8 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 pass through the Baixa district, considered the heart of Lisbon. 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 Algarye, the typical Moorish fishing village of Olhao.

## **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.





## **Madeira, Portugal**

## **Plus Lisbon**

Voted the world's best island destination 6 years in a row by the World Travel Awards, this lush volcanic island in the middle of the Atlantic is beloved for its spectacular scenery.

Green mountains, black and gold sand beaches and dramatic coastal cliffs meet the rugged ocean, where dolphins and whales play. The climate is balmy all year long, the food is fresh and delicious, and the people are famous for their warm hospitality.

We will stay in Funchal, Madeira's sunny capital. With the sea on one side and the mountains on the other, this lovely city boasts picturesque streets, historic buildings, and plenty of restaurants, bars, shops, and casinos.

Our hotel is the 5-star, oceanfront Enotel Lido, steps from the beach and walking paths and a 5-minute drive to the city centre. It has a world-class spa, outdoor infinity pool, heated indoor pool, and each well-appointed room has a balcony with a lateral seaview. A daily entertainment program includes live music, shows and other activities.

Dining options include a buffet and 3 themed à la carte restaurants. All meals are included, with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and other drinks at dinner.

Our tour will end with a 2-night stay in Lisbon, and we will fly home from there.

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 12 - 29

#### COST

#### \$7,197

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,990
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, or Calgary: add \$990

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 5-star all-inclusive oceanfront resort in Funchal
- Funchal city tour
- Cabo Girão and Eira do Serrado
- West Coast tour
- Eastern Region tour
- Lisbon: Alfama & Belem
- Additional optional tours available

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Flights with TAP Air Portugal • Deluxe & first-class hotels: 14 nights in seaview rooms in Madeira, 2 nights Lisbon • Full buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner daily while in Madeira Beverages with dinner (house wine, mineral water, local beer, & spirits)
 Breakfast & dinner daily in Lisbon • 5 excursions • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & EVENTS**

## Funchal city tour (half day)

We'll see the capital's incredible historic heritage, seeing the ancient cathedral, City Hall Square, and the 17th-century São Tiago Fortress. We'll stroll through Mercado dos Lavradore the (fruit and flower market), then visit the scenic Monte district to see the Church of Our Lady of Monte and stroll through breathtaking flower gardens.

## Cabo Girão & Eira do Serrado (half day)

Today we'll visit Pico dos Barcelos, a viewpoint overlooking Funchal and its spectacular bay. Then we will proceed to Eira do Serrado, which overlooks a village built in the crater of an extinct volcano. Next up is Cabo Girão, Europe's highest sea cliff, which provides even more fantastic views of the sea and surrounding mountains. Our last stop is scenic Câmara de Lobos, a fishing village famously painted by Sir Winston Churchill.

## **West Coast Tour & Porto** Moniz (full day)

We will travel the Estrada Monumental to Encomenda, taking in the spectacular views of both sides of the island. Next is Laurisilva Forest, where we can see plants and animals not found anywhere else in the world. We'll drive along the coast to Porto Moniz, famous for natural pools carved out of lava. We'll also pass through Paul da Serra, a UNESCO protected nature park.

## **Eastern Region Tour &** Santana (full day)

Our first stop will be Pico do Arieiro, Madeira's second-highest mountain. After a short stop at Ribeiro Frio to see a trout hatchery, we'll walk along the "Levada dos Balcões" for stunning panoramic views. In Santana, we'll see Casas Típicas de Santana, traditional stone houses with steep, triangular thatched roofs.

## **Lisbon (half day)**

Portugal's capital is a legendary city with over 2,000 years of history. Our tour will take us through the ancient streets and alleys of Alfama, and to Belem, where we will see Jeronimos Monastery, see the Tower of Belem and Monument to the Discoveries, and taste the famous "Pasteis de Belem" custard





In Costa del Sol we stay 9 nights at the lovely seaside resort

town of Torremolinos situated on the inviting Mediterranean Sea. Our hotel here will be the lovely Sol Principe.

This first-class hotel is located on the seafront, with direct access to the magnificent Playamar Beach, and it features a spectacular Caribbean lagoon-style pool. We will be staying in pool-view junior suites. The spacious and bright rooms have modern decor, and are equipped with a 42-inch TV, and free high-speed 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 9 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 and free high-speed Wi-Fi. Wine, beer, soft drinks, and water are included with dinners.

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.

## 21 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 18 - Mar 10 Mar 2 - 22 Mar 9 - 29 Mar 23 - Apr 12

#### COST

#### \$7,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,490
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$690

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 Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$990

## **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





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**TOUR INCLUSIONS**  Flights with TAP Air Portugal • 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

## 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 1,000-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".





## **Highlights of Spain & Portugal**

This unforgettable journey traverses Spain and Portugal, where you'll visit iconic cities and enjoy resort-style seaside relaxation.

Begin by uncovering the magic of Spain, from Madrid's lush parks and gardens to the Gothic grandeur of Cordoba's cathedral. Marvel at Granada's Alhambra Palace and unwind in Torremolinos, a popular Mediterranean retreat.

In Portugal, discover a land that beckons visitors back time and again. You'll be captivated by the Algarve's stunning coastal scenery and picturesque villages amidst olive groves and vineyards. Explore Evora, a historic gem, and conclude your adventure in Lisbon, a city rich with history.

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Madrid's old quarter and Royal Palace
- Walled city of Toledo
- Cordoba's Mosque-Cathedral & Jewish Quarter
- Alhambra Palace
- "The Rock" of Gibraltar

Mountaintop Ronda's incredible bridges

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

- Romantic city of Seville
- Preserved medieval town of Evora

\$7,497

Charming villages of Alte, Lagos and Sagres

Mar 4 - 21 / Mar 18 - Apr 4

COST

per person, double occupancy,

• Single supplement: add \$1,590

• Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton:

MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Ottawa or Halifax: add \$190

from Toronto or Montreal

Vancouver: add \$390

add \$690

- Lisbon, coastal capital of Portugal

TOUR **INCLUSIONS**  Flights with Air Canada • First Class hotels • Breakfast and dinner daily (wine & coffee with all dinners) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPART. We depart for Madrid, with a stop in Montreal en route.

DAY 2: MADRID. Settle into your hotel in Madrid before a delicious Paella Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3: MADRID, Discover Madrid's heart among Puerto del Sol's winding streets, bustling city centre and colourful architecture. Visit the Royal Palace and Cervantes Monument before an afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a lovely dinner of tapas, the Spanish staple.

**DAY 4: TOLEDO.** Explore the walled city of Toledo's medieval architecture, including a visit to its Gothic cathedral, ancient synagogue, and the Church of Saint Tome's El Greco paintings.

DAY 5: CORDOBA. Journey to Cordoba via the picturesque "Windmill City" of Consuegra, made famous in the novel "Don Quixote". Spend your afternoon at leisure in Cordoba.

#### DAY 6: CORDOBA / GRANADA.

Tour Cordoba's stunning 8th-century mosque, with marble and onyx columns illuminated by 4,000 bronze and copper lamps. The mosque is surrounded by the Jewish quarter's tiny shops and historic buildings. Next, drive to Granada while taking in the scenic beauty of the Sierra Nevada.

#### DAY 7: GRANADA.

Today we visit the famous Alhambra Palace, Spain's most beautiful Moorish building and former residence of Moorish Kings. It has imposing towers and halls, rooms decorated with lace-like carvings. coloured tiles and gold mosaics. The exterior has courtyards with fountains and lush gardens. It is unparalleled in Europe.

**DAY 8: TORREMOLINOS (COSTA DEL SOL).** We proceed to the lively resort town of Torremolinos for a 4-night stay.

#### **DAY 9: TORREMOLINOS.**

At leisure to enjoy the sun, beach and the lively boardwalk along the Mediterranean Sea.

**DAY 10: GIBRALTAR /** TORREMOLINOS. We take an excursion to Gibraltar, "The Rock", as it is commonly called, remains very British. We will see St. Michael's Cave, the Ape's Cave and more. During our free time you may want to enjoy a pint in a typical English pub before returning to Torremolinos.

#### **DAY 11: RONDA / SEVILLE.**

Visit Ronda, famed for the incredible views created by its dramatic landscape. Explore the oldest bullring in Spain, nearby gardens and historic church before continuina to Seville. This evening we enjoy an Andalusian Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant that specializes in Tapas.

**DAY 12: TORREMOLINOS.** Another day at leisure in Torremolinos.

#### **DAY 13: SEVILLE / ALGARVE.**

Our tour of the monumental city of Seville includes a visit to the Gothic Cathedral—a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Barrio de Santa Cruz (the Jewish Quarter), and the Alcazar. Later we enter Portugal and head for the Algarve, which features sandy beaches that stretch for miles, and impressive cliffs. We will stay 3 nights in the lively resort of Albufeira. Proceed to Algarve, Portugal's beautiful coastal resort with vast beaches and impressive rock formations. for 3 nights.

#### DAY 14: LAGOS / SAGRES.

Explore Lagos' rich history through its church and castle walls. Next, visit Sagres, where Portuguese explorers learned their legendary navigational skills. Finish off in Cape St. Vincent, the westernmost point in Europe.

#### **DAY 15: MOORISH VILLAGES.**

Discover the charming village of Alte, wander its flower-decked streets, visit the 16th-century church, and immerse yourself in the tranquility of its natural hot springs. Later, stop at other quiet regional hill towns.

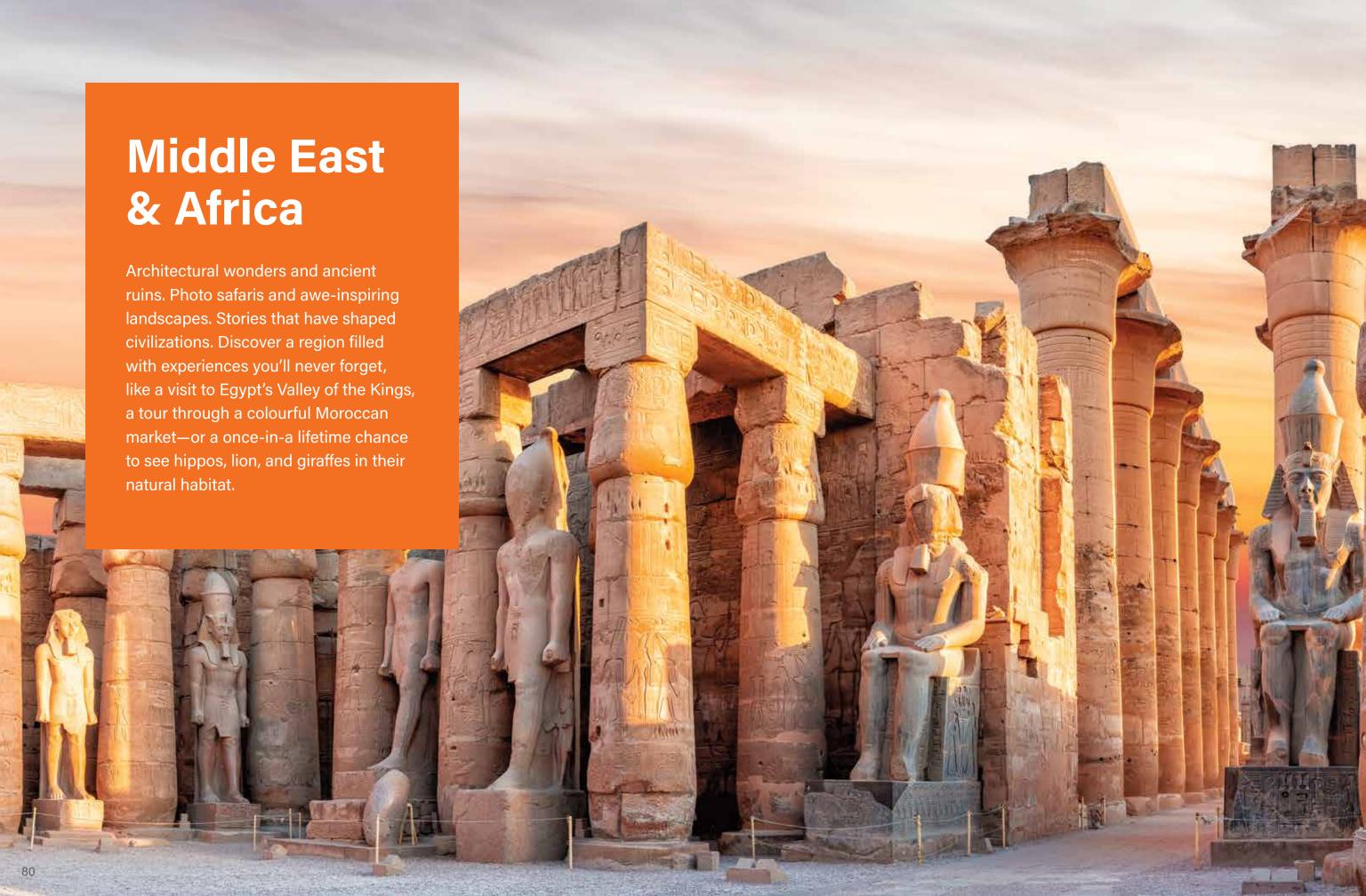
#### **DAY 16: EVORA / LISBON.**

We travel to Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage City where Portugal's Golden Age lives on, for a guided panoramic walking tour. See the Roman temple, Gothic cathedral, aqueduct and more. We then proceed to Lisbon.

