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# FEATURED OFFER



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## FREE OPTIONAL TOUR ON ALL 2023 INTERNATIONAL LAND TOURS!

### **USE DISCOUNT CODE: FREEOPT23**

This **Limited Time Offer** includes all 2023 departure dates on all International Land Tours in this brochure, including Europe, South America, Africa & Asia. This offer is only available until October 28, 2022 and then it's gone.

Use discount code: FREEOPT23 when booking.\*



\*Offer applies to a single YMT Optional booked more than 30 days prior to travel, based on optional availability, when confirmed on any 2023 Europe, Africa or Asia Land Tour departure date listed in the August 2022 Experience the World brochure (pages 72-93, 118-121, & 130-137). Offer excludes Canada, ocean cruises and river cruises. More optionals will be available than are listed in this brochure. A full list of optionals will be available no later than 45 days prior to departure. Discount may only be applied to a single optional with a maximum value of \$100 per person, it can be applied as partial payment for a higher priced optional but cannot be applied to multiple lower priced optionals. This offer has no cash value. Offer is for new bookings only while supplies last, expires October 28, 2022. Offer may only be combined with Instant Rebate, Loyalty and Referral discounts. Other restrictions may apply, please call for details.

## PEACE OF MIND program



## **BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE**

All departures automatically come with our Peace of Mind Program\*—**free of charge**. This program gives you the ability to move your booking to another date or destination. Just let us know 100 days before departure and we'll waive all land or cruise penalties and transfer you to the new vacation *(airlines impose different change policies and penalties)*.



\* Temporary changes to standard terms and conditions apply to new bookings, this policy may be withdrawn at any time. Deposits and final payments remain non-refundable. Notice of change in travel plans must be given 100 days before departure for all land tours, ocean cruise tours and river cruise tours. Standard cancellation penalties will apply for full cancellation without rebooking or changes made within 100 days predeparture. Seasonal pricing and eligible promotions for the new tour or cruise will apply. If you choose a tour or departure that is more expensive than the original, you are responsible for the difference in price; if the tour or departure is less expensive than the original, a Future Travel Credit will be issued for the difference. Air penalties and charges may apply. Your Future Travel Credit reservation is set to expire 2 years from date of issue. Additional restrictions may apply; see Terms & Conditions for details.

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## TRAVEL SAFE

While the world has changed, your health and safety remain our biggest priority. A worry-free experience for our guests is very important to us, and with a few changes and new protocols, you can continue to enjoy peace-of-mind while traveling. The following pillars



address our guidelines to provide a safe and clean environment for you and our team.

#### **MANDATORY VACCINATIONS AGAINST COVID-19**

All guests, including minors, must be up to date on their COVID vaccines prior to departure, to participate. Guest vaccination requirements are currently for all departures until further notice.



#### WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Along with introducing enhanced protocols to keep everyone safe, we ask that you take personal responsibility for your health. This begins with packing any personal protective equipment and hygiene supplies you may need. Please follow physical distancing and hygiene guidelines before departure, and follow all health instructions including local signage and requests from your Tour Director while on tour. Based on CDC guidelines, YMT Vacations will be requiring the use of masks where it is mandated by local guidelines. You can observe suggested safety precautions by following CDC guidelines:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect
- Monitor your health



#### **GUEST AND TEAM MEMBER HEALTH**

We ask that you follow CDC guidelines prior to your trip, including staying home if you feel ill. Please monitor your health throughout your tour, and notify your Tour Director immediately if you feel unwell.

We are currently requiring guests to be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, including booster shots, prior to joining a tour. If this is not possible, please call us to discuss your options. This policy may change based on guidance from health organizations and government agencies.

We will provide you with more details prior to departure. Additionally, we will keep you up to date with any additional predeparture partner requirements and have provided links to partner websites so you can monitor the latest updates.



#### **RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

YMT Vacations will be requiring the use of masks where it is mandated by federal, state and local guidelines, including on coaches and indoor and outdoor activities. Your Tour Director will provide the current requirements for your destination.



#### **INCREASED CLEANLINESS & SANITATION**

Our third-party suppliers including airlines, hotels, motor coaches, and cruise lines have stated that they are implementing enhanced cleaning procedures. Additionally, your Tour Director will have an emergency supply of face masks, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies to supplement should the need arise.



#### ENHANCED TOUR DIRECTOR TRAINING

We have increased our levels of training for Tour Directors. They will be thoroughly trained on all our new health and safety policies. Tour Directors will monitor the hygiene practices of our guests, reacting and advising as needed for the continued safety of everyone.

\*Travel Safe guidelines as of 6/30/22 . Please visit website for most current policy.

## WHAT OUR **GUESTS** ARE SAYING

HERE AT YMT, WE'RE A FAMILY. One of the best parts of your YMT vacation is making connections. You'll connect with your fellow travelers, and share oncein-a-lifetime experiences as you discover the world together. And you'll connect with the special places and people you see in your destinations-from the guides who conduct your tours to the sights, scenes, and sounds of the places you'll visit. YMT vacations are truly exceptional and go beyond pretty pictures; they're magical

moments and amazing experiences that you'll cherish forever. But don't just take our word for it. Here are just a few of the many wonderful things our guests have shared with us about their YMT vacations. So come along. You're going to love it!



I thoroughly enjoyed the YMT Northern Lights Tour. Paul was a fantastic tour director, with a wealth of knowledge on all things Alaska. As this was my first time seeing snow and traveling that far north since I'm from the lowest of the lower 48, Miami, Florida, this was truly an wonderful experience for me. I would definitely recommend YMT and Paul to my friends for a great travel experience.

~ Pam S

Just came back from our 4 Island Tour of Hawaii, with our tour director, Pita. We had an amazing vacation, celebrating our 25th anniversary, two years late, and picked the perfect vacation for the event. Pita, handled everything fabulously, boarding passes, room keys, luggage to rooms, informative tour drivers on the buses to the tours included. And on the optional tours we picked, there was Pita, making sure everyone had a great time and everything went smooth. If you're looking for a vacation where you can just sit back and relax and enjoy your time, book with YMT Vacations and enjoy.

~ Edward C.

YMT vacation is a great travel co. I highly recommend them and their tour directors. We have been on a China and France tour and they took care of us as soon as we landed and until we departed. We will continue to make our travel experiences with YMT.

~ Christina G.





WANT TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEXT BROCHURE? We're always looking for guest testimonials and photos. Send yours to marketing@ymtvacations.com and you could be in our next issue!

**#YMTVacations** 

## YMT - BACK ON THE ROAD

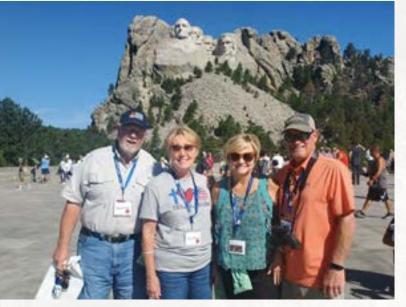
This year, in addition to domestic travel, we resumed international operations, and travelers were thrilled to start exploring other countries again. The YMT Vacations team was just as happy to welcome guests back on vacation. As we reach the end of summer, we want to share some of the on-tour highlights from this year. We hope you can join us in creating new travel memories in 2023 and beyond.





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## REFER A FRIEND & EARN

PAST GUESTS Are REWARDED

### GIVE \$100, GET \$100!

For every **new friend or family member** you refer to YMT, **we'll give you \$100 travel credit**, and there's no limit to how many people you can refer. What's more, as new guests referred by you, **we'll give them a special \$100 per guest discount as well**; it's a "win-win." As soon as a deposit is paid on their booked vacation, your \$100 credit will be applied to your account for existing or future vacations\*.

Fill out a form at **ymtvacations.com/referafriend**, or call **1-800-789-7273** and mention **promo code O7001**, and we will send your friend or family member an Experience the World brochure. If they book any trip and mention your referral, you will receive \$100 credit for every guest on that reservation! So that's \$200 to you for every couple booked—just for referring them to us!

\*Referral discount can only be added at the time of initial booking. Referrer must have a YMT customer ID number and have previously traveled with YMT, or currently have a reservation with a paid deposit —subject to verification of referrer details. Certain restrictions apply to \$100 referral discount. Please call for full details.

## SAVE UP TO 5% WITH OUR LOYALTY DISCOUNT

Once you travel with YMT, you automatically become part of our family. As a thank you for placing your trust in us, we work hard to offer you additional savings, like our Loyalty Discount. If you've traveled with us within the past year, you're eligible to receive a discount on the base price of your next vacation! After your return from your YMT vacation, you qualify for **an extra 5% savings** on the prices shown in this brochure, good toward your next vacation when you book and travel within 12 months of your return. If it's been a little bit longer—up to 3 years—since your last trip with YMT, you may still be eligible to receive 3% savings on your next trip (if booked and traveled within 3 years of your return).

Loyalty discounts are off the base tour price only, after any applicable discounts have been applied. Certain conditions apply, please call for full details.



## TRAVEL SECURE we've got you covered

## **NOW YOU CAN EARN A FREE TRIP**

When you get together a group of your friends and family.

#### With 10+ guests in your group

Earn \$100 per person for 10+ travelers

You travel FREE for every 14 paid travelers

Customized flyers for your group

Quality itineraries at an affordable price

Tours available from 5 to 28 days, with destinations on every continent

Knowledgeable and professional tour directors

Toll free: 888-449-8890 or Email Groups@YMTVacations.com

Group travel reward is available for groups of 10 Guests or more traveling together. Offer based on final number of full fare paying guests and valid for new bookings only. Free trip is based on double occupancy and includes tax, free trip for cruise tours is based on inside cabin. Additional conditions apply – full terms and conditions are available in the Group Travel Agreement (issued at time of booking). Call our Group Desk for more details.

## PROTECT YOURSELF WITH INSURANCE THROUGH ALLIANZ

Protect yourself and your booking with travel insurance\*. We partner with Allianz Travel Insurance to provide comprehensive protection. Ask your YMT Travel Consultant for more information.

#### **BENEFITS CAN INCLUDE:**

- PREEXISTING CONDITIONS
- TRIP CANCELLATION, DELAY, OR INTERRUPTION
- LOSS/DELAY OF BAGGAGE
- LIMITED COVID-19 COVERAGE



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\*Insurance can be booked any time before final payment is made. Conditions & limitations apply. Please consult the certificate of coverage for policy terms & conditions.

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**OUR PROMISE OF VALUE** Your vacation means as much to us as we know it means to you. It's your time to get away from it all, to explore new places and cultures, and to meet new people. We also know that you have many options

when it comes to arranging your travel, and we thank you for entrusting YMT. Making your vacation perfect and offering you the best value for your dollar is our goal. Our Lowest Price Guarantee means that if you find the same tour and itinerary advertised at a lower price somewhere else, we pay you the difference, PLUS 10% of the difference. We offer full travel packages, and even offer the opportunity to combine some of our itineraries so you get two tours in one, with a connecting flight or a sightseeing excursion for free. And if you choose to book your air travel with us, a YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel—now that's service!

#### ABSOLUTE PEACE OF MIND

Trust your vacation to YMT's capable hands and relax—we've been guiding guests on affordable group tours since 1967!

Over 50 years of experience are behind every part of your trip. From the comfort, fun, and convenience of guided group travel, to our easygoing pace, everything we do is designed with you in mind, including our payment plans! Just pay a \$250 deposit to reserve your spot, a \$250 second deposit 180 days before departure, and a final payment 100 days before your tour departs. Call for full details.

#### A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

When you choose YMT for your vacation, you're not just choosing a travel company-you're joining a community of mature travelers who, like you, appreciate the luxury of worryfree travel at an extraordinary value. Whether you travel solo, with a partner, or with a small group, your tour allows you to branch out and get to know many interesting, adventurous, active fellow travelers. You'll come home with wonderful memories, and a world full of friends. Your YMT vacation includes so much more than just a tour-the connection and spirit of community you experience are priceless.

YMT Guests & Tour Director during our Crimson Canyons & Mesas National Parks Tour Credit: Cassandra Ashley

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#### THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENT

Most of our travelers are either repeat guests looking for another vacation adventure, or first-time YMT travelers referred by a satisfied YMT guest. Many guests report that their YMT tours have been the best of their life thanks to our experienced Tour Directors, wellplanned itineraries, and of course, the friendships they made along the way. We're proud of all of the great reviews many of our happy guests have written, and we'll do our very best to give you an equally wonderful experience, ensuring that your first YMT trip will be one of many!

#### A TRADITION OF HOSPITALITY

YMT Vacations started out as Your Man Tours in 1967 with the goal of making travel to Hawaii affordable to all. Dedicated to personal attention and excellent service, we were "your man" on the islands. And today, our popular Hawaii tours are escorted throughout by our friendly local guides who will give you an insider's tour of the islands and show you what the warm Aloha spirit is truly all about!



In the more than 50 years since our beginning, we've grown into more than just Hawaii's friendliest diplomats—YMT Vacations has taken our aloha spirit across the globe. Our team of Tour Directors has decades of experience leading mature travelers on dream vacations to Alaska, Europe, the continental United States and beyond, and we are proud to build on the wonderful tradition of hospitality started in Hawaii so many decades ago.





WE'RE PROUD THAT OUR VACATIONS ARE THE EASIEST, most

engaging, affordable, social, and fun way for mature travelers to see the world. We've designed guided land and cruise tour packages that give guests more of what they want.

#### WE'LL HANDLE THE DETAILS

Wherever your vacation dreams take you, all your arrangements on our vacations-

accommodations, transportation on tour via modern motor coach, baggage handling at hotels, sightseeing and attraction entrance fees, professional Tour Directors, select meals, even independent air travel with transfers to and from your hotel at no extra cost—will be taken care of with one simple phone call.

#### YOU CAN DO AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU LIKE.

We arrange our group tours with a great variety of optional activities you might enjoy. Perhaps even more importantly, we've built in plenty of free time you can use any way you like. Our tours also offer you the freedom to choose what and when you'd like to eat, instead of charging you up front for food you may not even want. After all, it is your vacation, where the hardest thing you have to do is choose where to go!

#### THOUGHTFULLY CURATED ITINERARIES

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You won't find a more flexible, easy-going vacation than a YMT guided land tour or cruise tour. Our trips are designed with you in mind. The destination, stops, pacing, accommodations, and optional tours are all planned to enable mature travelers to get the most out of their time away.

#### **EXPERT TOUR DIRECTORS & DRIVER GUIDES**

We're proud to have some of the most experienced, dedicated Tour Directors and driver guides in the industry. The men and women that lead YMT's tours are true experts, with passion and experience leading mature travelers all over the world. Several of our tours are handled exclusively by local Tour Directors and driver guides, whose pride and enthusiasm for their home is infectious. These leaders will show you what makes the area you're visiting special to the people who live there.



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## **CUSTOMIZE YOUR VACATION**

YMT provides you the flexibility to make your tour your own. We offer a number of ways to customize your tour with features including on tour optional activities and meals, pre- and post-night stays, the ability to combine tours to create the ultimate vacation, or extend your tour to see even more of a region. It's your vacation, make one you'll remember forever



### **Optional Activities**

Our tours include a great variety of optional activities. Here we've highlighted featured optionals but many more will be available to book at least 45 days prior to departure.



### Air

Add-on airfare is available from most major gateways. This includes transfers from the airport to your hotel. See website for details.



### Pre/Post Tour Hotel Nights

Select tours offer the option to start your tour a day earlier or add an extra night at the end. Ask your Reservation Agent for details.



### **Tour Extensions**

Select tours provide the option to extend your stay to explore additional highlights of a region like the Amazon Rainforest or the Great Barrier Reef.



### **Combine Tours**

Enjoy the convenience of combining 2 tours into one incredible trip. We make the arrangements to connect itineraries. See page 138 for details



### **Travel Insurance**

Protect yourself and your booking with travel insurance. We partner with Allianz to provide comprehensive protection. Ask your Reservation Agent for details.

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## FREE SET SAIL OFFERS ON ALL CRUISE TOURS

## BOOK BY 10/28 FOR THESE FREE SET SAIL OFFERS!



### FREE BALCONY UPGRADE - Valued up to \$800' per couple

On select tours book an Ocean View cabin and we'll upgrade you to a Balcony cabin for no extra charge! Don't wait to take advantage of this amazing offer as we only have so many Balcony Cabins—they will be sure to sell out fast and once they are gone, they are gone.



### FREE ONBOARD CREDIT - Valued up to \$200' per couple

Spend onboard your cruise on whatever you like—on select ocean cruises we are offering onboard credit of up to <sup>\$</sup>200 per cabin. Please check the yellow Set Sail boxes on individual cruise spreads for cabin eligibility. Note that max credit awarded per cabin is two times per person amount shown.



### UNLIMITED OPEN BAR - Valued up to \$3,567\*\* per couple

For select Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) sailings, when you book a cruise tour, automatically enjoy your choice of this Unlimited Open Bar amenity for the duration of your cruise. Unlimited Open Bar includes NCL's Premium Beverage Package which offers a variety of spirits, cocktails, wines by the glass, bottled or draft beers, fountain soda, juice and non-alcoholic beer. Additional prepaid gratuities are required and will be collected by YMT on behalf of NCL.



## FREE SPECIALTY DINING - Valued up to \$274\*\* per couple

For select Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) sailings, when you book a cruise tour, automatically enjoy your choice of this Specialty Dining Package, ranging from 2 to 5 meals based on the number of cruise nights. The Specialty Dinning Package includes a variety of bars, restaurants and venues on board NCL ships. Inclusions will vary by ship and destination. Additional prepaid gratuities are required and will be collected by YMT on behalf of NCL.



## FREE INTERNET PACKAGE - Valued up to \$250\*\* per cabin

For select Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) sailings, when you book a cruise tour, automatically enjoy your choice of this Free Internet Package for the duration of your cruise. Free Internet Package includes activation fee and 100, 250, or 500 minutes per cabin (one login per cabin) based on number of cruise nights.



## \$50 SHORE EXCURSION CREDIT PER PORT - Valued up to \$200\*\* per cabin

For select Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) sailings, when you book a cruise tour, automatically enjoy your choice of a \$50 USD Shore Excursion Credit per port per cabin. The credit is assigned to the first guest listed on the cruise reservation and can be applied toward a multitude of qualifying NCL shore excursions with availability based on ship and destination.



### 10 FREE PHOTOS - Valued up to \$149\*\* per cabin

For select Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) sailings, when you book a cruise tour, receive 10 free photo prints in the from the onboard photo gallery.

All Set Sail Offers apply to the cruise portion of a tour only, to 1st and 2nd guests occupying a cabin and to the stated cabin categories only. Where applicable, all guests in a cabin must choose the same offer. Unlimited Open Bar (Hawaii Beverage Package on sailings from Honolulu), Specialty Dining Package, Free Internet Package, 10 Free Photos, Onboard Credit and \$50 USD Shore Excursion Credit are provided by Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) on select sailings only, their product definitions and terms & conditions apply and are subject to change. For Unlimited Open Bar, guest must be at least 21 years of age at time of sailing. For Specialty Dining Package, number of meals offered vary based on number of cruise nights, starting from 2 meals. Additional service charges/gratuities are required by NCL and payable to YMT with final balance for Unlimited Open Bar and Specialty Dining Package. These service charges/gratuities are subject to change. Free Internet Package is based on number of cruise nights and are per stateroom, starting from 100 minutes, one login per stateroom. \$50 USD Shore Excursion Credit can not be applied to a YMT pre-purchased NCL shore excursion. See ymtvacations.com/setsailoffers for full details of applicable Set Sail Offers. All offers valid for new bookings made before 10/28/22.

\*Based on Pacific Coast Cruise.

\*\*Based on Antarctica & South America Cruise.

Based on Balcony Cabins for Alaska Cruises.

#### FANTASTIC VALUE ADDED!

Look for these icons in the yellow boxes for more details on which *Set Sail* offers are available on your favorite tour.

BALCONY UPGRADE ONBOARD CREDIT





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Offer applies to these cabin categories	See Page	Ocean View	Select Cabin Categories
Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour	24		$\checkmark$
Alaska Cruise & Canadian Rockies Tour	26		$\checkmark$
Majestic Alaska Cruise & Tour	28		$\checkmark$
Amalfi Coast & Mediterranean Cruise	94		$\checkmark$
Sights of Spain & Mediterranean Cruise	96		$\checkmark$
Grand European Cruise & Tour	102	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Norwegian Fjords Explorer	106	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Transatlantic & Northern Europe Cruise Tour	126		$\checkmark$

#### SELECT 2022 - 2023 CRUISE TOURS GIVE GUESTS THE CHOICE OF EVEN MORE SET SAIL OFFERS!

For a limited time on these select 2022 - 2023 cruise tours, guests who book an Inside Cabin can **Choose 2** set sail offers and guests who book an Ocean View or Balcony cabin can **Choose 4** set sail offers. See ymtvacations.com/ setsailoffers for full details of applicable Set Sail Offers.

Offer applies to these cabin categories	See Page	INSIDE CABINS	OCEAN VIEW & BALCONY
Hawaiian Islands Cruise & Tour	20		
New England and Canadian Maritimes Cruise & Tour	68	CHOOSE <b>TWO</b> OFFERS	CHOOSE FOUR OFFERS
New Orleans and Western Caribbean Cruise	70		
Holy Lands & Aegean Cruise	98	OR	Ř
Gems of the Adriatic Cruise	100	<b>R</b>	OR
British Isles Cruise	104	OR	SA
Panama Canal Cruise & Southern California	118	\$ 7	
Panama Canal Cruise & Coastal California	120	OR	
Highlights of Australia & New Zealand Cruise & Tour	122		
Antarctica & South America Cruise	124		

## RIVER CRUISE SET SAIL **OFFERS**



### GET FREE SET SAIL OFFERS ON EVERY RIVER CRUISE TOUR

Every one of our river cruise itineraries includes fantastic free offers, on all cabin types! So no matter which package you choose, you'll get an unbeatable value!



#### FREE ONBOARD CREDIT (Valued up to €100 per couple!)

Spend your onboard credit on whatever you like! No matter which river cruise you choose, or cabin you book, you'll get this exciting value-added offer.



Keep in touch with your loved ones as you travel, and send them an email to say hello -or check your Facebook and keep your friends up to date on your adventures!



**BEVERAGE PACKAGE** 

#### (Valued up to €598<sup>°</sup> per couple!)

Enjoy the full open bar beverage package, normally €299 per person, for FREE on your cruise-with no additional taxes or gratuities!



Get pampered and receive 15% off at the spa.

Available in all cabin categories	See Page	\$		6	15%
Rhine River Cruise in Tulip Season	108		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Enchanting Danube River Cruise & Tour	110	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Elegant Danube River Cruise & Tour	112	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Portugal & the Douro River Valley	114	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Rendezvous on the Rhône	116	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

\*Based on Portugal & the Douro River Valley River Cruise

## tour ACTIVITY LEVELS

**HERE ARE OUR ACTIVITY LEVELS EXPLAINED** We want to help make choosing your perfect vacation as easy as possible. On the individual tour pages, you'll find a designated activity level as well as detailed itineraries. Read the descriptions below to learn more about the activity levels and understand which tours are right for you.

#### RELAXED

Traveling at a leisurely pace, this itinerary requires a small amount of physical activity. Depending on the itinerary details, guests will need to be prepared to board a plane, bus, boat, ferry, or ship. There will be some walking to rooms, cabins, or restaurants, and general points of interest. This may also include an occasional flight of stairs or some steps during transfers and stops.

#### EASY GOING

This tour requires light physical activity combined with shorter travel days. Activities may include an occasional city or nature walking tour with stops along the way. Guests should be able to climb a set of stairs, walk up or down slight slopes, and navigate some uneven terrain or cobblestone.

#### MODERATE

To enjoy this tour, guests should be prepared to walk slightly longer distances, climb stairs, and tolerate periods of standing. The daily pace and timing can fluctuate significantly between longer and shorter travel days, with additional activities possibly occurring in the early morning or evening. There may be some changes in altitude or temperatures.

#### ACTIVE

To fully take advantage of all this tour has to offer, guests need to be able to walk longer distances, climb several flights of stairs, and navigate steps and uneven terrain. Your itinerary can include significant changes in temperature and altitude and may require a higher number of longer travel days with morning and/or evening activities.

#### VERY ACTIVE

Likely to feature many attributes of our active level, this is very much an onthe-go tour with a complete itinerary involving a full, normally daily program of travel, sightseeing, or events. We would consider this our fastest tour pace and free time at leisure will be more limited, in some cases just to evenings.





BEST OF HAWAII four-island tour

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Pay your respects to American heroes on the Pearl Harbor Tour
- Stroll the world-famous Waikiki Beach
- Visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
- Walk the iconic Punaluu Black Sand Beach
- Experience lush lao Valley
- Enjoy rain forest atmosphere on a Wailua River Cruise
- Included sightseeing tours on every island

#### INCLUDES

8 nights beachfront and 3 nights centrallylocated hotels, 1 breakfast, knowledgeable tour driver-guide, baggage handling at hotels, special events and sightseeing per itinerary, and inter-island airfare. Your tour is accompanied throughout by one of our friendly local Tour Directors.



Oahu • Hawaii Island • Kauai • Maui

Welcome to paradise! Our signature Hawaiian vacation takes you to 4 of Hawaii's most beautiful islands, with fantastic experiences, inter-island flights, and expert guidance included. One of our friendly local Tour Directors will accompany you the entire way. Fall in love with the islands on an experience that has long been one of the best values in Hawaii travel!

#### 💥 Day 1 • Fly to Honolulu, Hawaii

If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

♦ DoubleTree Alana Waikiki or similar

#### Day 2 • Pearl Harbor and National Cemetery of the Pacific

After meeting your fellow travelers and friendly tour guide on an informative Guest Welcome this morning, you'll begin your Pearl Harbor Tour. Learn about the events that brought the United States into WWII at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Pay your respects at the remains of the sunken battleship destroyed during the worst naval disaster in American history. Continue to the National Cemetery of the Pacific, which is set in a dormant volcano known as Punchbowl Crater.

♦ DoubleTree Alana Waikiki or similar

#### Day 3 • Oahu Leisure Day

Enjoy a leisure day in paradise from your centrally located Waikiki hotel. You can walk the less than 1/2 mile to the famous Waikiki Beach, whose white sand and clear blue waters make it one of the world's best beaches. Nearby Kalakaua Avenue is a shopper's paradise!

✦ DoubleTree Alana Waikiki or similar

#### 🛪 🛱 Day 4 • Fly to Hawaii (Big Island)

Arrive in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii for a day of unique experiences. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Liliuokalani Gardens, a sprawling Japanese Garden that serves as a tribute to Hawaii's first Japanese immigrants. Then discover Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the Halemaumau Crater. The day continues at the iconic Punaluu Black Sand Beach, where Hawaiian green sea turtles, or honu, rest on the striking black sand. Our final stretch of the tour passes through small towns along the way to Kona. Kona is known for its coffee and its deep clear waters.

✦ Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel or similar

#### Days 5 & 6 • Hawaii (Big Island) Leisure Days

Enjoy two days of leisure on the Big Island. Lounge on the beach, bask in the warm waters, try your hand at surfing, or strap on some goggles and go snorkeling.

If you prefer to keep your feet on dry land, you're sure to enjoy visiting historic Kailua Town, or one of the island's fruit orchards or coffee plantations.

✦ Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel or similar



#### 💥 🛱 Day 7 🔹 Fly to Kauai

This tropical island paradise is known as the "Garden Isle" because of its daily rainbows, lush forests, majestic mountains, and emerald valleys. Visit the magnificent Opaekaa Falls before heading to the Wailua River Marina. Take in the sights on a leisurely boat cruise along the beautiful Wailua River to the amazingly tropical and romantic Fern Grotto.

♦ Kauai Shores Hotel or similar

#### Day 8 • Kauai Leisure Day

It's no wonder that an impressive list of Hollywood productions have used this emerald island as a setting, including *Jurassic Park*, *South Pacific*, and *Gilligan's Island*. Kauai is the oldest of the main Hawaiian Islands, and is home to tropical rain forests, forking rivers, and cascading waterfalls. Spend today however you'd like. For the ultimate island experience, take a spectacular tour to Waimea Canyon. Drive the south side of the island and experience the breathtaking views of this mystical island.

✦ Kauai Shores Hotel or similar

#### 💥 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Fly to Maui

Discover beautiful Maui on a sightseeing tour of the island. Learn about the lao Valley and Lahaina. See Courthouse Square, home to the



#### DAY 3 - POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Visit Hawaii's #1 paid attraction! Enjoy a guided villages tour, seats at a live show, a canoe ride, and a buffet dinner. Please add this option at time of booking. Price varies by departure date. oldest Banyan tree in the United States. The evening is yours to enjoy. The "Valley Isle" is the second largest Hawaiian Island, so you will have plenty of exciting activities to choose from!

✦ Kaanapali Beach Hotel or similar

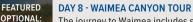
#### Days 10 & 11 • Maui Leisure Day

Spend two days savoring Maui. This majestic island has two main peaks that stand over a mile high, countless waterfalls and pools, 120 miles of shoreline, and more than 80 golden beaches. In addition, Maui is home to the Road to Hana Highway, one of the prettiest drives in the world. Animal lovers should look to the sea, particularly during the winter months when Humpback whales frequent the warm, shallow waters off the coast.

✦ Kaanapali Beach Hotel or similar

#### 💥 Day 12 • Depart for Home

On your final morning on the Islands, we are including a fabulous event for you—a Hawaiian Farewell breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Most flights depart Hawaii from early afternoon through late evening; many do not arrive on the mainland until the next day. For those guests with YMT air, please do not book any activities on the last day of your tour before receiving your confirmed flight information with your final documents, approximately 30 days prior to departure. (B)



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The journey to Waimea includes stops at the Hanapepe Lookout, Spouting Horn, and you will pass by Russian Fort Elizabeth. *Please add this option at time of booking. Price varies by departure date.* 

#### **MUST BOOK BY 10/28**

PRICES STARTING AT \$2,599\* \$2,349\*

AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

#### 2022 Dates

Oct 16	\$ <del>2,799</del>
Book by 9/1	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549
Oct 30	\$ <del>2,799</del>
Book by 9/15	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549
Nov 6	\$ <del>2,799</del>
Book by 9/22	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549
Dec 4	\$ <del>2,599</del>
Book by 10/20	<sup>\$</sup> 2,349
2023 Dates	
Jan 15 & 29, Feb 19 & 26,	
Jan 15 & 29, Feb 19 & 26, Mar 5 & 19	\$ <del>3,099</del>
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Mar 5 & 19 Book by 10/28 Apr 16 & 30, May 7 & 14, Sep 10 & 24, Oct 1 & 22, Nov 5 Book by 10/28 Jun 4 & 18, Jul 9 & 23, Aug 6 & 20	\$2,849 \$ <del>2,899</del> \$2,649 \$ <del>2,999</del>

#### Single Supplement from \$1,350

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE & TOUR

Featuring NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Pay your respects to American heroes on the Pearl Harbor Experience Tour
- Stroll Waikiki Beach in Honolulu
- Enjoy Maui, the colorful "Valley Isle"
- Explore the traditional island town of Hilo
- Cruise along the lush Napali Coast, one of Hawaii's most iconic filming locations
- Visit the 4 main Hawaiian Islands

#### INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America* and 3 nights in Waikiki with hotels, knowledgeable tour driver-guide, local Tour Director on Oahu, baggage handling at the hotel and on the cruise ship, all meals while on the cruise, and special events and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Oahu • Maui • Hawaii • Kauai • aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Pride of America

Relax in paradise as you cruise Hawaii for 8 days and 7 nights on Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America*. You'll see spectacular sights on Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island, and enjoy 3 relaxing nights on Oahu before your cruise.

#### X Day 1 🔹 Fly to Honolulu

If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

✤ Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Alana Waikiki Beach or similar

#### Day 2 • Pearl Harbor and Honolulu City Tour

After an informative Guest Welcome this morning, you'll begin your Pearl Harbor Tour. Learn about the events that brought the United States into WWII at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Pay your respects at the remains of the sunken battleship destroyed during the worst naval disaster in American history. Continue to the National Cemetery of the Pacific, set in a dormant volcano known as Punchbowl Crater. Your day ends in Honolulu with a city tour including the State Capitol and Iolani Palace.

♦ Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Alana Waikiki Beach or similar

#### Day 3 • Oahu Leisure Day

Enjoy a leisure day in paradise from your centrally located Waikiki hotel. You can walk to famous Waikiki Beach, whose white sand and clear blue waters make it one of the world's best beaches. Nearby Kalakaua Avenue is a shopper's paradise, with stores selling everything from shell necklaces to designer purses. Your Tour Director has also arranged a variety of popular optional tours (for an addtional fee).

✦ Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Alana Waikiki Beach or similar

## (Departs at 7:00 PM)

Today, board Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America*. This vibrant, Americana-themed ship offers freestyle cruising along with a variety of activities. Exceptional food, educational workshops about the history and culture of Hawaii, live music, and some of the world's most stunning views await you on board. Whatever your pleasure, a warm and friendly crew is ready to assist you to make sure your cruise is just right.

#### **Days 5 & 6 • Kahului, Maui** (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Next Day)

Maui is the second largest of the Hawaiian Islands and you will have almost two full days to explore! Known as the "Valley Isle," this majestic island has two main peaks that stand more than a mile high, thousands of breathtakingly beautiful waterfalls and pools, 120 miles of shoreline, and more than 80 golden beaches. Don't miss the lao Valley, Haleakala Crater, and Lahaina. This traditional old whaling town has numerous historical landmarks and excellent restaurants.



After your overnight stay in Maui, you can join us for an optional tour on the Road to Hana Highway, one of the prettiest drives in the world. Each turn of the windy road offers a new breathtaking view of lush rain forests, waterfalls, and the sea. Maui is a golfer's paradise, with numerous championship courses that host major events including the PGA Tour. Animal lovers should look to the sea, particularly during the winter months when Humpback whales frequent the warm, shallow waters just off the coast..

#### 🚊 Day 7 • Hilo, Hawaii (7:00 AM - 5:30 PM)

Brimming with Hawaiian tradition, Hilo takes you back to an earlier island culture. The town will charm you with its quaint buildings and unique shopping. Hilo is the flower capital of Hawaii, and gardens and blossoms are everywhere. Perhaps spend your leisure day here visiting Liliuokalani Gardens, King Kamehameha I Statue, Rainbow Falls, Akaka Falls, or Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden!

🚊 Day 8 • Kona, Hawaii (7:00 AM - 5:30 PM)

Welcome to Kona! Spend your day exploring the "Gold Coast" in a wide variety of ways skimming the seas in a glass bottom boat, or snorkeling below the waves. If you prefer to keep your feet on dry land, you can take a leisurely walking tour through historic Kailua Town or visit one of the island's many coffee plantations.

## **Days 9 & 10 • Nawiliwili, Kauai** (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Next Day)

This verdant little isle exudes peace and tranquility. Nature has been good to Kauai, creating craters, mountains, rivers, canyons, and glorious stretches of palm-fringed beaches. Nicknamed the "Garden Island," Kauai is the least populated and developed of the four main islands. The spectacular scenery makes it the perfect island to splurge on a helicopter flightseeing tour!!

It's no wonder that an impressive list of Hollywood productions have used this emerald island as a setting. The Napali Coast, featured in the film Jurassic Park and many others, is one of the most distinctive geological features of Kauai. Kauai is also famous for Waimea Canyon, known as the Grand Canyon of the Pacific.

## (Arrives at 7:00 AM) and Depart for Home

Transfer to Honolulu airport for your flight home. If you are on a later departing flight, we offer an optional Oahu Island Tour you can enjoy before you leave.