DAY 17: LISBON. Today we explore Lisbon, a city rich in history and culture, incredible architecture and amazing food. Our tour takes us through the winding streets and staircases of Arab-influenced Alfama, Lisbon's oldest neighbourhood, and Belém, where we will glimpse Jerónimos Monastery, Belém Tower and the imposing Monument to the Discoveries (exterior)—and taste the delicious "Pasteis de Belem" at the bakery where the famous custard tarts were first invented.

**DAY 18: RETURN.** Fly directly home to Toronto.







On this tour we journey through ancient history and experience the fascinating culture of Egypt.

To visit some of the most enduring historical monuments on earth, we start our Egyptian adventure in Cairo—"City of a Thousand Minarets"—a fascinating blend of ancient and modern. Nearby is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pyramids. As you will see however, Cairo has a lot more to offer—grand mosques, bustling bazaars and plenty of ancient landmarks around every turn.

After Cairo we will glide back in time to the "Land of the Pharaohs" on our unforgettable Nile cruise, and see the vast collection of temples and tombs that serve as an eternal museum for the world's oldest civilization. The cruise takes us to Karnak, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Philae Temple, Luxor, and the Valley of the Kings, while we experience the renowned Egyptian hospitality. We will cruise in the comfort of our deluxe riverboat—the MS Nile Style (or similar), built specifically for Nile cruising.

We cap off our tour with a 3-night stay at a deluxe all-inclusive resort in Hurghada-Egypt's foremost beach resort town. Our hotel, the Tropitel Sahl Hasheesh, is located in a prime location on a private beach on the Red Sea coast, near Hurghada's bustling old town, with magnificent views of the sea. The hotel features a diverse range of global cuisines and bars, modern stylish rooms, various water activities, and in-house entertainment.

## 15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Feb 9 - 23 / Mar 16 - 30

#### COST

#### \$8,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$2,190
- Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax: add \$690

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• Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver: add \$990

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Great Pyramids of Giza & the mighty Sphinx
- · Cairo, including a guided tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, and Khan El Khalili Bazaar
- Sail in a felucca across the Nile
- The Valley of the Kings and tombs Cruise around islands of of Tut Ankh Amun and Ramses VI
- The Temples of Karnak, Luxor, Queen Hatshepsut, and the Colossi of Memnon in Luxor
- Desert Safari and Bedouin dinner
- Orange & Giftun
- The Ramses II statue and Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis
- Deluxe all-inclusive beach resort

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with Lufthansa & Air Canada • Deluxe and first-class hotels and riverboat • Full breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We depart for Cairo, via Frankfurt.

DAY 2: CAIRO. We arrive in Cairo and transfer to our centrally located hotel. This evening will be our Welcome Dinner.

**DAY 3: THE PYRAMIDS / CAIRO** / MEMPHIS / SAKKARA. This

morning we travel to Giza where, overlooking the Nile Valley and Cairo, we visit the 3 Great Pyramids—one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the Great Sphinx—a colossal lion with a Pharaoh's head. Then we drive past small villages to visit the towns of Memphis and Sakkara. The highlight will be the Step Pyramids of King Zoser-the oldest stone building in the world!

#### DAY 4: CAIRO.

This morning we visit the world-famous Egyptian Museum, including the fabulous collection of Pharaonic antiquities, especially the golden treasures of the Tut Ankh Amun Exhibit. The museum houses over 50,000 artifacts that span 7,000 years.

DAY 5: CAIRO. Our sightseeing of Old Cairo begins with a visit of the Alabaster Mosque and the Great Citadel. Built by Saladin, rising majestically over the city, the mosque offers a panoramic view of Cairo and the Nile. We visit the Church of Abu Serga, Moallaga Church (Hanging Church) and the Ben Ezra Synagogue—the oldest Jewish synagogue in Egypt.

#### DAY 6: CAIRO/HURGHADA.

Transfer to airport for flight to Hurghada—a beach resort town stretching some 40 km along Egypt's Red Sea coast. The old town, not far from our hotel, is home to traditional Egyptian coffee shops and souks. We will stay at a deluxe All-Inclusive beach resort.

DAY 7: HURGHADA. Enjoy a day on the red sea. You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the Red Sea Marina to board a cruise boat. Spend a day cruising on and around the islands of Orange and Giftun. Explore the beauty of the surrounding area as well as the rich marine life of the Red Sea.

#### **DAY 8: HURGHADA / DESERT SAFARI / BEDOUIN DINNER.**

We venture into the desert to experience its natural beauty and Bedouin culture. Those who wish may ride a camel, and meet Bedouin villagers. We finish with a Bedouin dinner.

#### **DAY 9: HURGHADA / LUXOR / KARNAK / NILE CRUISE.**

Transfer from Hurghada to your Nile Cruise in Luxor for embarkation. At the Temple of Luxor we'll see the granite statue of Ramses II, and the many halls and pillars that make up this incredible temple. After lunch we'll visit the most impressive of all temples—Karnak, and see the Great Temple of Amon, the Hypostyle Hall, the Obelisk of Queen Hatshepsut, the Granite Scara of Amenophis II, Sacred Lake, and many shrines.

#### **DAY 10: NILE CRUISE / LUXOR** (VALLEY OF THE KINGS).

Your sightseeing in Luxor will include the West Bank (Thebes) where there are some of the richest treasures in the world in the Valley of the Kings. You will be able to visit some of these royal tombs. Continue to visit Hatshepsut's funerary temple at Dier El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon.

## **DAY 11: NILE CRUISE / TEM-**PLE OF HORUS / KOM OMBO / **EDFU.** This morning we visit the

ancient, yet remarkably intact, Temple of Horus. Horus (the Sun God) is always pictured as a man

with a falcon's head, often with a solar disk. Then we sail past small desert villages where life goes on much as it has for thousands of vears. See camels, water buffalo, and donkeys at work on the small farms. We arrive at Kom Ombo to visit the Sobek Temple, dedicated to 2 gods: Haroeris—a hawkheaded god, and Sobek-the crocodile god. In order not to offend either, a twin shrine was built on a hill overlooking the Nile. Then we sail to Edfu via the locks of Esna.

#### **DAY 12: ASWAN / NILE CRUISE.**

In Aswan, the Nile parts into many arms divided by immense granite rocks and islands, particularly the island of Elephantine. There is only a small area of fertile land producing what are considered the finest dates in all of Egypt. We visit the Temple of Philae, dedicated to Goddess Isis, and the High Dam. In the afternoon, we board our deluxe riverboat, and then we sail in a felucca to view Kitchener's Island, the Botanical Garden, and the Aga Khan Mausoleum.

DAY 13: CAIRO. We transfer to Cairo, Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 14: CAIRO. Morning at leisure. We spend the afternoon at the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar-rich in silks and carpets, where craftsmen use age-old traditions in creating their wares. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

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

We fly home to Canada via Frankfurt.





The ancient kingdom of Morocco is known as the "Gateway to Africa", offering a blend of cultural and scenic contrasts. Renowned for hospitality, its people are a mix of Arab and Berber, with a rich culture evident in their attire, cuisine, customs, and festivals. In local bazaars, you might find acrobats, snake charmers, water sellers, and camels all vying for your attention.

Tour medieval walled cities rich in culture and history, with palaces, mosques, and local markets. Enjoy diverse scenery from snow-capped mountains to deserts with sand dunes, deep gorges, and fertile valleys.

Join us and discover why Morocco has attracted so many visitors for centuries!

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Romantic Casablanca
- Imperial Marrakech and famous traditional market
- Hassan II Mosque
- Chefchaouen, the Blue City
- Roman Volubilis, UNESCO Site
- Sunrise jeep excursion at Merzouga sand dunes
- Ait Ben Haddou, 16th-century UNESCO Site
- Dades Gorge and Valley of One Thousand Kasbahs
- Breathtaking views at Tichka Pass
- Cultural Dinner-Show

## 16 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 4 - 19

#### COST

#### \$6,497

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$990
- 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 **INCLUSIONS**

Flights with TAP Air Portugal • Deluxe and first-class hotels

- Full breakfast and dinner daily Mineral water, tea, and coffee with all dinners
- No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPART.**

Depart for Casablanca via Lisbon.

#### **DAY 2: CASABLANCA.**

Arrive in Casablanca and settle at your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure before dinner at Rick's Café, a replica of the bar from Humphrey Bogart's Casablanca.

#### DAY 3: CASABLANCA / RABAT.

Tour Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, starting in the medina, a maze of streets and local shops. Admire Mohammed V Square's French-Moorish architecture, the Royal Palace, and the oceanfront Hassan II Mosque, one of the world's largest. Then, visit Rabat, Morocco's capital and the Royal Family's seat, featuring palaces and mosques. See the Royal Palace's exterior, King Mohamed VI's residence, the Royal Mausoleum of Sultan Mohammed V, and the exquisite Hassan Tower.

### **DAY 4: CHEFCHAOUEN.**

Explore scenic Chefchaouen, renowned for its white houses with blue doors, wrought iron windows, and tile roofs. Discover its leather and weaving workshops along cobbled lanes, the red-walled Kasbah, and a 15th-century fortress. The local markets here are bustling with traditionally dressed locals and a colourful array of goods.

**DAY 5: MEKNES.** Like a mirage blooming from the countryside rocks, the former royal city of Meknes, is an unexpected delight. Explore the old city walls, royal stables, and the intricate Bab Al Mansour Gates. Visit the ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNE-SCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 6: FEZ. Proceed to Fez, the spiritual centre of Morocco.

DAY 7: FEZ. Spend the day touring the amazing city of Fez. Wander the old town shadowed by mosque

minarets, where potters, charcoal burners, goldsmiths, and weavers practice their ancient trades. Visit the renowned Jewish Quarter, known for its exquisite ironwork. The full-day tour includes the UNE-SCO-listed Medina, the Najjarine Fountain, the Moulay Idriss Mausoleum, the Karaouine Mosque, and

#### **DAY 8: MIDELT / MERZOUGA.**

Journey through the mountains past Azrou, an important handicraft centre, and reach Midelt, nestled between the High and Middle Atlas Mountains with stunning landscapes. After a lunch break, head to Merzouga to see its famous sand dunes reaching up to 160 m

#### DAY 9: ERFOUD / MERZOUGA.

Traverse the Ziz Valley—the source for annual local date festivals-to Erfoud, a town built by the French and famed for colourful red sand buildings.

#### **DAY 10: MERZOUGA / DADES.**

Embark on an early morning jeep excursion to witness the sunrise over Merzouga's sand dunes. Continue to the holy city of Rissani, with lunch at a canyonside restaurant and a visit to a 17th-century kasbah. Journey through the spectacular 250-metre-high Todgha Canyons, ending with an overnight stay in Dades, home to the famous Dades Gorge.

#### **DAY 11: OUARZAZATE.**

Visit the imposing Dades Gorge, then travel the Valley of One Thousand Kasbahs to Ouarzazate on the edge of the Sahara desert.

#### **DAY 12: TAOURIRT /**

**OUARZAZATE.** Visit the kasbah of Taouirt, one of Morocco's most stunning, and the 16th-century Ait Ben Haddou, the south's most spectacular fortress and

a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for film settings like Lawrence of Arabia. Enjoy lunch with terrace views of the kasbah, then return to Ouarzazate.

#### **DAY 13: MARRAKECH.**

Travel to Marrakech via the Tichka Pass, Morocco's highest pass, enjoying breathtaking views of the High Atlas Mountains and traditional Berber villages.

#### DAY 14: MARRAKECH.

Embark on a full-day tour of Marrakech, the 1,000-year-old "Red City" rich in culture and history. Tour Majorelle Gardens, the Saadian Tombs, El Bahia Palace, and the Medina. Experience Djemaa El Fnaa Square's snake charmers, acrobats, and scribes for a true Moroccan sensory feast.

**DAY 15: ESSAOUIRA /** MARRAKECH. En route to Essaouira, stop at an Argan co-operative to witness local women producing Argan oil. In Essaouira, tour the UNESCO-listed medina and Orson Welles Square and Memorial, celebrating his filming of Othello. Keep an eye out for the unique tree-climbing goats in the Argan trees! The trip concludes with a delicious Farewell Dinner featuring the vibrant Fantasia folklore show.





## **South Africa**

## Plus Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) & Chobe National Park (Botswana)

South Africa is one of the world's most beautiful countries, and we are sure you will agree after your first visit.

The incredible scenic beauty includes nearly 3,200 kilometres of beautiful coastline, snow capped mountains and tropical splendour.

The magnificent National Parks and game reserves boast an unparalleled diversity of wildlife. Other features that make this destination so desirable include a wonderful climate, ancient forts and historic monuments, tribal dancing, museums and art galleries. Above all, South Africa's hospitality is legendary.

In addition to our tour of South Africa's highlights we will also visit Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and safari in Chobe National Park (Botswana). Victoria Falls are the largest waterfalls in the world (they are three times as wide and twice as high as Niagara Falls), and the spray can be seen 32 kilometres away! Chobe National Park is world renowned for its splendid and unique variety of wildlife.

So join us on this remarkable adventure and experience the diversity and beauty that is South Africa.

## 20 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 1 - 20 / Mar 15 - Apr 3

#### COST

#### \$13,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,590
- Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax: add \$690
- Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, or Vancouver: add \$990

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Flights with Emirates Airlines • First-class hotels • Full breakfast and dinner daily, plus 8 lunches • All visa fees and arrangements

## **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPART.** We depart for Johannesburg, via Dubai.

**DAY 2: JOHANNESBURG.** We arrive in Johannesburg in the evening and transfer to our hotel.

DAY 3: JOHANNESBURG AND SOWETO. We start with a tour of the Johannesburg township of Soweto—the most populous black residential area in the country. Soweto sets the trends for South Africa in politics, fashion, music, and dance. We will visit Mandela House, Vilakazi Street, and enjoy lunch in a typical Shebeen. This evening we enjoy welcome cocktails and our Welcome Dinner.

DAY 4: VICTORIA FALLS. We fly to Victoria Falls and transfer to our lovely lodge hotel. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore. Dinner will be a special African experience.

#### **DAY 5: VICTORIA FALLS.**

We enjoy a morning tour of the Falls—a sight to behold! The afternoon is free, and there will be an opportunity to take an optional helicopter flight over the Falls. In the late afternoon we'll embark on a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, before returning to our lodge for dinner.

DAY 6: CHOBE. This morning we proceed to our safari lodge near Chobe National Park—home to a splendid variety of wildlife, including hippos and elephants that stroll the river paths to drink. We take our first game cruise this afternoon.

DAY 7: CHOBE. On our morning game drive we enjoy the wonderful surroundings of wild Africa! In the afternoon we take a boat ride along the river and get up close with the bounty of Chobe as we view herds of kudu, waterbuck and possibly elephants coming to the river to drink.

#### **DAY 8: JOHANNESBURG.**

We fly from Victoria Falls back to Johannesburg, and then proceed to our hotel en route to Kruger National Park.

DAY 9: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA. We proceed to Kruger National Park for wildlife viewing at its best! The park offers an experience in beauty, tranquility and variety not found anywhere else in the world. En route we visit the majestic Blyde River Canyon to see God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes—true natural wonders! Our hotel is located just outside

the Park.

DAY 10: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA. A full day of game viewing in open safari vehicles. We start early in the morning, the best time to find the world's largest variety of wildlife including the Big Five (lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and buffalo), hippo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and crocodile. The park is also home to more than 400 bird species.

DAY 11: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA. A morning at leisure to enjoy the various activities at the hotel. Relax by the pool, do some game or bird watching or take a nature walk. Later we depart for our evening game drive to see if we can catch some nocturnal animals in the spotlight.

#### **DAY 12: GARDEN ROUTE.**

We return to Johannesburg for our flight to George, on South Africa's fabled Garden Route.

#### **DAY 13: GARDEN ROUTE.**

We travel over the mountains to Oudtshoorn to visit an ostrich farm, followed by a visit of the Cango Caves, whose stalagmites and stalactites will leave a lasting impression. DAY 14: GARDEN ROUTE. Today we visit a township near George, where we will have a chance to meet the children at a local primary school. Then we travel to Knysna and ferry over to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, dedicated to the protection of the local flora.

DAY 15: GARDEN ROUTE /
CAPE TOWN. Our Garden Route
drive takes us along the coast,
around lakes, mountains, golden
beaches and cliffs—an enchanting drive with a romantic history.
We arrive in Cape Town and take
a cable car ride up Table Mountain
for panoramic views.

DAY 16: CAPE TOWN. Our city tour shows us the Malay Quarter, the serene Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and more. In the afternoon we embark on a ferry ride and guided tour of the Robben Island Prison Museum (weather permitting) where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years.

DAY 17: CAPE TOWN. A Winelands tour through lovely scenery of vine-yards, oak shaded rivers and old Dutch colonial homes. We enjoy a tasting in a wine cellar and lunch at a private estate. In Stellenbosch we visit the Village Museum.

DAY 18: CAPE TOWN. A full-day tour to Cape Point. After a boat ride to Seal Island we continue to Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, where we see colonies of penguins and seals in their natural environment. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

**DAY 19: DEPARTURE.** After a morning at leisure, we transfer to the airport for our flight home, via Dubai.

DAY 20: RETURN. Arrival back in Canada.

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

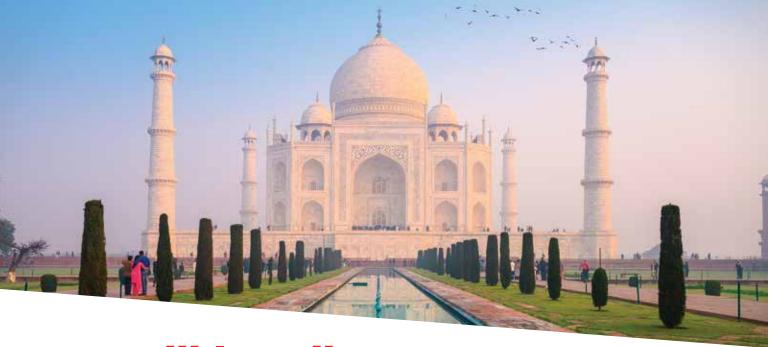
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**INCLUSIONS** 

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## **Incredible India**

India, a feast for all your senses, is a kaleidoscope of historic sites, royal cities, medieval forts and palaces, scenic lakes, misty mountains, rich culture, diverse people, and lively festivals.

This classic tour spans from bustling Mumbai to the open spaces of Rajasthan and the renowned Golden Triangle (Delhi, Jaipur, Agra). Enjoy unforgettable authentic experiences like cultural dances, dinner with a local family, jeep drives, boat trips, and rickshaw rides. Upon arrival, be welcomed with the graceful namaste, a gesture of warmth and respect.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Mumbai, India's largest city and port
- Udaipur's glittering lake and palaces
- Stay at medieval Deogarh Mahal
- Rajasthan temples and countryside
- Jaipur, the enchanting "Pink City"
- A visit to the artisan village of Bagru
- Ranthambore National Park game drive home of the Indian Tiger
- Amber Fort
- Romantic and awe-inspiring Taj Mahal
- Holy Varanasi and sacred River Ganges
- The bustling capital city Delhi

## 18 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 11 - Feb 28

#### COST

#### \$9,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$1,990
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$690

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 Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$1,090 (includes a Toronto overnight en route to India)

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS Flights with Emirates Airline • Deluxe & first-class hotels • Full breakfast & dinner daily, and 10 lunches • Visa fees

Full breakfast & dinner daily, and 10 lunches • Visa fees (arranged by our office)
 No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPART.** Depart for Mumbai via Dubai.

**DAY 2: MUMBAI.** Arrive in Mumbai and settle into your hotel.

DAY 3: MUMBAI. Begin your Mumbai city tour at the iconic Gateway of India. Drive along the coastal boulevard, visit marble Jain temples and ascend Malabar Hill for panoramic views. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the Prince of Wales Museum, a Victorian Gothic building with priceless art and sculpture collections. Next, witness the Dhobi Ghat laundry area and stroll the lively Crawford Market. Tonight is our welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 4: MUMBAI / UDAIPUR.**

Take a boat trip to the beautiful 1,200-year-old Elephanta Caves. Later, fly to the romantic city of Udaipur.

DAY 5: UDAIPUR. Tour the City Palace, now a museum with lovely lake views, Jagdish Temple known for its sculptures and interiors, and Sahelion-ki-Bari, a historic royal party garden. Later, take a boat ride on Lake Pichola surrounded by hills, palaces, temples, and bathing ghats, and visit the island palace of Jag Mandir.

DAY 6: DEOGARH. Visit the intricately carved Nagda and Sas-Bahu temples from the 10th century. Enjoy a jeep drive through rural landscapes, explore a cave temple, and visit a lake frequented by migratory birds. Stay the night at Rajasthan's stunning medieval Deogarh Mahal, a marvel of grand architecture.

DAY 7: JAIPUR. Travel to the Pink City of Jaipur, with a stop at beautiful Bijay Niwas Palace for lunch.

**DAY 8: JAIPUR.** In the morning, visit Amber Fort, renowned for its panoramic views, splendid

paintings, precious stones and mirrors. See the famous facade of Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Wind). Later, explore the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar, the world's largest stone and marble observatory. Enjoy dinner with a local family, learning secrets of Indian cuisine.

#### **DAY 9: JAIPUR/ BAGRU**

VILLAGE. This morning, we depart for Bagru Village, home to artisans renowned for their traditional Bagru Prints, a craft that has flourished for over 300 years. These skilled craftsmen use wooden blocks and eco-friendly dyes to create beautiful and unique fabrics.

The afternoon is at your leisure. In the evening, we will enjoy a captivating folk dance and puppet show, followed by dinner.

DAY 10: RANTHAMBORE
NATIONAL PARK. Travel to Ranthambore National Park, a renowned wildlife reserve, and keep an eye out for the famous diurnal tiger, leopards, hyenas, jackals, crocodiles, wild boar and various deer.

DAY 11: RANTHAMBORE
NATIONAL PARK. Spend the
morning on a park safari, observing
a variety of animals and birds such
as gray-legged goose, Indian gray
hornbill, kingfisher, sandpiper and

DAY 12: AGRA. Take a train to Bharatpur, then proceed by motorcoach to Agra. After lunch, visit the Agra Fort's mix of beautiful Mughal design and military features.

more. Afternoon at leisure

DAY 13: TAJ MAHAL / DELHI / VARANASI. Experience an unforgettable at the Taj Mahal, often regarded as the world's most beautiful man-made structure. Built in 1630 by Shah Jahan for his queen, this white marble marvel crafted

by 20,000 artisans from around the world took 17 years to complete. After the visit, drive to Delhi airport for a flight to Varanasi.

#### **DAY 14: VARANASI.**

Embark on an early morning boat ride along the sacred River Ganges, where thousands of pilgrims perform cleansing rituals in the water. Stroll the narrow lanes of Varanasi, historically a path for millions seeking Nirvana at the river. Visit the Vishwanath Gali and the Thatheri Bazaar. This evening, we experience the spectacular Arti of Ganges, a collective nightly prayer to the river.

#### **DAY 15: VARANASI / DELHI.**

Visit Sarnath, site of Lord Buddha's first sermon, and see Dharmara-jika Stupa, Mulagandha Kuti Vihar Temples, and the Archaeological Museum's collection of Buddhist sculptures. Later, fly to Delhi.