FEATURED DAY 3 - POLYNESIAN CULTURAL OPTIONAL: CENTER

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Visit Hawaii's #1 paid attraction! Enjoy a guided villages tour, seats at a live show, a canoe ride, and a buffet dinner. Please add this option at time of booking. Price varies by departure date.

**CHOOSE UP TO FOUR OFFERS\*\*** 

See page 16 for details

#### **MUST BOOK BY 10/28**

## PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2,599\* **\$2,349**\*

AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

2022 Dates	INSIDE CABIN	OCEAN VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN
Nov 30	\$ <del>2,599</del>	<sup>\$</sup> <del>3,149</del>	\$ <del>3,599</del>
Book by 8/19	<sup>\$</sup> 2,349	<sup>\$</sup> 2,899	<sup>\$</sup> 3,349
2023 Dates	INSIDE CABIN	OCEAN VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN
Jan 18	\$ <del>2,899</del>	SOLD OUT	\$ <del>3,899</del>
Book by 10/7	<sup>\$</sup> 2,649	SOLD OUT	<sup>\$</sup> 3,649
Feb 1	\$ <del>2,899</del>	\$ <del>3,449</del>	\$ <del>3,899</del>
Book by 10/18	<sup>\$</sup> 2,649	<sup>\$</sup> 3,199	<sup>\$</sup> 3,649
Mar 8 & 29	\$ <del>2,799</del>	\$ <del>3,349</del>	\$ <del>3,799</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549	<sup>\$</sup> 3,099	<sup>\$</sup> 3,549
May 3, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 29	\$ <del>2,699</del>	SOLD OUT	\$ <del>3,699</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,449	SOLD OUT	<sup>\$</sup> 3,449
Jun 14, Jul 26, Aug 23, Nov 1	\$ <del>2,799</del>	SOLD OUT	\$ <del>3,799</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549	SOLD OUT	<sup>\$</sup> 3,549
Dec 6	\$ <del>2,599</del>	SOLD OUT	\$ <del>3,599</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,349	SOLD OUT	<sup>\$</sup> 3,349

#### Single Supplement from \$1,900

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \*299 tax/service/ gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details

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### 12 DAYS -from-\$2,049\* \$1 799\*

## GRAND ALASKAN cruise & tour



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Marvel at Alaska's natural beauty on a 2-night stay in Denali National Park
- Visit Alaska's most famous locals at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Cruise past the glaciers of Glacier Bay and Wrangell St. Elias National Park
- Travel through the legendary Inside Passage
- Learn gold rush lore and legends in Skagway

#### INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Holland America Line's ms *Noordam*, 4-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, all meals while on the cruise and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

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#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Fairbanks • Denali National Park • Anchorage • Talkeetna • Whittier • Hubbard Glacier • Glacier Bay National Park • Skagway • Juneau • Ketchikan • Inside Passage • Vancouver aboard Holland America Line's ms *Noordam* 

Rugged, remote, and so beautiful it takes your breath away, the wilds of Alaska come alive on this guided tour of the Frontier State. Experience the best that Alaska has to offer, from a 2-night stay in Denali National Park to the drama of calving glaciers along the Inside Passage.

#### X Day 1 🛛 Arrive Fairbanks

Today your adventure begins upon arrival in Fairbanks, the largest city in the interior of Alaska. If you purchased your airline tickets from YMT, you will be welcomed by a representative and transferred to your hotel.

✦ Springhill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 Fairbanks

Today begins with a guided tour of Fairbanks. Learn the secrets of the "Golden Heart City," built as a gold rush boomtown in 1902 after the precious metal was discovered on the banks of the Chena River. See the highlights of the city, and view the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

Then, take a scenic drive down the George Parks Highway to Denali National Park. At 6 million acres, Denali is one of the world's great frontiers for wilderness adventure.

✦ Denali Park Village or similar

#### 层 Day 3 🔹 Denali Natural History Tour

Get a deeper look at this amazing park on a Denali Natural History Tour. With a focus on the rich cultural history of Denali National Park, this memorable tour provides insight into the diverse native and early pioneer influences in and around the park. Your dedicated naturalist will provide a great introduction to Denali's landscape, geology, and past. Visit Savage Cabin, the original ranger's cabin that is still used by the Park Service today.

This afternoon you will have free time to spend in the park at your leisure. Along with mountain views, it's not rare to see some combination of Alaska's Big Five. Look for grizzly bears, caribou, moose, Dall Sheep, and wolves, along with other animals.

♦ Denali Park Village or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 • Denali, Talkeetna & Anchorage

After a final morning in Denali, stop for lunch on your own in Talkeetna. There's plenty to see and do here. Along with excellent dining, great shopping, and a charming museum, the Talkeetna Historic District is on the register of National Historic Places. Some of its buildings are from the early 1900s, including Nagley's General Store and the Talkeetna Roadhouse.

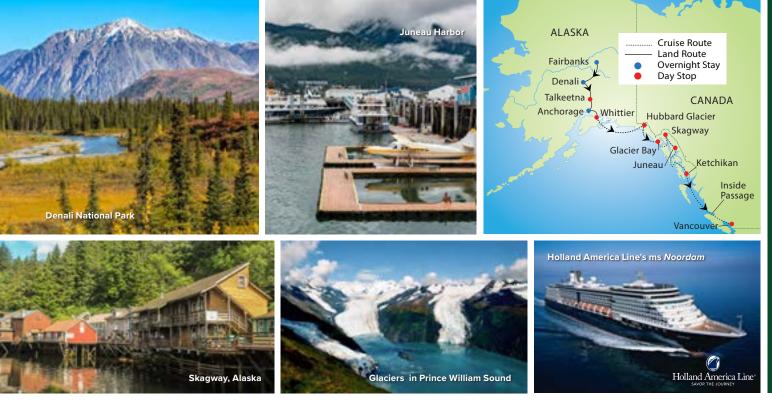
Guests who choose an optional Alaska Railroad Upgrade will board the train in Denali, then rejoin the rest of the group in Talkeetna. Enjoy an evening of free time in Anchorage.

♦ Crown Plaza Anchorage Midtown or similar

Day 5 • Anchorage to Whittier for Embarkation (Departs at 8:00 AM)

En route from Anchorage, visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. This sanctuary in Portage is home to wolves, bears, moose, lynx, bald eagles and more— including porcupines, the world's third largest rodent.

888-567-8060 OR VISIT YMTVACATIONS.COM



Continue to Whittier, the gateway to Prince William Sound. Whittier is nestled between breathtaking mountains, emerald forests, and the sparkling blue sea. Embark on Holland America's ms Noordam in the afternoon. Get settled into your stateroom and explore the ship's many available amenities and activities.

#### 👮 Day 6 🔹 Hubbard Glacier

Cruise along the Hubbard Glacier in Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve. America's largest national park, it covers more land than Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park, and Switzerland combined. This rugged, isolated 13-million-acre wilderness is home to dazzling blue glaciers, spruce forests, and 9 of America's 16 tallest mountains.

#### 🚊 Day 7 • Scenic Cruising Glacier Bay **National Park**

Covering 3.3 million rugged acres, Glacier Bay National Park is one of the most scenic sections of Alaska's massive 25-million-acre protected World Heritage Site. Spend the day cruising through a 60-mile passage rich with glaciers, exotic wildlife, and pristine nature. Your route is the frequent site of glacier calving, where great chunks of ice fall into the bay with a deafening crash. You'll never forget the sight or sound.

#### 🟓 Day 8 • Skagway (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM)

Skagway, where the Gold Rush began, was the turbulent staging point for prospectors determined to find riches in the Klondike gold fields. Even today, Skagway's well-preserved history and atmosphere can transport you back to the 1898 Gold Rush like no other Alaskan city.

#### 🚊 Day 9 • Juneau (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Nestled at the feet of snowcapped Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts, Alaska's state capital is nicknamed "Little San Francisco" because of its narrow streets and multicolored houses built into the hillsides.

#### 🚊 Day 10 • Ketchikan (11:00 AM - 7:00 PM) This frontier town is famous for its bawdy

history and wooden boardwalk, which has remained perched on stilts above Ketchikan Creek for over a century. Take a stroll along Creek Street, the former "Red Light" district.

#### 🚊 Day 11 • Cruise the Inside Passage

Cruise along Vancouver Island and Alaska's spectacular Inside Passage. The Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea lanes in the world. Look for marine animals while you pass turquoise glaciers, forests in a hundred shades of green, and coastal villages.

#### Total Technology And America Structure A Day 12 • Disembark in Vancouver and Depart for Home

Note: Most flights into Fairbanks require at least two connections. Departure flights from Vancouver to some cities are overnight and arrive the following day.

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DAY 4 - ALASKA RAILROAD UPGRADE Upgrade to a scenic 4-hour train ride along the Alaska Railroad from Denali to Talkeetna. Enjoy 360° views in upperlevel seats on Deluxe Dome Railcars for \$189 p/p. Must be Pre-Booked. Please add this option at time of bookina.

#### **FREE ONBOARD CREDIT** For Ocean View Cabins - \$50 per person" For Balcony Cabins - \$100 per person" "See page 16 for details.

# **MUST BOOK BY 10/28** PRICES STARTING AT \$2,049\*

AFTER <sup>\$</sup> 250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS					
2023 Dates	INSIDE CABIN	OCEAN VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN		
May 13† & 17,					
Sep 3 <sup>+</sup> & 6	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,049</del>	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,499</del>	\$ <del>3,049</del>		
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,799	<sup>\$</sup> 2,249	<sup>\$</sup> 2,799		
May 28 <sup>+</sup> & 31,					
Aug 20 <sup>+</sup> & 23	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,249</del>	\$ <del>2,699</del>	\$ <del>3,349</del>		
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999	<sup>\$</sup> 2,449	<sup>\$</sup> 3,099		
Jun 11 <sup>+</sup> & 14,					
Aug 6 <sup>+</sup> & 9	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,449</del>	\$ <del>2,899</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,549		
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,199	<sup>\$</sup> 2,649	<sup>\$</sup> 3,299		
Jun 25 <sup>+</sup> & 28,					
Jul 9 <sup>+</sup> , 12 & 23 <sup>+</sup>	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549	\$ <del>2,999</del>	<sup>\$</sup> <del>3,749</del>		
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,299	<sup>\$</sup> 2,749	<sup>\$</sup> 3,499		

#### Single Supplement from \$1,300

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax/service/ gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.

\*Northbound itinerary. Operates in Reverse & Visits College Fjord Rather Than Hubbard Glacier.

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13 days from-\$2,049\* \$1,799\*

## ALASKA cruise & CANADIAN ROCKIES tour



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Gaze in awe at the epic scenery of Banff
   National Park and Lake Louise
- Explore Jasper National Park and see its diverse and abundant wildlife
- Take a remarkable excursion on the massive Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier
- Cruise the world famous Inside Passage and Gulf of Alaska
- Enjoy the views of Glacier Bay from your luxury cruise ship

#### INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Holland America Line's ms *Noordam*, 5-night land tour with hotels, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner, professional driverguide, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Calgary • Lake Louise • Banff National Park • Jasper • Kamloops • Vancouver • Alaska Inside Passage • Ketchikan • Juneau • Skagway • Glacier Bay • Whittier • Anchorage • aboard Holland America Line's ms *Noordam* 

Explore both the spectacular Canadian Rockies and Alaska on this unique "best of both worlds" cruise tour. You get to cruise the Inside Passage and the Gulf of Alaska while also taking in the splendor of Banff National Park, Lake Louise, and the Alaskan Coast.

#### 🗙 Day 1 • Fly to Calgary, AB

If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

✦ Sandman Calgary Downtown or similar

#### 🚽 Day 2 🔹 Banff National Park

Spend the day absorbing the beauty of Banff National Park. Enjoy a stop at Bow Falls, whose sparkling water dances in the sunlight and roars as it cascades down the ledges. Peyto Lake is a popular spot for visitors. Significant amounts of glacial rock flour were deposited into Peyto Lake from a nearby glacier. These suspended rock particles, sometimes called glacial milk, give the lake a uniquely bright blue-green color. Finally, see Canada's "Diamond in the Wilderness," Lake Louise.

✦ Canmore Inn & Suites or similar

#### Day 3 • Jasper via the Icefields Parkway and Icefields Glacier Experience on the Athabasca Glacier

Travel along the Icefields Parkway toward Jasper National Park, the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. En route, stop to experience the Athabasca Glacier, the most visited glacier in North America. Travel to the Columbia Icefield and ride the Brewster Ice Explorer to the surface of the Glacier. Be amazed by the icefield as you take in the views and feel the crunch of the ancient glacier underfoot. You'll also have the opportunity to join one our most exciting optional tours. Step onto the "Glacier Skywalk," a glass floor observation platform suspended over the Sunwapta Valley. Spend an evening in Jasper.

✦ Lobstick Lodge or similar

#### Day 4 🔹 Kamloops, BC

Today we travel to British Columbia. Along the way, enjoy stunning views of Mt. Robson and the surrounding provincial nature reserves. Characterized by a unique combination of energizing recreational activities and a warm, welcoming culture, you'll soon understand why Kamloops is known as British Columbia's friendliest city. (B)

✦ Fairfield Inn Kamloops or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Vancouver City Tour

Discover vibrant Vancouver on a guided city tour! The city is renowned for its clear mountain views, incredible cuisine, and overall wonderful quality of living. See why so many people love to visit and live in this fabulous city. The afternoon is yours to explore at your leisure.

✦ Sandman Hotel Vancouver Airport or similar

888-567-8060 OR VISIT YMTVACATIONS.COM



## **Day 6** • Board Holland America's ms *Noordam* (Departs at 4:30 PM)

This afternoon, board Holland America's ms *Noordam*. Discover the many facilities aboard and enjoy the striking vistas that surround you!

#### Day 7 • Inside Passage Cruising

Sail through the Inside Passage, a complex labyrinth of fjords and bays where whales and sea lions find refuge during the summer months.

#### 着 Day 8 • Ketchikan (7:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Nicknamed the "Salmon Capital of the World," this important fishing port is also home to the world's largest collection of Native American totem poles. You can enjoy a stroll through the picturesque waterfront district of this quaint boardwalk city built on stilts.

#### **Day 9** • Juneau (10:00 AM - 10:00 PM)

Nestled at the feet of Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts, Alaska's state capital is nicknamed "Little San Francisco" because of its narrow streets and flights of wooden steps that hug the rolling landscape. Admire the multicolored houses built into the hillsides as you wander and immerse yourself in the Alaskan lifestyle.

**Day 10** • Skagway (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM)

Skagway, where the Gold Rush began, was the turbulent staging point for prospectors determined to find riches in the Klondike gold fields. Even today, Skagway's well-preserved history and atmosphere can transport you back to the 1898 Gold Rush like no other Alaskan city.

#### 韋 Day 11 🛛 Cruise Glacier Bay

Covering 3.3 million rugged acres, Glacier Bay National Park is one of the most scenic sections of Alaska's massive 25-million acre protected World Heritage Site. Spend the day cruising through a 60-mile passage rich with glaciers, exotic wildlife, and pristine nature. Your route is the frequent site of glacier calving, where great chunks of ice fall into the bay with a deafening crash. You'll never forget the sight or sound!

#### 🚊 Day 12 🔹 Cruise Hubbard Glacier

Cruise through the Gulf of Alaska and enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Today the ms *Noordam* sails through Hubbard Glacier, on of the longest tidewater glaciers in North America, a spectacular site.

## **b** X Day 13 • Disembark & Depart for Home (Arrives at 7:00 AM)

We disembark this morning in Whittier. Travel north on your comfortable motor coach to Anchorage for your evening departure.

**Note:** Most flights from Anchorage are non-direct with at least one or two connections. Departure flights to most cities are overnight and arrive the following day; some flights depart Anchorage after midnight. Guests choosing to book their own flights will need to book flights departing after 5pm.



**FREE ONBOARD CREDIT** 

For Ocean View Cabins - <sup>\$</sup>50 per person" For Balcony Cabins - <sup>\$</sup>100 per person" "See page 16 for details.

### MUST BOOK BY 10/28

PRICES STARTING AT \$2,049\* \$1,799\*

AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

2023 Dates	INSIDE CABIN	OCEAN VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN
May 9, Aug 29	\$ <del>2,049</del>	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,499</del>	<sup>\$</sup> <del>3,149</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,799	<sup>\$</sup> 2,249	<sup>\$</sup> 2,899
May 23, Aug 15	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,149</del>	\$ <del>2,599</del>	\$ <del>3,249</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,899	<sup>\$</sup> 2,349	<sup>\$</sup> 2,999
Jun 20, Jul 18,			
Aug 1 & 15	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,249</del>	\$ <del>2,699</del>	<sup>\$</sup> <del>3,449</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999	<sup>\$</sup> 2,449	<sup>\$</sup> 3,199

#### Single Supplement from \$900

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus <sup>\$</sup>299 tax/service/ gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details. 15 DAYS -from-\$3,349\* \$3,099\*

## MAJESTIC ALASKA cruise & tour



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Seward and Homer, two very different quaint and remote fishing communities
- Visit historic Denali National Park and sail Kenai Fjords National Park, two of Alaska's most majestic natural treasures
- Included visit to Gold Dredge #8 where you'll relive the Frontier State's gold rush history
- Cruise the Inside Passage and Gulf of Alaska

#### INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Holland America Line's ms *Noordam*, 7-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 2 lunches on the land tour and all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

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#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Fairbanks • Denali National Park • Seward • Kenai Fjords National Park • Homer • Anchorage • Glacier Bay National Park • Skagway • Juneau • Ketchikan • Vancouver • Alaska Inside Passage • Gulf of Alaska aboard Holland America Line's ms *Noordam* 

Leave no sight unseen on this Alaskan vacation! Start off with gold mining in Fairbanks, wildlife in majestic Denali, colorful coastal villages, and a cruise through Kenai Fjords. Then, sail aboard the ms *Noordam*—passing stunning glaciers and pristine coastline, with the spectacularly scenic Inside Passage for a grand finale.

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Fairbanks

If you purchased your airline tickets from YMT, you will be welcomed by a representative and transferred to your hotel.

♦ SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🛛 Gold Dredge #8 Visit

Explore the area's gold mining history as we visit the restored Gold Dredge #8. The visitor center offers a great perspective with artifacts from the gold rush era, bringing to life the history of Fairbanks. In the afternoon, explore Fairbanks on your own.

♦ SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### 🚽 Day 3 🔹 Denali Natural History Tour

Travel along the George Parks Highway to Denali National Park. At 6 million acres, Denali is one of the world's great frontiers for wilderness adventure. Get a deeper look at this amazing park on a Denali Natural History Tour. This memorable tour provides insight into the diverse native and early pioneer influences in and around the park. This afternoon you will have free time to spend in the park at your leisure.

✦ Denali Park Village or similar

#### Day 4 · Iditarod Sled Dog Headquarters & Anchorage City Tour

Head south through the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. Next, stop at the Iditarod Sled Dog Headquarters to learn about the world's most famous dog sled race. You might even get to meet some puppies! Continue to Anchorage for an included lunch and city tour. (L)

Ketchikan

♦ Crowne Plaza Anchorage or similar

#### Day 5 • Anchorage to Homer

Travel across the picturesque Kenai Peninsula to Homer. See the Homer Spit, a long, narrow finger of land that extends more than four miles into Kachemak Bay. Continue with a guided walking tour of the Homer Docks. See the Salty Dawg Saloon, Homer's most famous landmark. For the full Salty Dawg experience, add a signed dollar bill to the saloon's wall.

♦ Best Western Bidarka or similar

#### Day 6 • Homer Leisure Day

Enjoy a free day to enjoy Homer. Be sure to sample some local halibut during your stay!

♦ Best Western Bidarka or similar

#### 🛱 🚊 Day 7 • Kenai Fjords National Park Catamaran Cruise

Take a catamaran cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park. See marine wildlife, coastal



fjords and islands, lush forests, and magnificent tidewater glaciers. Eat like royalty on an Alaskan Salmon and prime rib lunch buffet. Back on land, you'll have free time to explore Seward. (L)

♦ Breeze Inn or similar

#### 🚊 Day 8 • Embark in Whittier (Departs at 8:00 PM)

Continue to Whittier, the gateway to Prince William Sound. Whittier is nestled between breathtaking mountains, emerald forests, and the sparkling blue sea. Embark on Holland America's ms Noordam in the afternoon. Get settled into your stateroom and explore the ship's many available amenities and activities!

#### 💂 Day 9 🔹 Hubbard Glacier

Cruise along the Hubbard Glacier in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. America's largest national park, it covers more land than Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park, and Switzerland combined. This rugged, isolated 13-million acre wilderness is home to dazzling blue glaciers, spruce forests, and nine of America's 16 tallest mountains.

#### 👮 Day 10 🛛 Cruise Glacier Bay **National Park**

Spend the day cruising through the glaciers, viewing exotic wildlife inGlacier Bay. The 60-mile passage is the frequent site of glacier calving, where chunks of ice fall into the bay with a deafening crash.

#### 🚊 Day 11 • Skagway (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM)

Skagway, where the Gold Rush began, was the turbulent staging point for prospectors determined to find riches in the Klondike gold fields. Even today, Skagway's well-preserved history and atmosphere can transport you back to the 1898 Gold Rush like no other Alaskan city. 👮 Day 12 • Juneau (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Nestled at the feet of Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts, Alaska's state capital is nicknamed "Little San Francisco" due to its narrow streets and multicolored houses built into the hillsides.

🚊 Day 13 • Ketchikan (11:00 AM - 7:00 PM) This distinctive frontier town is famous for its

bawdy history and wooden boardwalk, which has remained perched on stilts above Ketchikan Creek for over a century. Take a stroll along Creek Street, the former "Red Light" district.

#### 韋 Day 14 • Cruise the Inside Passage

Sail through the Inside Passage, a complex labyrinth of fjords and bays where whales and sea lions find refuge during the summer months.

🚊 X Day 15 • Disembark in Vancouver and Depart for Home (Arrives at 7:00 AM) Note: Departure flights from Vancouver to some cities

are overnight and arrive the following day.



**FREE ONBOARD CREDIT** For Ocean View Cabins - \$50 per person" For Balcony Cabins - \$100 per person\*\* "See page 16 for details.

## **MUST BOOK BY 10/28** PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$3.349\*</sup> AFTER <sup>\$</sup>250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

2023 Dates	INSIDE CABIN	OCEAN VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN
May 14 & 28,			
Aug 20, Sep 3	<sup>\$</sup> 3,349	\$ <del>3,799</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 4,449
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 3,099	<sup>\$</sup> 3,549	<sup>\$</sup> 4,199
Jun 11 & 25,			
Jul 9 & 23, Aug 6	<sup>\$</sup> <del>3,449</del>	\$ <del>3,899</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 4,549
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 3,199	<sup>\$</sup> 3,649	<sup>\$</sup> 4,299

#### Single Supplement from \$1,600

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax/service/ gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.



#### DAY 3 - ALASKA RAILROAD UPGRADE

Upgrade to a scenic 4-hour train ride along the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali. Enjoy 360° views in upperlevel seats on Deluxe Dome Railcars for \$189 p/p. Must be Pre-Booked. Please add this option at time of bookina.

8 DAYS from-\$2,249\* \$1,999\*

## ALASKAN DISCOVERY tour

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit historic Denali National Park and sail Kenai Fjords National Park, two of Alaska's most majestic natural treasures
- Explore Seward and Homer, two quaint yet distinctively different remote fishing communities, during your combined 3-night stay on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula
- Included visit to Gold Dredge #8 where you'll relive Alaska's gold rush history
- Tour Fairbanks and Anchorage, the two largest cities in the state

#### INCLUDES

7 nights hotels, 2 lunches, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.



Fairbanks • Denali National Park • Anchorage • Seward • Homer • Kenai Fjords National Park

From panning for gold in Fairbanks to spotting wildlife in Denali and sailing past glaciers in Kenai Fjords, this is the real Alaska that locals share with their summer guests. From Fairbanks to Anchorage, see the 49th state's most iconic sights on this 8-day land tour.

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Fairbanks

Today your adventure begins upon arrival in Fairbanks,Alaska's third largest city. If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

♦ SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### Day 2 🔹 Gold Dredge #8

Explore the area's gold mining history as we visit the restored Gold Dredge #8. The visitor center offers a great perspective with artifacts from the gold rush era, bringing to life the history of Fairbanks. To round off your visit here you can learn to pan for gold and take a picture with the Trans-Alaska pipeline, an American engineering marvel. In the afternoon, explore Fairbanks on your own.

♦ SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### 🚽 Day 3 🛛 Denali Natural History Tour

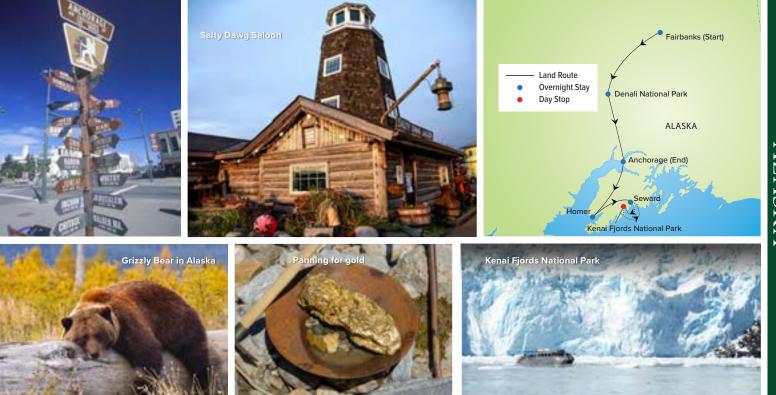
Travel along the George Parks Highway to Denali National Park. At 6 million acres, Denali is one of the world's great frontiers for wilderness adventure. Get a deeper look at this amazing park on a Denali Natural History Tour. With a focus on the rich cultural history of Denali National Park, this memorable tour provides insight into the diverse native and early pioneer influences in and around the park. Your dedicated naturalist will provide a great introduction to Denali's landscape, geology, and past. Visit Savage Cabin, the original ranger's cabin that is still used by the Park Service today. This afternoon you will have free time to spend in the park at your leisure. Along with aweinspiring mountain views, it's not rare to see some combination of Alaska's Big Five. Look for grizzly bears, caribou, moose, Dall Sheep, and wolves, along with other animals such as wolverines and countless songbirds.

Denali Park Village or similar

#### Day 4 • Iditarod Sled Dog Headquarters & Anchorage City Tour

Head south through the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. Next, stop at the Iditarod Sled Dog Headquarters to learn about the legendary dog sled race from Anchorage to Nome. You might even get to meet some husky sled puppies in training! Continue to Anchorage for a late lunch at the Golden Corral before continuing on for a tour of historic downtown Anchorage. (L)

Crowne Plaza Anchorage or similar



#### 🖵 Day 5 • Anchorage to Homer

Travel across the picturesque Kenai Peninsula to Homer. Your first stop will be the Homer Spit, a long, narrow finger of land that extends more than four miles into Kachemak Bay. Continue with a guided walking tour of the Homer Docks. See the Salty Dawg Saloon, Homer's oldest and most famous landmark. Now topped with distinctive lighthouse tower, it started life in 1897 as one of the very first cabins in town. In the more than a century since, the landmark served as a post office, railroad station, grocery store, and school house. For the full Salty Dawg experience, add a signed dollar bill to the saloon's wall, alongside thousands of others. The peculiar practice started decades ago, when a local barfly tacked a dollar to the wall for his friend to use later on an ice cold beer!

♦ Best Western Bidarka or similar

#### Day 6 • Homer Leisure Day

Enjoy a free day in Homer. Your Tour Director will be happy to help you plan your day to make the most of your time in this charming coastal destination. Whether you stay in Homer to sample its incredible halibut, venture out on an optional tour, or take a ferry to the nearby town of Seldovia, you are sure to enjoy Homer and its beautiful surroundings!

♦ Best Western Bidarka or similar

#### Day 7 • Kenai Fjords National Park Catamaran Cruise

Spend the day enjoying a memorable catamaran cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park. See marine wildlife, coastal fjords and islands, lush forests, and magnificent tidewater glaciers. Eat like royalty on an included Alaskan salmon and prime rib lunch buffet. Back on land, you'll have free time to explore Seward. (L)

♦ Breeze Inn or similar

#### 💥 Day 8 • Depart for Home

On your way from Seward to Anchorage, visit the town of Whittier, known for its isolation and strategic importance during WWII. Then continue to Anchorage and depart for home.

**Note:** Most flights from Anchorage are non-direct with at least one or two connections. Departure flights from Anchorage to most cities are overnight and arrive the following day; some flights depart Anchorage after midnight. Guests choosing to book their own flights must book flights departing after 5pm.

#### MUST BOOK BY 10/28

## PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2,249\* **\$1,999**\*

AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

#### 2023 Dates

May 14	& 28,	Jun 11,
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Aug 20, Sep 3	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,249</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999
Jul 9 & 23	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,349</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,099

#### Single Supplement from \$1000

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax/ service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.



DAY 4 - ALASKA RAILROAD UPGRADE Upgrade to a scenic 4-hour train ride along the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali. Enjoy 360° views in upperlevel seats on Deluxe Dome Railcars for \$189 p/p. *Must be Pre-Booked. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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## THE COMPLETE ALASKAN

Add a 7-night Inside Passage cruise and see Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, and more. See pages 26-27 for additional details.

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## ALASKA NORTHERN LIGHTS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Guided city tour of Anchorage
- Scenic tram ride to the top of Mt. Alyeska, where you will enjoy a delicious included lunch and breathtaking mountain scenery
- See native wildlife at the Alaska Wildlife
   Conservation Center
- Two nights aurora borealis viewing in Denali and Fairbanks, two of the best places in the world to catch the Northern Lights
- Admission to Ice Alaska Art Park, home to highly detailed ice sculptures handcrafted by talented local and visiting artists

#### INCLUDES

6 nights hotels, 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Anchorage • Talkeetna • Healy (Denali) • Fairbanks

One of nature's most spectacular displays, the Aurora Borealis is an ethereal display of lights across the night sky—and this tour will take you deep into Alaska to catch sight of it. Experience the best of Alaska's wildlife and scenery, and spend time hunting for the Northern Lights.

#### 🗙 Day 1 • Arrive in Anchorage

Today your adventure begins upon arrival in Anchorage. If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. This picturesque city sandwiched between 5,000-foot peaks and the Cook Inlet is home to one of the world's only urban beluga whale pods. As for humans, nearly half of Alaska's population lives in Anchorage. You can always find great food like fresh-caught local salmon or reindeer sausage, and a killer cup of coffee. Just remember to keep your eyes peeled for wild moose, who have been known to wander through downtown. Relax this evening, because tomorrow the fun really starts!

Sheraton Anchorage or similar

#### Day 2 • Anchorage

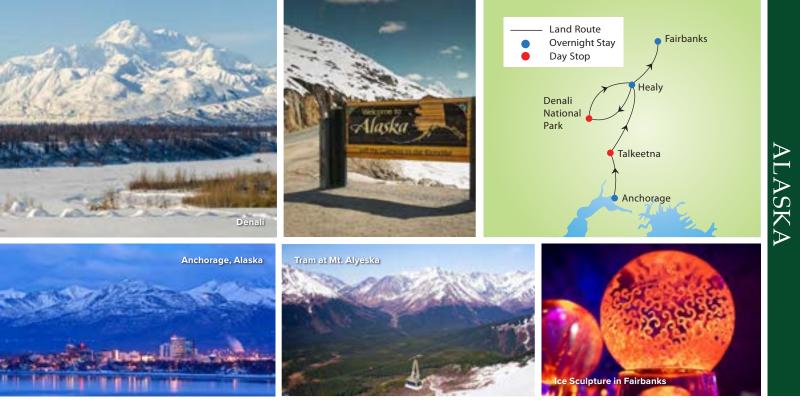
This morning you will take a deluxe motor coach tour of Alaska's largest city. Learn more about life in Anchorage from its turbulent past all the way up to the present. Your day continues as you enjoy a gorgeous drive along the Turnagain Arm, one of the most scenic roads in America. Stop in the resort town of Girdwood. Board the Alyeska Tram for a breathtaking ride from the Hotel Alyeska to the top of Mt. Alyeska. Sit down for a delicious included lunch while enjoying panoramic views of Turnagain Arm, up to seven "hanging" glaciers, and deep into the Chugach Mountains. This afternoon, visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. This sanctuary in Portage is home to wolves, bears, moose, lynx, bald eagles and more— including porcupines, the world's third largest rodent. Spend the evening enjoying Anchorage at your leisure. (B, L)

♦ Sheraton Anchorage or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Talkeetna & Denali

After an included breakfast, take a drive north to Denali National Park. Stop for lunch on your own in Talkeetna. There's plenty to see and do here. Along with excellent dining, great shopping, and a charming museum, the Talkeetna Historic District is on the register of National Historic Places. Some of its buildings are from the early 1900s.

Your afternoon will be in Denali, and this evening will include an unforgettable Aurora Borealis viewing. The bright dancing lights of the aurora are collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere. Auroral displays appear in many colors, although pale green and pink are the most common. Shades of red, yellow, green, blue, and violet have been reported. The lights appear in many forms, from patches



or scattered clouds of light to streamers, arcs, rippling curtains or shooting rays that light up the sky with an eerie glow. Enjoy a warm nonalcoholic beverage as you take in the lights of the northern sky. (B)

✦ Denali Aurora Lodge or similar

**Note:** Note: Northern Lights pursuit may be moved to another day, if conditions are better for optimal viewing. Seeing this natural phenomenon cannot be guaranteed. The bus will depart after 8:00 PM and return after midnight.

#### 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Denali

Enjoy a morning at leisure to catch up on your sleep. Then head to the Murie Science and Learning Center which serves as the Denali Visitor Center during Winter. Enjoy a short film, then hear from a local ranger about the 6-million acre park—questions are encouraged! This afternoon you will have free time to spend in the park. Along with awe-inspiring mountain views, it's not rare to see some combination of caribou, moose, Dall Sheep, wolves and Arctic Foxes. You may also see other animals such as wolverines, lynxes and owls among many other beautiful creatures. Enjoy an optional tour or easy hike, borrow a pair of snowshoes, or just sit by the fire and chat with the rangers. (B)

◆ Denali Aurora Lodge or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 • Fairbanks

First thing today, you will board your deluxe motor coach for a scenic transfer north to Alaska's "Golden Heart City," Fairbanks. Alaska's second-largest city was born of gold rush fever, thanks to a eureka! moment in 1902 on the banks of the Chena River. Upon arrival, enjoy a City Tour of Fairbanks including the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. This afternoon will be at your leisure. Spend the evening in hot pursuit of the Aurora Borealis, which appears in the skies above Fairbanks 243 nights a year. Enjoy a warm nonalcoholic beverage during while you take in the lights of the night sky. (B)

♦ SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Fairbanks

This morning you'll have time to relax by sleeping in as you recover from your nights adventure. This afternoon you'll join your fellow travelers for an included stop at the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitor Center where you'll have a chance to learn about the Alaskan Natives that call the interior their home. Spend the rest of the afternoon chilling out in one of the coolest places in the state... literally! Explore Ice Alaska, a one-of-a-kind adventure park that celebrates Fairbanks' status as the "Ice Sculpting Capital of the World." The Ice Park is nothing short of magical, with art and numerous attractions all sculpted from massive blocks of crystal clear ice harvested from nearby O'Grady Pond. You won't believe what the world's most talented ice sculptors are able to create-just to have them melt at the season's first thaw. Concessions and food vendors are available for when you want a snack or a warm beverage, and the evening is yours to enjoy. (B)

♦ SpringHill Suites Fairbanks or similar

#### X Day 7 🔹 Depart for Home

After a final delicious included breakfast at your hotel, it's time to return to warmer climes. Say goodbye to your new friends and the Last Frontier, then depart for home. (B)

**Note:** Most flights from Fairbanks are non-direct with at least one or two connections. Departure flights from Fairbanks to most cities are overnight and arrive the following day; some flights depart Fairbanks after midnight.