DAY 16: DELHI. Take an unforgettable rickshaw ride through 300-year-old Chandni Chowk Market, a maze of lanes crowded with various shops. See Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, the Red Fort, Raj Ghat—a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi—and Humayun's Tomb. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner.

DAY 17: DELHI. On your final tour, discover the 12th-century Qutub Minar monument, India Gate, Presidential Palace and Parliament House. Afternoon at leisure until evening airport transport for late night departure.

DAYS 18: RETURN.

Fly to Canada via Dubai.



**ANCIENT KINGDOMS OF SOUTH EAST ASIA** 

## **Vietnam, Laos** & Cambodia

Southeast Asia is an exciting region of great contrasts, from rural villages and French colonial cities to modern skylines. Spectacular scenery abounds with lush tropical vegetation, misty mountains, terraced rice paddies, magnificent temples, open-air markets and traditional villages.

Delightful Vietnam offers unspoiled nature, beautiful islands, bustling cities, fantastic cuisine and friendly people.

Laos, an isolated mountainous nation, retains ancient traditions in its timeless rural landscape of stilt houses, paddy fields, and saffron-robed monks.

Cambodia is known for its wondrous beauty. Home to Angkor Wat and other 12th-century temples unrivalled in grandeur in Southeast Asia.

## 20 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 21 - Mar 12

#### COST

#### \$11,597

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

Single supplement: add \$2,390

- Ottawa, Montreal or Winnipeg: add \$290
- Halifax: add \$690
- Vancouver: deduct \$200

## **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**







ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Ho Chi Minh City, a buzz of commerce and culture
- Temples & pagodas of Hanoi
- Magical islands of Halong Bay
- Boat trip on Mekong Delta
- Vientiane, elegant French colonial capital of Laos
- Vang Vieng's fish market
- Nam Ngum Lake
- Luang Prabang, UNESCO Site
- Angkor Wat, Cambodia's national symbol
- Ton Le Sap Lake floating villages
- Phnom Penh architectural wonders

## TOUR **INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • Deluxe and first-class hotels

- Breakfast daily, 14 lunches and 16 dinners
   Visa fees (arranged by our office)
- No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

DAY 1: DEPART. We depart this evening for Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), via Bangkok.

#### **DAY 2: CROSSING THE INTER-NATIONAL DATELINE.**

**DAY 3: HO CHI MINH CITY** (SAIGON). We arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to our hotel. Afternoon at leisure, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 4: HO CHI MINH CITY.

Our city tour includes a walk in historic central Saigon, followed by a visit to the Reunification Palace, stormed by tanks in 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. Continue to the War Remnants Museum showcasing Vietnam War history. In the afternoon, explore Chinatown and Ben Thanh Market.

#### DAY 5: CU CHI / HANOI.

Visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels the incredible underground military base hand-dug by the Viet Cong. Later, fly to Hanoi.

DAY 6: HANOI. We explore the narrow lanes and traditional shops of Vietnam's charming capital. We'll see the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda, the Stilt House, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple, and the tiny Tortoise Pagoda. We'll also attend a traditional Water Puppet Show. Tonight, we'll enjoy an exciting Street Food Tour in the historic streets of Old Hanoi-including a visit to the renowned Bun Cha restaurant, where Barack Obama and Anthony Bourdain famously dined!

#### **DAY 7: HALONG BAY.**

We travel by coach to Halong Bay, Board a traditional wooden iunk and cruise through beautiful islands, granite towers and rock formations. Many islets have wonderful caves and grottos.

#### **DAY 8: VIENTIANE.**

We return to Hanoi and visit the Ethnology Museum before flying to Vientiane, the capital of Laos.

**DAY 9: VIENTIANE.** Experience the relaxed charm of Vientiane's beautiful temples, tree-lined boulevards and colourful markets. Tour That Luang—Laos' most important national monument-and the Royal Temple, a museum with fine Buddhist sculptures. Lastly, shop for expertly made Lao fabrics at the morning market.

#### **DAY 10: VANG VIENG.**

We enjoy a scenic drive to Vang Vieng. En route, visit the fish market in Talat, and enjoy a boat trip on serene Nam Ngum Lake.

#### **DAY 11: LUANG PRABANG.**

This morning, we'll visit the Tham Chang Caves. Perched high in the cliffs, these caves provide a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding farms and fields. Afterwards, we'll hop on the high-speed train to Luang Prabang.

#### **DAY 12: LUANG PRABANG.**

We explore this UNESCO World Heritage town brimming with historic temples and colonial buildings. Visit key monasteries and temples, including the oldest from 1513, and the National Museum, once a Royal Residence. After, discover Wat Mai, a group of hilltop temples with stunning views.

#### **DAY 13: LUANG PRABANG.**

Traverse the Mekong River by boat until you reach the steep limestone cliffs and Tham Pak Ou Caves. These extraordinary caves are filled with Buddha images of every style. On the return journey, stop at a local village for a glimpse of daily life.

#### **DAY 14: LUANG PRABANG.**

We journey through Laos' vibrant countryside to Kuang Si Falls. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls

flowing into turquoise pools, and enjoy lunch. On the return to Luang Prabang, visit a paper-making village to discover this ancient artistry.

DAY 15: SIEM REAP. Fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia, and proceed to Ton Le Sap Lake for a cruise among the floating homes and small fish farms. In the evening, enjoy a cultural dance show.

#### **DAY 16: ANGKOR THOM / ANGKOR WAT / SIEM REAP.**

We discover Angkor Thom's fortified city, featuring famous landmarks like the Terraces of the Elephants and Leper Kings, and the mysterious Bayon Temple. Visit Ta Prohm, a jungle-entwined favourite, and conclude at magnificent Angkor Wat, Cambodia's sensational national symbol.

DAY 17: PHNOM PENH. We take a scenic drive across ancient laterite bridges to visit incredible pre-Angkorian monuments en route to Phnom Penh.

#### **DAY 18: PHNOM PENH.**

Explore Cambodia's fascinating capital. Visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, then the National Museum. Optionally, visit the Museum of Genocide—an interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge-and the Killing Fields, a now-peaceful historical site where thousands of people were killed and buried in mass graves.

#### **DAY 19: BANGKOK.**

We fly to Bangkok and overnight near the airport.

**DAY 20: RETURN TO** CANADA.



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Phuket, Krabi & Bangkok

Glittering temples and tropical beaches, dense jungles and colourful night markets—Thailand is an incredible destination for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Our tour starts with a 7-night stay in Phuket, an island paradise that's a dream destination for many. Leisurely excursions will take us to famous landmarks and incredible viewpoints, we will swim and snorkel in Phuket's pristine beaches and even take a cruise on a traditional wooden junk.

Following our stay in Phuket, we enjoy 5 nights in Krabi, renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, serene beaches and limestone cliffs.

From there, we're off to Bangkok, an unforgettable city of glittering temples and lively markets. We will spend our last 3 nights here.

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Phuket island tour
- Krabi elephant sanctuary
- Speedboat island-hopping tour
- Phang Nga Bay with a visit to "James Bond Island"
- Traditional dinner cruise aboard a Chinese junk
- Chaophraya River Boat Tour & Reclining Buddha Tour
- Thai dinner & dance show

## 18 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 14 - Mar 3

#### COST

#### \$10,397

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

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- Single supplement: add \$2,790
- Ottawa or Montreal: add \$190
- Halifax: add \$490
- · Vancouver: deduct \$300



MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### TOUR **INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • Deluxe hotels • Breakfast and dinner daily, 4 lunches

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

## **ITINERARY**

#### **DAYS 1 & 2: DEPARTURE.**

We fly to Phuket via Vancouver and Bangkok.

#### **DAY 3: PHUKET.**

We transfer to our hotel, with the balance of the day at leisure.

#### **DAY 4: PHUKET ISLAND TOUR.**

We start off with a scenic drive along the coast, passing Patong, Karon, Kata, and Rawai beaches and stopping at the breathtaking Three Beaches viewpoint. In Phuket Town, we'll admire the Sino-Portuguese architecture, visit the Peranakan Museum and explore attractions like the Big Buddha and Wat Chalong monastery. The tour ends with sunset at Promthep Cape, one of Phuket's most beautiful panoramas.

DAY 5: PHUKET. Day at leisure.

**DAY 6: PHANG NGA BAY. Today** we're off to see the dramatic limestone landscape of Phang Nga Bay. After a scenic road trip to the local fishing village on Klong Kian, we embark on a speedboat to stunning Hong Island. Embark on sea canoeing or long-tail boat rides and visit the iconic "James Bond Island" where The Man with the Golden Gun was filmed. We will visit mangrove forests and spend the afternoon unwinding on secluded beaches and pristine waters.

#### **DAY 7 & 8: PHUKET.**

Day at leisure.

**DAY 9: AT LEISURE / SUNSET DINNER CRUISE.** Tonight we'll embark on a sunset dinner cruise aboard a traditional Chinese junk, with breathtaking views and a delectable buffet dinner.

#### DAY 10: PHUKET/KRABI.

We make out way to the beautiful coastal town of Krabi, with the rest of the day at leisure to enjoy our luxury resort.

#### DAY 11: PHI PHI ISLANDS.

Today we will island-hop via speedboat to Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Ley islands—Phi Phi Ley is the stunning location of the movie "The Beach." Enjoy dramatic cliffs, pristine beaches, emerald water, and vibrant reefs. Then, after a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, it's off to secluded Bamboo Beach or Rang Yai Island for more swimming and relaxation.

DAY 12: KRABI. Day at leisure.

**DAY 13: KRABI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY.** Today, we embark on an unforgettable adventure! We will visit the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, where you'll have the unique opportunity to feed and interact with the elephants while learning about their history and behavior. Enjoy a mud treatment session and a refreshing bath with the elephants in a nearby river. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at vour leisure.

DAY 14: KRABI. Day at leisure.

DAY 15: BANGKOK. We fly to Bangkok and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

#### **DAY 16: BANGKOK'S GRAND**

PALACE, Built in 1782, the Grand Palace was the official residence of the Kings of Thailand until 1925. We will explore the palace complex, which covers over 218,000 square meters, and has numerous buildings, temples and gardens. We then continue to Wat Pho, home to the impressive Reclining Buddha, one of the largest Buddha statues in Thailand. After lunch at a riverside restaurant, the afternoon is free to explore the city.

#### **DAY 17: THONBURI KLONG CANALS / THAI DINNER &**

**DANCE SHOW.** Today we take a tranguil tour along the Chao Phraya River, drifting through the heart of Bangkok to explore the canals of Thonburi, known as the "Venice of the East." We'll learn about traditional Thai life, and see wooden homes on stilts, Buddhist temples, and small businesses along the waterways. Tonight, we'll be guests at a traditional Thai dinner and dance performance in a traditional teak pavilion.

DAY 18: RETURN. We fly to Toronto via Vancouver.





Japan and South Korea both combine fabled history and rich traditions with some of the world's most modern achievements.

Japan is a complex country with scenic beauty, ancient temples, colourful shrines, distinct cuisine, fascinating street markets and much more. We begin in Tokyo, where we will experience modern Japan. Then we travel through the beautiful mountainous region around sacred Mount Fuji to the cultural capital, Kyoto, which hosts Japan's largest concentration of temples, shrines and traditional arts. Next is Hiroshima—completely rebuilt after WWII, and the picturesque island of Miyajima, home of the Itsukushima Shrine (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Our final stop in Japan is the lively harbour city of Fukuoka. Much of our travel within Japan will be aboard the high-speed Bullet Train.

South Korea is a mountainous country with scenic hills and valleys alongside stunning coastlines and beaches. We will take a jet ferry from Japan to the port city of Busan, and then proceed to Gyeongju (considered one of the world's most historic cities), where we discover a treasure trove of priceless artifacts and ancient sites, including the oldest astronomical observatory in the world. We finish in Seoul, the capital, where one can find traces of its 5,000-year history in the palaces and temples.