## MUST BOOK BY 10/28

PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>1,549\* **\$1,299**\*

AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

<sup>\$</sup> <del>1,549</del>
<sup>\$</sup> 1,299

#### Single Supplement from \$700

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax/ service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details..



DAY 4 - ALASKA RAILROAD UPGRADE

Upgrade to a scenic 4-hour train ride along the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali. Enjoy 360° views in upperlevel seats on Deluxe Dome Railcars for \$158 p/p. *Must be Pre-Booked. Please add this option at time of booking.*  ROSE PARADE & LOS ANGELES tour

5 DAYS

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#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the 134th Tournament of Roses Parade from your reserved grandstand seats
- Enjoy a pre-parade viewing of the Rose Parade floats in Pasadena
- Learn the traditions and history of the Rose Parade during a private dinner and presentation by the Tournament of Roses Committee
- Tour Los Angeles and see the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Chinese Theatre, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame

#### INCLUDES

4 nights hotels, 1 box breakfast, 1 dinner, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary. Complimentary YMT seat cushion, official Rose Parade program, and reserved grandstand seating at the Rose Parade.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**





Fully immerse yourself in the pomp and circumstance of the 134th Rose Parade on this unforgettable vacation to the City of Angels. As the Rose Parade's largest tour operator, YMT provides a unique experience and numerous special events that you won't find anywhere else!

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Los Angeles

Welcome to LA! If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. After an informative briefing on the days ahead, you are free to enjoy the evening. Take advantage of our free shuttle to nearby Manhattan Beach for dinner on your own or a sunset stroll along the Strand. This walking path sandwiched between posh mansions and white sand beaches is frequented by surfers, professional volleyball players, and celebrities.

Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### 🖵 Day 2 • Los Angeles Leisure Day

Enjoy the day at leisure or join one of our fantastic optional tours at an additional cost. This evening, you're in for a real treat—YMT's float viewing event with dinner. On this amazing tour held in Pasadena, you'll go behind the scenes to see the floats and flowers up close. You will have plenty of time to talk to and ask questions of the White Suiters, the Rose Parade volunteers clad in bright white uniforms. Then, enjoy a casual dinner in the official Rose Parade event tent. Learn the history and traditions of the Rose Parade during a presentation hosted by the Tournament of Roses Committee. (D)

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 🛛 Los Angeles City Tour

Today you'll take a guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, seeing many of the highlights of the City of Angels. View the iconic metal curves of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the ornate TCL Chinese Theatre, Beverly Hills, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

## Day 4 • 134th Tournament of Roses Parade

Witness the 134th Tournament of Roses Parade! Watch in wonder from your reserved grandstand seats as the floats covered in millions of leaves and fragrant petals pass by. See elegant equestrian units stride down Colorado Boulevard to the sound of marching bands from around the country. "America's New Year's Celebration" is an event that you'll love even more after experiencing it in person! (B)

Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### 🔾 Day 5 🔹 Depart for Home

Today your Rose Parade & Los Angeles vacation comes to an end. You'll depart for home with new friends and lasting memories of a spectacular experience. We thank you for choosing YMT, and we hope to see you soon.

















# **MUST BOOK BY 10/28**

PRICES STARTING AT

AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

# 2022 Dates

Dec 30	<sup>\$</sup> 1,249
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 999

Single Supplement from \$550

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$199 tax/ service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions Addon airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.

# **ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE**



## **POST TOUR OPTION FOR THE ROSE PARADE & LOS ANGELES TOUR** WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Additional night at a hotel at LAX
- Post-Parade Float Viewing: Join us to see the spectacular Rose Parade floats up close a day after the parade. At your pace, you get the chance to see all of those fantastic floral masterpieces along the Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards in Pasadena.
- Take a closer look at the design and workmanship that went into each . float entry and learn more about the float process from Tournament volunteers - "White Suiters" - on hand.

Viewing all floats requires walking a distance of approx. 2.5 miles and will take at least 2 hours.



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17-Mile Drive

10 days <u>from</u> \$<del>2,249</del>\* \$1,999\*

ROSE PARADE & COASTAL CALIFORNIA TOUR

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience the 134th Tournament of Roses Parade from your reserved grandstand seats
- Enjoy a pre-parade viewing of the Rose Parade floats in Pasadena
- Learn the traditions and history of the Rose Parade during a private dinner and presentation by the Tournament of Roses Committee
- Walk the halls and tour the expansive grounds of newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst's palatial Hearst Castle
- Cross the San Francisco Bay for a tour of the infamous Alcatraz Prison

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 1 dinner, 1 box breakfast, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and special events and sightseeing per itinerary. Complimentary seat cushion, official Rose Parade program, and reserved grandstand seating at the parade.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Los Angeles • Pasadena • Santa Barbara • Solvang • Hearst Castle • Monterey • San Francisco

Experience the spectacular stagecraft and creativity of the 134th Rose Parade before traveling up the California coast from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Explore beloved landmarks like Santa Barbara, Hearst Castle, Cannery Row, and Pebble Beach. You'll never have another New Year quite like this!

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Los Angeles

Welcome to LA! If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. After an informative briefing on the days ahead, you are free to enjoy the evening. Take advantage of our free shuttle to nearby Manhattan Beach for dinner on your own or a sunset stroll along the Strand. This walking path sandwiched between posh mansions and white sand beaches is frequented by surfers, professional volleyball players, and celebrities.

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### Day 2 · Los Angeles Leisure Day

Enjoy the day at leisure or join one of our fantastic optional tours at an additional cost. This evening, you're in for a real treat—YMT's float viewing event with dinner. On this amazing tour held in Pasadena, you'll go behind the scenes to see the floats and flowers up close. You will have plenty of time to talk to and ask questions of the White Suiters, the Rose Parade volunteers clad in bright white uniforms. Then, enjoy a casual dinner in the official Rose Parade event tent. Learn the history and traditions of the Rose Parade during a presentation hosted by the Tournament of Roses Committee. (D) + Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 🛛 Los Angeles City Tour

Today you'll take a guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, seeing many of the can't miss highlights of the City of Angels. View the iconic metal curves of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the ornate TCL Chinese Theatre, Beverly Hills, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

# Day 4 • 134th Tournament of Roses Parade

Witness the 134th Tournament of Roses Parade! Watch in wonder from your reserved grandstand seats as the floats covered in millions of leaves and fragrant petals pass by. See elegant equestrian units stride down Colorado Boulevard to the sound of marching bands from around the country. "America's New Year's Celebration" is an institution that you'll love even more after experiencing it in person! (B)

Holiday Inn LAX or similar

# 🛱 Day 5 • Santa Barbara, Solvang, and San Luis Obispo Area

Visit Santa Barbara. The "American Riviera" is known for its Spanish-style architecture, mild Mediterranean climate, and ocean views. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the lovely Santa Barbara Mission. The "Queen of the Missions" boasts magnificent twin bell towers, sprawling gardens, and ocean views from its position on a hill overlooking downtown Santa Barbara.



Continue your tour up the scenic road to Solvang, a charming Danish replica village situated in the picturesque Santa Ynez Valley. Be sure to taste the baked goods prepared by Solvang's renowned bakeries before traveling north to end the day in the San Luis Obispo area.

Spyglass Inn or similar

# Day 6 • Pismo Beach, Hearst Castle, and Monterey

In the morning, tour famous Hearst Castle. The sprawling estate once owned by media mogul William Randolph Hearst offers splendid views of the coast. Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour of the grand rooms inside the castle, with time to stroll the garden and pool areas. Continue to Elephant Seal Beach and Ragged Point. Keep your eyes out for California Gray Whales migrating south along the coastline. Catching a spouting whale in the distance is an experience you'll never forget! Overnight in Monterey, home to the waterfront street immortalized by John Steinbeck's classic novel, *Cannery Row*.

✦ Hyatt Regency or similar

### 🛱 Day 7 • Monterey Leisure Day

Enjoy a leisurely day in this charming seaside town. Monterey is known throughout California for its excellent clam chowder (best in a bread bowl—and do ask for extra oyster crackers) and bustling Old Town Historic District. Monterey's beaches are perfect for strolling, especially for guests hoping to run into a colony of seals or sea lions. Join an optional tour to participate in a unique local activity, or simply explore the historical fishing village at your own pace.

✦ Hyatt Regency or similar

### 🛱 Day 8 • Monterey to San Francisco

This morning, head down the breathtaking 17-Mile Drive. Enjoy views of Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove, taking the opportunity to snap a picture of the famed Lone Cypress on a quick stop before arriving in San Francisco. Enjoy the city on your own, or join an optional evening tour followed by dinner in Chinatown.

♦ Hotel Zephyr or similar

#### 🛱 Day 9 • San Francisco - Alcatraz Visit

Travel by ferry across the cold, misty San Francisco Bay for a tour of the notorious prison island of Alcatraz. Situated on a small island just off the coast, the federal penitentiary that operated from 1934 to 1963 nicknamed "The Rock" was one of the world's toughest prisons. It housed bank robbers, outlaws, and some of the era's most infamous gangsters. The dark mystique of inmates like Al "Scarface" Capone, and the "Birdman" Robert Stroud helped bolster its fearsome reputation. In addition, despite numerous attempts, no inmate every successfully escaped from Alcatraz.

Then, discover the bustling "City by the Bay" during a comprehensive city tour of San Francisco. Cross the Golden Gate Bridge, see Nob Hill, catch a glimpse of famed Lombard Street, and see many more exciting sights! .

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Hotel Zephyr or similar



DAY 2 - WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO See how your favorite movies and TV shows are made on the studio tour from the Story telling showcase, back lots, Stage 48 Script to Screen and more! <sup>\$</sup>89 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

# 🗙 Day 10 🔹 Depart for Home

Today your vacation comes to an end, but you'll depart home with new friends and memories to reflect on for years to come! If you purchased air with YMT, your transfers to the airport will be included.



Dec 30	\$ <del>2,249</del>

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#### Single Supplement from <sup>\$</sup>900

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\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$199 tax/ service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions Addon airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.



Join your fellow travelers for a selfguided tour of the famous Getty Center. \$69 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking*. 11 days -from-\$<del>2,149</del>\* \$1,899\*

# SIGHTS of the PACIFIC NORTHWEST

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Mount St. Helens and learn about the most destructive volcanic eruption in American history
- Look out at the crystal clear waters of America's deepest lake on a day trip to Crater Lake National Park
- Stand in awe of the towering redwoods, the tallest trees in the world, at Redwood National Park
- Enjoy city tours from Seattle to San Francisco
- See an over 600-foot-tall waterfall at Multnomah Falls
- Find out the fish facts at the Oregon Coast Aquarium

#### INCLUDES

10 nights hotels, 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Seattle • Olympia • Mount St. Helens • Portland • Cascade Range • Mt. Hood National Forest • Newport • Medford • Crater Lake National Park • Redwood National Park • Eureka • San Francisco

The Pacific Northwest is as famous for its natural beauty as its sophisticated yet quirky cities—experience the best of both worlds on this journey from Seattle to San Francisco. From the Cascade Mountains to Pike's Place and the Golden Gate Bridge, enjoy the ultimate coastal road trip through the Pacific Northwest.

#### X Day 1 🛛 Seattle

Welcome to beautiful Seattle, Washington! Guests who have purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations will be welcomed in the baggage claim area by a friendly YMT representative who will arrange your transfer to the hotel. If you made other flight arrangements, please make your own way to the hotel.

The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure, which is a real treat in the Emerald City. Some of the popular sites include Pike Place Market, where you should always keep your eyes peeled for flying fish, the Space Needle, and Pioneer Square.

✦ Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Seattle Center or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 Seattle

Your day starts with a tour of the Museum of Flight. The museum is home to the original Boeing factory and over 150 aircraft including JFK's Air Force One and jets from WWI and WWII. Learn about the past, present and future of flight—from the Wright Brothers to the Concorde to NASA—in one of Seattle's popular museums.

After lunch on your own at Pike Place Market, you'll enjoy a tour of Seattle, often considered the crown jewel of the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy a relaxing evening on your own or join an optional dinner and visit to the Space Needle. (B)

✦ Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Seattle Center or similar

# Day 3 • Olympia, Mount St. Helens & Portland

Your first stop will be at the Washington State Capitol building in Olympia, for a short tour. You will enjoy an included lunch and continue on to Mount St. Helens, known worldwide as the site of the deadliest and most economically destructive volcanic event in U.S. history, when it erupted in May of 1980. Enjoy stunning views of the mountain, including the crater caused by the eruption, before continuing on to Portland. The evening in Portland is yours to enjoy. (B, L)

✦ Courtyard Portland City Center or similar

#### Day 4 • Cascade Mountains, Multnomah Falls & Columbia River Gorge

Travel into the thickly forested Cascade Mountains this morning to enjoy some of Oregon's most breathtaking scenery. Highlights of your tour include the Columbia River Gorge and Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall waterfall found in the stunning Mt. Hood National Forest.

Continue to Hood River, a charming town where the Columbia River Gorge and the Cascade Range meet. Enjoy lunch on your own. Return to Portland for a city tour and free time at the International Rose Test Garden, where you can see and smell over 650 varieties of roses, as well as other blooms of flowers and plants (depending on the season). (B)

✦ Courtyard Portland City Center or similar



## 🛱 Day 5 • Oregon Coast to Newport

Take a stunning scenic drive down the Oregon coast to Newport. In Newport, enjoy a tour of the Oregon Coast Aquarium. This world class facility is dedicated to Oregon's marine wildlife. Enjoy a relaxed evening on your own. Newport has been popular with tourists since the 1800s, and has great dining and plenty to do. (B)

◆ Best Western Plus Agate Beach Inn or similar

# 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Medford

Travel down to Medford, a delightful town in the heart of the breathtaking Rogue Valley. Many of Oregon's finest wines are produced right here in Medford, which you can learn more about on an optional wine tour this afternoon. (B)

Comfort Inn South or similar

# Day 7 • Medford & Crater Lake National Park

Spend the day experiencing the world-famous Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States whose vibrantly blue and stunningly clear water make it one of the prettiest lakes in the country. Surrounded by towering cliffs and a thick forest of old growth pines, Crater Lake is nestled in what remains of a dormant volcano that erupted nearly 8,000 years ago. (B)

♦ Comfort Inn South or similar



# DAY 2 - SPACE NEEDLE & DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT

Take in the city lights from the Space Needle & Observation Deck before enjoying an Italian Dinner at a local restaurant! <sup>\$</sup>85 p/p. *Please add this* option at time of booking.

#### Day 8 • Redwood National Park, Crescent City & Eureka

Continue south to the Golden State, where your first stop after a beautiful drive will be Redwood National Park, home of the world's tallest trees. Enjoy a tour of this World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve, where some trees are over 370 feet high. Stop in Crescent City, then continue to Eureka. Eureka's Old Town is famous for its classic Victoria homes, which you will see on an informative panoramic tour. (B)

♦ Red Lion Hotel Eureka or similar

### 🛱 Day 9 🔹 San Francisco

See more amazing Redwoods at Avenue of the Giants on your way to San Francisco, where you will enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

Hotel Zephyr or similar

#### 🛱 Day 10 🔹 San Francisco

Your day starts with a tour including Fisherman's Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge, likely the world's most photographed suspension bridge. Look out into the bay at the notorious Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary. Enjoy a farewell lunch at Pier 39. Join us for an optional bay cruise or cable car tour with an authentic Chinese food dinner for an additional fee, or take both! (B, L)

Hotel Zephyr or similar

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# FEATURED OPTIONAL:

DAY 6 - WINERY VISIT WITH WINE TASTING & CHARCUTERIE BOARD Visit one of Oregon's original wineries, where you will enjoy learning about and sampling local wines! <sup>\$</sup>42 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking*.

# 💥 Day 11 • Depart for Home

On certain tour dates, you may choose to combine this with the Southern California and National Parks tour. If you joining us for the Ultimate Pacific Coast tour, you can enjoy San Francisco with a city pass that includes your choice of two attractions! (B)

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PRICES STARTING AT \$2,149\* \$1,899\*

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2023 Dates	
Apr 22, Oct 7	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,149</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,899
May 6, Jun 3, & 17, Jul 8	\$ <del>2,249</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999

#### Single Supplement from \$800

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus <sup>\$</sup>199 tax/ service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Addon airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.



WITH CALIFORNIA & NATIONAL PARKS TOUR See page 138 for details. 10 days from-

# **CALIFORNIA** NATIONAL PARKS TOUR

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive over the Golden Gate Bridge and visit the iconic Pier 39 in San Francisco
- See the massive sequoias and redwoods of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
- Visit the Giant Forest, home to General Sherman, the world's largest tree
- Explore Yosemite National Park, where you will see the towering and world-famous Half Dome
- · Visit the Santa Barbara Mission and the **Getty Center**
- Visit Hollywood and Santa Monica, while on a panoramic city tour of Los Angeles

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, sightseeing per itinerary, and park entrance.



San Francisco • Sausalito • 17-Mile Drive • Monterey • Yosemite National Park Kings Canyon National Park • Sequoia National Park • Pismo Beach • Santa Maria • Santa Barbara • Los Angeles

Get to know the real California on this scenic guided tour. Soak in magnificent vistas, sunny beaches, the culture of San Francisco, the glamour of Los Angeles, and of course the awe-inspiring majesty of Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks.



POST TOUR OPTION: ADD 2 NIGHTS IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA STARTING AT \$399 PER PERSON - double occupancy, includes admission to the USS Midway, Amtrak train ride, 2 nights hotels & 2 breakfasts.

#### 🔾 Day 1 • Arrive in San Francisco

Welcome to San Francisco! Guests who have purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations will be welcomed in the baggage claim area by a friendly YMT representative who will arrange your transfer to the hotel.

Spend the day at your leisure in one of California's most beautiful and culturally rich cities. Enjoy diverse cuisine, incredible museums, parks, and dazzling architecture. The city is also home to historical landmarks including the colorful Victorian Painted Ladies, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the island prison of Alcatraz.

♦ Hotel Zephyr or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 San Francisco and Sausalito

Discover the bustling "City by the Bay" during a morning panoramic tour. Look out at Alcatraz, see Nob Hill, and catch a glimpse of Lombard Street along with many more exciting sights!

Cross the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito, San Francisco's idyllic and much smaller neighbor. Enjoy lunch on your own and an included tour of this artistic enclave. Many of Sausalito's residents live in house boats in the bay. Spend the evening relaxing in San Francisco, or join us for an optional sunset bay cruise and lively dinner at Pier 39. (B)

♦ Hotel Zephyr or similar

#### 🖵 Day 3 • San Francisco to Monterey via 17-Mile Drive

This morning, head down the breathtaking 17-Mile Drive. Enjoy views of Pebble Beach and Pacific Grove, taking the opportunity to snap a picture of the Lone Cypress on a quick stop before arriving in Monterey. Enjoy a city tour of the once-gritty waterfront town immortalized by John Steinbeck's classic novel, Cannery Row. (B)

+ Hilton Garden Inn Monterey or similar

### Day 4 • Yosemite National Park

Visit the awe-inspiring Yosemite National Park. This magnificent and diverse land with elevations ranging from 2,000 to over 13,000 feet abounds with spectacular granite cliffs, thundering waterfalls, lush meadows, and towering trees. Discover Yosemite Valley, where you will find Half Dome, the park's most recognizable feature. The iconic granite formation rises more than 4,700 feet above the valley floor. Half Dome's sheer cliff face is nearly vertical, making it irresistible to the world's best rock climbers. (B)

Fairfield Inn Oakhurst-Yosemite or similar







Yosemite National Park

Kings Canyon National Park

Land Route

Overnight Stay Day Stop

Sequoia National Park

Los Angeles

San Francisco

Pismo Beach

Santa Maria

Santa Barbara

### 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Kings Canyon National Park

San Francisco

Continue to Kings Canyon, where you will find ancient giant sequoias and redwoods in Grant Grove. At the center of Grant Grove is the General Giant Tree, the second largest tree in the world. This 3,000-year-old wonder stands almost 270 feet tall with a base circumference of 107 feet! With terrain ranging from sun-soaked foothills to alpine forests, a huge variety of wildlife calls this national park home. Look out for animals including gray foxes, bobcats, marmots, eagles, and bears. (B)

♦ Wyndham Visalia or similar

Wyndham Visalia or similar

### Day 6 🔹 Sequoia National Park

Take a pleasant drive to the thick forests of Sequoia National Park, which is adjacent to Kings Canyon and just as magnificent. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and administered by the National Park Service along with Kings Canyon National Park, Sequoia is home to the largest living single-stem tree in the world. General Sherman stands 275 feet tall with a diameter of 25 feet and is a centuries old display of the power of nature. The Giant Forest, where you'll find General Sherman, contains five of the ten largest trees on Earth. (B) 🛱 Day 7 • Pismo Beach & Santa Maria

Hollywood Sign in Los Angeles

Head west to the coast, stopping in Pismo Beach for lunch on your own. Spend the afternoon in Santa Maria, a city famous for its distinctive redoak smoked barbecue! (B)

♦ Best Western Plus Big America or similar

#### 🖵 Day 8 • Santa Barbara to Los Angeles

Visit Santa Barbara—the American Riviera—and enjoy its Spanish mission style architecture, mild Mediterranean climate, and stunning ocean views

Take a self-guided tour of the lovely Santa Barbara Mission, where you can enjoy some of the best views in town. The "Queen of the Missions" is known for its magnificent twin bell towers, sprawling gardens, and the ocean views it enjoys from its position on a hill overlooking downtown Santa Barbara.

Continue to Los Angeles, where you will stop at the Getty Center. Enjoy amazing city views from this architecturally stunning art museum before a late afternoon arrival at your hotel. (B)

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

**Note:** For the Jun 27 departure The Getty Center will be on Day 9 and the Los Angeles/Hollywood tour will be on Day 8.

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#### 🛱 Day 9 • Los Angeles

Today we take a guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, seeing many of the highlights of the City of Angels. See Beverly Hills, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the ornate TCL Chinese Theatre, and more. Enjoy an included farewell lunch on the Santa Monica Pier, which has endless views and its very own amusement park. (B, L)

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

### 🛱 Day 10 • Depart for Home

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2023 Dates	
May 2 & 16, Oct 17	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,049</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,799
Jun 27, Jul 18	\$ <del>2,149</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,899

#### Single Supplement from \$800

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WITH SIGHTS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST TOUR

See page 138 for details.



# DAY 2 - ALCATRAZ ISLAND TOUR & DINNER

Take a boat to Alcatraz Island, enjoy a self guided tour of Alcatraz, followed by dinner at a restaurant on Pier 39! <sup>\$</sup>109 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

# FEATURED OPTIONAL:

DAY 9 - WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO See how your favorite movies and TV shows are made on the studio tour from the Story telling showcase, back lots, Stage 48 Script to Screen and more! <sup>\$</sup>89 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.*  10 days <u>from</u> \$<u>1,849</u>\* \$1,599\*

# CANADIAN ROCKIES tour

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See Glacier National Park and Kootenay National Park
- Cross the Continental Divide on the lcefields Parkway, and enjoy an included tour with the Ice Explorer onto the glacier
- Visit the Fort Museum, the first permanent post for the famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Drive through the breathtaking Going to the Sun Road
- Stop at the legendary 5,500-year-old Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Discover Banff National Park and see the stunning waters of Lake Louise

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 9 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, sightseeing per itinerary, and park entrance.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Calgary • Elk Island National Park • Edmonton • Jasper National Park • Icefields Parkway • Banff National Park • Lake Louise • Kootenay National Park • Kalispell • Glacier National Park • Flathead Lake • Lethbridge

Spanning the Continental Divide is a stretch of the Canadian Rockies that is home to some of the world's most picturesque landscapes. Create memories as you enjoy a journey through mountains, forests, lakes, and Native history in a landscape so pristine it promises to take your breath away.

#### 🗙 Day 1 • Arrive in Calgary

If you booked your flight with YMT, you will be met by a representative at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

✦ Sandman Calgary Downtown or similar

#### Day 2 • Elk Island National Park & Edmonton

Today you'll travel Edmonton, with a stop at Elk Island National Park en route. Elk Island National Park is a sanctuary of rolling woodlands and meadows dotted with lakes, bogs and ponds. It was originally established as a fenced-in reserve in 1906 to save a number of Western Canada's most iconic animals, including the then criticallyendangered elk. Over the decades, the elk population recovered, and the reserve grew into the stunning Elk Island National Park.

Continue to Edmonton, where we encourage you to enjoy the evening relaxing in this city because tomorrow you head deep into some of Canada's wilderness. (B)

♦ Days Inn Edmonton Downtown or similar

#### Day 3 • Jasper National Park via Hinton

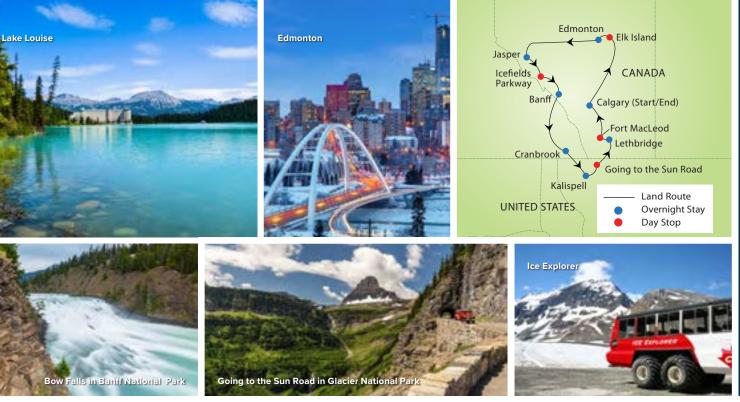
Enjoy a peaceful cruise on a narrated panoramic tour across the crystal waters of glacier-fed Maligne Lake. Glide past jagged mountain peaks as we cruise to Spirit Island, a worldfamous destination only accessible by boat. Next, experience Jasper National Park, the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Its landscape covers an expansive region of rugged backcountry and mountainous terrain across numerous protected ecosystems, including the world-renowned Columbia Icefield. The night will be spent in Hinton. (B)

✦ Lobstick Lodge or similar

#### Day 4 • Icefields Parkway and Banff National Park

After an included breakfast, travel along the lcefields Parkway en route to stunning Banff. Stop to experience the breathtaking Athabasca Glacier, the most visited glacier in North America, nestled at the bottom of the Columbia Icefield. Board a massive Brewster Ice Explorer and take a remarkable excursion onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier. Experience the full magnitude of this enormous icefield as you take in the view and feel the glacier underfoot. You'll also have the opportunity to join one our most exciting optional tours by stepping onto the "Glacier Skywalk," a glass floor observation platform suspended 918 feet over the Sunwapta Valley. (B)

♦ Canmore Inn & Suites or similar



#### 🖵 Day 5 • Banff National Park

Spend the day absorbing the beauty of Banff. Enjoy a stop at Bow Falls, where you will take in the sparkling water dancing in the sunlight, and hear it roar as it cascades down the limestone ledges. Peyto Lake is a perennially popular spot for visitors. Significant amounts of glacial rock flour flow into Peyto Lake from a nearby glacier, and these suspended rock particles are what give the lake a unique bright, blue-green color. Finally, see Canada's "Diamond in the Wilderness," Lake Louise, known for its glacier fed turquoise waters. The lake's tranquil surface mirroring the magnificent peaks and lush forest all around will leave you speechless, making Lake Louise a perfect location to take a picture worth much more than a thousand words. (B)

♦ Canmore Inn & Suites or similar

### 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Cranbrook via Kootenay **National Park**

Drive the scenic route from Banff to Kootenav National Park, which features a mild climate, rare wildflowers, wildlife, and unusual terrain that abruptly transitions from the prairie grasslands to the rugged, wind-swept peaks that form the Continental Divide. Enjoy the scenery and a leisurely afternoon in Cranbrook! (B)

✦ Sandman Hotel Cranbrook or similar

#### 🚽 Day 7 • Flathead Lake and Kalispell

En route to Kalispell, enjoy a memorable sightseeing trip to Flathead Lake. One of the biggest lakes in the United States, Flathead covers nearly 200 square miles. Its water is

remarkably clean, you can often see more than 20 feet down, which, locals love to tell visitors, allows you to see the Flathead Lake Monster that much more clearly. This evening join your fellow travelers for an optional guided tour of Conrad Mansion, home to the founder of Kalispell. (B)

♦ Red Lion Kalispell or similar

#### 🚽 Day 8 • Lethbridge via the Going to the Sun Road

From Kalispell, take the breathtaking Going to the Sun Road through Glacier National Park, with a memorable stop at the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump along the way. Learn about the Blackfoot people and their traditions at this buffalo jump that was used for 5,500 years by the indigenous peoples of the plains to kill buffalo by driving them off the high cliff. (B)

♦ Sandman Hotel and Lethbridge Lodge or similar

### 🚽 Day 9 • Fort MacLeod and Calgary

Start your final full day with an educational visit to Fort MacLeod's Fort Museum, which houses a range of exhibits celebrating local history and First Nations traditions in a way that is interactive and fun for all ages. This reconstructed institution provides an amazing window into the way life was in this once far-flung outpost. Return to Calgary for the night and conclude your tour of the majestic Canadian Rockies. (B)

Sandman Calgary Downtown or similar

💥 Day 10 • Depart for Home (B)

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PRICES STARTING AT \$1.849

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2023 Dates		
May 26, Sep 1, & 15	<sup>\$</sup> 1,849	
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,599	
Jun 16, Aug 25	<sup>\$</sup> 1,949	
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,699	
Jun 30 Includes Calgary Stampede	\$ <del>2,149</del>	

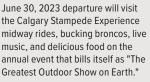
<sup>\$</sup>1.899

#### Single Supplement from \$900

Book by 10/28

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax/ service/gov't. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.

#### CALGARY STAMPEDE



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Grand Prismatic Springs in Yellowstone National Park

ROCKY MOUNTAINS & BLACK HILLS NATIONAL PARKS TOUR

10 days

from-

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the frontier territory of the Oregon Trail at Fort Laramie
- Take in the fantastic landscape of Rocky Mountain National Park
- Marvel at the stone carvings of Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial
- Visit charming mountain towns and discover the spirit of the Wild West
- Learn about Buffalo Bill and the history of the Prairie Indian tribes
- Witness glorious geysers and mountain ranges in Yellowstone National Park
- Enjoy spectacular views on a scenic drive through majestic Grand Teton National Park

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 7 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, sightseeing per itinerary, and park entrance.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park • Fort Laramie • Mount Rushmore • Crazy Horse Memorial • Sheridan • Cody • Yellowstone National Park • Grand Teton National Park • Jackson Hole • Salt Lake City

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Immerse yourself in America's beautiful western landscapes. Discover quaint towns, historic sights, and majestic landscapes as you journey to Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Salt Lake City. This tour is sure to leave you captivated!

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Denver

Arrive in the Mile High City. Guests who booked their air with YMT will be met by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel. The evening is at your leisure.

♦ Sheraton Denver Tech or similar

# Day 2 • Rocky Mountain National Park to Cheyenne

On our first morning together, we'll enjoy a city tour of Denver before traveling to spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park. Discover scenic mountains, alpine lakes, and an abundance of wildlife that call this park home. Then, continue to Cheyenne, Wyoming and learn about the rodeo and railroad capital of the Old West, which became the epicenter of westward rail expansion. Enjoy a leisurely evening tonight perhaps stop at the Cheyenne Depot Plaza and Museum. (B)

♦ SureStay Plus by BW Cheyenne or similar

#### 🚽 Day 3 • Fort Laramie and Rapid City

Your first stop en route to South Dakota will be the Fort Laramie Historic Site, along the Oregon Trail. Originally a private fur trading fort, the "grand old post" became the largest and best known military post on the Northern Plains. We'll also visit The Mammoth Site, a museum and paleontological site, before we end the evening in Rapid City. (B)

✦ Howard Johnson Rapid City or similar

#### Day 4 • Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Custer State Park

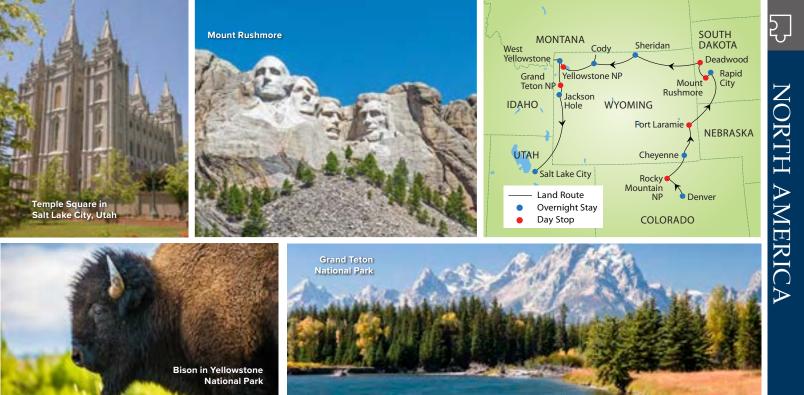
Today begins with a wonderful scenic drive through the Black Hills. You'll have opportunities for sightseeing at Mount Rushmore National Monument and Crazy Horse Memorial, incredible and iconic stone carvings in the rock formations of South Dakota. End the day with leisure time in Custer State Park, South Dakota's first state park, famous for its bison herds, historic sites, fishing lakes, scenic drives, and more! (B) + Howard Johnson Rapid City or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Deadwood and Sheridan

Immerse yourself in Wild West history; we'll begin with a morning stop in the frontier town of Deadwood, South Dakota. This city at the heart of the Black Hills Gold Rush is where Old West figures "Calamity Jane" once lived and where "Wild Bill" Hickok played his last game of cards. Then travel to the quaint town of Sheridan, Wyoming. This charming town is where western history and dramatic mountain vistas meet modern comforts in a serene setting. Set against an awe-inspiring backdrop of the Bighorn Mountains, it's no secret why Sheridan is known as the "heart of Ruby Valley." Visit Devil's Tower National Monument on the way to Sheridan. (B)

◆ Best Western Sheridan Center or similar

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# 🛱 Day 6 • Cody

Drive through Big Horn National Forest this morning before visiting the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a complex of five museums where you can learn more about the American icon "Buffalo Bill" Cody, as well as the art and history of the Plains Indian tribes. Explore this quaint Western town tonight on your own. (B)

♦ Buffalo Bill Village Cabins or similar

### 🛱 Day 7 • Yellowstone National Park

This morning, continue early on to nearby Yellowstone, our nation's first national park. See spectacular geysers, lakes, and mountains during your visits here today and tomorrow morning! Have your camera ready for likely sightings of buffalo, elk, moose, gray wolves, or bears. Take in the tranquility of Hayden Valley and the vibrant colors of the geysers— Yellowstone is a feast for the eyes!

✦ Yellowstone West Gate Hotel or similar

# Day 8 • Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole

Today we pay a morning visit to Old Faithful, Yellowstone's most famous geyser whose 20 daily eruptions attract many of the park's 4 million annual visitors. Afterwards, we'll continue south to Grand Teton National Park to enjoy a spectacular landscape rich with majestic



### DAY 2 - BISON SAFARI JEEP TOUR

Take a guided open-air jeep ride through Custer State Park in search of pronghorns, elk, and bison! Starts at \$85 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking. Pricing varies by departure date. mountains, pristine lakes, and wildlife. Overnight in Jackson Hole, one of the most quaint, yet upscale, mountain resort towns in the west. (B)

✦ Elk Country Inn or similar

# 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Salt Lake City

This morning, we'll travel to Utah's grand capital. This beautiful city played host to the 2002 winter Olympics, and you can still enjoy many of the improvements designed to make the city welcoming. Salt Lake City has the hospitable feel of a friendly mountain town, and is full of stunning parks, wonderful restaurants, and opportunities to shop, enjoy art, or take in live theatre and music.

✦ Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown or similar

#### 💥 Day 10 🔹 Depart for Home (B)

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2023 Dates	
May 13 & 23 <sup>+</sup>	<sup>\$</sup> 1,949
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May 27, Jun 6†, 10 & 20†, Jul 8, Aug 19 & 29†, Sep 16 & 26†	\$ <del>2,049</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,799
Jul 18† Includes Cheyenne Frontier Days Experience	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,249</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999

#### Single Supplement from \$800

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<sup>†</sup>Itinerary. Operates in Reverse.

### FRONTIER DAYS

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July 18, 2023 departure will visit Cheyenne during the Frontier Days and includes a visit to the "Daddy of 'em all" PRCA Rodeo and the Frontier Days Fair.



WITH CRIMSON CANYONS & MESAS NATIONAL PARK TOUR 10 DAYS -from-\$1,949\* \$1,699\*

CRIMSON CANYONS & MESAS NATIONAL PARKS TOUR

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Witness the awe-inspiring landscapes of 6 of America's popular National Parks
- Enjoy the Grand Canyon at sunset or sunrise
- Witness the stunning views at Lake Powell
- See the incredible hoodoos and sandstone monuments of Bryce and Zion National Parks
- Explore the diverse landscape of Capitol Reef National Park, unlike any other in Utah
- Visit the fascinating rock formation in Arches and Canyonlands National Parks
- Drive through the beautiful Rocky Mountains and the Arapaho National Forest

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 7 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, sightseeing per itinerary, and park entrances.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Las Vegas • Grand Canyon National Park • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Capitol Reef National Park • Arches and Canyonlands National Park • Grand Junction • Denver

America's National Parks system is the envy of the world, and on this exciting value-packed itinerary, you will visit 6 spectacular national parks. Most Americans only see one or two of these parks in their lifetime, so seeing so many of them in just one trip is truly amazing!

#### X Day 1 🔹 Las Vegas

Welcome to fabulous Las Vegas! Guests who book their air through YMT will be greeted by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel. The night is yours to enjoy this city. Just outside your hotel's doorstep await neon lights, the famed Fremont Street Experience, gambling, or glamorous shows. The choice is yours!

♦ Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 The Grand Canyon

Start your tour with the grandest of all parks in the West—the Grand Canyon! Travel via I-40, crossing historic Route 66 before you enter the spectacular Grand Canyon, and end your day by the South Rim. The park shuttle system makes it easy to take it all in at your own pace. The evening and the sunset, which lights the canyon in many hues of red and purple, is yours to enjoy!

♦ Yavapai Lodge West or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Page/Lake Powell

Wake up to a spectacular sunrise over the canyon this morning! For an unforgettable experience, join us for an optional Grand Canyon Sunrise Breakfast at El Tovar Hotel (additional cost). Continue to Lake Powell. Supported by the Glen Canyon Dam, Lake Powell is a beautifully situated water reservoir on the Colorado River, surrounded by red rocks.

♦ Best Western View of Lake Powell or similar

# Day 4 • Horseshoe Bend and Zion National Park

This morning, we see Horseshoe Bend, a u-shaped area of the Grand Canyon along the Colorado River near Page, Arizona. Marvel at the view of this stunning rock from 1,000 feet above—be sure to bring your camera for a spectacular shot! Our drive then continues as we head to Zion National Park. The half-mile deep park floor is lush with foliage, as well as mule deer, wild turkeys, gray foxes, and the occasional porcupine. (B)

◆ Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn or similar

#### 🚽 Day 5 🔹 Bryce Canyon

Today we visit Bryce Canyon. Despite its name, Bryce is not a canyon but a collection of giant natural amphitheaters. Its distinctive geological structures, called hoodoos, were formed by frost weathering and stream erosion from the river. (B)

✦ Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn or similar

#### 🛱 Day 6 • Capitol Reef National Park

Discover Capitol Reef National Park. The area boasts a diverse landscape unlike anywhere else in Utah—stunning red rock formations and canyons, pristine meadows, alpine forests, and lush green valleys. Also throughout the



park, you'll find the Capitol Reef Petroglyphs, impressive rock art figures created by ancient Native Americans. Continue to your hotel in Moab this evening. (B)

✦ Fairfield Inn Moab or similar

### 🛱 Day 7 • Arches National Park

A stunning highlight awaits! For the past 150 million years, the more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches of Arches National Park have been sculpted by the natural erosion of wind, water, sun, and frost. See Balanced Rock, one of the park's most iconic features; the impressive 52-foot tall Delicate Arch; and the Windows Section, a unique area with many arches that is considered the beating heart of the park. (B)

♦ Fairfield Inn Moab or similar

# 🛱 Day 8 • Canyonlands National Park

Explore Canyonlands National Park, a magical outdoor wonderland of enchanting vistas! The colorful park is divided into four districts—Island in the Sky, The Needles, The Maze, and the combined Green and Colorado Rivers, which carved two large canyons into the Colorado Plateau. Marvel at the wild beauty and drama of this spectacular landscape unlike anywhere else in the world. This evening, we make our way to our hotel in Grand Junction, the hub of Colorado's wine country. (B)

Hampton Inn Grand Junction or similar



#### DAY 1 - VEGAS! THE SHOW & DINNER Vegas! The Show tells the musical story about Las Vegas, featuring the greatest entertainers who took recidence in the entertainment capital

story about Las Vegas, featuring the greatest entertainers who took residence in the entertainment capital of the world. <sup>\$</sup>159 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking. On select dates.* 

#### 🛱 Day 9 • Grand Junction to Denver

Take in the beautiful Rocky Mountains today on our drive through Colorado. Enjoy a change of scenery as you travel through Arapaho National Forest, which straddles the Continental Divide in the Front Range west of Denver. Stop for lunch on your own in the resort town of Vail, a popular getaway at the base of Vail Mountain. This evening we arrive for an overnight stay in Denver, one of the most up-and-coming cities in the U.S. The Mile High City is Colorado's buzzing capital, where urban sophistication meets outdoor adventure! (B)

♦ Sheraton Denver Tech or similar

#### 🛪 Day 10 • Depart for Home

FEATURED

**OPTIONAL** 

On certain tour dates, you may choose to combine this with our other national parks tours. If you are joining us for our Ultimate Canyons & Rocky Mountains tour or our Ultimate Southwest tour, you can enjoy Denver today, with an included Denver city pass with entrances to the city's top attractions, before continuing on our Rocky Mountains & Black Hills itinerary or our Colorado & New Mexico Frontiers itinerary. (B)

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# DAY 2 - SIGNATURE GRAND CANYON SUNSET HUMMER TOUR

Experience the Grand Canyon during sunset and see the majestic colors of the rocks aboard a Hummer! <sup>\$</sup>135 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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WITH ROCKY MOUNTAINS & BLACK HILLS NP TOUR or COLORADO & NEW MEXICO FRONTIERS TOUR See page 138 for details 8 DAYS -from-\$1,649\* \$1,399\*

# COLORADO & NEW MEXICO FRONTIERS

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See the towering red rocks of the iconic Garden of the Gods
- Visit North America's tallest sand dune at Great Sand Dunes National Park
- Ride the historic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad , in an open air Gondola carriage, through the Colorado wilderness
- See the Pueblo people's ancient cliffside dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park
- Visit Aztec Ruins and Four Corners National Monuments
- Visit the Albuquerque Balloon Museum
- Pan for gold at the Colorado Springs Ghost Town Museum

#### INCLUDES

7 nights hotels, 7 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

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Denver • Colorado Springs • Alamosa • Pagosa Springs • Great Sand Dunes National Park • Durango • Mesa Verde National Park •

Silverton • Taos • Los Alamos • Santa Fe • Albuquerque

Travel through the mesmerizing landscape and rich history of Colorado and New Mexico, and visit two National Parks and two National Monuments, on this spectacular journey through snow-capped mountains, endless sand dunes, lush forests, and ancient dwellings.

#### 🗙 Day 1 • Arrive in Denver

Arrive in the Mile High City. Guests who booked their air with YMT will be met by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel. The evening is at your leisure.

♦ Sheraton Denver Tech Center or similar

# 🛱 Day 2 • Colorado Springs and Alamosa

Start your tour at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. It features towering red sandstone formations jutting hundreds of feet in the air against the snow-capped backdrop of Pike's Peak. The Garden of the Gods is one of Colorado's most photographed sites, and you will have plenty of time to appreciate and document these spectacular views.

Next, enjoy a fun stop at the Colorado Springs Ghost Town Museum, an indoor collection of historic structures and everyday artifacts from over a century ago. Housed in a stone building used by the Colorado Midland Railroad, the Ghost Town Museum takes you all the way back to Colorado's Wild West. You're invited to man a pan at the museum's gold trough (weather permitting)!

This afternoon visit to Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, where North America's tallest dunes rise over 750 feet high against the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve spans over 30 miles, and contains over 5 billion cubic meters of sand to create the largest sandbox in North America. Check into your hotel in Alamosa and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

+ Hampton Inn Alamosa or similar

#### Day 3 🛛 Pagosa Springs and Durango

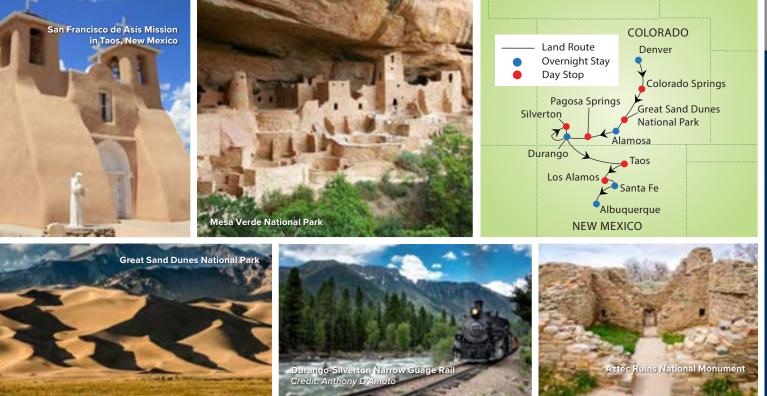
Visit Pagosa Springs, found at the base of the Continental Divide, known for its amazing natural hot springs, plentiful sunshine, and small-town charm. Arrive in Durango, in time for lunch on your own.

Step into the past and experience the lives of one of America's oldest cultures, the Pueblo people, on your visit to the cliffside dwellings of Mesa Verde National Park. The park includes more than 4,000 archeological sites dating back to A.D. 550, including cliff dwellings and mesa top sites from the Ancestral Pueblo peoples who lived here for more than 700 years. (B)

♦ La Quinta or similar

#### 🛱 Day 4 • Durango

Take an unforgettable train ride from Durango to Silverton on the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, in the open air Gondola



carriage, which has been in continuous operation between Durango and Silverton since 1882. Enjoy panoramic vistas and an authentic experience on this line built to haul silver and gold ore.

Your next stop is historic Silverton, where you will enjoy time in this National Historic Landmark founded in 1874 in the San Juan Mountains. After the railroad reached the town in 1882, the surrounding region experienced a mining boom that lasted until the 1910s.

This afternoon, you have an opportunity to visit 4 states at one time! The Four Corners Monument marks the quadripoint in the Southwestern United States where the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah meet. It is the only point in the United States shared by four states. (B)

✦ La Quinta or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 🛛 Taos and Santa Fe

This morning you will visit Aztec Ruins National Monument, where you will see preserved structures constructed by the Pueblo Indians. Archaeological evidence puts the construction of the ruins in the 12th and 13th centuries.

Drive to Taos, enjoy time to for lunch on your own before visiting the Spanish Colonial-style adobe San Francisco de Asís Mission Church. The church is one of Taos' most iconic structures and was the subject of several paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe and photographs by Ansel Adams. Continue to Santa Fe for an evening at leisure. (B)

◆ Best Western Inn of Santa Fe or similar

#### 🛱 Day 6 • Santa Fe to Albuquerque

This morning enjoy a panoramic walking tour of Santa Fe, including Loretto Chapel and Central Plaza. After lunch on your own, you will visit Palace of the Governors, an adobe structure that has served as the seat of government for the state of New Mexico for centuries. Continue to Albuquerque for an evening at leisure. (B)

♦ Best Western Plus Rio Grande Inn or similar

#### 🛱 Day 7 • Albuquerque

Your final stop of the trip will be Albuquerque. Visit the one-of-a-kind Albuquerque Balloon Museum. The mission of the museum is to inspire a spirit of exploration, discovery, and achievement through experiences that engage visitors in the history, science, sport, and art of ballooning. Spend your final evening on tour enjoying the charming city of Albuquerque at your own pace. (B)

♦ Best Western Plus Rio Grande Inn or similar

#### 💥 Day 8 • Depart for Home (B)

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Aug 19, Sep 16	<sup>\$</sup> 1,749
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,499

#### Single Supplement from \$650

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#### DAY 6 - SANDIA PEAK TRAM & DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT Take a ride on the Sandia Peak tram, the longest aerial tram in the Americas. Afterwards, Enjoy a 3-course meal at a local restaurant. \$85 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.*



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ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA & SOUTHWESTERN TOUR

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Witness the 50th Anniversary of the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Fiesta, the largest in the world
- Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ride a Hot Air Balloon *(optional and at additional cost)*
- Soak up the history and culture of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Santa Fe
- Tour Roswell with its fascinating exhibits of the alleged UFO crash
- Visit Carlsbad Caverns, some of the largest caves in the world
- See the White Sands National Monument
- Visit Tombstone and the O.K. Corral

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 9 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, sightseeing per itinerary, and park entrance.

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### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta • Santa Fe • Carlsbad Caverns • White Sands National Monument • Roswell • Las Cruces • Tombstone • Tucson • Scottsdale • Phoenix

This incredible fall tour has it all: historic Western towns, outof-this-world intrigue in Roswell, Native American culture, the incredible beauty of the desert, stunning sunsets and the not-to-bemissed Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta!

#### X Day 1 • Albuquerque

Your tour begins with arrival in Albuquerque. Guests who have purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations will be welcomed in the baggage claim area by a YMT representative who will arrange your transfer to the hotel. If you made other flight arrangements, please make your own way to the hotel.

✦ Courtyard Albuquerque Airport or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 • Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Get up early to witness the famed Hot Air Balloon Fiesta's mass ascension. See hundreds of colorful balloons inflate with giant fans then slowly rise to float into the clear blue sky. Learn the history of this unique Fiesta, and the simple mechanics of hot air ballooning, while witnessing it with your own eyes.

As you proceed for some Albuquerque sightseeing, keep an eye peeled for these balloons – as they land in the most unexpected places! We explore historic Old Town - secluded gardens and patios nestled between winding brick paths full of charming shops, galleries and delicious New Mexican cuisine (meals on your own). The Old Town Plaza has been the focal point of the community since 1706. At night we return to the balloon launch site for the "After Glow," when all the balloons fire their burners at the same time, illuminating the night sky. This event is followed by a spectacular fireworks display that you will surely enjoy to watch. (B) Courtyard Albuqueraue Airport or similar

#### Day 3 • Bandelier National Monument & Santa Fe

In the morning we will cross the Santa Fe National Forest and continue to Bandelier National Monument. Bandelier protects Ancestral Pueblo archaeological sites within a wild and beautiful landscape and connects the modern Pueblo people to their past in a monument covering 33,000+ acres and over 70 miles of trail. The day ends in Santa Fe. (B)

◆ Best Western Inn of Santa Fe or similar

#### 🛱 Day 4 • UFO Museum & Roswell

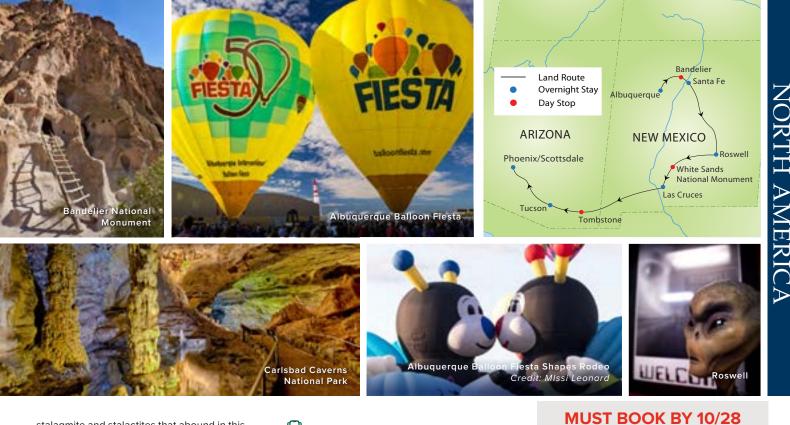
This morning we head to Roswell, best known for the Roswell alleged UFO sightings. Guests enjoy a short visit to the International UFO Museum & Research Center, with its eclectic collection of space objects and dioramas depicting the story of the purported 1947 UFO crash just outside town. (B)

✦ Holiday Inn Express or similar

#### 🖵 Day 5 • Carlsbad Caverns

This morning we drive south through the Chihuahuan Desert, filled with prickly pears, chollas and agaves, to visit incredible Carlsbad Caverns National Park, with 100 of the largest caves in the world. These limestone caverns were formed 250 million years ago - the

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stalagmite and stalactites that abound in this subterranean world are truly a wonder to explore. At night we will return to Roswell once more. (B)

Holiday Inn Express or similar

# Day 6 • White Sands National Monument & Las Cruces

See the unusual and beautiful White Sands National Monument! After an orientation at the Visitors Center, we drive through wave-like dunes of gypsum sand – brilliant snow-white dunes whose color changes with the sun and topography. (B)

✦ Hampton Inn or similar

### 🖵 Day 7 • Tombstone & Tucson

This morning, travel through ranches and towns that claim a colorful history of Apache raids, outlaws and gunfights, stopping in the most famous of them all – Tombstone! Walk the same historic streets as Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday, which are preserved with their original 1880's buildings. See the famed OK Corral, the Tombstone Epitaph newspaper office, and Crystal Palace. Then upon arrival in Tucson this afternoon, visit the San Xavier del Bac Mission. Known as "the White Dove of the Desert," it is considered one of the finest examples of mission architecture in the USA. (B)

Courtyard Tucson Airport or similar



#### DAY 2 - ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA SHAPES RODEO

On October 4 & 11, 2023 departures you will witness the Special Shapes Rodeo<sup>™</sup> in the morning and the Shapes Glowdeo<sup>™</sup> in the evening at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

# Day 8 • Casa Grande National Monument & Phoenix

Today, we depart the "Sunshine City of the Southwest" for Phoenix, the "Valley of the Sun." En route we will stop to explore the ancient Native American ruins at Casa Grande National Monument, our nation's first archaeological preserve. This evening, perhaps you'll want to join your group for a rustic cowboy style dinner (optional and at an additional cost). (B)

 Embassy Suites Phoenix-Downtown North or similar

or similar

💥 Day 10 • Depart for Home (B)

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# DAY 1 - ALBUQUERQUE TROLLEY RIDE & DINNER

Enjoy an informative trolley ride of downtown Albuquerque, followed by and Italian dinner at a local restaurant, just \$99 p/p. *Please add this option at time* of booking. WOST BOOK BT 10/28

**\$1,599**\*

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# 2022 Dates

Sep 30† Incl. 50th Anniv. Balloon Fiesta	<sup>\$</sup> 1,849
Book by 8/26	<sup>\$</sup> 1,599
Oct 7 Incl. 50th Anniv. Balloon Fiesta	<sup>\$</sup> 1,849
Book by 9/2	<sup>\$</sup> 1,599
2023 Dates	
Sep 29 <sup>+</sup> , Oct 7 <sup>++</sup> & 13	<sup>\$</sup> 1,949
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,699
Oct 4 <sup>+</sup> & 11 Incl. Balloon Fiesta Shapes Rodeo	<sup>\$</sup> 1,949
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,699

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### FEATURED DAY 9 - SUNRISE HOT AIR OPTIONAL: BALLOON RIDE

Glide into the air high above the Sonoran Desert and enjoy the views of nature awakening as the sun rises on this 1-hour (approx) flight, just \$249 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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8 DAYS -from-\$2,249\* \$1,999\*

# MACKINAC ISLAND & GRAND HOTEL

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Two nights luxury accommodations at the award winning, internationally recognized Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
- Formal dinner and dancing to live music by the Grand Hotel band
- Horse-drawn taxi service to and from the Mackinac Island ferry to the Grand Hotel
- Guided tour of Chicago including a Chicago River Boat Architecture Tour
- Tour of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids
- Guided tour of the Earl Young Mushroom Houses in Charlevoix
- Tour of Henry Ford Museum of American
  Innovation

#### INCLUDES

7 nights hotels, 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Chicago • Grand Rapids • Traverse City • Charlevoix • Mackinac Island • Frankenmuth • Livonia • Detroit

Travel back to a time of bygone splendor at the Grand Hotel on Michigan's Mackinac Island, the "Jewel of the Great Lakes." The elegant and refined Grand Hotel has been the peak of luxury since 1887, and is just one of the many beautiful places you'll see on this tour across Michigan and Illinois.

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Chicago

Welcome to Chicago! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transport you to your hotel. The day is yours to enjoy however you wish. Chicago has some of the best food, shopping, museums, and live music in the country, and there is never a shortage of excitement here in the Windy City. During tonight's included welcome dinner at Giordano's, connect with your new travel companions over big slices of Chicago's famous deep-dish pizza at one of the Windy City's most popular pizza parlors. (D)

✦ La Quinta Inn Downtown Chicago or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 • Chicago City Tour

Spend the morning touring America's third largest city. Your bus tour will include all of Chicago's highlights, including Michigan Avenue, the exclusive "Magnificent Mile," the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the shoreline of Lake Michigan, and Millennium Park, home of iconic public art works including the reflective stainless-steel Cloud Gate, nicknamed "The Bean" because of its shape. Enjoy an educational architecture tour on the Chicago River. Expert docents will explain the history of more than 50 buildings, and how they played a part in Chicago's thrilling story. (B)

✦ La Quinta Inn Downtown Chicago or similar

#### Day 3 • Grand Rapids & Traverse City

Depart Chicago for Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids. Enjoy a tram ride tour of one of the nation's most significant sculpture and botanic experiences, Meijer Gardens includes Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; five indoor theme gardens; outdoor gardens, nature trails and boardwalk. Lunch will be on your own in Grand Rapids, and then it's off to Traverse City where the evening will be at your leisure. (B)

♦ Bayshore Resort or similar

#### 🛱 🚔 Day 4 • Charlevoix & Mackinac Island

Start the day off with a fun—or should we say fungal—tour of the Mushroom Houses in Charlevoix. They are the work of self-taught builder and local celebrity Earl Young, who fashioned over two dozen eccentric creations using indigenous materials. His most famous creation, Mushroom House, bares more than a passing resemblance to a just-popped-up shroom, and are some of the quirkiest houses in the Midwest. After a lunch break, take a scenic drive to Petoskey State Park and beach area, then catch the ferry to Mackinac Island.

Step back in time to the early 1900s, starting



with your horse-drawn carriage taxi ride (automobiles are banned on the island) to the Grand Hotel. Bygone traditions and a more elegant way of life are the norm at Grand Hotel, which opened in 1887, and is still a truly one-ofa-kind destination with 397 uniquely decorated rooms. Evenings at the Grand Hotel require formal dress, especially at tonight's included formal dinner and dancing to a live band. (B, D)

Dress Code: Note from the Grand Hotel - Since the Grand Hotel is a resort, we want all guests to feel at ease and dress comfortably. During the day, casual resort clothing is appropriate. Prior to 6:30 PM please no midriff baring tops, sweatpants or cut-off shorts for ladies. For gentleman no sleeveless shirts, sweatpants, or cut-off shorts.

Every evening at Grand Hotel is a special occasion. After 6:30 PM dresses, skirts, blouses, dress sweaters and dress slacks for ladies are preferred, while gentleman are required to wear a suit coat, necktie and dress pants, no denim or shorts. This applies for all areas inside the hotel with the exception of the Cupola Bar. Children 12 years and older are expected to follow the same dress code as adults.

The Grand Hotel maintains a no tipping policy.

**Note:** Outdoor pool open Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

♦ Grand Hotel

### 🛱 Day 5 • Mackinac Island Leisure Day

Spend the day enjoying the good life at Grand Hotel, the setting of 1980's time travel romance film *Somewhere in Time* starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. You can participate in hotel activities such as bocce ball, bean bag toss, garden tour, bike rentals or relax of the longest hotel porch in the world and take in the views of Lake Huron. If you want to venture outside of the lush grounds, island activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, tours of Arch Rock, Fort Mackinac or Fort Holms, and of course excellent shopping in the quaint town! You may choose to join us on an optional horse drawn carriage island tour with the famous Grand Hotel lunch buffet. This evening, press and polish your finest outfits for another included formal dinner and dancing. (B, D)

♦ Grand Hotel

### 🚔 🛱 Day 6 • Frankenmuth & Livonia

Take another horse-drawn carriage taxi ride back to the ferry, which will take you from Mackinac Island to Mackinaw City where your coach will be waiting. Travel to the quaint town of Frankenmuth, originally settled by German immigrants, the town maintains its Bavarianstyle architecture. You will have time for lunch and to explore on your own, or join us for an optional lunch (at additional charge). Spend the evening at leisure in the suburbs of Detroit in the City of Livonia. (B)

✦ Hyatt Place Detroit Livonia or similar

#### 🛱 Day 7 • Livonia and Detroit

Today, enjoy a Detroit city tour, the largest city in Michigan. See the exteriors of the rehabbed waterfront, Motown Records, and Michigan Central Station. Then take a tour of the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and enjoy time for lunch on your own. This afternoon will be at your leisure or you're invited to join us for an optional activity. (B)

✦ Hyatt Place Detroit Livonia or similar

💥 Day 8 • Depart for Home (B)

# PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2,249\* **\$1,999**\*

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Jun 17	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,449</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,199
Sep 16	\$ <del>2,349</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,099

#### Single Supplement from \$900

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DAY 5 - HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE TOUR OF MACKINAC ISLAND W/ LUNCHEON Take in the sights of beautiful Mackinac Island on a carriage ride tour. Includes views of Fort Mackinac and Arch Rock. Luncheon incl. at the Grand Hotel. <sup>\$</sup>119 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking. HEART OF TEXAS & NEW ORLEANS

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Let the good times roll at a Jazz Brunch featuring traditional New Orleans cuisine and live music at the Court of Two Sisters
- Remember the Alamo! on a guided tour of the legendary battle site
- Learn about America's space program at Houston Space Center
- Visit the 6th Floor Museum dedicated to President Kennedy's life, death, and impact on history
- Enjoy a tour and BBQ lunch at Southfork Ranch

#### INCLUDES

11 nights hotels, 6 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and special events and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL



New Orleans • Oak Alley Plantation • Lake Charles • Houston • San Antonio • The Alamo • Austin • Dallas

Experience the charm of New Orleans and the Lone Star State on this incredible tour up the Gulf Coast from Louisiana to the heart of Texas. Enjoy the must-see history, culture, sights, and experiences of this colorful region.

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in New Orleans

Welcome to New Orleans! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transport you to your centrally located hotel. Tonight is yours to enjoy.

 Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 • New Orleans

Today is devoted to one of New Orleans' most celebrated specialties—delicious food! The morning starts with the a Jazz Brunch at The Court of Two Sisters, a courtyard restaurant in the middle of the French Quarter. Enjoy authentic Cajun and Creole specialties to the high-spirited sound of a N'Awlins jazz trio.

Next take a tour of New Orleans. Take in the sights and soak in the vibrant history of "The Big Easy", the birth place of jazz and home town from artists such as Louis Armstrong to Harry Connick Jr. (Brunch)

 Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 • New Orleans Leisure Day

This famously lively city takes its motto of "let the good times roll" seriously. Spend the day exploring the city on your own, or join one of YMT's uniquely New Orleans optional tours. Listen to live music along the Mississippi on a dinner jazz cruise, or wander past New Orleans' tombs and crypts on a spooky cemetery tour.

 Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter or similar

#### Day 4 • Oak Alley Plantation

Begin your day with a tour of Oak Alley Plantation, an historic 25-acre plantation built in the 1830s. Your tour will take you through the grounds, including the "Big House," Civil War Tent, Sugarcane Theatre, and the People of Oak Alley Exhibit. Continue to Lake Charles for your overnight stay.

Courtyard Lake Charles or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 • Houston Space Center

Take your own giant leap for mankind at the Houston Space Center, where you will learn about America's space program. Experience over 400 space artifacts, traveling and permanent exhibits, attractions, and theaters. Your tour includes the NASA Johnson Space Center and astronaut training center.

✦ Hampton Inn & Suites Houston/Clear Lake-Nasa Area or similar



### 🖵 Day 6 • Houston City Tour

Say howdy to Houston, Texas' most populous city. Enjoy a city tour of this Gulf Coast metropolis, which was founded and named the capital of the seceded Republic of Texas in 1837. Houston's skyline, historic buildings, and unique attractions make this city a delight to explore. (B)

✦ Hampton Inn & Suites Houston/Clear Lake-Nasa Area or similar

### 🛱 Day 7 • San Antonio City Tour

San Antonio, which locals insist should never be called "San Antone," was founded in 1718. On top of its vibrant history, this quintessentially Texan city is renowned for its amazing Tex-Mex food, lively downtown, and the clean San Antonio River that flows through its center. Today, you'll enjoy a city tour highlighting San Antonio's culture and history. Join your fellow travelers for an optional San Antonio River Walk Cruise and dinner. (B)

✦ Double Tree by Hilton Hotel San Antonio Downtown or similar

# 🛱 Day 8 • The Alamo

The Alamo is known throughout the world as a symbol of bravery in the face of impossible odds, and the call of "Remember the Alamo!" still stands as one of the most stirring rallying cries in history. Take a tour of San Antonio's first mission, which stood for over a century before it was used as a fort for the badly outnumbered Texian Army, who defended the Alamo for a full 13 days until the last men fell on March 6, 1836. You'll always remember this fascinating experience. (B)

♦ Double Tree by Hilton Hotel San Antonio Downtown or similar

### 🛱 Day 9 • Austin City Tour and LBJ Library

Today starts with a tour of "The Live Music Capital of the World," stunning Austin. The capital of Texas is frequently named the best big American city to live in—and with its unique beauty, many small businesses, and quirky culture, you're sure to see why. Next, enjoy a tour of the LBJ Presidential Library. Lyndon Baines Johnson's 30-acre presidential library on the University of Texas at Austin campus will take you through the life and tumultuous presidency of LBJ, who held the office from 1963-1969. Learn about the chaotic first days after President Kennedy's assassination, and LBJ's complicated relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (B)

♦ Sonesta Select Austin North or similar

# 🛱 Day 10 • Dallas City Tour and 6th Floor Museum

Prepare for a fun day in charming Dallas. This historically important city has long been a hub for the transportation and oil industries, among others, which you'll learn about on your morning tour. From there, visit the 6th Floor Museum, the Dealey Plaza Museum devoted to the life, death and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. The museum overlooks the spot where President Kennedy was shot in 1963. (B)

 Home2 Suites by Hilton Dallas Frisco or similar

#### 🛱 Day 11 🛛 Southfork Ranch

Your final full day in Texas will be a fun one at "The World's Most Famous Ranch!" Southfork Ranch is the real-life location of the Ewing Mansion, rodeo arena, and ranch from *Dallas*, one of the most successful TV shows ever produced. Enjoy a guided tour of the Ewing Mansion, learn about the history of the ranch and the region, and stroll past horses and Texas longhorns, before sitting down for an included exceptional barbecue lunch. (B, L)

✦ Home2 Suites by Hilton Dallas Frisco or similar

### 🗙 Day 12 • Depart for Home (B)

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#### 2023 Dates

Mar 22	\$ <del>2,249</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999
Apr 5, May 10, Oct 4,	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,349</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,099

#### Single Supplement from \$1,050

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus <sup>\$</sup>199 tax/ service/gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Addon airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.

#### FEATURED DAY 3 - NEW ORLEANS DINNER JAZZ OPTIONAL: CRUISE

Take a historic cruise alongside the banks of the Mississippi River on the last authentic steamboat, the Steamboat Natchez! <sup>\$</sup>109 p/p. *Please* add this option at time of booking.

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# HISTORIC ROUTE 66

14 days

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### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Stand at the official start and end points of Route 66 in Chicago and Santa Monica
- Visit the 8 states that comprised historic Route 66
- Photo ops at roadside oddities including Cadillac Ranch, Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch, and "the world's largest catsup bottle."
- See the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, and Grand Canyon
- Travel to the top of St. Louis' Gateway Arch
- Enjoy a guided tour of Chicago, including the Chicago River Boat Architecture Tour

#### INCLUDES

13 nights hotels, 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Chicago • St. Louis • Branson • Oklahoma City • Amarillo • Albuquerque • Flagstaff • Las Vegas • Los Angeles • Santa Monica

Get your kicks on a tour of the Mother Road, historic Route 66. America's most famous road connected the country using miles of concrete, unique attractions, and an identity built on the ideals of freedom and individuality.