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Mar 24 - Apr 9 / Mar 31 - Apr 16

#### — COST

#### \$13,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$2,390
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$390
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: deduct \$200
- Vancouver: deduct \$600

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





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tokyo's Imperial Garden & Asakusa Kannon Temple
- Cruise on Lake Ashi with panoramic views of Mt. Fuji
- Cultural capital of Kyoto
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
- The world's busiest intersection. Shibuya Crossing
- Kintai Bridge and Iwakuni Castle
- Ferry to South Korea & Port of Busan
- · Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla dynasty
- Traditional village of Yangdong
- Gwanghwamun Plaza, temples and markets of Seoul

TOUR **INCLUSIONS**  Air Canada flights • First-class & moderate hotels • Full breakfast daily, 14 dinners, & 4 lunches • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

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

DAY 2: TOKYO. We arrive in Tokyo and transfer to our hotel. Welcome Dinner this evening.

DAY 3: TOKYO. Our touring of Japan's capital begins at the Imperial Palace Eastern Garden. We will then enjoy a cooking class to learn how to make sushi. Following a lunch of our creations, we'll visit the Asakusa Kannon Temple and go up Tokyo Skytree to have an awe-inspiring view of the city.

DAY 4: TOKYO. This morning we visit the Meiji Shrine which is surrounded by a lush green forest in the heart of Tokyo. From there, we experience the world's busiest intersection, Shibuya Crossing. We then visit the buzzing district of Harajuku. Afternoon at leisure.

#### DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI / HAKONE.

A very scenic day as we will skirt the Japanese Alps with constant panoramic views of Mount Fuji. We enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi, then take the Hakone Ropeway to climb Mount Komagatake for views of the lake and surrounding countryside.

DAY 6: KYOTO. We take an express Bullet Train to the cultural capital, Kyoto-a treasure trove of art, architecture and landscaping. Our tour will include the Golden Pavilion Temple (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the former residence of the Imperial family, Nijo Castle and Heian Jingu Shrine—built in 1895 to commemorate the 1100th anniversary as the capital.

#### **DAY 7: KYOTO / HIROSHIMA This**

morning, we visit the historic heart of Kyoto, the old town. We then travel to the unique Arashiyama Bamboo Grove and the Togetsukyo Bridge, a landmark in the Arashiyama District. We then continue by train to Hiroshima.

#### DAY 8: MIYAJIMA / HIROSHIMA.

Our full-day tour includes visits to the Peace Memorial Park, the Atomic Bomb Dome and the Itsukushima Shrine—a UNESCO World Heritage Site located on the deer-filled island of Miyajima.

#### DAY 9: IWAKUNI / FUKUOKA.

We drive to Iwakuni to visit Kintai Bridge, a historic wooden arch bridge, and the impressive Iwakuni Castle, originally built in 1608 and rebuilt in 1962, conforming exactly to the original construction. We then continue to Fukuoka.

DAY 10: FUKUOKA. This morning we visit Fukuoka Tower, the tallest seaside tower in Japan and the Hakata Machiya Furusatokan, a folk museum with exhibits on local history, handicrafts, weaving and religious festivals. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 11: BUSAN (SOUTH KOREA).

We take a jet ferry to the port city of Busan, home to some of Korea's most beautiful beaches. Upon arrival, we visit Haeundae Beach for some free time before checking into the hotel.

DAY 12: BUSAN. Our full-day tour of Busan includes visits to the Beomeosa Temple, Haeundae Beach and the UN Memorial Cemetery. We also visit the famous international market, Gukje Sijang.

DAY 13: GYEONGJU. We travel to Gyeongju, ancient capital of the Silla dynasty and recognized as one of the ten most historic cities in the world. Our touring of Gyeongju includes visits to two World Heritage temples, the Seokguram Grotto-home of the 8th century serene stone Buddha, and Bulguksa Temple. Later we visit the Gveongiu Museum with its thousands of priceless treasures. Other

visits include Cheomseongdaethe world's oldest astronomical observatory, and Tumuli Park with its rare exhibits of ancient tombs.

#### **DAY 14: YANGDONG / SEOUL.**

This morning we visit Yangdong Maeul, a traditional village from the 15th century and UNESCO World Heritage site. We will see the tile and thatched-roofed homes built throughout the dense forest, many of which have been preserved for more than 200 years, along with ancient folk customs. We then depart for Seoul, the capital and largest city in South Korea.

DAY 15: SEOUL. Our city tour of Seoul includes visits to Gwanghwamun Plaza (the landmark of Seoul), the National Folklore Museum, Jogyesa Temple and Insa-dong, known as the centre of traditional Korean art and antiques. We finish with some time to explore Cheonggyecheon, a lively district filled with huge markets and arcades.

DAY 16: SEOUL. Our touring of Seoul continues today with a visit to the Bukchon Hanok Village, a traditional village preserved to show a 600-year-old urban environment. We will also visit Namdaemun Market, widely acknowledged as one of Seoul's best attractions, and the Seoul Tower, South Korea's first radio tower. offering awe-inspiring cityscape views. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

DAY 17: RETURN. Morning at leisure. This afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight home.





Explore the incredible landscapes, rich wildlife and friendly hospitality of this magnificent country by rail, boat and scenic coach.

Experience New Zealand's geological wonders, picturesque beaches and traditional Maori culture: our unique tour starts on the North Island, where we ride the Northern Explorer train past snow-capped peaks, plummeting gorges, sprawling plains, and the famous Raurimu Spiral - an engineering masterpiece.

On the South Island, we'll take one of the world's most scenic rail journeys, with 22 tunnels and 175 bridges, crossing the great Canterbury plains and following the Waimakariri River into the magnificent Southern Alps. We will see the stunning Kaikoura Coastline, journey past picturesque vineyards and make our way through the idyllic Canterbury countryside to Christchurch.

This tour also includes adventures by sea, with cruises through the crystal waters of the Bay of Islands and picturesque Marlborough and Queen Charlotte Sounds. We will take a steamship across Lake Wakatipu and enjoy scenic cruises through spectacular Fjordland National Park and the beautiful Otago Peninsula, home to fur seals, dolphins, sea lions, penguins, albatross and other rare ocean birds.

## 18 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Mar 7 - 24

#### COST

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#### \$15,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Single supplement: add \$2,490
- · Vancouver: deduct \$400
- Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$290
- Montreal, Ottawa, or Halifax: add \$690

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL





ACTIVE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Scottish feast with haggis ceremony
- Wildlife cruise along Otago Peninsula
- Fiordland National Park & Milford Sound
- Trips on TransAlpine Rail, Coastal Pacific Rail & Northern Explorer Train
- Vintage steamship cruise on Lake Wakatipu
- Tamaki Maori Village evening hangi & concert
- Capp Brett Peninsula & Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Auckland whale and dolphin conservation cruise

### TOUR **INCLUSIONS**

Flights with West Jet & Air New Zealand • First-class hotels

- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 11 dinners
   Visa fees (arranged by our office)
- No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

#### **DAYS 1 & 2: DEPARTURE.**

We fly to Dunedin, New Zealand via Vancouver and Auckland.

DAY 3: DUNEDIN. Transfer to our hotel, with free time until our Welcome Dinner-a Scottish feast with a special haggis ceremony!

**DAY 4: DUNEDIN.** This morning we visit Larnach Castle, known for its architecture and fascinating (and scandalous!) history. Then it's time for a wildlife cruise along the Otago Peninsula, the world's only mainland nesting ground for the Northern Royal Albatross. Dinner is at Speight's Brewery, home of the South Island's legendary beer!

#### **DAY 5: DUNEDIN/QUEEN-**

**STOWN.** After driving to Queenstown, we start the day on the Skyline Gondola, the steepest cable car in the Southern Hemisphere! Enjoy spectacular views of Coronet Peak, the Remarkables, Lake Wakatipu and Cecil Peak. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### **DAY 6: QUEENSTOWN.**

After a tour of Queenstown, we'll board a vintage steamship and cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. We will then tour a local farm, see a sheep shearing demonstration, and enjoy a gourmet BBQ lunch before retuning to Queenstown.

#### **DAY 7: QUEENSTOWN /** MILFORD SOUND CRUISE.

Today we cruise through breathtaking Fjordland National Park to Milford Sound, past spectacular Bowen Falls and Mitre Peak, with buffet lunch on board.

**DAY 8: QUEENSTOWN / FRANZ** 

JOSEPH. We travel by coach to the glacier town of Franz Joseph, passing through sub-tropical rainforest and the wild western coast, with a stop to taste delicious stone fruit at a local orchard.

#### **DAY 9: QUEENSTOWN /** TRANZALPINE RAIL /

**CHRISTCHURCH.** Today we board TranzAlpine Rail for a spectacular journey through the Canterbury Plains and along scenic river valleys, with views of the majestic Southern Alps. We arrive in Christchurch for a 2-night stay.

#### DAY 10: CHRISTCHURCH.

We take a tour of "the most English city outside of England," with the afternoon at leisure and dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 11: CHRISTCHURCH / WELLINGTON. We board the Coastal Pacific train to Picton, travelling past rugged coastlines and remote beaches between mountains and sea. Upon arrival in Picton, we board the ferry to Wellington.

#### **DAY 12: WELLINGTON.**

This morning is our visit to Te Papa. New Zealand's national museum, and our tour of the "best little capital city in the world." The afternoon is at leisure to explore friendly Wellington.

## **DAY 13: NATIONAL PARK /**

**ROTORUA.** We board the Northern Explorer Train and travel through Tongariro National Park, with its snow-capped peaks, deep gorges and sprawling plains. We continue by coach along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spa town of Rotorua.

DAY 14: ROTORUA. Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour, visit a Kiwi hatchery, take in a world-famous farm show at the Agrodome, and visit Te Puia Thermal Village. Dinner tonight is a hangi —a traditional Maori feast prepared in pits, with Maori music included in the fun.

## **DAY 15: ROTORUA /**

BAY OF ISLANDS. We head north through New Zealand's fertile farmland, stopping for lunch at a local vineyard before proceeding to Paihia, the main town in the beautiful Bay of Islands.

#### DAY 16: BAY OF ISLANDS.

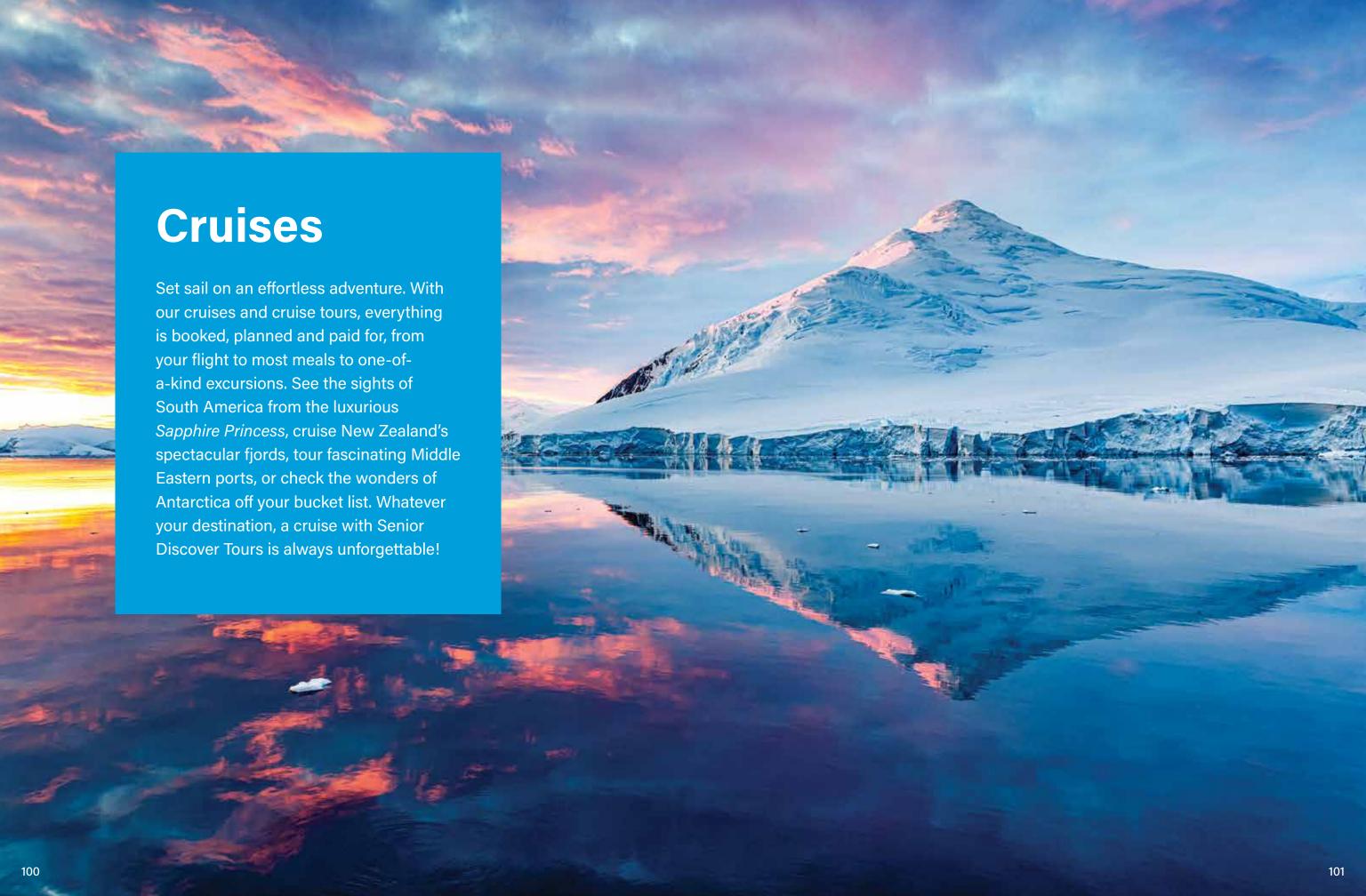
This morning we cruise the Bay's scenic waters to Cape Brett Lighthouse and, weather permitting, through the famous Hole in the Rock. Then we visit the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds, home to New Zealand's founding document.