#### 🗙 Day 1 • Arrive in Chicago

The intersection of E. Adams and S. Michigan in Downtown Chicago is the official starting point of Route 66—look for signs during your stop at the place where millions of people have set off down the Mother Road since 1926. Take a seat and enjoy an included pizza welcome feast. Connect with your new travel companions over big slices of Chicago's famous deep-dish pizza at one of the Windy City's pizza parlors. (D)

✦ Hampton Inn Magnificent Mile or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 Chicago

Enjoy an educational architecture tour on the Chicago River where you will learn about Chicago's colorful past from a unique vantage point. Expert docents will explain the history of more than 50 buildings, and how they played a part in Chicago's thrilling story. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

✦ Hampton Inn Magnificent Mile or similar

#### 🚽 Day 3 • Chicago, Pontiac & St. Louis

Today you hit the open road. Travel west to Pontiac, home of the Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum. Enjoy the nostalgic exhibits, then have lunch on your own. Enjoy the quick stop in Collinsville, home of the Brooks Catsup Bottle Water Tower. Pull into St. Louis late this afternoon. (B)

Drury Inn & Suites Convention Center or similar

#### 🛱 Day 4 • St. Louis to Branson

This morning you will ride a tram 630 feet up to the top of the St. Louis' Gateway Arch, located at Gateway Arch National Park, then set off for Branson, the "Live Music Capital of the Universe." Relax on your own this evening or join us for an optional. (B)

✦ Fairfield Inn & Suites or similar

#### 🚽 Day 5 🔹 Branson to Oklahoma City

Travel from Branson to Oklahoma City by way of Galena, Kansas. Route 66 goes right through Galena's historic district. Oklahoma City, known locally as OKC, is renowned for its cowboy culture and excellent barbecue. (B)

 Wyndham Garden Hotel Oklahoma City Airport or similar

#### 🚽 Day 6 • Oklahoma City to Amarillo

Continue to Elk City, where you will see the National Route 66 & Transportation Museum. Enjoy lunch on your own in the charming town, then pull into Amarillo, TX for an included dinner at The Big Texan Steak Ranch. (B, D)

♦ Sleep Inn - West Medical Center or similar

#### 🚽 Day 7 • Amarillo to Albuquerque

Stop by Cadillac Ranch, one of Route 66's stranger art exhibits. Cadillac Ranch consists of ten graffiti-covered Cadillacs buried nosedeep in the hard dirt. After a short pit stop in Adrian, Route 66's halfway point, walk through the Tucumcari Historical Museum. Enjoy lunch on your own in town before heading to Albuquerque. (B)

✦ Best Western Plus Rio Grande or similar

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#### Day 8 • Albuquerque to Flagstaff

Enjoy lunch on your own in Gallup, home to the flamboyant Hotel El Rancho that hosted many Golden Age movie stars while they shot classic westerns in the surrounding desert. Continue to the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest National Park. The landscape is full of windswept buttes, barren mesas, and breathtaking vistas. (B)

♦ Days Hotel or similar

#### 🛱 Day 9 • Grand Canyon National Park

The beauty of the Grand Canyon is the complex and breathtaking result of billions of years of geographic tumult. It is a dramatic, dynamic display of earth's power. Spend most of the day exploring the Grand Canyon on your own. Return to Flagstaff in the evening. (B)

Days Hotel or similar

#### 🛱 Day 10 🛛 Flagstaff to Las Vegas

Your first stop today is Seligman, the "historic birthplace of Route 66." Kingman, Arizona, is full of murals dedicated to Route 66, and is a great place to grab lunch en route to Las Vegas. Arrive in Sin City this afternoon, and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

♦ Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino or similar

# 🛱 Day 11 • Las Vegas

This morning enjoy a photo op at the Las Vegas sign followed by a tour of the Las Vegas Strip. Then, enjoy an optional tour or spend the day at your leisure. Perhaps explore the reinvigorated downtown, or spend some time at the worldfamous Strip. (B)

♦ Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino or similar

### 🛱 Day 12 🔹 Las Vegas to Los Angeles

After lunch in Barstow, visit Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch—one of Route 66's quirkiest roadside attractions. Elmer Long created over 200 trees and cacti—artful eye-catching when illuminated by the hot desert sun. (B)

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### Day 13 🔹 Santa Monica

Today we take a guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, seeing many of the highlights of the City of Angels, including the Sunset Strip and Hollywood and Highland. Enjoy an included farewell lunch on the Santa Monica Pier, the end point of Route 66. Celebrate your trip by looking out at the ocean and up to the sign marked, "End of the Trail." (B, L)

✦ Holiday Inn LAX or similar

#### 💥 Day 14 • Depart for Home (B)



#### DAY 8 - ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

Oct 2, 2022 & Oct 1, 2023 departures will visit Albuquerque during the Balloon Fiesta.This morning, witness hundreds of balloons slowly rise to float into the clear blue New Mexico sky. FIESTA SHAPES RODEO On October 5, 2023 departures you will witness the Special Shapes Rodeo<sup>™</sup> in the morning and the Shapes Glowdeo<sup>™</sup> in the evening at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

**DAY 8 - ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON** 

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PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup>2,449\* **\$2,199**\*

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### 2022 Dates

Oct 2 Includes 50th Anniversary Balloon Fiesta	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,549</del>
Book by 8/26	<sup>\$</sup> 2,299
2023 Dates	
Apr 23, May 7	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,449</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,199
Jun 11, Jul 23	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,299
Oct 1 Includes Balloon Fiesta	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,649</del>
Book by 10/28	\$2,399
Oct 5 Includes Balloon Fiesta Shapes Rodeo	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,649</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 2,399

#### Single Supplement from \$900

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$199 tax service/ gov't fees. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Add-on airfare with transfers available from most major gateways. See website for details.



DAY 11 - VEGAS! THE SHOW & DINNER Vegas! The Show tells the musical story about Las Vegas, featuring the greatest entertainers who took residence in the entertainment capital of the world. <sup>\$</sup>159 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking. On select dates.* 

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# BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Self-guided tour of Casa Loma, midtown Toronto's only Gothic castle
- See thunderous displays of nature's power at Niagara Falls and Montmorency Falls
- Relax on a guided boat cruise of the 1000 Islands
- Learn about Canada's fascinating past at the Canadian Museum of History
- Explore Old Town Quebec on an informative guided tour
- Satisfy your sweet tooth at a scrumptious Sugar Shack lunch

#### INCLUDES

9 nights hotels, 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL



Toronto • Niagara Falls • Gananoque • Kingston • Ottawa • Trois-Rivières • Quebec City • Montmorency Falls • Montreal

Eastern Canada offers all the charm and sophistication of Europe in a delightful setting much closer to home. Experience the natural beauty, history, and culture of Canada's vast provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

# 🗙 Day 1 • Toronto City Tour

Today you will arrive in Toronto. Guests who have purchased their airline tickets through YMT will be greeted by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel.

✦ Holiday Inn Express Toronto Downtown or similar

# 🛱 Day 2 🔹 Toronto City Tour

Travel to Toronto for a fascinating city tour. This cultural melting pot on the shores of Lake Ontario has it all. See towering skyscrapers, 19th century warehouses, a bustling harbor, and more. Your panoramic tour includes views of the Banking District, City Hall, the massive CN Tower, and the University of Toronto. You'll have time for lunch on your own in the downtown area and the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B)

✦ Holiday Inn Express Toronto Downtown or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Niagara Falls Leisure Day

Spend a leisurely day enjoying Niagara Falls. One of the most famous waterfalls in the world, Niagara Falls is actually a group of three waterfalls that straddle the border between Canada and the United States. You'll hear the thunderous roar of Niagara before you see it. Millions of gallons of water fall over the Falls every second! Visit the Falls or wander through the charming town of Niagara Falls, the honeymoon capital of the world.

Quebec City, Canada Credit: bonjourquebec.com

You may also participate in an array of exciting optional excursions to bring you even closer to the Falls! Travel to the base of the Falls by boat, or enjoy a delicious lunch with 360° views of the Falls in Skylon Tower's revolving dining room. (B)

✦ Clifton Victoria Inn or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 • Lake Ontario, Kingston & Gananoque

Take a scenic journey along the beautiful shores of Lake Ontario, then stop in Kingston for lunch on your own. Canada's first capital from 1841-1844, Kingston is home to Fort Henry, the Royal Military College of Canada, and many other historical landmarks. In Gananoque, take an unforgettable guided boat cruise through the picturesque 1000 Islands. Cruise through narrow channels, over historic sunken wrecks, and past magnificent summer homes of the rich and famous. (B)

Comfort Suites Gananoque or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Ottawa

Welcome to Ottawa, Canada's sophisticated riverside capital city. Ottawa has a distinctively European flair thanks to its numerous Gothic monuments, world-class museums, and bountiful green spaces. Discover Ottawa on



a panoramic city tour, where you will see the Canadian Mint, the Embassy District, and the stately Parliament Hill. This afternoon you will visit the Canadian History Museum.

✦ Holiday Inn Ottawa West/Kanata or similar

#### Day 6 • Trois- Rivières & Quebec City

Visit the Notre-Dame-du-Cap Sanctuary in Trois-Rivières. You'll have the chance to tour the basilica and find out about the site's nearly 400 years of history. Enjoy lunch on your own, then continue on to Quebec City. (B)

♦ Plaza Quebec Hotel or similar

# Day 7 • Quebec City Tour & Montmorency Falls

Start your day with a morning excursion to Montmorency Falls just outside of Quebec City. Montmorency is taller than Niagara Falls, which you will really be able to appreciate from the suspension bridge above the crest of the Falls. Next, tour Quebec City, one of North America's first settlements. Quebec City was founded by French explorers in the early 17th century, and retains its Old World French feel. Old Quebec's ramparts are Canada's last remaining fortified city walls, with sections dating back to at least the 1690s. You will also see the Château Frontenac and the Plains of Abraham. (B)

♦ Plaza Quebec Hotel or similar



#### FALL FOLIAGE

On September 23 & October 7, 2023 departures will witness the peak of the area's fall foliage. Experience the beutiful red and oranges of the season during your tour.

# 🛱 Day 8 🔹 Montreal

On route to Montreal, sit down for a traditional sugar shack lunch, which uses maple syrup as the star ingredient in nearly every dish! Look down at Montreal from the peak of Mount Royal before settling into your hotel. (B, L)

Holiday Inn Laval or similar

# 💥 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Montreal

Your final full day in Canada begins with a tour through the French-influenced heart of Montreal. The second-largest French speaking city in the world is full of joie de vivre, history, and charm. See Old Montreal, which dates back to the 17th century. It is full of historical sites including the Place d'Armes, the Old Port, Old Saint-Sulpice Seminary, and the towering Notre-Dame Basilica. Continue through modern Montreal, which is so full of unique architecture and art that it was named a UNESCO City of Design. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy, which is easy in this cultural capital. Tonight's dinner is included at our festive farewell feast! (B)

✦ Holiday Inn Laval or similar

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**OPTIONAL:** 

#### 🛱 Day 10 🔹 Depart for Home (B)

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2022 Dates	
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/26	<sup>\$</sup> 1,49
2023 Dates	

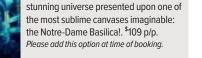
Jun 17	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,749
Jul 8, Aug 5	\$ <del>2,099</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,849
Sep 23, Oct 7 Includes Peak Fall Foliage	\$ <del>2,099</del>
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#### Single Supplement from \$800

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# AUTUMN LEAVES TOUR 2022

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Drive in comfort through the stunning Catskill Mountains, home to some of the most brilliant foliage
- Enjoy a visit to Cooperstown, New York, where you will explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum
- See the spectacle of the astonishing Niagara Falls in Canada
- Explore Kingston, Canada's first capital
- Enjoy a sightseeing cruise through the 1000 Islands
- Drive through the beautiful scenery of Adirondack Park, the White Mountains, and the Green Mountains

#### INCLUDES

12 nights hotels, 12 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

New York City • Cooperstown • Niagara Falls • Kingston • 1000 Islands • Adirondacks • Lake Placid • White Mountains • Green Mountains • Maine • Boston • Cape Cod

Imagine taking a tour through the heart of America's history while enjoying the spectacle of fall colors in the Northeast. Travel from New York City to Niagara Falls, Boston and then back to New York, against a backdrop of the rich colors of fall.

#### 💥 Day 1 • Arrive in New York City

Guests who have booked their flights through YMT Vacations will be greeted at the airport by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel.

♦ Hyatt Place Secaucus or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 Cooperstown

From the hustle and bustle of the greatest city in the world, take a leisurely scenic drive through the extravagantly colorful Catskill Mountains en route to the charming village of Cooperstown. This quintessentially American town, established in 1786, is said to be the birthplace of baseball; enjoy a stop for lunch, then learn about America's pastime on your tour of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. (B)

✦ Best Western Cooperstown or similar

# 🛱 Day 3 • Cooperstown to Niagara Falls

Travel through the autumn landscapes of New York. Visit a apple orchard and learn how cider is made. Later, you will cross the border to Canada for a two-night stay at awe-inspiring Niagara Falls. Millions of gallons of water fall over the horseshoe-shaped falls every second, creating a powerful sight and sound! (B)

◆ Clifton Victoria Inn or similar

### 🛱 Day 4 • Niagara Falls Leisure Day

Enjoy a leisure day in Niagara Falls. You may choose from an array of optional excursions to experience Niagara Falls even closer, including a boat tour to the base of the Falls, or a lunch in a revolving dining room with 360° views of the Falls. Choose one or more (all at additional cost). (B)

✦ Clifton Victoria Inn or similar

#### 🛱 着 Day 5 • Kingston and 1000 Islands Region

Continue along the shores of Lake Ontario to Kingston, Canada's first capital from 1841-1844 and home to Fort Henry and the Royal Military College of Canada, amongst many other historic landmarks. In Gananoque, you'll board a 2.5 hour boat cruise through the heart of the 1000 Islands, a true vacation highlight! Enjoy the fascinating narrative as you cruise through narrow channels, over historic sunken wrecks, and by magnificent summer homes of the rich and famous, including Boldt Castle, where you will learn about its romantic, yet tragic story! (B)

✦ Comfort Inn Gananoque or similar

#### Day 6 • Rutland via Lake Placid

After crossing back into the U.S., continue through the beautiful Adirondack region, a six-million-acre civilized wilderness, dotted with quaint towns and charming lakeside villages. Travel along the stretches of the



Olympic Byway, High Peaks Byway, and Lakes to Locks Passage—an all-American road. En route we will stop in Lake Placid, home to the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. Your day will end in the heart of the Green Mountains in Rutland, VT. (B)

✦ Comfort Inn Trolley Square or similar

# 🖵 Day 7 • Ogunquit/Wells via White Mountains

Leave the Green Mountains and enter another spectacular forest area: The White Mountains! Visit Franconia Notch State Park and stop at Flume Gorge for an opportunity to walk through this beautiful scenery. Next, enjoy a scenic drive along Kancamagus Highway, a National Scenic Byway where covered bridges and waterfalls enhance the magnificent landscape. Your day ends in southwestern Maine. (B)

♦ Ogunquit Hotel & Suites or similar

# 🖬 Day 8 • Boston

Travel south along the New England coast to visit beautiful and historic Boston. En route, we stop at an iconic lighthouse. Enjoy an afternoon city tour of Boston, where you will follow parts of the Freedom Trail and see Boston Common, Paul Revere House, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall, Old North Church, Old State House and many more historic sites. Take some time and picture the lives of our founding fathers during the pinnacle of the independence movement. (B)

✦ Fairfield Inn Boston Medford or similar

# 🚽 Day 9 🔹 Cape Cod

On day 9, after a brief stop in Plymouth where the Mayflower first landed, follow the New England coastline until you reach the peninsula of Cape Cod. As we drive along the outer Atlantic side of the Cape, we will visit Cape Cod National Seashore known for its pristine sandy beach, lighthouses and wild cranberry bogs. (B)

✦ Cape Codder Resort & Spa or similar

# Day 10 🔹 Cape Cod

Today, you may spend the day at leisure or you may join your fellow travelers on an optional excursion to Martha's Vineyard. (B)

✦ Cape Codder Resort & Spa or similar

# 🖬 Day 11 • Shelton via Newport

In Newport, you will enjoy an included tour of one of the area's famous mansions, once home to the likes of Astors and the Vanderbilts. Today these impressive villas are beautifully restored, preserved by the Newport Preservation Society. and made accessible to the public. Marvel at the intricate architecture, built in the late 1800s by families with plenty of means and an eye for luxurious detail as "summer cottages" in prime locations with astonishing views. (B)

✦ Courtyard by Marriott Shelton or similar

# Day 12 🔹 New York City

Today, a short drive from Bridgeport, you will arrive in New York City. You will have time to see the major sights of the Big Apple on a panoramic city tour, including the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, the Chrysler

FEATURED **DAY 4 - SKYLON TOWER LUNCH** OPTIONAL: Enjoy 360° views of Niagara Falls as the Skylon Tower rotates while you dine. Includes Ride-to-top to observation deck! \$49 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.

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Building, Central Park and many more. Enjoy the last night of your tour at leisure. (B)

♦ Hyatt Place Secaucus or similar

### 🔾 Day 13 • Depart for Home (B)

Note: This tour crosses into Canada and does require that guests obtain a passport.

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#### DAY 12 - MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Take a local ferry ride to discover paradise in Martha's Vineyard. Enjoy a guided tour of the scenic island and learn of the whaling history while touring Edgartown. <sup>\$</sup>109 p/p. Please add this option at time of bookina.

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# AUTUMN LEAVES TOUR 2023

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience Autumn in New York
- Tour one of Newport's famous mansions
- Discover American history on the Freedom Trail in Boston
- See the spectacle of the astonishing Niagara Falls in Canada
- Drive through the beautiful scenery the White Mountains and the Green Mountains
- Explore Kingston, Canada's first capital
- Enjoy a sightseeing cruise through the 1000 Islands

#### INCLUDES

11 nights hotels, 11 breakfasts, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

# **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

New York • Bridgeport • Newport • Cape Cod • Boston •Ogunquit • White Mountians • Lake Placid • Rutland • Green Mountains • Kingston • 1000 Islands • Niagara Falls • Toronto

Travel through the historic northeast during the peak of the fall foliage season. The vibrant oranges, yellows, and deep reds of the changing leaves are the stars of the show during this unforgettable fall foliage tour

# 🛪 Day 1 • Arrive in New York City

Welcome to New York! Guests who have booked their flights through YMT Vacations will be greeted at the airport by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel.

♦ Hyatt Place Secaucus or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 🔹 New York City Tour

Today, you get to see the major sights of the Big Apple on a panoramic city tour. Highlights of the tour include the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, the Chrysler Building, Central Park and many more. The energy of what Hamilton calls "the greatest city in the world" is as infectious as it is famous. Enjoy an afternoon optional, or spend the evening at leisure before returning to your hotel.

✦ Hyatt Place Secaucus or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 • Bridgeport & Newport

Stop in Bridgeport, Connecticut's largest city and birthplace of the Frisbee for a short tour and time for lunch on your own. End your day in Newport with a visit to a Newport Mansion. Newport, Rhode Island was the favorite summer playground of America's legendary tycoons and titans during the Gilded Age of the late 19th century. The Vanderbilts and Astors were among the wealthy families who summered in these opulent seaside "cottages." (B)

✦ Holiday Inn Express Newport North or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 • Cape Cod

Lovely Cape Cod is the site of quaint villages, seafood shacks, lighthouses, ponds and bay and ocean beaches. We will visit Cape Cod National Seashore known for its pristine sandy beach, lighthouses and wild cranberry bogs. At the end of our included sightseeing excursion, make yourself at home in "The Cape."(B)

1000 Islands

✦ Cape Codder Resort & Spa or similar

#### 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Cape Cod

Today, you may spend the day at leisure or you may join your fellow travelers on an optional excursion to Martha's Vineyard. (B)

♦ Cape Codder Resort & Spa or similar

#### 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Boston

Spend the day enjoying Boston, the epicenter of the Revolution and one of America's most interesting and energetic cities. Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of many of Boston's best historic landmarks including the Paul Revere House and Boston Common.

Break for a delicious lunch on your own at Quincy Market. Built in 1826, it is among the most famous places in Boston to grab a steaming bowl of chowda' or a luscious slice of Boston Cream Pie. Spend some time strolling the Freedom Trail to appreciate Boston's nickname, "The Walking City," or join us on an optional afternoon tour. (B)

✦ Fairfield Inn Boston Medford or similar



**Central Park, New York** 



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### Day 7 • Ogunquit/Wells via White Mountains

Travel north along the New England coast Maine, stopping at a lighthouse en route. Maine is affectionately called Vacationland thanks to its exceptional natural beauty, easy-going charm, exquisite cuisine, and the warm welcome it extends to all. Maine really is "The Way Life Should Be!". (B)

♦ Ogunquit Hotel & Suites or similar

#### 🛱 Day 8 • Lake Placid & Rutland via **Green Mountains**

Today is all about the glorious fall foliage colors! The highways and byways are ablaze with vibrant reds, oranges, yellows and greens. Enjoy a scenic drive along Kancamagus Highway, a National Scenic Byway where covered bridges and waterfalls enhance the magnificent landscape.

Visit Franconia Notch State Park and stop at Flume Gorge for an opportunity to walk through this beautiful scenery. Stop in Lake Placid, home to the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. Your day will end in the heart of the Green Mountains in Rutland, Vermont. (B)

✦ Comfort Inn Trolley Square or similar

# 🛱 着 Day 9 🔹 Kingston and 1000 **Islands Region**

Travel to Kingston, Canada's first capital from 1841-1844. Kingston is home to Fort Henry and the Royal Military College of Canada, amongst many other historic landmarks. In Gananoque, you'll board a 2.5 hour boat cruise through the heart of the 1000 Islands, a true vacation highlight! Enjoy the fascinating narrative as you cruise through narrow channels, over historic sunken wrecks, and by magnificent summer homes of the rich and famous. (B)

♦ Comfort Inn Gananoaue or similar

### 🛱 Day 10 🔹 Niagara Falls Leisure Day

Enjoy a leisure day in Niagara Falls. You may choose to take part in an optional excursion to experience Niagara Falls even closer, including a boat tour to the base of the Falls, or a dinner in a revolving dining room with 360° views of the Falls. Choose one or more (all at additional cost). (B)

✦ Clifton Victoria Inn or similar

### Day 11 🔹 Toronto City Tour

Travel to Toronto for a fascinating city tour. This cultural melting pot on the shores of Lake Ontario has it all. See towering skyscrapers, 19th century warehouses, a bustling harbor, and more. Your panoramic tour includes views of

# FEATURED OPTIONAL:

#### DAY 2 - NY HARBOR LIGHTS CRUISE & DINNER IN TIMES SQUARE

Join your fellow travelers for dinner in Times Square and see the lights up close before you hop on a cruise and see the lights by water. \$129 p/p. Please add this option at time of bookina.



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Take a local ferry ride to discover paradise in Martha's Vineyard. Enjoy a guided tour of the scenic island and learn of the whaling history while touring Edgartown. <sup>\$</sup>115 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.

the Banking District, City Hall, the massive CN Tower, and the University of Toronto. You'll have time for lunch on your own in the downtown area and the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B)

♦ Embassy Suites by Hilton Toronto Airport or similar

## 💥 Day 12 • Depart for Home (B)

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BLUE RIDGE & SMOKY MOUNTAINS

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the legendary Music City, Nashville
- Backstage tour of the famous Grand Ole
   Opry House
- Visit the Kentucky Derby Museum
- Learn about the Cherokee Nation at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian
- Explore the Biltmore Estate, the largest house in America
- Travel the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway
- Experience the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains

#### INCLUDES

7 nights hotels, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**



Nashville • Louisville • Cumberland Gap • Pigeon Forge • Ashville • Grand Smoky Mountains National Park • Biltmore Estate • Boone Henry River Mill Village • Grandfather Mountain • Charlotte

Experience the spectacular natural beauty of the Blue Ridge Parkway on this unforgettable journey from Nashville, the Music City, through the Kentucky Bluegrass Country, Smoky Mountains, to the Appalachian Highlands ending in the Queen City, Charlotte, North Carolina.

#### 🔾 Day 1 • Arrive in Nashville

Welcome to Nashville! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will meet you at the airport and transport you to the hotel.

✦ The Inn at Opryland or similar

#### 🛱 Day 2 • Nashville

Nashville is home to the iconic Grand Ole Opry. Discover the best the legendary Music City has to offer. Experience Nashville's landmarks and sites on a city tour including the Historic Downtown District and "Honky Tonk Row," Riverfront Park, the Tennessee State Capitol, Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, the Parthenon, Vanderbilt University, and Music Row.

After lunch on your own, head to the Grand Ole Opry House, which debuted in 1974. Experience a fully guided backstage tour and see where the world's longest-running live radio show is still performed. Walk in the footsteps of country music's legends and get an exclusive behindthe-scenes look at this world-famous show. (B)

The Inn at Opryland or similar

#### 🛱 Day 3 🛛 Louisville

Travel from Nashville to Louisville. Visit the Kentucky Derby Museum, where you will learn all about "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports." Hear about past Derby winners and the history of Churchill Downs. Walk through the property to the paddock and out to the grandstand, learning trivia and fun facts along the way.

From horse racing, "the sport of kings," continue to a mecca of America's pastime. The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is all about celebrating the extraordinary role of the Louisville Slugger bat in baseball's past, present, and future. Since the sport is such a big part of American history and culture, even visitors who don't consider themselves big fans find something that resonates with them. Enjoy your evening at leisure. (B, L)

+ Hampton Inn Louisville Northeast or similar

# Day 4 • Cumberland Gap & Pigeon Forge

Welcome to Kentucky's Cumberland Gap National Historic Site, the first gateway to the west. History was made here: follow the buffalo, the Native American, the longhunter, and the pioneer, who all traveled this route through the mountains into the wilderness of Kentucky. After a beautiful drive through the Daniel Boone National Forest, get settled at your hotel.

Your evening in Pigeon Forge is yours to enjoy, or you may sign up for the optional Dolly Parton's Stampede dinner show. (B)

✦ Hampton Inn Pigeon Forge or similar

Mile High Winging Bridge at the Grandfather Mountain Land Route **Overnight Stay** Louisville Day Stop Cumberland Gap National Historic Site **KENTUCKY** Grandfather Mountain Boone Henry River Pigeon Forge Nashville Mill Village Great Smoky TENNESSEE NORTH Mountains CAROLINA Charlotte National Park Asheville Great Smoky Mountains National Park Biltmore Estate **Linn Cove Viaduci** 

#### Day 5 • Ashville via Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Take the scenic route on the Blue Ridge Parkway, then stop at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in the town of Cherokee. Experience 13,000 years of Cherokee history, the Cherokee story is told through computer generated animation and special effects, lifesized figures, artwork, and priceless artifacts.

Continue to Clingmans Dome, which at 6,643 feet is the highest point in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

This evening you will enjoy a visit Biltmore Estate. Completed in 1895, George Vanderbilt's 250- room chateau is as impressive today as it was more than a century ago. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the house, as well as the beautiful gardens and grounds surrounding it, which were designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. (B)

✦ Holiday Inn Express Ashville or similar

# Day 6 • Grandfather Mountain & Boone

This morning take the scenic route on the Blue Ridge Parkway. "America's Favorite Drive" is a U.S. National Parkway that winds 469 miles through the rugged mountains and pastoral landscapes of the Appalachian Highlands.



# DAY 2 - GRAND OLE OPRY SHOW

See the Grand Ole Opry, the show that made country music famous, feat. a line-up of new stars, superstars, and legends of country music. Balcony seating \$69 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking. Artists & schedule are subject to change without notice. On select dates. This afternoon you will visit Grandfather Mountain State Park, known for its incredible vistas and unmatched ecological diversity. The Mile High Swinging Bridge, found at the top of the park, is America's highest suspension footbridge. .

Spend the afternoon relaxing in Boone.This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure or you may choose to join your fellow travelers for an optional. (B)

✦ La Quinta Inn & Suites Boone or simila

#### Day 7 • Henry River Mill Village & Charlotte

As you travel from Boone to Charlotte you'll have a chance to step back in time to the last century on a guided tour to learn about the rich heritage of western Carolina mill towns. You'll visit the Henry River Mill Village Historic District. In 1860 the Henry River area was known for its waterpower and by 1905 two families had partnered together to establish the Henry River Manufacturing Company. You'll have time on your own to explore the historic area.

You're evening in Charlotte is yours to enjoy. (B)

✦ Home2 Charlotte Uptown or similar

### 💥 Day 8 • Depart for Home (B)

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DAY 3 - BOURBON TASTING & DINNER Savor the finer things in life with a bourbon tasting and tour, at The Frazier History Museum followed by a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. <sup>\$</sup>99 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking. On select dates.* 

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WITH HISTORIC SOUTHERN COAST See page 138 for details.

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# **HISTORIC SOUTHERN** COAST

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admission and tour of the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte
- Tour of the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon in Charleston
- Ferry ride to Fort Sumter, where the South Carolina militia started the Civil War
- Authentic southern lunch at the Middleton **Place Plantation**
- Visit historic St. Augustine and tour the Spanish Castillo de San Marcos fort
- Enjoy a trolley tour of historic Savannah that includes on and off privileges for the day
- · Trolley tour of historic Jekyll Island, one of Georgia's famed Golden Isles

#### INCLUDES

7 nights hotels, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Charlotte • Columbia • Charleston • Savannah • Jekyll Island • St. Augustine

Natural beauty, flavorful cuisine, a distinct culture, unique history, and more than a few dashes of good ol' fashioned charm are part of this tour of the South. Experience Southern history and hospitality in equal measure as you travel down the Southern coast!

#### X Day 1 🛛 Charlotte

Welcome to Charlotte, NC. If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. (D)

✦ Home2 Charlotte Uptown or similar

#### 🚽 Day 2 • Charlotte, Columbia & Charleston

Enjoy a visit to the unforgettable NASCAR Hall of Fame. More than just a museum, the NASCAR Hall of Fame is a shrine to the history, heritage and future of NASCAR. It has over 50 interactive experiences, fascinating artifacts, and an impressive collection of retired racecars. These souped up stock cars have been delighting fans since 1948.

Depart Charlotte towards Charleston with an included stop in Columbia for a panoramic tour.

Finally, arrive in Charleston. Enjoy a guided tour of The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon. The Old Exchange was completed in 1771 and played a vital part in the American Revolution. President George Washington was a common visitor to this meeting place for local Patriots, which was the site where in 1788, South Carolina leaders debated and approved the U. S. Constitution. Today, the Old Exchange Building is one of only four remaining structures where the nation's founding document was originally ratified.

The Provost Dungeon's history is decidedly less auspicious. During the American Revolution, British forces converted the bottom floor of the Exchange into a military prison where American prisoners of war, British soldiers, private citizens, and enslaved people were held. (B) ♦ Cambria Hotel Charleston Riverview or

similar

# 🛱 Day 3 • Charleston

Start the morning with a short ferry ride to Fort Sumter, the island fortification where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. Explore the National Historic Park where America's history changed forever on April 12, 1861, when the South Carolina Militia artillery fired at the American army.

This afternoon enjoy lunch on your own in the City Market area before continuing on a city tour of Charleston. Take in the sights of Rainbow Row, Battery and White Point Garden's, Hampton Park, and Marion Square. Spend the evening relaxing in Charleston. (B)

✦ Cambria Hotel Charleston Riverview or similar

#### 🚽 Day 4 • Charleston & Savannah

This morning, you will stop for a tour and included southern lunch at Middleton Place.



This National Historic Landmark contains America's oldest landscaped gardens. Spend the evening relaxing in Savannah. (B, L)

 Tryp by Wyndham Savannah Downtown/ Historic District or similar

# 🛱 Day 5 • Savannah

Take a morning guided trolley tour of historic Savannah. The oldest section of Georgia's oldest city, Savannah's historic district is filled with cobblestoned squares and parks shaded by oak trees draped in Spanish moss. At the center of this picturesque district is the landmark, Gothic-Revival Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

Enjoy lunch on your own and a leisurely afternoon.

Join your fellow travelers for a walking tour of Bonaventure Cemetery, a beautiful resting place with 160 acres of towering oaks, Spanish moss, and historic graves. Take part, for an additional fee, on an optional evening culinary experience you won't want to miss. Visit Paula Deen's Restaurant, The Lady & Sons and enjoy a traditional 3 course southern Dinner. (B)

Tryp by Wyndham Savannah Downtown
 Historic District or similar

# 🛱 Day 6 • Savannah to St. Augustine via Jekyll Island

Your first activity of the day will be a Jekyll Island Trolley tour of the Club Historic District, a cluster of 19th-century mansions on the southernmost of Georgia's Golden Isles. Enjoy time on Jekyll Island to grab lunch on your own.

♦ Sebastian Hotel or similar

# 🛱 Day 7 • St. Augustine

Start your day bright and early with a morning tour led by a knowledgeable local guide. See the historic district of St. Augustine, then take a short walking tour of St. George Street with a break for shopping and an early lunch on your own. Continue to Matanzas River Bay for an afternoon tour of Castillo de San Marcos, a large Spanish stone fortress built to protect and defend Spain's claims in the New World. At over 300 years old, this National Monument is the oldest structure in St. Augustine. Relax on your own this evening. (B)

◆ Sebastian Hotel or similar

### 💥 Day 8 • Depart for Home (B)

Note: Flights will depart out of Jacksonville Airport.

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#### FEATURED OPTIONAL: Dinner Cruise on the Savannah Riverboat Cruises with traditional southern cuisine. <sup>\$</sup>99 p/p. *Please add this* option at time of booking.

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# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See Boston, Quebec City and Montreal on panoramic city tours
- Stay on Cape Cod and tour one of Newport's famous mansions
- Walk the same red sand beaches as Anne of Green Gables on Prince Edward Island
- Witness the brilliant fall colors during foliage season on your coach tour through the Green Mountains

#### INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pearl*, 6-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 3 breakfasts while on the land tour and all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Boston • Hyannis • Cape Cod • Newport • Rutland • Green Mountains • Montreal • Quebec City • Charlottetown • Sydney • Halifax • Portland • Bar Harbor aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pearl* 

Explore New England and Coastal Canada's most famous and fascinating sites, resplendent in an Autumnal eruption of golds, reds, and oranges. Stunning natural beauty, vibrant history, and some of the world's best seafood are all waiting for you on this glorious East Coast adventure.

#### X Day 1 • Arrive in Boston

Today you will arrive in Boston. Guests who have purchased their airline tickets through YMT will be greeted by a YMT representative and transferred to their hotel.

✦ Embassy Suites Boston at Logan Airport or similar

# 🛱 Day 2 • Boston and the Freedom Trail

Spend the day enjoying Boston, the epicenter of the Revolution and one of America's most interesting and energetic cities. Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of many of Boston's historic landmarks including the Paul Revere House and Boston Common. Break for a delicious lunch on your own at Quincy Market. Built in 1826, it is among the most famous places in Boston to grab a steaming bowl of chowda' or a slice of Boston Cream Pie. Spend some time strolling the Freedom Trail or join us on an optional afternoon tour. (B)

 Embassy Suites Boston at Logan Airport or similar

#### Day 3 • Newport & Cape Cod

Newport, Rhode Island was the favorite summer playground of America's most legendary tycoons and titans during the Gilded Age of the late 19th century. The Vanderbilts and Astors were among the wealthy families who summered in these opulent seaside "cottages." Enjoy a Newport Mansion tour to start the day, then continue east to Cape Cod, known for its charming small towns, lighthouses, and wild cranberry bogs. (B)

✦ Courtyard by Marriott Cape Cod Hyannis or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Rutland

En route to Rutland, visit a Shaker Village; these living history museums provide insight to the "Shakers," a centuries old religious community known for its unique style of music and furniture.

♦ Comfort Inn - Trolley Square or similar

#### Day 5 • Montreal via Green Mountains

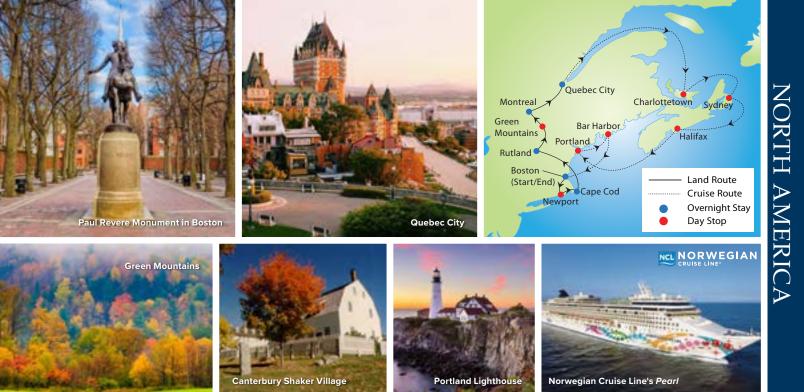
Today is all about the glorious fall foliage colors! As we drive north across the border into Montreal, you will be inspired by the scenic drive through the Green Mountains. The highways and byways are ablaze with vibrant reds, oranges, yellows and greens. We will stop to admire the views at Lake Champlain, for lunch on your own, or you may choose to join us for an optional lunch cruise. (B)

+ Holiday Inn Laval or similar

#### 🚽 Day 6 • Montreal and Quebec City

Wake up in Montreal, the world's second-largest French speaking city. Enjoy a panoramic tour this morning, where you will see highlights including Mount Royal, imposing Notre Dame Cathedral, and Old Montreal with its cobblestone streets and charming shops.

✦ Plaza Quebec Hotel or similar



# Day 7 • Quebec City and Cruise Embarkation (Departs at 4:00 PM)

Explore Quebec City, one of North America's first settlements. Old Quebec's ramparts are Canada's last remaining fortified city walls, with sections dating back to at least the 1690s. Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Old Quebec, where you will see the Château Frontenac and the Plains of Abraham. After time for lunch on your own, you'll board the Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pearl*.

# 着 Day 8 🔹 At Sea

# **Day 9** • Charlottetown (1:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Opulent clapboard villas lead the way toward Charlottetown's beautiful Victoria Park. Color is everywhere—from the Victorian architecture to the red sandstone cliffs. We encourage you to really relish your time on stunning Prince Edward Island. Sample scrumptious homemade island jams such as strawberry rhubarb and wild blueberry, visit the Anne of Green Gables homestead to pay homage to Canada's favorite slate-cracking redhead, and stroll the boardwalk.

# **Day 10** • Sydney, Nova Scotia (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Located on Cape Breton Island, Sydney is surrounded by scenic beauty. Step back in time to 1744 by visiting the Fortress of Louisbourg as part of an optional shore excursion where you will learn about the vital relationship between France and the fledgling American Colonies.

着 Day 11 • Halifax (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Nova Scotia's exquisitely preserved capital city was founded in 1749; go back in time with a visit to The Citadel to see the Old Town Clock. Waterfront warehouses known as the Historic Properties harken back to Halifax's bygone days as a trading hub for privateer ships commissioned by governments to pillage, steal and burn merchant vessels.

**Day 12** • Portland (11:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

#### Famous for its picture-perfect lighthouses, delightful historic district, world-class museums, and a thriving culinary and craft beer scene, Maine's largest city is a definite contender for America's coolest port town. The red brick buildings of the historic Old Port district house many of Portland's best restaurants. Take a stroll along the waterfront to enjoy gorgeous views of Casco Bay, and ask anyone you see in bright orange overalls how the lobster pots are doing. Say hello to bigfoot and learn all about the Mongolian Death Worm at the International Cryptozoology Museum. Finally, Portland Headlight is always worth a stop. It's Maine's oldest operating lighthouse and one of our country's prettiest.

#### 🚊 Day 13 • Bar Harbor (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Bar Harbor has retained much of its charm from the glory days of the 1900s when it became a popular vacation destination for America's richest and most powerful families. Look for Cadillac Mountain towering above the breathtaking forest and rugged shores of Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor's next-door neighbor.



### DAY 8 - NOTRE-DAME BASILICA AURA SHOW & DINNER

Be transported by AURA and discover a stunning universe presented upon one of the most sublime canvases imaginable: the Notre-Dame Basilical <sup>\$</sup>109 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

# X Day 14 • Disembarkation in Boston & Depart for Home

**Note:** This tour crosses into Canada and does require that guests obtain a passport.



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Sep 2, 16 & 30	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,749</del>	\$ <del>3,199</del>	\$ <del>3,799</del>
2023 Dates	CABIN	VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN

#### Single Supplement from \$1,300

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#### DAY 5 - LAKE CHAMPLAIN LUNCH CRUISE

Enjoy scenic narration views of the Adirondacks and Green Mountains, while enjoying lunch aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen. **\$55** p/p. *Please add this option at time* of booking.

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# NEW ORLEANS & WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Featuring NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a delicious Jazz Lunch with traditional New Orleans cuisine and a live jazz trio in the French Quarter
- Tour the French Quarter, Bourbon Street, the Mississippi River and the Mardi Gras route
- Visit Harvest Caye, Norwegian Cruise Line's private island
- Relax on unspoiled beaches across the Caribbean

#### INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Breakway*, 3-day land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch on land portion, all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

New Orleans • Roatán • Harvest Caye • Costa Maya • Cozumel • aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Breakaway

Laissez les bon temps rouler — or let the good times roll — in the lively and historic city of New Orleans, then embark for paradise on a relaxing Western Caribbean cruise on Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Breakaway*. Warm weather, flavorful cuisine and the good life await!

#### X Day 1 • Fly to New Orleans

Welcome to New Orleans! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transport you to your centrally located hotel. Tonight is yours to enjoy—take an evening stroll through the famously lively city that takes its French motto, "laissez les bon temps rouler," which means "let the good times roll," very seriously!

 Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown French Quarter or similar

### 🛱 Day 2 • New Orleans City Tour

Enjoy a half-day included tour of "The Big Easy," one of the country's oldest and most interesting cities with an included Jazz Lunch at Court of Two Sisters, an open-air restaurant in the heart of the French Quarter. Enjoy complexly flavored Creole and Louisiana dishes while a live jazz trio play their soulful tunes in the middle of the courtyard. You'll see the French Quarter with Jackson Square, along with St. Louis Cathedral and colorful Bourbon Street during a short walk. Visit one of the famous old cemeteries, then continue to the shore of Lake Pontchartrain. View the longest bridge in the world and see the new flood gates and rebuilt levees, as well as mansions. Finally, we'll follow the Mardi Gras route on St. Charles Avenue. (B, L)

✦ Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown French Quarter or similar

# 🛱 着 Day 3 • New Orleans and Embarkation

Spend the morning at your leisure or join us for an optional tour before we head to the cruise port to board the *Norwegian Breakaway*, where you'll have plenty of time to relax, settle into your stateroom, and get acquainted with the ship before dinner. The cruise departs the port of New Orleans in the late afternoon. (B)

#### 着 Day 4 🔹 At Sea

Now that you're at sea, there's nothing to do but, unwind, rejuvenate, and breathe in the warm ocean air. The *Norwegian Breakaway* was built for your enjoyment, so do take advantage of its many onboard facilities, entertainment and dining choices.

# **Day 5** • Costa Maya, Mexico (11:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

This unspoiled coastal paradise in the Yucatán is full of brilliant butterflies, exotic tropical birds, pristine white sand beaches, and delicious dining options. The port at Costa Maya is a destination in itself, with a welcoming tropical aesthetic and plenty of restaurants, shopping, and excellent opportunities to swim in either the pool or the warm pacific. For an unforgettable cultural experience, you don't want to miss the chance to visit Costa Maya's 3,000-year-old Mayan ruins, which were only rediscovered in the past few years.



**Day 6 • Harvest Caye** (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Relaxation is the name of the game at Harvest Caye, a 75-acre private island open exclusively to guests of Norwegian Cruise Lines. Designed to showcase the Caribbean's stunning natural beauty, unique wildlife, and dynamic culture, your time on Harvest Caye is a vacation within a vacation.

The Nature Center is a one of Harvest Caye's most unique features. It's free to visit, and is a great place to see massive boa constrictors and colorful toucans and scarlet macaws. The enclosed Blue Morpho Butterfly Sanctuary is nothing short of marvelous—you'll be surrounded by countless native butterfly species and more than a few intrepid iguanas whose disinterest in humans is truly a sight to behold.

## **Day 7** • Roatán, Bay Islands, Honduras (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Welcome to Roatán, the jewel of the Bay Islands, located just off the north coast of Honduras. The beaches here are second to none, and the warm water is teeming with exotic fish, coral, and gentle sea turtles who thrive here in the world's second largest barrier reef. Come hungry, because Roatán is famous for offering a wide variety of world-class cuisine. Fresh fish and lobster are always a tasty choice, but if you want to eat like a true local, you have to give a freshly fried conch fritter a taste.

# **Day 8** • Cozumel, Mexico (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

The island of Cozumel off the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula has done a fine job of retaining its cultural character over the years despite an explosion of popularity in its tourism sector. It has everything that visitors want—gorgeous beaches, warm waters, incredible reefs, friendly locals, and perfectly spicy cuisine—but has also managed to keep much of its authentically vibrant Mexican-Caribbean personality intact. There is nothing so perfectly refreshing as a bowl of fresh fruit paired with an ocean view, so we strongly encourage guests to stop at a fresh fruit stand whenever they get thirsty. Ask "¿Qué nos recomienda?" or "What do you suggest?" to guarantee the best variety of the tastiest fruit.

## 着 Day 9 🔹 At Sea

During the day catch up on some reading, or just enjoy the warm winter Caribbean weather from the sun deck. After dinner try your luck at the casino, or catch a stage show which are designed to razzle and dazzle; this final night is yours to enjoy!

# X Day 10 • Disembarkation in New Orleans and Depart for Home

Say adios to the *Norwegian Breakaway* and depart for home. Guests that didn't book their flight with YMT should plan to fly out after 1PM.

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## MUST BOOK BY 10/28

PRICES STARTING AT \$1,649\* \$1,399\* AFTER \$250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

2023 Date	INSIDE CABIN	OCEAN VIEW CABIN	BALCONY CABIN
Jan 20	<sup>\$</sup> 1,649	<sup>\$</sup> 1,949	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,249</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,399	<sup>\$</sup> 1,699	<sup>\$</sup> 1,999
Mar 3	<sup>\$</sup> 1,749	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,049</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 2,349
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,499	<sup>\$</sup> 1,799	<sup>\$</sup> 2,099

## Single Supplement from \$750

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## DAY 3 - OAK ALLEY PLANTATION

Visit Oak Alley and explore the plantation's history. Visit the various exhibits including The Slavery at Oak Alley, the Civil War Exhibit, and others. <sup>\$</sup>39 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

# GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

 $9_{\rm DAYS}$ 

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience six of Germany's most popular Christmas Markets
- See Munich's magnificent architecture festooned in holiday finery on a city tour of Bavaria's capital
- Be charmed by Old Town Erfurt, one of Germany's best preserved Medieval city centers
- Look for the legendary Christkindl, Germany's traditional bearer of gifts and Christmas cheer
- Walk the grounds of Dresden Castle
- Visit St. Sebald's Church, the 13th century church that towers high above Nuremberg

## INCLUDES

9-day land tour with hotels, daily breakfasts, 7 breakfast and 3 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL



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 Munich - Nuremberg - Erfurt - Dresden - Leipzig - Berlin

Immerse yourself in the festive traditions of Germany at Christmastime! The air is perfumed with the aromas of mulled wine and gingerbread, the streets are aglow in glistening lights, and the angelic Christkindl holds court in a country stunningly bedecked in Christmas regalia.

## 💥 Day 1 • Depart for Munich

Your trip to Germany begins with an overnight transatlantic flight to Munich.

## X Day 2 • Arrive in Munich

Arrive in Munich at the peak of the Christmas Market season. If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a YMT representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to your hotel. Today, relax on your own and then get to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner where you will learn about the exciting days ahead. (D)

✦ Achat Munich Hotel or similar

## Day 3 • Munich City Tour & Christmas Market

Enjoy a city tour of Munich, known for its hearty German cuisine, beer specialties and the original Oktoberfest. Look forward to seeing iconic sites including the Olympic Park, Schwabing, Marienplatz, Frauenkirche, and Glockenspiel. Much of city's beautifully preserved architecture will be lit up in colorful Christmas lights.

Afterward, spend some time in Munich's Christmas Market. This festive event is full of music, colorful lights, and yuletide treats like flavorful mulled gluhwein and gingerbread. The center of the action is in the Marienplatz, where you will see an enormous decorated fir tree. This evening, you can sit down for an optional dinner at a traditional beer tavern featuring authentic food. (B)

✦ Achat Munich Hotel or similar

## Day 4 • Nuremberg City Tour & Christmas Market

Visit Nuremberg's Christmas Market, Germany's biggest. Set along the cobblestone streets of Old Town, this market is full of garland-lined wooden stalls, old-fashioned carousels, and sparkling white lights. Along the checkered red and white tables, you can shop for vintage toys and crafts, or snack on the roasted almonds whose sweet smells fill the crisp air.

The market is presided over by a local student elected into the high office of Christkindl. It's her job to recite the Christkindlesmarkt's famous Christmas speech to open the market, and make appearances throughout the market's run in her crown and flowing white and gold dress.

Later that day, take an illuminating tour of the beloved historical village that was once the preferred seat of German kings. See the formidable Nuremberg castle, the magnificent 13th century St. Sebald Church, the stunning 14th century Schöner Brunnen fountain in Nuremberg's Historical Mile, and important sites from WWII. (B)

✦ Ramada Nuremberg Parkhotel or similar

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## 🛱 Day 5 • Dresden Via Erfurt Chrismas Market

En route to Dresden, visit the Erfurt Christmas Market. The delightful town is already one of the best-preserved medieval villages in all of Germany. Add to its charm a spectacularly lit Christmas tree, a giant Erzgebirge pyramid, and a Nativity scene with human-sized figures for a true Winter Wonderland! (B, D)

✦ Radisson Blu Dresden Radebuel or similar

# 🛱 Day 6 • Dresden City Tour & Christmas Market

On the banks of the swiftly flowing Elbe River, the city of Dresden is lushly green and filled with parks, forests, and splendid gardens. Dresden is also rich with cultural and artistic history, which you will learn about during today's exciting city tour. Visit Frauenkirche, the beautiful Lutheran house of worship featuring one of the largest domes in all of Europe, and Hofkirche, an 18th century Baroque church. See the sprawling grounds of Dresden Castle and Zwinger Palace, an 18th century sandstone palace built for Augustus the Strong.

After lunch on your own, visit Dresden's Christmas Market. Opened in 1434, the Dresden Striezelmarkt is Germany's oldest holiday market. It is centered around a 45-foot-tall Christmas pyramid, a huge carousel, and the world's biggest nutcracker. Full of handicrafts, pottery, and handmade toys and ornaments, this market is a favorite of shoppers as well as foodies who cherish the seasonal specialties. (B)

♦ Radisson Blu Dresden Radebeul or similar

## Day 7 • Berlin via Leipzig Christmas Market

Take a scenic drive to Berlin, stopping for lunch and free time at the Leipzig Christmas Market. This market dates back to the 15th century, and has over 200 stalls centered around the town's historical square. Make sure to try apfelglühwein (hot cider spiked with apple brandy), fruit brandy liquors, grilled sausages, chocolate, gingerbread, and traditional mulled wine. Consider joining one of our optional tours in the afternoon to discover more of Berlin! (B)

♦ Abba Hotel or similar

## Day 8 • Berlin City Tour and Christmas Market

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Berlin. Discover the city's vibrant culture, cuttingedge architecture, and tumultuous past. Your panoramic tour will take you past sites including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reischstag building, the Kurfürstendamm, remnants of the Berlin Wall, and Checkpoint Charlie.

After lunch on your own, enjoy free time in the Berlin Christmas Market. In addition to its holiday decorations and food booths, the Berlin market also offers an outdoor winter sports center. Take a loop around the ice rink, or try your hand at the standout Olympic sport of curling. Spend your final evening at your leisure before enjoying Farewell dinner. (B, D)

♦ Abba Hotel or similar

## 💥 Day 9 🔹 Depart for Home

It's time to say goodbye and to travel back home with plenty of memories from Germany's breathtaking Christmas Market season. You'll always remember the Weihnachtsfreude, or Christmas Joy, from your time in Deutschland! (B)

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PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$</sup> 1,549* <b>\$1,299</b> *
AFTER <sup>\$</sup> 250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

2022 Dates		
Nov 30	<sup>\$</sup> 1,549	
Book by 9/24	<sup>\$</sup> 1,299	
Dec 7	<sup>\$</sup> 1,549	
Book by 10/1	<sup>\$</sup> 1,299	

#### Single Supplement from \$400

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# BEST OF SOUTHERN SPAIN

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a panoramic tour of historic Madrid
- Tour the 13th century High Gothic Toledo Cathedral
- Walk the ancient cobblestones of Santa Cruz, Seville's medieval Jewish quarter
- Travel by funicular up to the Sanctuary of Montserrat Mountain near Barcelona
- Relax in the picturesque Costa del Sol

#### INCLUDES

10-day land tour with hotels, daily breakfasts, 4 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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Madrid • Córdoba • Seville • Granada • Costa del Sol • Alicante • Valencia • Barcelona • Montserrat

Uncover centuries of history, staggering natural beauty, and a culture as warm as the beaming Mediterranean sun on this unforgettable exploration of southern Spain. From bustling cities to peaceful medieval churches, this tour promises to be full of fond memories.

## 🔾 Day 1 • Depart for Madrid

Your trip to Spain begins with an overnight transatlantic flight to Madrid.

## X Day 2 • Arrive in Madrid

Welcome to Madrid, where your trip of a lifetime begins! If you purchased airline tickets through YMT Vacations, a friendly representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. The evening is yours to enjoy until guests are invited to sit down for a delicious dinner at the hotel. Get acquainted with your traveling companions and learn about the exciting days ahead. (D)

♦ Silken Torre Garden or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Madrid

Wake up in Madrid, the capital city of Spain. Today we will take you on a panoramic tour including photo stops at some of Madrid's most historic and iconic sights. See Plaza de España, Plaza de Colon, Plaza de la Independencia, Plaza Mayor, the Old City Center, Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas, Retiro Park, and the upscale Salamanca neighborhood. Enjoy a walking tour of Toledo Old Town including admission to the stunning Toledo Cathedral; Toledo Cathedral is considered by many to be the greatest example of Gothic architecture in the world, and is just one of three 13th-century High Gothic cathedrals in all of Spain. The evening will be at your leisure to enjoy a delicious meal and the many museums, cafes, and pristine parks of this cultural hotspot. (B)

Montserrat, Spain

✦ Silken Torre Garden or similar

## Day 4 • Madrid, Córdoba & Seville

One the way from Madrid to Seville, travel to Córdoba in the history-rich region of Andalusia. Enjoy a walking tour of Córdoba's Jewish quarter, Calleja de las Flores, or flower street, and La Mezquita, an 8th century Mosque turned gorgeous Catholic Cathedral. Tour the breathtaking Mosque Cathedral, known as one of Europe's greatest works of Islamic architecture. You will be entranced by the detailed Moorish archways that line the prayer hall made of rich jasper, onyx, and marble. Continue to Seville for a relaxing evening on your own. (B)

♦ AC Sevilla or similar

## 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Seville

Spend the day in stunning Seville on a panoramic tour of Andalusia's capital where Gothic architecture, medieval history, and Arabian culture combine to create a truly unique setting. From the comfort of your coach, see Plaza de España, the Gothic Seville Cathedral, and the medieval Alcázar de Segovia castle complex. Take a short walking tour of Santa Cruz,



Seville's medieval Jewish quarter. Spend the evening at your leisure or join us on one of our unforgettable optional tours. (B)

♦ AC Sevilla or similar

# Day 6 • Seville, Granada & Costa del Sol

Take a scenic drive down to Costa del Sol, Spain's phenomenal "Sun Coast," with a detour in Granada to explore this Moorish haven at the feet of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Your walking tour includes Granada's Royal Chapel, old silk market, Corral de Carbón, and the picturesque Plaza Bib-Rambla—a gorgeous city square that buzzes with energy. Costa del Sol is one of the Mediterranean Sea's most stunning stretches of coastline. Don't miss your chance to enjoy a long walk and delicious meal right on the water. (B, D)

+ Bahia hotels / Almuñecar or similar

## 🛱 Day 7 • Alicante & Valencia

Take a scenic journey to Valencia, with a lovely stop in Alicante for lunch on your own. Alicante is a perfect little beach town, and its fresh seafood is not to be missed. Look up to Mount Benacantil to see the sand-colored remains of Santa Bárbara Castle, the imposing fortress that protected Alicante dating back to the 9th century. Spend the evening in Valencia, where you can relax or find an outdoor cafe that serves Paella right here in the town where the famous dish was created! (B, D)

✦ Eurostars Acteon or similar

## 🛱 Day 8 • Valencia to Barcelona

Start your day with breakfast and a tour of Valencia; this former Roman colony is one of the most popular vacation destinations in Spain due to its appealing combination of culture and history. Your panoramic tour includes Plaza de Toros, Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, L'Oceanogràfic Museum, port, and marina. Take a walking tour of Old Town, and of the towering Cathedral of Valencia. Continue to Barcelona, your home for the next two nights. (B)

♦ H10 Itaca or similar

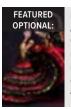
## 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Barcelona and Montserrat

Barcelona's over 7,000 years of history functions as a unique backdrop for this thoroughly modern city. The city of Barcelona boasts 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, not to mention a long, sandy coastline, fabulous food, and terrific shopping. Take a city tour where you will see Montjuic, Sagrada Familia, Passeig De Gracia with Gaudí buildings, Port Olympic, and the Arc de Triomf. Finally take an included funicular ride up to the site of the Sanctuary of Montserrat Mountain, an 11th century Benedictine monastery hidden in the towering Montserrat range high above Catalonia. Your night ends with an included farewell dinner. (B, D)

♦ H10 Itaca or similar

## 💥 Day 10 • Depart for Home (B)

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#### DAY 3 - FLAMENCO SHOW & DINNER AT LAS CARBONERAS Go to the Tablao Las Carboneras restaurant for a three-course Spanish

Go to the Tablao Las Carboneras restaurant for a three-course Spanish meal followed by a Flamenco show. Starts at <sup>\$</sup>159 p/p. *Price varies by departure date. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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2023 Dates	
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Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,399
Jun 14, Sep 6	<sup>\$</sup> 1,749
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#### Single Supplement from \$600

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# BEST OF PORTUGAL

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the magnificent Sintra & Óbidos
- Visit the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima
- Tour the historic city of Porto and enjoy an included port wine tasting
- Learn about how the cork industry maintains its centuries-long traditions on a guided factory tour
- End your trip with a tour of Lisbon and discover its dazzling treasures

## INCLUDES

10 day land tour with hotels, daily breakfasts, 3 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.





Lisbon • Sintra • Óbidos • Fátima • Leiria • Coimbra • Porto • Viseu • Belmonte • Evora

Portugal, the starting point of countless expeditions of discovery, is itself full of treasures and wonderful sights. Cathedrals neighbor cork forests, and blue Azulejo tiles are the perfect place to put down your glass of local wine. Prepare to love this stunning Mediterranean nation!

## X Day 1 • Depart for Lisbon

Set off for your European adventure starting on an overnight transatlantic flight to Portugal.

## X Day 2 • Arrive in Lisbon

Welcome to Lisbon, where your journey begins! If you purchased airline tickets through YMT Vacations, a friendly representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. The evening is yours to enjoy until guests are invited to sit down for a delicious dinner at the hotel. Get acquainted with your traveling companions and learn about the exciting days ahead. (D)

✦ Aldeia dos Capuchos or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Lisbon to Leiria

After an included breakfast, set off for Sintra. Enjoy a guided city tour of this charming town, located in the foothills of the Sintra Mountains, and famous for its pastel buildings and lush terrain. Next, continue to Óbidos for a short walking tour, where guests can explore Óbidos Castle on their own. You'll have some free time for lunch and photos before we head to Fátima for a self-guided tour of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima, the location of a 1917 miracle and an important Catholic pilgrimage site. After a memorable day of sightseeing, transfer to your hotel in Leiria for an evening at leisure. (B)

✦ Hotel Tryp Leiria or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 🛛 Leiria and Coimbra

Start your morning in Leiria, watched over for centuries by the magnificent Leiria Castle. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Monastery of Batalha, commissioned in the 14th century by King John I and among Portugal's most beloved historic monuments. Continue to Coimbra, one of Portugal's loveliest college towns. Enjoy lunch on your own and perhaps visit the library and grounds of Universidad de Coimbra, originally founded in 1290. The university is dazzling, and you can visit many of its most impressive sites, including the Great Hall, Baroque Library, and Natural History Collection. (B)

Pena Palace, Sintra

✦ Eurostars Das Artes or similar

#### 🚽 Day 5 • Porto with Wine Tasting

Porto is one of Portugal's oldest cities, and is a spectacular place to spend the day. First settled around 300 BC, it has since been captured by the Romans, the Moors, and even Napoleon; its historic center is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a city tour with included admission to the 19th century Stock Exchange Palace and an included port wine tasting. After free time and lunch on your own, take a selfguided tour of Guimarães, whose medieval city center is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend the evening relaxing in Porto. (B)

Eurostars Das Artes or similar



## 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Viseu, Belmonte, and Evora

Start your active day in Viseu, where during free time you will have the opportunity to walk around the history-rich birthplace of Alfonso I The Conqueror, Portugal's first king. Next, enjoy lunch on your own in Belmonte, plus an included olive oil tasting and admission to the Belmonte Jewish Museum. Dinner is included at your hotel in Evora. (B, D)

✦ Hotel Dom Fernando or similar

## 🛱 Day 7 • Evora

After breakfast, take a guided tour of the Cortiçarte cork factory, a fascinating facility where cork is produced using traditional methods that haven't changed for hundreds of years. See everything from the trees whose bark is sustainably harvested every nine years, to the boiling vats where the cork is sterilized, to the gift shop selling a wide variety of gorgeous products. Next, travel to Evora, whose medieval town is one of Europe's finest. For even older history, just look for the easy-to-spot 14 surviving columns of the Roman Temple of Diana, built around the 1st century A.D. Enjoy free time for lunch and shopping, then taste local wines on an included winery tour. (B)

✦ Hotel Dom Fernando or similar

## 🖵 Day 8 • Evora to Lisbon

Start the day with a terrifically enjoyable tour of the Leiveira-Azulejos de Azeitão ceramic factory. Portugal's Azulejo tiles –tiny, often remarkably detailed pieces of art glazed in a striking blue –are one of the country's most beloved cultural signatures. Dating back to the 13th century, Azulejos are the result of all of Portugal's influences: the Moorish invasion, the Roman Catholic church, the Age of Discovery, all the way up to the bustling country's modern needs and trends. Learn how the tiles are made, then after a stunning photo stop at Serra de Arrabida, enjoy free time on your own and a leisurely afternoon in Lisbon to relax on your own or sign up for our favulous optional tour. (B)

✦ Aldeia dos Capuchos or similar

## 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Lisbon

Spend the final day of your tour in Lisbon, Portugal's hilly coastal capital watched over by 7 picturesque hills. The peaks' view of Lisbon's historic cobblestoned streets and stately ruins, mixed seamlessly with the modern world that grew up around them, is one of Europe's prettiest. Take a guided tour of the city's highlights, including admission to the Jerónimos Monastery, a dazzling monument built in the 1500s as a potent symbol of Portugal's immense wealth and power at the peak of their global navigation period. Enjoy lunch on your own and an afternoon at your leisure before ending your tour with a delicious farewell feast. (B, D)

Aldeia dos Capuchos or similar

## 💥 Day 10 • Depart for Home (B)



#### DAY 8 - DINNER & EVENING RIVER CRUISE Enjoy a 3-course dinner on the bay, then

cruise the Tagus River in the evening and see the castles and cathedrals of Lisbon. Starts at <sup>\$</sup>119 p/p. *Price varies by departure date. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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Sep 14 & 28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,749
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# Attens e Mytones e Santorial

# GREECE & her ISLANDS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights in Athens with sightseeing
- Visit the most popular islands in Greece—2 nights in Mykonos & 2 nights in Santorini
- Visit the Acropolis & the Parthenon, along with the Acropolis Museum
- Explore the colorful cobbled streets of Plaka
- See spectacular 1000-foot volcanic cliffs and white domed churches and windmills
- Included island transfers by modern ferries across the Aegean Sea
- Additional optional sightseeing opportunities

## INCLUDES

8 nights hotels, 8 breakfasts and 3 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, transfers to the islands, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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If Greece is on your "must see list" then now is the time to visit the cradle of Western Civilization. You'll see Athens, Mykonos and Santorini, enjoy delicious food, marvel at ancient buildings and be astounded by incredible art.

## 💥 Day 1 • Depart for Athens

Your vacation begins as you depart on your overnight transatlantic flight.

## X Day 2 • Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens, Greece, the land of great philosophers, artists and the birthplace of democracy. If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, you will be transferred to your hotel where the balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, you'll get a chance to meet all your fellow travelers and your YMT Tour Director at the welcome briefing and dinner at the hotel. (D)

Athenaeum Grand or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Athens

Enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Athens to observe the striking contrasts and history that make this such a fascinating city. You will see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament, the monument of the Unknown Soldier and Constitution Square. Then it's on to the most famous site in Athens—the Acropolis, atop which lies the stunning 2,500 year old Parthenon Temple built to honor the goddess Athena. Finally, this morning you will visit the new Acropolis Museum. The afternoon is at leisure and you are free to explore the Plaka district in the shadow of the Acropolis, Athens' oldest and most picturesque neighborhood. The maze of cobblestone pedestrian streets is lined with shops, boutiques, souvenir stands and flea market stalls that beckon all who enter. You will have plenty of time to browse through the many shops and souvenir stalls or you can relax in one of the many tavernas or cafes. This evening you can experience an optional fun and entertaining Greek night. (B)

✦ Athenaeum Grand or similar

## Day 4 • Athens Leisure Day

Today you will have the full day to explore more of this ancient city, or explore further afield. We recommend you join our full-day optional tour to Delphi and the Temple of Apollo, one of the most important archaeological sites in Greek history. Delphi was the center of the ancient world and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It sits at the foot of mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty overlooking the Gulf of Corinth. (B)

♦ Athenaeum Grand or similar

## 🛱 着 Day 5 🔹 Mykonos

This morning, we take the short drive to the port of Piraeus to board your ferryboat and cruise toward the islands. This afternoon, we arrive at the island of Mykonos, famous for its windmills, whitewashed buildings, and domed churches. This charming island is just 33 square miles, and has a resident population of around



10,000. This evening, you can enjoy a plethora of exceptionally fresh seafood in the waterfront cafes and tavernas in the area of Mykonos Town known as Little Venice. (B)

✦ Hotel Kamari or similar

## Day 6 • Mykonos Leisure Day

Today is yours to explore this magical island. We will have a morning optional tour to the neighboring Island of Delos, fabled birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. After the 45 minute boat ride, explore the ruins of the ancient Minoan civilization, including the Agora, temples of Apollo, the Hippodrome, amphitheater, and more. In the afternoon, you'll have plenty of time to explore more of the island or relax on one of the many sandy beaches. If you choose to explore on foot, the central part of Mykonos Town is closed to traffic during most of the day, and has whitewashed cubic houses, a labyrinth of narrow streets, beautiful churches, lovely chapels, and many purple bougainvillea. (B, D)

✦ Hotel Kamari or similar

## 🚊 Day 7 • Santorini

After breakfast at the hotel, this morning we leave Mykonos and take the ferry to the island of Santorini. Arrive to witness the island's spectacular volcanic cliffs. Famous for the vista of its whitewashed houses of Fira, perched on the side of the caldera, Santorini is one of the most photographed Greek Islands. On the southern side of the island, the resorts of Kamari and Perissa are well known for their black volcanic sand. Santorini is also renowned for producing some of the best wine in Greece. This evening you may want to book our exciting optional dinner cruise. (B)

✦ Daedalus hotel or similar

#### Day 8 • Santorini Leisure Day

You have a full day to explore this unique island paradise at your own pace, or join our optional Island Highlights Tour where you'll visit and see all the main sights. These will include Akrotiri, a Bronze Age settlement that was destroyed by a volcanic eruption during the 17th century BC and was preserved in perfect condition; the Red Beach; and several beautiful traditional villages. Tonight, enjoy an included Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant with newfound friends. (B, D)

Daedalus hotel or similar

## 🚽 Day 9 • Santorini & Athens

The last morning in the islands is yours to relax on the beach, or explore the array of shops before we head to the port around lunchtime for our early afternoon ferryboat departure for Athens. We arrive back late evening at the port of Piraeus and take the short transfer to Athens for the last overnight stay in Greece. (B)

Athenaeum Grand or similar

## 💥 Day 10 🔹 Depart for Home

Transfer to Athens airport to check in for your return flight home. On certain tour dates, you may choose to combine our Greece and Italy tours. If you are joining us for our Ultimate Greece & Italy tour, you will fly to Rome to join our Bella Italia itinerary. (B)



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# **DAY 7 - SANTORINI SUNSET DINNER**

Join your fellow travelers on a sunset cruise to the Santorini Caldera. Visit two volcanic islands before unwinding with dinner. <sup>\$</sup>99 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.

Note: Local regulations in Greece mandate that guests carry their own luggage on and off ferry boats.

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## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit Rome, the "Eternal City," Florence and Venice—Italy's 3 most spectacular and romantic cities, all with included sightseeing
- See the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo frescoes in Vatican City
- Take a funicular up to the ancient town of Orvieto
- See for yourself and marvel at the angle of the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Explore the impressive sights at Bologna, Verona, and Milan

## INCLUDES

8 nights hotels, 8 breakfasts and 3 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL



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## X Day 1 • Depart for Rome

Your adventure begins as you depart on your overnight transatlantic flight.

## 🗙 Day 2 • Arrive in Rome

Arrive in historic Rome. This evening meet your fellow travelers and learn about the exciting days ahead, then relax over a tasty Italian dinner. (D)

✦ Hotel H10 Roma or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Vatican City

This morning, take a guided tour of Vatican City, home of the Pope. Explore the Vatican Museums, which house some of the most important and valuable art treasures in the world. Visit the Sistine Chapel to see floor-to-ceiling biblical frescoes painted by Michelangelo in around 1512, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square. (B)

♦ Hotel H10 Roma or similar

**Note:** Touring the Vatican Museums requires walking up several staircases and 2-3 hours of walking.

## 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Rome

A full-day sightseeing tour includes the highlights of this Eternal City. Today's sights include outside views of the Roman Forum, once a marketplace and center of daily Roman life, the Piazza Navona and the renowned Spanish Steps along with the fabled Trevi Fountain. (B)

Rialto Bridge in Venice

♦ Hotel H10 Roma or similar

## Day 5 • Orvieto and Montecatini Terme

Depart Rome this morning and travel north into the picturesque Umbrian countryside. We stop and take the funicular up to the ancient town of Orvieto, where you can explore the rich history of this charming town and admire a variety of Etruscan, Medieval, and Renaissance art. The Orvieto funicular (a cliff cable railway) first opened in 1888 and uses water and gravity to transport its cars up and down the hillside. We then continue north and by late afternoon arrive at Montecatini Terme, a beautiful spa town that was built around its mineral water springs, where we spend the next two nights. (B)

✦ Settentrionale Esplanade or similar

## Day 6 🔹 Florence and Pisa

Today's full-day excursion starts with a short drive toward the Mediterranean coast and the city of Pisa. See the Leaning Tower of Pisa and enjoy a walking tour of Florence, during which you can see the 13th century Duomo with the



Brunelleschi Dome and Giotto's Campanile (bell tower). See Ghiberti's golden "Gates of Paradise" doors at the marble-clad Baptistery of St. John, the Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio, the medieval bridge spanning the River Arno, complete with shops built along it. (B)

✦ Settentrionale Esplanade or similar

## 🛱 Day 7 • Bologna and Venice

We drive northeast and stop in Bologna. Probably best known for its culinary tradition, Bologna also has an impressive history and is home to the world's oldest university, founded in 1088. Enjoy some time on your own and perhaps pasta with authentic bolognese sauce (ragù alla bolognese in Italian) before we continue toward the Adriatic coast. We'll arrive in the Venice area by late afternoon and will stay just a few miles across the lagoon from the historic city. (B, D)

♦ Smart Hotel Holiday Venice Mestre or similar

## 🛱 Day 8 • Venice

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of this amazing city, now a World Heritage Site, built on an archipelago of 117 islands in a lagoon. Formed by 177 canals and connected by 409 bridges, Venice is unique in Europe in having remained a sizable functioning city in the twenty-first century entirely without motorcars or trucks. Transfer by boat to St. Mark's Square where you'll begin your walking tour to see the lavish Doge's Palace, (entrance not included) and the fabled Bridge of Sighs as well as the Rialto Bridge, Venice's oldest, spanning the Grand Canal. This afternoon you are free to wander through the labyrinth of canals and alleyways, lined with boutiques and souvenir shops, or perhaps relax and "people watch" over an espresso or tasty Italian gelato. If you want to get out on the water, there are

a variety of boat rides available (not included) from water taxis to the traditional gondolas. By the end of the day you'll be truly inspired by the history and romance of this wonderful city. (B)

Smart Hotel Holiday Venice Mestre or similar

## 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Verona & Milan

Today we head through the lush northern Italian landscape to Verona. A city best known as the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, it also offers wonderful examples of Medieval and Renaissance art and architecture. Our walking tour includes the Duomo (cathedral), Piazza delle Erbe with the famous Torre dei Lamberti (high tower), and of course the house of Juliet, with its famous balcony. Continue west to Milan, capital of the region of Lombardy. Your panoramic sightseeing tour highlights will include Piazza del Duomo, the main central square surrounded by several important buildings, such as Milan's Gothic cathedral and the Royal Palace of Milan. You'll also have a chance to see Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, an impressive and ornate indoor shopping arcade built in 1865, as well as La Scala Opera House. (B, D)

✦ Hilton Garden Inn Malpensa or similar

## 💥 Day 10 • Depart for Home (B)

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Your Italy vacation comes to an end today as you depart for home with newfound friends and a suitcase full of memories to last a lifetime



DAY 5 - TUSCAN WINE TASTING & DINNER Enjoy your evening in Tuscan style with a vineyard tour, wine tasting and dinner. After a vineyard tour, enjoy a 3-course meal and wine tasting. Starts at \$72 p/p. *Price varies by departure date. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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- Tour the iconic Château de Fontainebleau and the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

## INCLUDES

6 nights hotels, 6 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 1 afternoon high tea, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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The perfect marriage of historic and modern, London and Paris are two stunning capital cities embedded with history. This 8-day tour filled with exciting landmarks, charming villages, and magnificent castles will take you through the heart of these two wonderful cities!