DAY 17: BAY OF ISLANDS / PAIHIA / AUCKLAND. Morning at leisure. We drive to Auckland in the afternoon, stopping in Whangarei, New Zealand's northernmost city, and travelling through the scenic Rodney District. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight, we have our Farewell Dinner.

#### **DAY 18: AUCKLAND / DEPART.**

This morning we embark on an incredible whale and dolphin safari, seeing marine mammals and rare birds in their natural habitat. Afternoon is at leisure before our flight home.







## **Aboard the Enchanted Princess**

Join our group of friendly Canadians as we cruise to exotic landscapes brimming with natural, unspoiled beauty, world-renowned beaches, and vibrant cultures.

On this cruise we will venture deeper into the Caribbean to smaller, less visited islands teeming with lush rainforests, waterfalls, rare birds and species unique to the region. We will also discover aguamarine seas ablaze with brightly coloured coral reefs brimming with technicolour fish, breathtaking national parks, and world-renowned beaches.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the Enchanted Princess. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort. Princess' awardwinning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the Caribbean.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the stateof-the-art Princess theatre!

\*All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

## 11 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Jan 29 - Feb 8

#### COST

## Starting at \$4,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside cabin: \$4,797
- Outside cabin with balcony: \$5,597
- Deluxe Balcony cabin: \$5,797 .....
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$490 (includes an overnight in Toronto en route to Fort Lauderdale)

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with Air Canada • Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

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

We fly to Fort Lauderdale and upon arrival we transfer to our cruise ship, the Enchanted Princess. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

#### **DAY 2: PRINCESS CAYS,**

**BAHAMAS.** Relax on the sandy beach and take in the island's natural beauty while lazing on your own comfortable beach chair. Or, you may go snorkeling and explore the underwater paradise hidden within the unspoiled waters of the Bahamas.

#### DAY 3: AT SEA.

Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities, and entertainment. Visit the health club for a workout or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing or perhaps a wine tasting.

#### DAY 4: ST. THOMAS.

A small island surrounded by a series of jagged bays, inlets, and coves with miles of sandy beaches ing the colourful waterfront and cobbled streets with outstanding duty-free shopping in the lovely capital of Charlotte Amalie.

#### **DAY 5: ST. MAARTEN.**

The capital of this Dutch island, Philipsburg, charms with colonial architecture, historic buildings, wonderful shopping, and sun swept beaches. Just a few blocks wide, delights can be found around every corner in the city. On the other side of the island, the hub of French St. Martin is filled with designer boutiques, sidewalk cafés, bistros and trendy art galleries. Wander through the charming streets and experience a taste of France.

#### **DAY 6: ANTIGUA.**

Dive into British naval history at Nelson's Dockyard where you can patrol the museum and Blockhouse Ruins for nautical lore. Indulge your sense of wonder snorkeling above rainbow reefs, or pick one of the 365 beaches and soak up the sun.

#### DAY 7: ST. KITTS.

With so much natural beauty, it's no wonder the English defended the "Gibraltar of the West Indies" from Brimstone Hill, Take it all infrom Piccadilly Circus and an island version of Big Ben to the pink salt pond, the lush gardens and rainforests.

## VIRGIN ISLANDS. Tortola is the largest of the British Virgin Islands. The island's capital, Road Town,

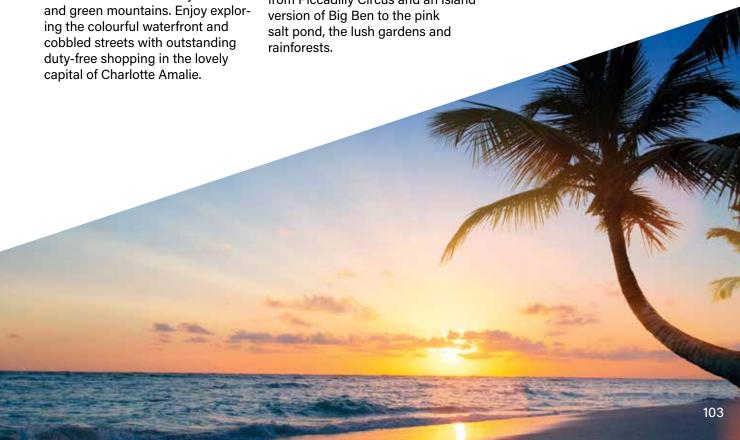
**DAY 8: TORTOLA, BRITISH** 

has vibrant shops and delightful cafés by the harbour. The spectacular beach at Cane Garden Bay is world renowned. For a real treat, take a ferry across the channel to Virgin Gorda, home of the famous Baths.

#### **DAYS 9 & 10: AT SEA.**

Enjoy a culinary demonstration, afternoon tea, or catch a movie under the stars.

**DAY 11: FORT LAUDERDALE / RETURN.** We arrive back in Fort Lauderdale in the morning and transfer to the airport for our flight





# **Caribbean Cruise**

## **Aboard the Enchanted Princess**

Come cruise with us to some of the most exciting ports of call in the Caribbean.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the Enchanted Princess. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-Star floating resort. Princess' award-winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the Caribbean.

Go for a swim in one of the pools; have a sauna and massage in the spa; enjoy the aerobics and dance classes; enjoy the commentary on history and highlights of the ports on your in-cabin entertainment system, which will help you decide on optional excursions. Or you may just want to relax in one of the luxurious lounges with expansive windows.

As for food, Princess has introduced continuous dining options: the Pizzeria, three intimate dining rooms, a 24-hour international café, outdoor grill, afternoon tea service, ice cream parlour and, of course, 24-hour room service. Special diets are not a problem.

Staterooms are spacious with twin beds (convertible to queen size), TV, phone, climate control, fridge, spacious closets and a private bathroom. Mini-Suites have a large private balcony and comfortable sitting area.

From after-dinner drinks in one of the elegant lounges, to first-run films, to the excitement of the casino, there is evening entertainment to suit every mood. The specialty is the incomparable Broadway-style entertainment. The professionally produced nightclub revues feature some of the finest dancers, singers, comedians and magicians.

## 11 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 28 - Mar 10

#### **COST**

#### Starting at \$4,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside cabin: \$4.797
- Outside cabin with balcony: \$5,497

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- Deluxe balcony cabin: \$5,797
- Single Supplement: add 50% to costs above
- · Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$690 (includes an overnight in *Toronto en route to Fort Lauderdale)*



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

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TOUR **INCLUSIONS** 

Flights with Air Canada • Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: DEPARTURE.** We fly to Fort Lauderdale and upon arrival we transfer to our cruise ship, the Enchanted Princess. This evening, we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

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**BAHAMAS.** Relax on the sandy beach and take in the island's natural beauty while lazing on your own comfortable beach chair. Or, you may go snorkeling and explore the underwater paradise hidden within the unspoiled waters of the Bahamas.

DAY 3: AT SEA. Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities and entertainment. Visit the health club for a workout or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing or perhaps a wine tasting.

DAY 4: ST. THOMAS. A small island surrounded by a series of jagged bays, inlets, and coves with miles of sandy beaches and green mountains. Enjoy exploring the colourful waterfront and cobbled streets with outstanding duty-free shopping in the lovely capital of Charlotte Amalie.

DAY 5: DOMINICA. This island boasts a wealth of lush rain forests, dense jungles and rugged mountains. You can explore the natural beauty at places like Champagne Reef, Emerald Pool and Ti Tou Gorge. You can also sit back and watch the brilliantly plumed Sisserou and Jacquot parrots' flit from tree to tree.

**DAY 6: MARTINIQUE.** Martinique is truly "a little bit of France in the Caribbean", as it exudes a distinctly French ambiance. The natural beauty is everywhere with powdery white sand beaches and spectacular mountainous scenery. Visit the Balata Botanical Garden and see hibiscus, anthuriums, orchids, and other exotic flora.

DAY 7: ST. KITTS. With so much natural beauty, it's no wonder the English defended the "Gibraltar of the West Indies" from Brimstone Hill. Take it all in-from Piccadilly Circus and an island version of Big Ben to the pink salt pond, the lush gardens and rainforests.

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DAYS 9 & 10: AT SEA. Enjoy a culinary demonstration, afternoon tea, or catch a movie under the stars.

**DAY 11: FORT LAUDERDALE / RETURN.** We arrive back in Fort Lauderdale in the morning and transfer to the airport for our flight





## Caribbean **Adventure Cruise**

## **Aboard the Majestic Princess**

Join a group of like-minded Canadians as we cruise to some of the most exciting ports in the Caribbean, aboard the Majestic Princess.

With a fusion of European and Latin American influences, the Caribbean islands are known for their quaint towns alive with culture, and also for their breathtaking backdrop of swaying palm trees, powder white beaches, turquoise waters, and blue-green mountains.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the *Majestic* 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 fascinating onboard programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the Caribbean.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment, as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-ofthe-art Princess theatre!

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## 15 DAYS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Jan 21 - Feb 4 / Feb 4 - 18

#### COST

Please note: costs below are for the January Cruise. For the February Cruise add \$300 in each category.

#### Starting at \$5,397

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

- Inside cabin: \$5,397
- Outside cabin/private balcony: \$6,197
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa: add \$190 (with round-trip ground transportation to the Montreal airport)
- · Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$590 (includes an overnight in Toronto en route to Fort Lauderdale)

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

Flights with Air Canada • Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPARTURE /** FORT LAUDERDALE. We fly to

Fort Lauderdale transfer to our cruise ship, the Majestic Princess. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

#### **DAYS 2 & 3: AT SEA.**

Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities, and entertainment. Visit the health club for a workout or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing, or perhaps wine tasting.

#### DAY 4: ST. MAARTEN.

The Dutch capital of Philipsburg charms with colonial architecture, wonderful shopping, and sunswept beaches. On the other side of the island, French St. Martin is a taste of France, filled with designer boutiques, sidewalk cafés, and art galleries.

#### DAY 5: ST. KITTS.

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#### **DAY 6: (JANUARY CRUISE)**

**MARTINIQUE.** Enjoy Martinique's rhythmic beats of zouk music and the aroma of freshly baked French pastries wafting through colourful markets. Explore the historical landmarks in the capital city of Fort-de-France, savour exquisite Creole cuisine, or stroll along the sun-kissed beaches with crystal-clear waters.

## **DAY 6: (FEBRUARY CRUISE).**

**GRENADA.** Breathe in the scent of the wild nutmeg trees that this "Spice Island" is famous for as you stroll past the heliconia and ginger lilies to Grand Etang Lake, and the crystal-clear pools at the base of Seven Sisters Falls.

DAY 7: ST. LUCIA. St. Lucia is famous for its twin peaks formed by a now extinct volcano. Here you will find a variety of eco-systems not found anywhere else in the region, including rain forests, mountains, and pristine beaches.