## 💥 Day 1 • Depart for London

London • Paris

Your journey begins on an overnight transatlantic flight to the United Kingdom. If the sun is out and the weather is clear, you'll have spectacular views of the River Thames as your plane descends into London!

## 🗙 Day 2 • Arrive in London

If you purchased airline tickets through YMT Vacations, a friendly representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Settle into your centrally-located hotel, which is within walking distance to several great restaurants and cafes. The afternoon and evening are yours to relax so why not take a stroll through the bustling streets of your home for the next several days? This evening, enjoy a delicious included three-course Welcome Feast at the hotel. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers, companions for the trip and possibly friends for life! (D)

✦ Lancaster Gate Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🛛 London Sightseeing

Savor a delicious breakfast before stepping out into London for a city tour of one of history's most influential capitals. See the Tower of London, Big Ben, and Piccadilly Square; and take a tour of the world-famous coronation site of Westminster Abbey. Stop for photos and a short walking tour at Buckingham Palace, and then cross the street for a private high tea at the historic Palace Hotel overlooking the Royal Mews. The refined afternoon snacks will include delicate sandwiches, pastries, and cakes, as well as coffee, and perfectly prepared cups of fine English tea. (B, high tea)

London, England

✦ Lancaster Gate Hotel or similar

## 🖵 Day 4 • Windsor Castle

Today you're in for a treat—Spend the day at Windsor Castle, the stunning British residence that has housed English queens and kings since the time of Henry I. Home to Britain's reigning monarch for over 1,000 years, Windsor is the largest and longest-occupied palace in Europe. With grounds and a castle covering 13 stunning acres, its Georgian, Victorian, and Gothic architectural features makes it one of the most beautiful palaces in all of Europe. Enjoy a selfguided tour, followed by free time for lunch and shopping on your own in the historic neighboring town—also called Windsor—the quintessential British market village. (B)

◆ Lancaster Gate Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 5 • Eurostar Train to Paris

Today, board the famous Eurostar train and head to Paris! This high-speed railway will transport you on a journey across empires that takes approximately 2 ½ hours. En route, travel through



one of history's most expensive and ambitious construction projects, the Channel Tunnel. The Chunnel, as it's called, took 6 years and \$21 billion to complete—and it takes riders an average of 150 feet beneath the choppy waters of the English Channel from London to Paris.

After your arrival in Paris, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments at an included welcome reception at your hotel. Your first night in Paris is then yours to experience at your leisure. (B, light hors d'oeuvres)

♦ Apogia Hotel Paris or similar

## 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Paris City Tour

Start your day with a tour of Paris, the worldfamous City of Light! Take in the sights as your motor coach ventures past Bercy, home to France's Finance Ministry and Bercy Village, an entertainment district with shops and restaurants in former wine warehouses; the F. Mitterrand National Library; the Bastille, an impressive fortress; and the Marais, an exciting fashion district filled with boutiques, galleries, and bars.

You'll also see the Latin Quarter, the chic St. Germain area, the iconic Louvre Pyramid, the Opéra Garnier, admission to Fradonard, Place Vendôme, and the Place de la Concorde. Even more Paris highlights you'll discover during your drive include the Champs-Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe, the Invalides, the Trocadéro, and of course, the famous Eiffel Tower. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy the city, or a nice night in, at your own pace. (B)

♦ Apogia Hotel Paris or similar

## Day 7 • Château de Fontainebleau, Barbizon, and Château Vaux-le-Vicomte

Your last full day in Paris starts with a visit to the Château de Fontainebleau, one of France's largest royal châteaux. The medieval palace served as a residence for many of France's most influential monarchs from Louis VII to Napoleon III, and it is now a national museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a video-guided tour of the magnificent palace and free time for lunch on the beautiful grounds.

Next, transfer to Barbizon, a charming village on the edge of Fontainebleau forest. Here you'll take a tour and have leisure time to explore this village between two castles. Barbizon owes its fame to the several pre-Impressionist 19th century landscape painters that made the town home and captured the tranquility of this peaceful village and surrounding nature. Perhaps you may decide to visit the Auberge Ganne during your free time here.

The day continues to the Château de Vauxle-Vicomte. Built between 1658 and 1661, this baroque French château was an influential work of architecture in mid-17th-century Europe. The collaboration between the architect Louis Le Vau, the landscape architect André le Nôtre, and the painter-decorator Charles Le Brun marked the beginning of the "Louis XIV style" combining architecture, interior design, and landscape design. The garden's pronounced visual axis is an impressive example of this style! Explore the château on your own during the visit, before returning to Paris for an included Farewell Feast. Raise a glass to your new friends and memories over a delicious three-course meal. (B, D)

♦ Apogia Hotel Paris or similar

## 💥 Day 8 🔹 Depart for Home

Today you depart for home, leaving with a suitcase full of memories from your exquisite London and Paris tour! (B)



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#### DAY 3 - LONDON EYE & DINNER

Take a ride high above the Thames on the London Eye. After seeing London from high above, experience it on a more intimate level by breaking bread at a local pub. Starts at \$149 p/p. *Price varies by departure date. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover London on a city tour of her most famous sights
- Marvel at the wonder of Stonehenge
- Tour Shakespeare's birthplace, where you will hear family stories and live theatre recitals
- Take a scenic ride through Snowdonia National Park on the Ffestiniog Railway
- Look for Robin Hood at Nottingham Castle
- · See the hallowed halls of Oxford University

## INCLUDES

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## X Day 2 • Arrive in London

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✦ Lancaster Gate Hotel or similar

## 🖵 Day 3 • London Sightseeing

After breakfast, head out on a panoramic city tour of one of history's most influential capitals. Enjoy an overview of all of London's most important landmarks from the comfort of your roomy coach. The city boasts many famous sights, including the Tower of London, Big Ben, Piccadilly Square, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and more! (B)

✦ Lancaster Gate Hotel or similar

## 🚽 Day 4 🔹 Stonehenge and Bath

Go back in time at two of England's oldest sites: Stonehenge and the Roman Baths. Stonehenge is the instantly recognizable prehistoric monument whose ring of massive standing stones was built approximately 5,000 years. With no written records, the purpose of the monument and the methods of its construction remain a mystery.

Tour of some of the best Roman ruins in the world in the city of Bath. Romans started taking advantage of Bath's natural hot springs when Claudius invaded Britain in 43 AD. They turned the site into a religious shrine that housed incredibly complex bathing areas with cold rooms, warm rooms, and a massive central pool. Explore largely intact ruins that are a testament to Rome's incredible engineering skills. (B)

✦ Mercure Bristol Holland House or similar

## Day 5 • The Cotswolds and Stratfordupon-Avon

Spend the morning in the Cotswolds, a stunning rural area renowned for lush rolling hills and beautifully maintained historic buildings and villages. The striking color of local structures from grand manors and churches to humble single-family cottages—is due to the region's native honey-colored limestone. The buttery yellow stone is a signature feature that's distinguished the Cotswolds for centuries. Visit Cogges Manor Farm, which you may recognize from Downton Abbey.

Continue to Shakespeare's Birthplace, the restored 16th century home in Stratford-upon-Avon that he grew up in and shared with his beloved wife, Anne Hathaway. Hear family stories and live theatre recitals. The day ends with a delicious dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

✦ Holiday Inn Chester South or similar



## 🛱 Day 6 • North Wales

Go deep into the Welsh wilderness of Snowdonia National Park. Take in its wild landscapes of mountains and lush oak forests. Its coastline is protected as a Special Area of Conservation, with rugged banks and a scattering of sand dunes in the park's mid-coast. Then enjoy a ride on the Ffestiniog Railway, one of the "Great Little Trains of Wales," through the heart of the park.

Eat lunch on your own in the walled market town of Conwy, then stop at Conwy Castle. The rectangular stone fortress is a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized as one of the finest examples of late 13th century and early 14th century military architecture in Europe. (B, D)

✦ Holiday Inn Chester South or similar

## 🚽 Day 7 • Liverpool & Manchester

Tour Liverpool, a port city from where over 9 million emigrants left England for a new life in America. You'll see the Royal Liver Building, the headquarters of the White Star Line, the Albert Docks, and the two cathedrals of Hope Street.

Continue to Manchester. Learn about one of Britain's most passionate football cities on a panoramic tour. From your coach you will see , Old Trafford, the Lowry, and more. Enjoy free time in Manchester before continuing to York. (B)

♦ York Marriott Hotel or similar

## 🚽 Day 8 • York & Nottingham Castle

Start the day with a panoramic tour of York, a city that never quite left behind its medieval past. 13th century walls surround narrow streets, which all wind their way toward the magnificent York

Minster. One of the England's most impressive cathedrals looks down at the city that inspired and influenced the magical look of the Harry Potter movies—particularly Diagon Alley. Your tour takes you past York Minster, Exhibition Square, Margaret Street, and Fishergate.

From there, enjoy the real life setting for the most famous outlaw in fiction-Robin Hood. Visit Nottingham Castle. The imposing stone structure has been a royal palace, a military fortress, the site of a coup, and a symbol of Industrial Age inequality. See the castle, expansive grounds, and beautiful exhibition spaces. (B, D)

♦ Conference Aston Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 9 • Oxford & London

Take a panoramic and walking tour of Oxford, a city known around the world as the home of Britain's oldest and most prestigious university. See the school and 1,100-year-old village, including Christchurch, Oxford Castle, and more of the famous halls and greens of Oxford University. Enjoy lunch on your own and free time in town, which is full of historic pubs where many of Britain's sharpest minds bloomed. Return to London and sit down for an included Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

✦ Lancaster Gate Hotel or similar

## 🔾 Day 10 🔹 Depart for Home

Depart for home, or travel by scenic rail up to Edinburgh. On certain dates, you may choose to combine Essential Britain with Sights of Scotland for our Ultimate Great Britain tour. (B)

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- Discover Loch Ness and take a scenic cruise
- Explore the ruins of Urquhart Castle
- Stop at the historic battlefield site of the Battle of Culloden Moor
- Tour Cawdor Castle and its lovely gardens
- See the rugged and beautiful Isle of Skye
- · Included whisky distillery tour & tasting
- Learn about the history and culture of the Scottish Clans

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Edinburgh • Cairngorms National Park • Loch Ness • Inverness • Western Highlands • Isle of Skye • Glasgow

Experience a wild, otherworldly country filled with history, mystery, and magic—where craggy mountains stand sentry over misty moors, and grand castles overlook murky lochs. Visit ancient cities and see why Scotland's culture, history, scenery and food are unlike anywhere else!

## X Day 1 • Depart for Scotland

Your journey begins on your overnight flight.

## 💥 Day 2 • Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure until the included welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

✤ Moxy Edinburgh Airport or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Edinburgh

Your first full day in Scotland starts with a comprehensive tour of Edinburgh. The beautifully maintained capital city is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and tour highlights include the Royal Scottish Academy, The Georgian House, St. Giles Cathedral, The Scottish Parliament, and Greyfriars Bobby. Your final stop this morning is Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, the Stone of Destiny, and Edinburgh's oldest building, St. Margaret's Chapel. Admission to the castle is included for you to enjoy a self-guided tour. The guided portion of the day concludes at lunchtime, after which you are free to remain in the city and explore on your own, or to join our afternoon optional tour. (B)

Moxy Edinburgh Airport or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Edinburgh to The Highlands

After a delicious breakfast, we'll head to one of the most historically significant places in all of Britain-the iconic Scone Palace in Perth. Scone Palace is the home of the Earl of Mansfield, and has been the seat of parliament and the crowning place of the Kings of Scots since the 9th century. Robert the Bruce was crowned at Scone in 1306, and the last coronation was of Charles II in 1651. Continue to the Highlands to enjoy some free time. Today also includes a visit to the Leault Working Sheepdogs Farm for a 45-minute demonstration of up to eight dogs working as a team to herd sheep and responding to their own personalized commands and individualized whistles. Meet the collie pups, see the orphan lambs and perhaps take part in shearing a sheep. Before you reach your hotel, you'll see Britain's tallest mountain range in Cairngorms National Park. (B, D)

✦ Highlander Hotel or similar

## 🖵 Day 5 • Loch Ness & Inverness

Enjoy stunning views of Inverness and the Moray Firth as you make your way into the Great Glen, and Loch Ness. Up to 755 feet deep at places, the murky lake has plenty of hiding space for the mythical Loch Ness Monster, or "Nessie," as she has been referred to locally since her first sighting in 1933. You'll take a short scenic cruise

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across the loch to Urquhart Castle, where you will have time to explore the ruins dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy the afternoon at your own pace, taking in the sights of Inverness, the ancient capital of the Highlands, populated since 565 BC. (B)

✦ Jurys Inn Inverness or similar

## 🛱 Day 6 • The Highlands

Our first stop this morning is the historic battlefield site of the bloody Battle of Culloden Moor. This brutal battle in April 1746 saw thousands of casualties and marked the end of the 60-year-long Jacobite Uprising against the English monarchy. Enjoy an innovative interactive exhibit about the battle, as well as area history at the Visitor Centre. Continue to Cawdor Castle, an ancient medieval fortress with three very different and extraordinary gardens. Explore the grounds on a guided tour before continuing to Glen Ord Whisky Distillery for an informative tour and tasting of beautiful Scotch Whisky—no trip to Scotland would be complete without it! (B, D)

✦ Jurys Inn Inverness or similar

# Day 7 • Isle of Skye & Western Highlands

Today your tour takes you to the Isle of Skye, one of the Inner Hebrides islands. On the way, you will stop for a photo opportunity at Eilean Castle, a small tidal island strategically situated at the meeting point of three sea lochs. Then enjoy a panoramic tour of the Isle of Skye before taking a short ferry crossing, which will take you back to the mainland as you continue to Inverary. (B, D)

♦ Muthu Ben Doran or similar

## 🛱 Day 8 • Argyll & Glasgow

Today's itinerary takes you farther south along the rugged shoreline into Argyll. First, you will visit Inveraray Castle, built in 1743 in the Gothic Revival style. You'll enjoy seeing the extensive collection of pikes, muskets and other weaponry. There will also be a short break on the banks of Loch Lomond, the largest lake in the country. After leaving the tranquility of the Highlands, your trip takes you into Glasgow, the biggest city in Scotland. (B)

Moxy Glasgow Merchant City or similar

## 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Glasgow

During a panoramic morning city tour, you will see the remnants of the monastery at Glasgow Cathedral and the Necropolis, an ancient cemetery in the middle of the city. You will also visit George Square, named after King George III and the de facto center of Glasgow. The rest of the afternoon is yours until our final sit-down Farewell Dinner (B, D)

Moxy Glasgow Merchant City or similar

## 🔾 Day 10 🔹 Depart for Home

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Bid farewell to Scotland and depart for home. On certain tour dates, you may choose to combine our Scotland and Ireland tours. If you are joining us for our Ultimate Scotland & Ireland tour, you will fly to Dublin on day 10 to join our Best of Ireland itinerary. (B)



DAY 5 - KILT FACTORY, HIGHLAND HOUSE OF FRASER, & DINNER Take a guided tour of the Scottish Kiltmaker Visitor Centre and enjoy an insight into the history of the kilt. Starts at <sup>\$</sup>69 p/p. *Price varies by departure date. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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- Visit Waterford and the Waterford Crystal factory
- Kiss the Blarney Stone and acquire the "gift of the gab" at Blarney Castle
- Dublin sightseeing including St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest in Ireland
- Take one of Europe's most famous drives, the Ring of Kerry, with its spectacular scenery of lakes and rivers
- See the incredible Cliffs of Moher and Giant's Causeway
- Visit Titanic Belfast—the world's largest *Titanic* experience

## INCLUDES

10 nights hotels, 10 breakfasts and 5 dinners, professional driver guide, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Dublin • Waterford • Cork • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Galway • Cliffs of Moher • Sligo • Belfast • Giant's Causeway

See the real Ireland—where myths, history, and the sea collide. Visit Dublin, kiss the Blarney Stone, and travel the Ring of Kerry on this unforgettable loop around the Emerald Isle. Experience legendary Irish hospitality with our charming local driver guides and in warm pubs!

## 🔾 Day 1 🔹 Depart for Dublin

Your journey begins on your overnight flight.

## 🗙 Day 2 • Arrive in Dublin

Arrive in Dublin, capital city of the "Emerald Isle." If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you and transport you to the hotel. Dublin is laid out perfectly for casual walkers, so shops, restaurants, the River Liffey, and many other highlights are easy to explore on foot at your leisure. This evening, relax over a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers and learn about the days ahead. (D)

♦ Clayton Hotel Leopardstown or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Dublin

This morning, enjoy a tour of the highlights of this richly historical city. See the Bank of Ireland, built in the 18th century to house the Parliament; and Leinster House, where the government convenes today. Visit the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral, originally built in 450 AD and rebuilt in 1191. The afternoon is at leisure, giving you plenty of time to visit Trinity College, Henrietta Street's Georgian mansions, or to take a stroll down Grafton Street in the center of Dublin. (B)

Clayton Hotel Leopardstown or similar

## Day 4 🔹 Dublin to Waterford

Today we head south to the Rock of Cashel—a cluster of historic ruins towering on a hilltop. We then head to Waterford, the oldest city in Ireland, and home to the famous crystal. Enjoy an illuminating tour of the factory where you'll learn about the manufacturing process and Waterford's history. There will be time to browse the gift shop, and marvel at the largest Waterford Crystal collection in the world. (B)

**Cliffs of Moher** 

✦ Fitzwilton Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 5 • Waterford to Killarney

This morning we continue to Cork for a guided Jameson Experience distillery tour of the Midleton Distillery. Learn about history, heritage, and the whiskey production process before enjoying a tasting of Scotch, American and Jameson whiskey. Also included in today's visit is a complimentary drink at the bar! Next, we visit Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles. You're free to climb the 125 steps of the spiral staircase to kiss the Blarney Stone. Our tour ends today in Killarney, our home for the next two nights. (B, D)

✦ Killarney Oaks Hotel or similar

## 🚽 Day 6 • Ring of Kerry Excursion

This morning take one of Europe's most famous drives, the Ring of Kerry. This long loop takes us through spectacular scenery—lakes, rivers, historical landmarks, and charming villages on



the Iveragh Peninsula. Back in Killarney this evening, you're free to relax at the hotel or explore the quaint town at your leisure. (B)

♦ Killarney Oaks Hotel or similar

## 🖵 Day 7 • Killarney to Galway

Today we visit Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, where we'll see one of the most complete and authentic medieval fortresses in the country. Built in 1425, the castle was restored in 1954 to its former glory. It now houses a detailed living history museum that gives you a taste of what country life was really like in turn-of-the-century Ireland. Next, drive through the Burren area, stopping to view the Cliffs of Moher, sheer sea cliffs with views of the north Atlantic. Arrive in the Galway area by late afternoon. (B, D)

The Connacht Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 8 🛛 Galway to Sligo

Today, we travel through the beautiful and rugged landscape of the Connemara region. We'll visit the palatial Kylemore Abbey, nestled at the base of Druchruach Mountain, which took 100 craftsmen 4 years to complete. Our drive continues through Westport into the Sligo area by late afternoon. (B, D)

♦ Sligo Park Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 9 • Sligo to Belfast

This morning, enjoy a short visit to Belleek Pottery, a porcelain company founded in 1884, for a lesson on its history-with time to buy souvenirs in their store. Next, visit the Ulster American Folk Park and learn about 300 years of Irish emigration to America. Continue to Belfast, your home for the next two nights. (B)

♦ Maldron Hotel Belfast City or similar

## 🛱 Day 10 🛛 Giant's Causeway

Today, we'll enjoy an excursion along coastal roads, and take in the seaside cliffs and Atlantic Ocean. We'll spend time exploring the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with remarkable rock formations that tower up to 40 feet in the air. The stacks are said to be 50 million years old, and according to myth, were part of a road built by the giant Finn MacCool. You will visit the Glanarm Walled Gardens, one of the oldest walled gardens in Ireland. (B)

♦ Maldron Hotel Belfast City or similar

## 🛱 Day 11 🛛 Belfast and Dublin

This morning we visit Titanic Belfast, the \$150 million Titanic visitor experience in the city where the unsinkable ship was built. You will see full-scale reconstructions and learn about the Titanic's conception through to her tragic end in 1912. The journey continues to the discovery of the wreck, and into the present day with a live undersea exploration center. We will then enjoy a panoramic motor coach tour of Belfast, taking in the Parliament buildings at Stormont, Belfast City Hall, and the murals of the Falls Road. In the afternoon, we drive south to Dublin for our final evening in Ireland, and a farewell dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

✦ Clayton Hotel Leopardstown or similar

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## 💥 Day 12 • Depart Dublin for Home (B)



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# HISTORIC WWII SITES OF FRANCE & GERMANY

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about the French Resistance at the Paris Liberation Museum
- Spend a whole day touring Normandy's most important D-Day sites
- Visit the Little Red Schoolhouse where the Germans surrendered in 1945
- Tour the sites of the Battle of the Bulge
- Walk the grounds of Nuremberg Castle
- See the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

## INCLUDES

12-day land tour with hotels, 10 breakfast and 4 dinners, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.





Paris • Normandy • Rouen • Reims • Luxembourg • Bastogne • Berlin • Ludendorff Bridge • Frankfurt • Nuremberg • Dachau • Munich

Visit the most important WWII sites on this memorable journey from Paris to Munich. See the places where history was made, from the beaches of Normandy to the Dachau Concentration Camp. Explore rebuilt cities, battlegrounds, and memorials to bravery, sacrifice, and the human spirit.



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## 🗙 Day 1 • Depart for Paris

Your journey begins on your overnight flight.

## X Day 2 • Arrive in Paris

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Meet your fellow guests tonight at a welcome dinner. (D)

♦ B&B Hotel Paris 17 Batignolles or similar

## Day 3 • Paris City Tour and Paris Liberation Museum

Start your journey with a coach tour of Paris, which was occupied by the Nazis from 1940 until Allied forces and the French Resistance took back the City of Light in 1944. Go past sites including the Eiffel Tower, the Bastille, the Latin Quarter, the Louvre, and the Champs Elysées.

After free time for lunch on your own, stop by the moving Paris Liberation Museum. Learn the story of Free France from 1940 to 1945, highlighting the heroes of the French resistance and the liberation of the city from Nazi occupation. (B) ✦ Inspiration by Balladins Caen Memorial Hotel or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 🛛 Full Day Normandy Tour

Spend a full day along the chalky cliffs of Normandy. Walk the Utah and Omaha landing beaches. Visit the memorial at Pointe-du-Hoc, where Allied troops scaled sea cliffs to destroy German artillery. See "100 Days of Normandy" at the 360 Circular Cinema on the cliffs of Arromanches-les-Bains overlooking the artificial harbor where Allied forces offloaded weapons, supplies, and hundreds of thousands of men. Finally, pay your respects at the Normandy American Cemetery. 9,387 American graves stretch along the top of a bluff overlooking the beaches where so many perished. (B, D)

✤ Inspiration by Balladins Caen Memorial Hotel or similar

## 🚽 Day 5 🔹 Rouen & Reims

Depart Normandy in the morning, stopping for free time and lunch on your own in Rouen, the medieval city where Joan of Arc was executed. Continue to Reims to visit the Little Red Schoolhouse and the Surrender Museum, where the German army surrendered on May 7, 1945. Their Fuhrer dead, their cities captured, the Third Reich ended with a whisper in the rooms of this quiet French school. (B)

✦ Residhome Reims Centre or similar



## 🛱 Day 6 • Luxembourg & Bastogne

Your day begins in the American Cemetery, where George S. Patton is interred alongside thousands of his men. Next, take a walking tour of Luxembourg City, the ancient city that was occupied from 1940-1945. See the Grand Ducal Palace, the official residence of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg that the Nazis used as a tavern. You will also see the 10th century Saint Michael's Church, the Golden Lady war memorial, and more of the city's unique sites. (B)

♦ Park Plaza Luxembourg or similar

## 🛱 Day 7 • Full Day Battle of the Bulge tour

Tour Ardennes, seeing the sites where a desperate Hitler waged one final attack during the Battle of the Bulge from December 16, 1944, through January 25, 1945. Hundreds of thousands of troops clashed in frigid weather throughout the dense Belgian forest, with both sides sustaining huge losses. By the time German troops retreated, Allied victory was so complete that the Battle of the Bulge tolled as a death knell for the failed Nazi war effort. (B, D)

♦ Park Plaza Luxembourg or similar

## Day 8 • Ludendorff Bridge & Frankfurt

Cross from Belgium into Germany, where your first stop is Remagen's Peace Museum and Ludendorff Bridge. The bridge was the last surviving crossing point over the Rhine, and a crucial Nazi line of defense in the last days of WWII. After it was captured on March 7, 1945, Nazi troops made several attempts to destroy the structure. Instead, Allied forces used it to transport troops and supplies across the river. Spend the evening in Frankfurt. (B, D)

## 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Frankfurt to Nuremberg

Much of Frankfurt was bombed during the war, and most of the city was rebuilt in a modern style, save for a few landmark historical buildings. Amongst the sights you'll see on today's panoramic tour are the reconstructed Gothic Frankfurt Cathedral and the Römer, a medieval building that served as Frankfurt's city hall for over 600 years.

Following free time and lunch on your own in Frankfurt's city center, continue to the historic village of Nuremberg. Take a city tour, where you will see the formidable Nuremberg castle, the 13th century St. Sebald Church, the elaborate 14th century Schöner Brunnen fountain, and WWII sites. (B)

✤ Intercity Hotel Nuremberg or similar

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Visit the crumbling Nazi Party Rally Grounds and Documentation Center, where Adolf Hitler ignited his followers with his famously bombastic speeches throughout the 1930s. The mass Nazi party rallies and parades that took place in this once mighty complex helped whip Germany into a fascist frenzy.

Next, you will see the human toll of Nazi policies and beliefs on a guided tour of the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, the first Nazi concentration camp. Over 12 years, 200,000 people from more than 30 countries were confined in Dachau. It was only the second concentration camp to be liberated, and its conditions shocked the world. (B)

✦ Achat Hotel Munich or similar

## 🛱 Day 11 🛛 Munich

As the birthplace and former headquarters of the Nazi Party, Munich played a key role in the rise and fall of the Third Reich. The city was destroyed in Allied bombings, but the people chose to reconstruct many of its historical buildings.

Tour the rebuilt city, where you will the see beautiful Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz in the heart of Old Town, the lavishly animated Rathaus-Glockenspiel clock tower, the idyllic court garden of Hofgarten, the towering Gothic Frauenkirche church, and the Residenz, the largest palace in Munich. (B)

✦ Achat Hotel Munich or similar

## 💥 Day 12 • Depart for Home (B)

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Intercity Hotel Frankfurt Airport or similar

## enchanting ICELAND

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the iconic Golden Circle
- Stroll the black sand beaches of quaint Vík
- Tour the greenhouses and watch the Icelandic horses at Fridheimar farm
- Stop at waterfalls, geysers, hot springs, and exposed continental plates
- Take a late-night Northern Lights outing
- Convenient stay in one hotel for your entire tour—no need to pack and unpack!

## INCLUDES

6 nights hotels, 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL



Reykjavík • Thingvellir National Park • Strokkur Geyser • Gullfoss Waterfall • Seljalandsfoss • Deildartunguhver • Borgarnes • Vík

Iceland, "The Land of Ice and Fire," is as dramatic as it is beautiful. You will never forget the impressive displays of Mother Nature's might that still dominate the landscape of this remote country, the home of ancient Vikings, friendly locals, and stunning nature.

## X Day 1 • Depart for Iceland

Your journey begins on your overnight flight.

## 🗙 Day 2 • Arrive in Reykjavík

Welcome to Reykjavík, one of the cleanest, greenest, and safest cities in the world. This tiny Nordic nation is renowned for its dramatic landscapes and near continuous summer daylight. Iceland has grown into one of the most desirable travel destinations in the world in recent years, and for good reason. Guests arriving at the hotel by noon will join the guided tour of Iceland's capital city, Reykjavík. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure until the included welcome dinner tonight. (D)

✦ Centerhotel Laugavegur or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🛛 Golden Circle Tour

Experience the rugged natural beauty of Iceland on its most popular day trip—the legendary Golden Circle tour. See Thingvellir National Park, where evidence of Iceland's dramatic geological and cultural past is laid bare. Thingvellir is a rift valley, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates collide. It is also the meeting place of Iceland's parliament, the first in the world, established by 10th century Viking settlers. Strokkur Geyser is the next stop, and one of the most active geysers in the world, where you can watch volcanically heated glacial water explode up to 130 feet in the air several times an hour. Finally, see Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall that shines a coppery brown on sunny days. Gullfoss is located in the canyon of the Hvítá river, and its dual stage, 105-foot drop, is an impressive conclusion to the Golden circle tour.

End your day with a look at Iceland's innovation. Take a tour of Fridheimar geothermal greenhouse and horse farm, where you will see how Icelandic farmers utilize technology and inventive techniques to grow food year-round. You will also have the chance to watch a horse show starring a team of Icelandic horses—petite yet lionhearted steeds that have been raised throughout Iceland since the 10th century. (B)

✦ Centerhotel Laugavegur or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 • Reykjanes Peninsula

Today will take you to the Reykjanes peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark famous for its geothermal activity and unusual geological formations including a variety of different volcano types, open faults and fissures, lava stacks, hot springs, mud pools, and steam vents. There is abundant bird life, an especially striking sight against the jagged backdrop of the volcanic rock formations surrounding you. (B, L)

♦ Centerhotel Laugavegur or similar



## Day 5 • South Coast and Seljalandsfoss

The South Coast of Iceland is full of outstanding scenery, much of which you'll see today! Travel to Vík, a village located on the very tip of Iceland, dramatically flanked between two mountains and distinguished by its tiny size, sparse development, and deep black sands. The stunning small town will show you the less touristy side of Iceland. Today also includes a trip to the spectacular Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls, two of the best-known waterfalls in the country and awe-inspiring displays of the power of water! (B)

✦ Centerhotel Laugavegur or similar

# Day 6 • Icelandic Saga History and Europe's Largest Hot Spring

Today you will witness Europe's largest and most powerful hot spring, Deildartunguhver. It sits on farmland and has long been a vital resource for neighboring towns—providing enough hot water for homes and businesses within a 40mile radius. Its scalding water bubbles out of a rough, algae covered outcrop of rocks, creating a steamy source of power whose might you can see and hear. You'll also visit the spectacular 0.5-mile wide Hraunfossar waterfall, and tragic Barnafoss. During your stop at the Settlements Center, learn about Iceland's early history, or learn the story of Egil, the Icelandic poet, farmer, and legendary fighter who has become one of Iceland's most famous "tall tales." (B)

✦ Centerhotel Laugavegur or similar

## Day 7 • Leisure Day With Northern Lights Pursuit

Your last full day in Iceland will give you the perfect chance to relax and take in the splendor of Reykjavík, or to participate in an exciting optional day trip (additional cost). But before your tour comes to an end, you'll enjoy one final highlight — the included Northern Lights pursuit! This day is sure to be an exciting highlight of your unforgettable Iceland trip! (B)

Centerhotel Laugavegur or similar

**Note:** Northern Lights pursuit may be moved to another day, if conditions are better for optimal viewing. Seeing this natural phenomenon cannot be guaranteed. The bus will depart after 8:00 PM and return after midnight.

## X Day 8 • Depart for Home (B)

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DAY 7 - BLUE LAGOON DAY TRIP Visit the blue lagoon wellness facilities. Includes a guide, comfort package, entrance fee, a towel, mud mask, and one drink of choice. <sup>\$</sup>184 p/p. *The Blue* Lagoon requires all bathers to shower before entering the water.



## DAY 7 - WONDER OF ICE CAVES AND LATRABJARG MUSEUM

Spend the evening in Perlan. Visit the indoor Ice Cave and see the vivid blue ice of Iceland's glaciers and ice caves. Includes a three-course dinner. \$159 p/ pp. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii
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- Travel back in time to tiny Valletta, the historical capital city of Malta
- Sightsee along the Amalfi Coast
- Fall in love with the Renaissance city of Genoa

## INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard MSC cruise line's *World Europa*, 6-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 5 breakfasts, and 2 dinner on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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Rome • Naples • Messina • Valetta • Barcelona • Marseille • Genoa • Sorrento • Pompeii • Castel Gandolfo aboard MSC Cruise Line's *World Europa* 

Experience la dolce vita in Southern Italy and on a cruise across the Mediterranean. Visit four stunning nations whose food, scenery, and history are some of the finest in Europe.

## 💥 Day 1 • Depart for Rome

Your journey begins on your overnight flight.

## X Day 2 • Arrive in Rome

## 🛱 Day 3 • Rome City Tour & Naples

Discover the highlights of Rome on a sightseeing tour of the Eternal City. Today's sights include the statues, fountains, and cobblestone expanse of the Piazza Navona; the lavish Trevi Fountain; and the Spanish Steps where Audrey Hepburn's Princess Ann enjoyed the perfect chocolate gelato in Roman Holiday.

Continue to Naples for an evening at leisure in this 3,000-year-old city perched 400 feet above the Mediterranean. Don't miss out on a slice or two of genuine Neapolitan pizza, which is the simple yet perfect forefather of the takeout pizza we know and love today! (B)

Holiday Inn Naples or similar

# (Departs at 8:00 PM)

Start your morning with a guided tour of Naples. Learn about one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, whose sprawling historic city center is UNESCO-listed for its wealth of outstanding monuments such as the Castel Nuovo. Your cruise begins this evening when you step aboard the MSC *World Europa*. (B)

## **Day 5** • Messina, Italy (9:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

Spend the day in Messina, one of the most popular cities on the breathtaking island of Sicily. The people of Messina are renowned for their hospitality, which will charm you as you explore famous sites like the Piazza del Duomo, the city's historic center, and the Messina Cathedral.

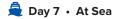
The cathedral's bell tower holds the world's largest astronomical clock. When the clock strikes noon, you can enjoy an elaborate automaton where brass lions, roosters, and local heroes mounted on moving mechanisms tell a gripping story that's entertained visitors for nearly a century.

**Day 6 • Valetta, Malta** (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Valetta, one of the world's smallest capitals, is so packed with history that the entire city is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Despite its small size, Valetta is full of sites of



historical significance, including buildings dating back to the 16th century. This fortified city has hundreds of monuments within a relatively small space, making it one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.