#### **DAY 8: BARBADOS.**

With its rolling hills and endless white sand beaches, Barbados is a long time favourite of Canadians. Visit Harrison's Cave, with its bubbling streams, cascading waterfalls, and stalagmites. Or you may want to taste the island's famous rum at the Mount Gay Rum Factory.

#### **DAY 9: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.**

The birthplace of steel pan and calypso music has much to offer. The Asa Wright Nature Centre is devoted to naturalists and bird watchers, or visit the Queen's Park Savannah, Royal Botanic Gardens, and the Magnificent Seven (impressive colonial houses).

DAY 10: AT SEA.

#### DAY 11: CURAÇAO.

The colourful capital, Willemstad, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with great shops in town offering bargains, the Hato caves, and an array of pristine beaches.

DAY 12: ARUBA. The real attraction of this unique Dutch island is under water. Aruba is surrounded by colourful coral, abundant sea life, and the famous wreck of the Antilla. If you would rather stay dry, view it all from an Atlantis submarine or a glass bottom boat.

#### **DAYS 13 & 14: AT SEA.**

After all the exciting sightseeing of the past few weeks, a couple of days at sea to enjoy the activities and entertainment on board our ship will come most welcome.

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

We disembark the ship in Fort Lauderdale and transfer to the airport for our flight home.





## **Aboard the Coral Princess**

Join a group of friendly Canadians on this exciting journey through the Panama Canal.

By creating artificial lakes and immense lift locks, the Americans performed one of the greatest engineering feats in history, completing the canal in 1914. A canal crossing is memorable. The scenery around this 8th Wonder of the World is lush and tropical and the intricate workings of the locks and sheer immensity of the achievement are awe-inspiring.

We sail from Los Angeles to Fort Lauderdale aboard the *Coral Princess*. Princess Cruises, whose ships are considered among the most beautiful and hospitable, was one of the first cruise lines to traverse the canal. Their ships are luxurious, floating resorts with all the pleasures of a deluxe resort hotel.

Princess' award-winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs bring the culture and colours of this region to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate this part of the world.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the-art Princess theatres!

\*All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

## 17 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

Feb 21 - Mar 9 / Mar 25 - Apr 10

#### COST

#### Starting at \$6,197

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Inside cabin: \$6,197
- Outside cabin (obstructed view): \$6,497
- Outside cabin (clear view): \$6,797
- Outside cabin/private balcony: \$7,997
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Vancouver: add \$190
- Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, or Edmonton: add \$690 (includes an overnight in Toronto or Vancouver en route to Los Angeles)

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada Rouge • Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities and entertainment • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE /

LOS ANGELES. We depart for Los Angeles, and upon arrival we transfer to our cruise ship. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board, and a chance to get acquainted with our fellow travellers.

DAYS 2 & 3: AT SEA. Time to relax, and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities, and entertainment on board. Visit the health club for a massage or beauty treatment, join an exercise class, line dancing, wine tasting, practice your short game on the putting green, or participate in a game of shuffleboard.

#### **DAY 4: PUERTO VALLARTA,**

MEXICO. Take in the unique vibe of this historic town on picturesque Banderas Bay. Stroll along the vibrant Malecón boardwalk or take an excursion to the incredible Marietas Islands for excellent snorkeling and wildlife spotting. Shop for great values on leather goods, jewellery, beaded treasures and other handicrafts—or just kick back on one of the many lovely, palm-lined beaches.

#### DAY 5: AT SEA.

#### **DAY 6: HUATULCO, MEXICO.**

Made up of nine bays on the coast of Oaxaca, Huatulco is an unblemished tropical site for rest and relaxation. Tourists can engage in local customs and shop for beautiful native clothes in plazas such as La Nata, located on the main square.

#### DAY 7: AT SEA.

DAY 8: SAN JUAN DEL SUR, NICARAGUA. Once a sleepy fishing village, San Juan del Sur is now the most popular travel and vacation destination on Nicaragua's Pacific coast, offering a lively mix of local culture and wonderful natural attractions.

#### **DAY 9: PUNTARENAS, COSTA**

RICA. Perched at the tip of a sandy peninsula (its name means "sandy point"), the entire city of Puntarenas is within easy walking distance from the port. The people of this city have a reputation for friendliness and have long welcomed tourists to the sunny beaches that encircle the city.

#### DAY 10: AT SEA.

**DAY 11: FUERTE AMADOR,** PANAMA. Located at the entrance to the Panama Canal, this port offers a delightful mix of natural beauty and cultural attractions. You may opt to join a tour to Gatun Lake, at the heart of the Panama Canal—a marvel of engineering and a natural wonder. On a boat tour you can see massive cargo ships navigating the narrow channels, surrounded by lush rainforest, and an incredible variety of wildlife, including monkeys, sloths, and exotic birds. Or you may want to explore the nearby Biomuseo, a fascinating museum designed by Frank Gehry, which showcases Panama's rich biodiversity and geological history.

#### DAY 12: PANAMA CANAL—

FULL TRANSIT. Today we experience the full transit of the Panama Canal. See the immense lift locks raise and lower the passing vessels and great volumes of water rushing by. Enjoy the scenery on either side of the canal with mangrove swamps, tropical plants, trees, and bird life. As we cruise through the canal there is a detailed narration of this colossal undertaking that cost \$367 million in 1914!

#### DAY 13: AT SEA.

DAY 14: ARUBA. Although this unique Dutch island has blossomed into a sophisticated Caribbean destination, the real attraction is under water. Aruba is surrounded by colourful coral, and the abundant sea life around Arashi Reef or the wreck of the Antilla is breathtaking. If you would rather stay dry, view it all by taking an excursion from the air conditioned comfort of an Atlantis submarine or a glass bottom boat.

#### **DAYS 15 & 16: AT SEA.**

#### DAY 17: FORT LAUDERDALE / RETURN. We disembark in Fort Lauderdale and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Canada.





# **Hawaiian Island Cruise**

## **Aboard the Grand Princess**

Cruising is an ideal way to explore the tropical paradise of Hawaii.

On this cruise we visit the Big Island of Hawaii—known for its orchids and volcanoes, Oahu for the excitement of Honolulu, Maui—with its green hills and gentle valleys, and Kauai (The Garden Isle).

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the *Grand Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort. Princess' award-winning shore excursions and fascinating onboard programs will bring the cultures and colours of Hawaii to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate Hawaii.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the art Princess theatre!

\*All beverage packages and shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or on board the ship.

#### II DATS

**TRAVEL DATES IN 2025** 

Jan 14 - 30 / Feb 9 - 25

#### COST

Please note: costs below are for the January Cruise. For the February Cruise add \$200 in each category.

#### Starting at \$4,997

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Vancouver

- Inside cabin: \$4,997
- Outside cabin (obstructed view): \$5,397
- Outside cabin/private balcony: \$7,797
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Calgary or Edmonton: add \$390 (includes an overnight in Vancouver en route to Los Angeles)

Add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto or Vancouver in each direction

- Ottawa or Montreal: add \$590
- Halifax or Winnipeg: add \$790

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



LEISURELY. Refer to page 2 for full details.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Flights with Air Canada • Cruise as described, port taxes, all meals daily, all activities and entertainment • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

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

LOS ANGELES. We depart for Los Angeles. Upon arrival we transfer to our Princess cruise ship which sails later in the afternoon. This evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner on board.

DAYS 2 - 6: AT SEA. Time now to enjoy the many pleasures of our cruise ship. Pamper yourself in the spa, play a game of shuffleboard, perfect your golf swing or partake in afternoon tea. Browse the boutiques, take in a movie at the theatre or just curl up in your deck chair with a good book—a time honoured seafaring tradition.

DAY 7: HILO (THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII). On the lush rainforest side of Hawaii's Big Island, the "City of Rainbows" offers a look at the power and beauty of nature. You may enjoy the breathtaking views of the 420-foot thundering Akaka Falls or drive around Crater Rim at Volcanoes National Park.

#### DAY 8: HONOLULU / OAHU.

Honolulu is Hawaii's largest city and the state capital. It is probably most famous as the home of Waikiki Beach. You may want to visit Iolani Palace, the only royal palace on U.S. soil, or see the USS Arizona Memorial and the "Mighty Missouri" at Pearl Harbor.

DAY 9: MAUI. Maui is the second largest of the Hawaiian Islands. Known as The Valley Isle, many consider it the most beautiful of the islands. The hills throughout the island are planted with sugar cane and pineapple, and the excellent beaches welcome sunbathers and swimmers. Well worth a visit is the Haleakala Crater, the highest point on the island.

DAY 10: KAUAI. The oldest inhabited island in Hawaii, the "Garden Isle" boasts Waimea Canyon, known as "The Grand Canyon of the Pacific". You may want to take a boat ride on the Wailua River or visit Fern Grotto and hear a performance of "The Hawaiian Wedding Song".

DAYS 11 - 15: AT SEA. We leave Hawaii and begin our cruise back to the mainland. Keep an eye out for whales and dolphins! As we head for the mainland you will be able to really take advantage of all the activities, relaxation, events and socializing available on board.

#### DAY 16: ENSENADA, MEXICO.

This friendly port on the Baja Peninsula boasts more than just a warm Mediterranean climate. Optional excursions will be offered to Bodegas de Santo Tomas, Baja's oldest winery.

#### **DAY 17: LOS ANGELES /**

**RETURN.** Farewell to our friends on our Princess cruise ship as we disembark in Los Angeles and transfer to the airport for our flight home.





## **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

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Winnipeg, Edmonton or Vancouver: add \$390

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



MODERATE. 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: RETURN.**

We arrive back in Canada.



## **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
- 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**







MODERATE. 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
- 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.

DAY 16: FJORDLAND NATIONAL 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
- Single supplement: add 50% to costs above
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$390
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$790

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



MODERATE. 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 the airport for our flight back to Canada.

#### **DAY 22: RETURN.** 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
- Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax: add \$190
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver: add \$590

## **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



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\*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.

#### **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.

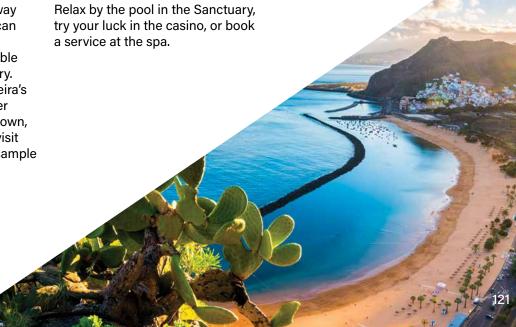
**DAY 14: AT SEA.** Enjoy the final day on the beautiful Sky Princess, maybe picking up a souvenir or two in the ship's shops.

#### **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.





## Daily excursions while cruising!

Float down the magnificent Danube River on the luxurious AMADEUS Riva, journeying from Budapest to Prague.

We start in beautiful Budapest, Hungary, where we will enjoy the city for two days, staying in a lovely, centrally located hotel before embarking on the gracious AMADEUS Riva, our home for the next 8 days. As we glide through the calm waters, we will take in the unparalleled scenery through the ship's panoramic windows, eat fantastic food and have unforgettable experiences in breathtaking locations.

The AMADEUS Riva embodies the spirit of adventure, offering a new generation of luxury cruising that focuses on sustainability and wellbeing. You'll find plenty of room to roam, from the River Terrace bar to the generous sun deck. Enjoy an afternoon with a book in a guiet corner or dance late into the night at the Panorama bar.

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- 7-night cruise, 4 nights in hotels
- Hungarian and Czech folklore shows
- Budapest sightseeing tour
- Artists' town of Szentendre
- Esztergom, Hungary's former capital

- Bratislava walking tour
- "Sound of Vienna" classical concert
- Pilzen, home of Pilsner beer
- Linz walking tour with Linzer Torte tasting
- 3 days in Prague

## 13 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

May 18 - 30

#### COST

### Starting at \$9,797

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Haydn Deck with panoramic window:
- Strauss Deck (larger cabin) with dropdown panoramic window: \$10,797
- Mozart Deck (larger cabin) with dropdown panoramic window: \$11,197
- Single accommodation on request
- Ottawa, Montreal, or Halifax: add \$690

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• Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$990





MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

TOUR **INCLUSIONS**  Flights with KLM • 7-night deluxe cruise in outside cabins, all meals (wine with dinners), and entertainment • 4 nights first-class accommodations (1 night Budapest, 3 nights Prague with breakfast daily, 3 dinners & 1 lunch) • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: DEPART.**

We fly to Budapest via Amsterdam.

DAY 2: BUDAPEST. We transfer to our hotel and walk to a local restaurant for lunch. The rest of the day is free to rest or explore, with dinner at the hotel.

#### **DAY 3: BUDAPEST /**

**EMBARKATION.** After a morning free to explore the city, we will head to our ship, with a light lunch available onboard. In the evening, we will enjoy a special Welcome Dinner and Hungarian folklore show with the backdrop of the illuminated city.

#### **DAY 4: BUDAPEST /**

**ESZTERGOM.** In the morning, we will explore Budapest's two famous sections: Buda and Pest. In Buda, we will see the Great Market Hall, iconic Baroque buildings, and Heroes' Square, famous for its monuments to Hungarian kings. Then we cross to Pest to see St. Matthew Church and the Fishermen's Bastion. After lunch, we're off on a coach tour to the Hungarian countryside to explore the artists' town of Szentendre and visit Esztergom, the country's former capital. We set sail in the evening.

**DAY 5: BRATISLAVA.** We arrive in Slovakia's lovely capital in the morning, just in time to take a walking tour of the city. We will pass St. Martin's Cathedral, where former kings were crowned, get a glimpse of Grassalkovich Palace, walk through the stunning old town and sample famous Pressburger rolls with nut and poppy seed filling.

DAY 6: VIENNA. There is so much to see in the Imperial City—palaces and art museums, the stunning opera house, the Court Theatre and Vienna's imposing city hall. We will take a panoramic drive followed by a guided walk through the beautiful city centre, starting at the Hofburg

Imperial Palace, through the Kohl Market, to the iconic St. Stephen's cathedral. This evening we will attend the "Sound of Vienna" classical concert, with waltzes, polkas, arias and duets, operettas and piano concerto melodies to awaken the senses and soothe the soul.

## DAY 7: DÜRNSTEIN /

**EMMERSDORF.** Today we will dock in the quaint village of Dürnstein, a hidden gem in the heart of the magnificent Wachau Valley. You will see breathtaking scenery, traditional architecture and have a chance to try the local speciality: apricots and wine. Next our coach will take us to Melk Abbey, one of the world's most famous monasteries, with a guided tour through the church, the abbot's chambers, and the impressive library, which has countless medieval manuscripts and frescoes.

DAY 8: LINZ. Today we explore Austria's cultural capital with a walking tour through the city's historic streets, ending on a sweet note—with a delicious Linzer Torte tasting. Later in the afternoon, join our active hiking tour to Pöstlingberg, a 1,768-foot high hill with a viewing platform over the city.

DAY 9: PASSAU. After breakfast, we will take a tour of old town Passau, exploring winding alleyways and Baroque masterpieces in this three-river city. In the afternoon, we will visit 800-year-old Veste Oberhaus—one of the largest preserved castle complexes in Europe. Back

on board, we will take part in a fun Bavarian evening with live music and regional delicacies. The ship will remain in Passau overnight.

DAY 10: PASSAU / **DISEMBARKATION / PILZEN** / PRAGUE. We disembark after breakfast and enjoy a scenic country drive to Prague. On the way, we stop in Pilzen, best known for producing Pilsner beer. Then it's off to Prague, where we check into our hotel for the final 3 nights of the

DAY 11: PRAGUE. The day begins with a tour of this stunning city, its UNESCO World Heritage site old town, 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, St. Vitus, the Charles Bridge and Old Market Square. The rest of the day is at leisure—a perfect time to relax in one of the city's many charming cafés. This evening is a Czech folklore dinner show, where we will experience local music. dance and traditions.

DAY 12: PRAGUE. A free day to explore and experience wonderful Prague on your own, ending with our Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

#### **DAY 13: RETURN.**

We fly back to Canada, via Amsterdam.





through the fairytale beauty of the Dutch and Belgian waterways.

We see fields of vibrant flowers, picture-postcard harbours and quaint historic towns with the local folk dressed in traditional costume. April is Tulip Time in Holland when the tulips, in a blaze of colour, carpet the countryside. The famous Kuekenhof Bulb Gardens has spectacular displays of tulips and other bulb plants.

An added-value feature of this cruise is that all excursions are included and expertly guided in English. Exclusive old-world highlights on board include folklore entertainment, lectures, theme dinners, welcome and farewell cocktail receptions and a Captain's Gala dinner.

A big advantage to river cruising is in the central docking facilities at each port of call that makes the disembarkation fast and exploration of each destination quite effortless. And seasickness is never an issue! Our riverboat is the AMADEUS Riva. On this deluxe floating hotel you can relax in the lounge, Panorama Bar, or outside on the deck. The ship has a shop, fitness and massage room. All meals are included and graciously presented in a dining room with floor to ceiling windows. Unlimited quality wines from Europe's most famous wine regions are included with every dinner.

Cabins have a choice of double or twin bed, private bathroom (shower only), hairdryer, phone, safe, TV with satellite, in-house video channels and climate control, Cabins on Haydn Deck have a panoramic window that cannot be opened. Cabins on the Strauss and Mozart Decks are larger, with panoramic windows that can be opened, as well as a French balcony.

## 9 DAYS

#### **TRAVEL DATES IN 2025**

**April 21 - 29** 

#### COST

#### Starting at \$7,597

per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

- Hadyn Deck with panoramic window: \$7,597
- Strauss Deck (larger cabin) with drop-down panoramic window: \$8,397
- Mozart Deck (larger cabin) with drop-down panoramic window: \$8,797

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- Single Accommodation on request
- · Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, or Vancouver: add \$290

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







MODERATE. Refer to page 2 for full details.

### TOUR **INCLUSIONS**

Flights with Air Canada • 7-night Deluxe Cruise in outside cabins, all meals (wine included with dinners), daily excursion as described • No hidden costs—full list of tour inclusions on page 1.

## **ITINERARY**

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

#### **DAY 2: AMSTERDAM.**

We arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to our deluxe floating hotel, the AMADEUS Riva. After some time to relax, enjoy a welcome cocktail party reception and our first dinner aboard. The ship is moored near many of Amsterdam's attractions and you may enjoy a stroll around this friendly city. A Traditional Shanty Choir performance onboard makes a perfect beginning to your journey.

DAY 3: ARNHEM. This town was the setting for the WW II book and film "A Bridge Too Far". Almost destroyed during the war, it is now a large modern city. We will drive past various spots associated with the events as described in the book and film. Then we will visit the Airborne Museum, which was a hotel in 1944 and later became the headquarters of the British 1st Airborne Division. In the afternoon we will visit the Kröller-Müller Museum, renowned for its large collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh. The museum also boasts one of the largest sculpture gardens in Europe, featuring impressive sculptures displayed in innovative ways in a beautiful natural setting.

#### **DAY 4: MIDDELBURG /**

**BELGIUM.** We dock in Middelburg—one of the cities in which the Dutch East India Company flourished in the seventeenth century. This lovely city features historic merchant houses and storefronts lining its canals. Middelburg, the capital of the province of Zeeland, is full of monuments. There are about 1,100 large and small monuments which testify to its rich past. The powerful abbey, the impressive town hall and the splendid old warehouses let you relive this past. During the walking tour, you will be taken past the stately warehouses and impressive monuments of Middelburg, such as the town hall, the abbey and many more. Later we stop in the town of Veere - once a prosperous port thanks to wool trade with Scotland. Today, Veere is one of the most picturesque towns in the area. This evening, the ship takes us into Belgium.

**DAY 5: GHENT / BRUGES, BELGIUM.** Our included city tour of Ghent includes fine sights such as St. Bavo Cathedral with its world-famous painting by Jan van Eyck, and the belfry with its bell tower. In the afternoon we proceed to Bruges. Visiting here is like taking a journey back in time, and we will enjoy a city tour.

**DAY 6: BRUSSELS / ANTWERP, BELGIUM.** On our excursion to the Belgian capital Brussels, we will see Heysel Stadium, Notre Dame of Laken, the famous Atomium and the Royal Residence. Then on to the eastern part of the city to see Cinquantenaire Park with its impressive U-shaped buildings, Royal Palace, Palace of Justice, and we'll take a walk through Europe's oldest shopping mall.

In the afternoon we visit Antwerp, one of the world's most important ancient seaports. The city is best known for its diamond trade and as the home of the renowned painter Peter Paul Rubens. Our included city tour will enable us to get to know this beautiful city in some detail.

**DAY 7: KINDERDIJK AND KEUKENHOF GARDENS.** This morning we discover Holland's largest concentration of working windmills. Then after lunch we will visit the famous and awesome Keukenhof Gardens, with

its tulip and daffodil displays,

lakes, sculpture gardens,

greenhouses and terraces affording views over the 10 acres of gardens and carpets of tulips. Keukenhof offers you the opportunity to see millions of bulbs in flower, fantastic flower shows and the largest sculpture park in the Netherlands.

Tonight is the Captain's Gala Dinner, complete with orchestral music and dancing.

**DAY 8: AMSTERDAM / VOLENDAM.** Amsterdam is renowned for its museums, flowers and countless bicycles. The center consists of 90 islands, linked by 400 bridges. On our morning city tour through the Dutch metropolis we will see the Royal Palace, numerous canals and the Museum Quarter. Since there is no better way to see the city than cruising on the water, the tour will end with a canal cruise. In the afternoon we visit Volendam, one of Holland's most charming places—it looks like a picture postcard of a traditional Dutch town, with people dressed in traditional costumes. Then we drive into the countryside to visit a local cheese farm and learn how Dutch cheese is made. On our way back to the ship we will enjoy a short walk through the quaint village of

DAY 9: RETURN. We transfer to the Amsterdam airport and fly home with Air Canada.

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#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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- SDT acts solely as agent between the passenger and supplier for providing services as described in the brochure. SDT will not assume responsibility for any claims, damages or expenses arising from situations beyond our control.
- 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).
  - Cancel 61 days or more prior to departure: \$75 admin. fee
  - Cancel 60 days to 31 days prior: 25% of tour cost
  - Cancel 30 days to 8 days prior: 50% of tour cost
  - Cancel 7 days or less prior: 100% of tour cost
- 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.
- If a tour is cancelled for any reason, our liability is limited to your full refund. No tours will be cancelled due to international events, unless the government specifically advises not to travel to your specific destination.
- We are unable to refund those who do not participate in any included meals or excursions, as they are all prepaid.
- 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.
- 14. SDT will attempt to accommodate special requests by notifying the suppliers in writing, however we cannot guarantee that requests such as room locations or meal requirements for flights or hotels will be adhered to by our suppliers, and therefore we cannot be held responsible. Please note that advance seat selection for flights on our group tours is not permitted, as per the conditions of our contract with the airlines. Sea view or pool view rooms are not guaranteed unless specifically noted in our brochure.
- 15. On cruises—all shore excursions are optional, and are paid for on board the ship, unless stated otherwise in our brochure. Our local tour operators may also offer optional excursions (sometimes on a cash-only basis). While we do our best to monitor their quality, SDT is not responsible for the operation or costing of these optional excursions.
- 16. Our tours are designed for those who are physically fit. Tour members must be able to walk fairly long distances at a reasonable pace and climb stairs easily. Our tours are not suitable for those requiring wheelchairs or walkers. If you have walking limitations, we recommend a cruise on which the excursions are optional. If you are concerned about your physical ability to join a tour, please discuss which of our tours is suitable for your activity level with one of our travel experts.
- 17. Senior Discovery Tours supports an environment of respect and dignity toward our staff and clients, and harassment and/ or abuse of any kind will not be tolerated.
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- 19. Generally you will receive your tour documents 7 to 10 days prior to departure, unless we are held up by a supplier providing documentation, in which case you may not receive them until closer to departure.
- 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.
- 21. You may not make any **changes to your flight arrangements** after the final payment due date.
- 22. There may be occasions in which the **flight portion** of your SDT holiday is **unescorted**.
- 23. Our group sizes vary between 10 and 45 travellers.
- 24. All of our tours are conducted in **English only**.

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#### **OTTAWA**

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