## **Day 8** • Barcelona, Spain (9:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

You'll be mesmerized by this thoroughly modern city where Roman ruins live next door to highrises, innovative exhibition spaces, and one of the world's most impressive sports complexes. A spectacular display of architecture, Barcelona boasts 8 UNESCO World Heritage Site. Use your time in this port to see the world-famous Las Ramblas, Gaudí's Sagrada Familia, Olympic Park, and views from Montjuic.

## **Day 9** • Marseille, France (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Marseille was first established in 600 BC, making it France's oldest city. Among the terracotta-roofed buildings lie many intriguing sights, including the majestic Palais Longchamp and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde.

着 Day 10 • Genoa, Italy (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Continue to Genoa, a port city which has maintained much its Renaissance charm over the centuries. Snake through its twisty caruggi, the narrow streets that make guests feel like they're traveling back in time. The striking, ornate, UNESCO-listed Palazzi dei Rolli is a must see!

# **Day 11** • Disembarkation in Naples & Sorrento (Arrives at 1:00 PM)

After an afternoon disembarkation, continue to Sorrento for an evening at your leisure. Your hotel will welcome you with style with a refreshing drink (you can't go wrong with a prosecco) when you arrive.

♦ Grand Hotel Flora or similar

## 🛱 Day 12 🔹 Sorrento

Enjoy the beauty of the Amalfi Coast, one of Italy's most scenic regions. Towering mountains carpeted in green extend nearly to the sea, ending in rocky cliffs nestled with villages and towns. Far below, the warm waters of the Mediterranean lap against the shore. You will take a scenic drive along the coast, stopping for free time and a walking tour. (B)

♦ Grand Hotel Flora or similar

## 🛱 Day 13 🔹 Pompeii Full Day Tour

Take a guided tour of Pompeii, the famous ancient Roman city frozen in time by the cataclysmic volcanic eruption of nearby Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE. A rush of superheated volcanic ash and pumice covered the city, instantaneously killing residents while preserving their bodies, buildings, and belongings at the precise moment of their burial. Tour the resting place of embracing lovers, grand and modest family homes, contemporary art, and countless remnants of the daily lives of the thousands of people caught entirely by surprise by Vesuvius' violent eruption. (B)

♦ Grand Hotel Flora or similar

## Day 14 • Sorrento, Castel Gandolfo & Rome

Visit Castel Gandolfo en route to Rome. This gorgeous resort town nestled high in the Alban Hills overlooks Lake Alban. Its natural surroundings and beautiful walled historic city center make this as appealing to visitors as well as Castel Gandolfo's most famous resident—the Pope. The summer Papal Palace has provided a peaceful escape for the bishops of Rome since the 17th century. Continue to Rome, where you will enjoy a final farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

♦ Ergife Palace Hotel or similar

## 💥 Day 15 • Depart for Home (B)

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Calle de Alcala and Gran Via in Madrid , Spain

## SIGHTS OF SPAIN & MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE



## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take a panoramic tour of historic Madrid
- See Antoni Gaudi's famous buildings on a city tour of Barcelona
- Spend a day in Marseillle, France
- Soak up the Renaissance charm of Genoa
- Take in the views from high above the water in Naples—the birthplace of pizza
- Travel back in time to tiny Valletta, the historical capital city of Malta

## INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard MSC cruise line's *World Europa*, 6-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 6 breakfasts and 3 dinner on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Madrid • Toledo • Valencia • Barcelona • Marseille • Genoa • Naples • Messina • Valletta • aboard MSC Cruise Line's *World Europa* 

Relax and soak in the sights of Spain and 5 other breathtaking Mediterranean nations. You'll enjoy a sightseeing land tour from Madrid to Barcelona, and a stunning cruise through the deep blue waters of the beautiful Mediterranean.

## 💥 Day 1 🔹 Depart for Madrid, Spain

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

## 💥 Day 2 • Arrive in Madrid, Spain

Welcome to Madrid, where your trip of a lifetime begins! If you purchased airline tickets through YMT Vacations, a friendly representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. The evening is yours to enjoy until you are invited to sit down for a dinner at the hotel. Get acquainted with your traveling companions and learn about the exciting days ahead. (D)

✦ Silken Torre Garden or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Madrid, Spain

Wake up bright and early in Madrid, the capital city of Spain. Enjoy a panoramic tour including photo stops at some of Madrid's most historic and iconic sights. See Plaza de España, Plaza de Colon, Plaza de la Independencia, Plaza Mayor, the Old City Center, Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas, Retiro Park, and the upscale Salamanca neighborhood. (B)

✦ Silken Torre Garden or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Toledo & Valencia, Spain

Stop in the fascinating city of Toledo on your way from Madrid to Valencia. Enjoy a walking tour of Toledo Old Town, including admission to the stunning Toledo Cathedral. This magnificent cathedral is considered by many to be the greatest example of Gothic architecture in the world, and is just one of three 13th-century High Gothic cathedrals in all of Spain. (B, D)

✦ Eurostars Acteon or similar

## Day 5 • Valencia City Tour & Leisure Time in Barcelona

Get to know the largest city on the Mediterranean with a half day city tour. You can see Valencia's old town, Cathedral, and the City of Arts and Sciences, a beautiful cultural and architectural complex and one of the 12 Treasures of Spain. In the afternoon, you will transfer to Barcelona and spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

♦ H10 Marina or similar

## 🛱 Day 6 • Barcelona, Spain

Today, enjoy a city tour of Barcelona and see the views from Montjuic, the hill overlooking the city, Passeig de Gràcia, Plaça de Catalunya, and Plaça d'Espanya. Barcelona is home to several impressive works of the famous Antoni GaudÍ, including the Sagrada Familia, Park Güell, and Casa Batlló. Other sights include Barcelona's popular shopping street, and the venues of the 1992 Olympic Games.

Spend the afternoon enjoying Barcelona at your leisure or consider joining an optional tour. A spectacular display of architecture, Barcelona boasts 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites for you to enjoy, as well as sandy coastline, food, cultural and artistic exhibitions, and terrific shopping. (B)

♦ H10 Marina or similar











# Day 7 • Embark in Barcelona, Spain (Departs at 6:00 PM)

After a relaxing morning and afternoon in Barcelona, board the *MSC World Europa* and get settled into your comfortable stateroom.

# Day 8 • Marseille, France (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Marseille was first established in 600 BC, making it France's oldest city. Among the terracotta-roofed buildings lie many intriguing sights, including the majestic Palais Longchamp and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde.

## 着 Day 9 🔹 Genoa, Italy

(8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Continue to Genoa, a port city which has maintained much its Renaissance charm over the centuries. Snake through its twisty caruggi, the narrow streets that make guests feel like they're traveling back in time. The striking, UNESCO-listed Palazzi dei Rolli is a must see.

# **Day 10** • Naples, Italy (1:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Naples was first settled by the Greeks over 3,000 years ago, making it one of the oldest continuously inhabited urban areas in the world. It's unsurprising that Naples has always been such a desirable destination; it's perched 400 feet above the Mediterranean, which gives the city incredible views!

It is home to the largest historic city center in Europe, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the stunning Amalfi Coast or picturesque Sorrento on an optional shore excursion. And don't miss out on a slice or two of genuine Neapolitan pizza, which is the simple yet perfect forefather of the takeout pizza we know and love today!

# **Day 11** • Messina, Sicily (9:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

Spend the day in Messina, one of the most popular cities on the breathtaking island of Sicily. The people of Messina are renowned for their hospitality, which you will be charmed by as you explore famous sites like the Piazza del Duomo, the city's historic center, and the magnificent Messina Cathedral.

The cathedral's bell tower holds the world's largest astronomical clock. When the clock strikes noon, you can enjoy an elaborate automata where brass figures mounted on moving mechanisms tell a gripping story starring lions, roosters, and local heroes. Before you leave, be sure to enjoy some delicious Sicilian cuisine—especially authentic cannoli.

# **Day 12** • Valletta, Malta (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Valletta, one of the world's smallest capitals, is so packed with history that the entire city has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Despite its small size, Valletta is full of sites of historical significance, including buildings dating back to the 16th century. This fortified city has hundreds of monuments within a relatively small space, making it one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world.

## 着 Day 13 🛛 At Sea

Day 14 • Disembark in Barcelona, Spain (Arrives at 9:00 AM)

Disembark this morning, then spend one final day on your own in Barcelona. (D)

♦ H10 Itaca or similar

## X Day 15 • Depart for Home (B)



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## Single Supplement from \$1,300

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## DAY 6 - MONTSERRAT WITH RAIL

Visit the Benedictine monk mountain retreat known as the Montserrat Monastery via the Rack Railway & see breathtaking scenery with views of the Catalan countryside. <sup>\$</sup>79 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

## 14 DAYS from-\$2,549\* \$2,299\*

# HOLY LANDS & AEGEAN CRUISE

Featuring NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the ancient site of Delphi, where the ancient world's most influential oracle made her history-altering prophecies
- Spend a day in Istanbul, the world's only city that spans two continents
- Visit the island of Patmos, where the Book of Revelation was penned
- Discover Philistine history in Ashdod, Israel
- Tour the city of Athens including the legendary Parthenon

## INCLUDES

9-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Jade, 3-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

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Athens • Delphi • Piraeus • Kusadasi • Istanbul • Patmos Island • Ashdod • Haifa • Limassol • Rhodes • aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Jade* 

The ancient world comes alive on this spectacular cruise tour rich with scenery and history. Explore the beautiful coastal countries of Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Cyprus whose culture, customs, and cuisine were influenced by the earliest civilizations.

## X Day 1 🔹 Depart for Greece

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

## 💥 Day 2 • Arrive in Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens, Greece, the land of history's greatest philosophers and the birthplace of democracy. If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. This evening, you'll get a chance to meet all your fellow travelers and your Tour Director at an informative welcome briefing and included welcome dinner. (D)

♦ Athens Marriott or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 Delphi, Greece

After a stunning drive from Athens, tour the dazzling site of Delphi. This sacred mountain sanctuary to the god Apollo was once home to the ancient world's most powerful soothsayer, the Oracle of Delphi. Lying on the slopes of Mount Parnassus high above the Gulf of Corinth, this is one of the most famous historic sites in Greece. It was known throughout the ancient Greek world and beyond as the source of ultimate wisdom. Today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Delphi is one of the most important sites remaining from the classical period of ancient Greece. (B)

✦ Hotel Amalia or Similar

# Day 4 • Sightseeing in Piraeus (Athens) and Embark the Norwegian Jade (Departs at 5:00 PM)

Piraeus, the port city of Athens, is rich with history. Visit the Piraeus Archaeological Museum to see incredible artifacts from the Mycenaean to the Roman times. Witness the evolution of Ancient Greece by observing how people lived through pieces ranging from cooking tools to weapons to life-size statues. After an included lunch, embark on the Norwegian *Jade*. (B)

## Day 5 • Kusadasi, Turkey (8:00 AM - 2:30 PM)

Take a journey into the past in richly historic Ephesus, now known as Kusadasi. An important city to the Ancient Greeks, Ephesus was built, destroyed, and rebuilt again. It was once even home to the famed Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It still boasts bountiful ruins and archaeological excavation sites. You can visit the Roman Library of Celsus, the Gate of Augustus, the Tomb of John the Apostle, or the Basilica of St. John.

## **Day 6** • Istanbul, Turkey (10:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Istanbul is a fascinating global city that straddles the lines between Europe and Asia, Christianity and Islam, and the past and the future. Since being settled in the 7th century BC, the city traded hands between Romans,

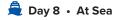
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Persians, Byzantines, Arabs, and Ottomans. This multiculturalism is reflected across Istanbul, particularly in its most famous sights. The Hagia Sophia was a founded in the 6th century as a Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Centuries later it was converted into a mosque and is now one of the most visited museums in the world. The Strait of Bosporus is another must-see on your visit to Istanbul. This narrow strait that cuts through the middle of the city divides Europe and Asia. Did you know that Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents?

## 荱 Day 7 • Patmos Island, Greece (1:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Welcome to Patmos, the world-famous Aegean island where St. John was said to have written the Book of Revelation. The UNESCOrecognized Cave of the Apocalypse and 11th century Monastery of St. John the Theologian are the island's most famous sites, and fascinating for visitors of all religions. Because Patmos is so small and can only be reached by boat, it has retained its traditional feel.



## 覺 Day 9 • Ashdod, Isreal (6:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

Ashdod, found on Israel's sunny Mediterranean coast, is a vital part of this area's ancient history. Ashdod was founded in the 17th century BCE, and is mentioned over a dozen times in the Bible. The port city was ruled for many years by the Philistines, and houses the world's only museum dedicated to the mysterious Philistine culture. Just an hour away is one of the oldest and most holy cities in the world, Jerusalem. Venture to the capitol of Israel and immerse

yourself with a visit to the Temple Mount, a walled compound in the old city home to Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, a place of prayer and pilgrimage sacred to the Jewish people.

## 晕 Day 10 🔹 Haifa, Israel (6:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

One of the most picturesque regions in the Middle East, Israel's third largest city is built on the slopes of Mount Carmel. Its Bahá'í Gardens are the largest hanging gardens in the world, and many visitors are also drawn to the Cave of Elijah. The boutiques on Massada Street and the artists village of Ein Hod featuring hand-blown glass and one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Haifa is also close to holy sites like Galilee, Nazareth, and Tel Aviv.

## 着 Day 11 🔹 Limassol, Cyprus (7:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

A strategic garrison for Richard the Lionhearted during the Third Crusade, Limassol is home to many archaeological sites, as well as plentiful contemporary boutiques. Don't miss the centuriesold Limassol Castle, home to the Cyprus Medieval Museum's collection of pottery and tombstones.

## 👮 Day 12 🔹 Rhodes, Greece

(8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

The remarkable walled city of this Greek island just off the coast of Turkey is now one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. Discover the old fortified city on your own. Perhaps visit the acropolis of Lindos to see where the Colossus of Rhodes once stood.

🚊 🛱 Day 13 🛛 Disembark in Piraeus (Athens), Greece (Arrives at 7:00 AM)

After disembarking this morning, enjoy a halfday sightseeing tour of Athens. You will see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament, the monument of the Unknown Soldier and Constitution Square. Then it's on to the most famous site in Athens—the Acropolis. It is topped by the stunning 2,500-year-old Parthenon Temple built to honor the goddess Athena. Finally, visit the new Acropolis Museum. Spend one last night exploring Athens on your own

💥 Day 14 • Depart for Home (B)



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## Single Supplement from \$1,500

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Dubrovnik, Croatia

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## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Included city tours of Milan, Florence, and Bologna
- Visit Michelangelo's sculpture of David
- See the dramatic angles of the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Look up at the whitewashed homes of Santorini
- Enjoy Corfu's spectacular beaches

## INCLUDES

7-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Gem*, 4-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 6 meals on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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Milan • Florence • Pisa • Bologna • Venice • Kotor • Corfu • Santorini • Mykonos • Argostoli • Dubrovnik • aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Gem* 

Enjoy a cruise and land tour through Greece, Italy, and other stunning Mediterranean countries on a celebration of this remarkable region's ancient history and modern charm.

## X Day 1 • Depart for Italy

Your vacation begins on an overnight flight to Europe.

## 💥 Day 2 • Arrive in Milan, Italy

Welcome to Milan! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy, until the included dinner at the hotel begins. (D)

✦ Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 • Milan to Florence via Pisa

Start your morning with a tour of Milan. Your panoramic sightseeing tour highlights will include the Piazza del Duomo, the main central square surrounded by buildings such as Milan's Gothic cathedral and the Royal Palace of Milan. You'll also have a chance to see Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, and La Scala Opera House.

Next, take a scenic drive to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the most famous architectural bungle in history. Your night ends in Florence. (B)

✦ Radisson Blu Florence or similar

## Day 4 • Florence and Michelangelo's David

Wake up bright and early for a walking tour of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. See the 13th century Duomo with the Brunelleschi dome and Giotto's Campanile; Ghiberti's golden "Gates of Paradise" doors at the Baptistery of St. John; the Piazza della Signoria; and the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge over the River Arno.

You will also make a stop at the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's legendary statue of David, a striking masterpiece that is considered the finest sculpture in the world. (B)

✦ Radisson Blu Florence or similar

## Day 5 • Bologna and Embarkation in Venice (Departs at 5:00 PM)

Probably best known for its culinary tradition, Bologna also has an impressive history and is home to the world's oldest university, which was founded in 1088. After lunch and free time on your own, you'll embark on the NCL *Gem* this evening from Venice. (B)

## Day 6 • Kotor, Montenegro (2:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

A tiny coastal town blessed with stunning views and over 2,000 years of history, Kotor offers an authentic glimpse into the past. Kotor has a phenomenal UNESCO-recognized Old City that was built between the 12th and 14th centuries

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and is filled with medieval architecture and historic monuments, including the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Tryphon. When you get hungry, seafood lovers should order one of Montenegro's signature dishes, black risotto, which gets its purple hue from cuttlefish ink!

# **Day 7** • Corfu, Greece (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Corfu is one of Greece's most naturally beautiful islands—full of plant life and stunning beaches. In addition, the culture and history reflect numerous influences—from Venetian fortresses to colorful Byzantine churches to ruins from ancient times. Corfu is the perfect Greek island to sightsee, or to just relax and enjoy a dip in the Ionian Sea.

# Day 8 • Santorini, Greece

Today is yours to explore the paradise of Santorini at your own pace. Enjoy the day and take in the majesty of the island's spectacular volcanic cliffs! Santorini is also famous for the stacked whitewashed houses of Fira, the island's main town perched on the side of the caldera. On the southern side of the island, the resorts of Kamari and Perissa are known for their black volcanic sand, and Santorini is also renowned for producing some of the best wine in Greece.

# **Day 9** • Mykonos, Greece (7:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Wandering Mykonos on foot is easy. The central part of Mykonos Town is closed to traffic during most of the day, and will delight you with its whitewashed cubic houses, labyrinth of narrow streets, beautiful churches, lovely chapels, and bountiful purple bougainvillea!

# **Day 10** • Argostoli, Greece (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

The island of Kelafonia is full of incredible sights that visitors from around the world fall in love with—chief among them the views of the mesmerizingly blue Ionian Sea you can enjoy from nearly everywhere in Argostoli. In addition, the Lithostroto and Rizospaston are two of the main pedestrian-friendly thoroughfares in town, and are great places to eat, shop, people watch, and enjoy the lovely weather and atmosphere.

# **Day 11** • Dubrovnik, Croatia (7:30 AM - 1:30 PM)

Dubrovnik is guaranteed to be a highlight of your trip. It is widely considered to be one of Europe's most magical cities, owing largely to its aweinspiring Old City. Enclosed by imposing stone walls, much of the Old City dates back centuries, including its spectacular 800-year-old Gothic monastery and the world's oldest pharmacy serving Franciscan friars since 1317!

## Day 12 • Debarkation in Venice and Transfer to Milan (Arrives at 8:00 AM)

After disembarkation this morning in Venice, enjoy a sightseeing tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site that has remained a diverse and successful city in the twenty-first century entirely without cars or trucks. Wander the canals and alleyways lined with boutiques, or simply relax with an espresso or refreshing gelato. Continue to Milan where you will enjoy a delicious included Farewell Feast. (D)

♦ Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa or similar

💥 Day 13 • Depart for Home (B)



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## DAY 6 - TUSCAN WINE TASTING

Enjoy your evening in classic Tuscan style with a vineyard tour, wine tasting and 3-course dinner. <sup>\$</sup>72 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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# GRAND EUROPEAN CRUISE

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## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover Amsterdam on an illuminating canal cruise and city tour
- Explore Hamburg, famous for its historical architecture and musical heritage
- Fall in love with Lisbon on a full-day port stop in this adored mecca for foodies
- Stroll the streets of Málaga, which inspired its most famous son, Pablo Picasso
- Experience the Renaissance in Florence

## INCLUDES

14-night cruise aboard Costa Cruise Line's *Firenze*, 6-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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Amsterdam • Bremen • Hamburg • Kiel • Copenhagen • Kristiansand • Le Havre • La Coruña • Lisbon • Cádiz • Málaga • Barcelona • Marseille • Savona • Pisa • Florence • Rome aboard Costa Cruise Line's *Firenze* 

Make the most of your European vacation on this dream tour of unique, culturally vibrant European destinations. Explore leading global capitals, cities that changed the course of history, foodie destinations, and more as you travel from highlight to highlight around Europe.

## 🗙 Day 1 • Depart for Amsterdam

## 💥 Day 2 • Arrive in Amstedam

# 🛱 Day 3 • Amsterdam Canal Cruise & City Tour

Enjoy a half-day boat tour through Amsterdam's scenic canals, where you will see the New Church, the National Monument, and the Skinny Bridge across the River Amstel. Your cruise concludes in central Amsterdam, at which point you will continue for a short time on foot before stopping for free time and lunch on your own. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. (B)

✦ Grand Hotel Amstelveen or similar

## 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Bremen & Hamburg

Stop for lunch in beautiful Bremen, Germany's oldest coastal city known for its lively culture and attractions. Famously, Bremen's City Hall is housed in a UNESCO-listed 15th century Gothic civic building.Continue to Hamburg, Germany's largest port city which is as renowned for its musical heritage as its architecture. (B)

+ Hotel Steigenberger or similar

# **Embarkation in Kiel** (Departs at 1:00 PM)

Start your day with a city tour of Hamburg. Standouts include the glass and brick Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall and the Medieval City's half-timbered structures. Relax on your own or join us for an extra special optional tour.Transfer to Kiel for embarkation. Get settled into your cabin this afternoon on the *Costa Firenze*. (B)

## **Day 6** • Copenhagen, Denmark (10:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

The Danish capital was first established in the 10th century, and during your time in this vibrant city you'llhave the chance to learn about its storied history while enjoying the cutting-edge technology that it now embraces.

## Day 7 • Kristiansand, Norway (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Spend the day enjoying Kristiansand, Norway's southernmost city and one of its most popular tourism destinations. Nicknamed Norway's Hollywood, you'll find no shortage of things to do in Norway's fifth largest city. Sites include the Kristiansand Zoo, Ravnedalen Valley Nature Park, and the white sand Bystranda Beach.

着 Day 8 🔹 At Sea

**曼 Day 9 • Le Havre, France** (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

When you arrive in Le Havre, France, opportunities to tour the attractions of the Normandy



countryside await as soon as you leave your ship, while the sights of Paris are only 2.5 hours by highspeed train. Omaha Beach, the site of D-Day, is another option for a memorable daytrip.

着 Day 10 🔹 At Sea

# **Day 11** • La Coruña, Spain (9:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

La Coruña centers on a narrow peninsula that juts from Spain's northern coast, and is known for it's plentiful seafood at the world's oldest working lighthouse.



# **Day 13** • Lisbon, Portugal (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Welcome to Portugal's hilly coastal capital, watched over by 7 picturesque hills. The peaks' view of Lisbon's historic streets and stately ruins, mixed seamlessly with the modern world that grew up around them, is one of Europe's prettiest

# **Day 14** • Cádiz, Spain (10:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

Cádiz boasts well-preserved ancient streets, seaside fortresses, and Moorish architecture infused with the easy going energy of contemporary Southern Spain.

## 着 Day 15 🔹 Málaga, Spain

(8:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

The city that gave the world Picasso remains a wonderful place to visit. Explore art galleries, eat some of Spain's beachside cuisine, see La Manquita, or enjoy Málaga's fortresses, Alcazaba and Castillo de Gibralfaro.

# **Day 17** • Barcelona, Spain 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Barcelona boasts 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, as well as a long, sandy coastline, fabulous food, cultural and artistic exhibitions, and shopping. Use your time in this port to see Las Ramblas, Gaudí's Sagrada Familia, Olympic Park, and views from Montjuic.

# **Day 18** • Marseille, France (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Marseille is France's oldest city. Among the terracotta-roofed buildings lie many intriguing sights, including the majestic Palais Longchamp and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde.

## Day 19 • Disembarkation in Savona, Pisa & Florence (Arrives at 8:00 AM)

Disembark this morning in Savona. Next, take a scenic drive to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Your night ends in Florence.

✦ Hotel Firenze Pitti Palace or similar

## 🛱 Day 20 🔹 Florence & Rome

Wake up early for a walking tour of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. See the 13th century Duomo with the Brunelleschi dome and Giotto's Campanile; Ghiberti's golden "Gates of Paradise" doors at the Baptistery of St. John; the Piazza della Signoria; and the Ponte Vecchio.

Enjoy lunch on your own before heading to Rome for a panoramic city tour. Today's sights include outside views of the Roman Forum; the exterior of the Colosseum; the statues, fountains, and cobblestone expanse of the Piazza Navona; the lavish Trevi Fountain; and the Spanish Steps.

♦ Ergife Palace or similar

## 🛱 Day 21 🔹 Rome Leisure Day

There is history wherever you look in Rome, not to mention world-class shopping, outstanding food, and a vibrant culture. Spend the day enjoying the Eternal City on your own, or enjoy a YMT optional tour. The evening ends with a memorable included farewell feast. (D)

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- See London's most famous sights on a city tour of England's dazzling capital city
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## X Day 1 • Depart for London

## X Day 2 • Arrive in London

If you purchased airline tickets through YMT Vacations, a friendly representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Settle into your comfortable hotel, or take a stroll through the bustling streets of England's dazzling capital city. The afternoon and evening are yours to relax at your own pace until guests are invited to sit down for a delicious included Welcome Feast at the hotel. (D)

♦ Copthorne Tara or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 🔹 London Sightseeing

Savor a delicious breakfast before stepping out into London for a city tour of one of history's most influential capitals. See the Tower of London, Big Ben, and Piccadilly Square; and take a tour of the world-famous coronation site of Westminster Abbey. Stop for photos at Buckingham Palace, and then cross the street for a private high tea at the historic Palace Hotel overlooking the Royal Mews. The refined afternoon snacks will include delicate sandwiches, pastries, and cakes, as well as coffee, and perfectly prepared cups of fine English tea. (B, high tea)

♦ Copthorne Tara or similar

🛱 Day 4 🔹 London Leisure Day

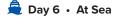
Explore London, whose centuries-old landmarks live in harmony with their modern surroundings. There is much to see and do on your free day in this famous city on the Thames! You can also choose to take an optional tour of Windsor Castle, the stunning British residence that has housed English queens and kings since the time of Henry I. (B)

London, England

♦ Copthorne Tara or similar

# (Departs at 5:00 PM)

Spend a free morning exploring London on your own. Get settled into your cabin this afternoon on the NCL *Dawn*; you'll set sail this evening. (B)



# **Day 7** • Newhaven (Edinburgh), Scotland (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Scotland's beautifully maintained capital city is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and highlights include the Royal Scottish Academy, The Georgian House, St. Giles Cathedral, The Scottish Parliament, Greyfriars Bobby, and Edinburgh Castle.

# **Day 8** • Invergordon (Inverness), Scotland (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Spend the day in Invergordon in the legendary Scottish Highlands, famous for its wild and majestic landscapes.











Today is yours to explore Kirkwal. The "Heart of Neolithic Orkney" is a group of 5,000-year-old sites, including Skara Brae, a preserved village with a reconstructed house, and Maeshowe, a burial tomb incorporating Viking carvings.

# Day 10 • Belfast, Northern Ireland (12:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

Spend the day enjoying this picturesque capital city on Northern Ireland's east coast. The city is divided into "quarters," such as the Titanic Quarter, which is anchored by the Titanic Belfast museum, or the Cathedral Quarter, which is the cultural center of Belfast.

**Day 11** • Liverpool (8:30 AM - 7:00 PM)

Enjoy Liverpool, a port city from where over 9 million emigrants left England for a new life in America. Liverpoool is home to the Royal Liver Building, the headquarters of the White Star Line, the Albert Docks, and the two cathedrals of Hope Street.

# **Day 12** • Dublin, Ireland (7:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

Arrive in Dublin, capital city of the "Emerald Isle." Dublin is laid out perfectly for walkers, so shops, restaurants, the River Liffey, and many other highlights are easy to explore on foot. The Bank of Ireland, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Trinity College are some of the city's most popular draws for visitors.

**Day 13** • Cork, Ireland (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Experience Cork, Ireland's second largest city that is bursting with charm. Look out for grand

Georgian avenues, 17th-century alleys, modern masterpieces such as the opera house, and narrow streets crammed with pubs, shops, cafes and restaurants.

St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland

# **Day 14** • Portland, England (11:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

Welcome to the Portland, UK, a stunning island in the English Channel just off of Dorset's southern coast. Sit down to some of Britain's finest fish and chips in local restaurants, visit the Portland Castle or Portland Bill Lighthouse, or take in the scenery of the UNESCO-recognized Jurassic Coast.

## Day 15 • Disembarkation in London, Stonehenge & Bath (Arrives at 5:00 AM)

Disembark in London, then go back in time to explore two of England's oldest sites: Stonehenge and the Roman Baths. Stonehenge is the instantly recognizable ring of stones built approximately 5,000 yearsago. With no written

approximately 5,000 yearsago. With no written records, the purpose of the monument and the methods of its construction remain a mystery. In Bath, we tour of some of the best Roman ruins

in the world. Romans first used Bath's natural hot springs when Claudius invaded Britain in 43 AD. They turned the site into a religious shrine that housed incredibly complex bathing areas with cold rooms, warm rooms, and a massive central

## FEATURED DAY 3 - LONDON EYE & DINNER

OPTIONAL: Take a ride high above the Thames on the London Eye. After seeing London from high above, experience it on a more intimate level by breaking bread at a local pub. Starts at \$149 p/p. *Price varies by departure date. Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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- pool. Enjoy an evening farewell feast. (D)
- ✦ Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel or similar

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## 🗙 Day 16 • Depart for Home (B)



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#### DAY 4 - DAY TOUR TO WINDSOR CASTLE & PUB LUNCH

Visit Windsor Castle, the British residence that has housed English queens and kings since the time of Henry I. Enjoy an included traditional pub lunch. <sup>\$</sup>119 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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# NORWEGIAN FJORDS EXPLORER



## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Stand in awe of the breathtaking Hardangerfjord as you visit the tiny village of Eidfjord, located on the shores of one of Norway's most beautiful fjords
- Enjoy the highlights of Amsterdam on a memorable city tour
- See the colorful houses of Stavanger

#### INCLUDES

7-night European cruise aboard Costa Cruise Line's *Firenze*, 5-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 6 breakfast and 2 dinners on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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## **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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Amsterdam • Bremen • Hamburg • Copenhagen • Hellesylt • Geiranger • Flåm • Stavanger • Berlin • Norwegian Fjords aboard Costa Cruise Line's *Firenze* 

Slowly cut over thousands of years by mighty glaciers, Norway's stunning fjords radiate from the sea. Surrounded by cliffs, they have stood as the playgrounds of Norse gods, the proving grounds of Viking kings, and the home to a modern people with a friendly culture and colorful heritage.

## X Day 1 🔹 Depart for Europe

Your journey begins on an overnight transatlantic flight.

## Day 2 • Arrive in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Welcome to Amsterdam! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a YMT representative will greet you at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and transport you to the hotel. This evening, relax on your own. Then get to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner where you will learn about the exciting days ahead. (D)

♦ Grand Hotel Amstelveen or similar

## 🛱 Day 3 • Amsterdam City Tour

Enjoy a half-day boat tour through Amsterdam's scenic canals, where you will see the New Church, the National Monument, and the Skinny Bridge across the River Amstel. Your cruise concludes in central Amsterdam, at which point you will continue for a short time on foot before stopping for free time and lunch on your own. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. (B)

♦ Grand Hotel Amstelveen or similar

## 🚽 Day 4 🔹 Bremen & Hamburg

Stop for lunch in beautiful Bremen, Germany's oldest coastal city known for its lively culture and numerous stunning attractions. Famously, Bremen's City Hall is housed in a UNESCO-listed 15th century Gothic civic building.

Continue to Hamburg, the "gateway to the world." Germany's largest port city is as renowned for its musical heritage as its stunning architecture. (B)

✦ Hotel Steigenberger or similar

# **Embarkation** (Departs at 8:00 PM)

Start your day with a city tour of Hamburg. Standouts include the glass and brick Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall, St. Michael's Church, and the Medieval City's half-timbered structures. Transfer to Kiel for embarkation. Get settled into your cabin this afternoon on the *Costa Firenze*. (B)

## Day 6 • Copenhagen, Norway (10:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

The Danish capital was first established in the 10th century, and during your time in this vibrant city you'll have the chance to learn about its storied history while enjoying the cutting-edge technology that it now embraces. If you're interested in shopping, take a stroll through a few of Copenhagen's boutiques. Scandinavian clothing and home goods are world-famous for their thoughtful, innovative, minimalist design, and you can make some great purchases right here in Copenhagen.



# 🚊 Day 7 • At Sea

# 🚊 Days 8 • Hellesylt and Geiranger,

Norway (8:00 AM - 10:00 AM) (12:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

As you cruise through what many consider to be the most beautiful fjord in the world, discover Hellesylt and Geiranger, two villages sitting at either end of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Geirangerfjord. Enjoy awe-inspiring views, charming farmhouses, and spectacular waterfalls on your cruise through the fjords. These long, narrow fingers of the ocean were formed over countless millenia by glacial movement. They may look like clear mountain lakes, but these narrow inlets are actually offshoots of the sea. They are slowly-formed canyons, surrounded by steep cliffs and filled with ocean water, that jut deep into the Norwegian interior.

# 着 Day 9 • Flåm, Norway

(10:00 AM - 6:00 AM)

Spend the day in Flåm, one of Norway's most visited destinations. Located on the shore of the Aurlandsfjord, this small yet magnificent village is the definition of postcard pretty. Flam's 350 residents welcome nearly 450,000 tourists each year to enjoy the scenery, hiking, and one of the world's most scenic railways. Winding through majestic mountains and past countless waterfalls, the 2-hour, round-trip train ride on the Flam Railway is worth every penny. There is also exceptional and easily accessible hiking in Flam. Or, for dairy lovers, the region is famous for its goat cheese.

# 💂 Day 10 🔹 Stavanger, Norway (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

There is no shortage of things to see and do in Stavanger! Stop by the Old Cathedral, visit one of the fascinating museums, or stroll down the shopping street Øvre Holmegate, known for its colorful houses during your leisure time in port today. This scenic and historic town is a lovely example of rich culture in a growing metropolis.

# 着 Day 11 🔹 At Sea

# 🚊 🖬 Dav 12 🔹 Disembarkation and Transfer to Berlin (Arrives at 8:00 AM)

Your morning starts with disembarkation in Kiel and motorcoach transportation back to Berlin with a lunch stop in Lubeck en route. The rest of the day will be at your leisure until dinnertime, when you are invited to an included sit-down Farewell Feast. (D)

♦ Abba Berlin or similar

# Day 13 🔹 Berlin City Tour

On today's fascinating tour, Berlin's history and culture from before and after WWII are on fascinating display. Start with a city tour, where you will see everything from the Brandenburg Gate to Checkpoint Charlie, to the beautiful gardens and museums that pepper Germany's sophisticated capital. You might want to try a currywurst today—the sausage covered with a mixture of curry powder and ketchup has become the quintessential German street food.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening on your own and, if you choose, take one of our optional tours. (B)

♦ Abba Berlin or similar

# 💥 Day 14 • Depart for Home (B)



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# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cruise the Rhine over 5 nights immersed in French hospitality aboard the ms *Beethoven*
- Travel past Roman-era vineyards on a minitrain ride through historic Rüdesheim
- Spend free time in Amsterdam, where you can travel on scenic canals and explore several of the world's leading art museums at your leisure
- Guided city tours of Frankfurt and Brussels

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5-night river cruise aboard CroisiEurope's ms *Beethoven*, 3-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, 3 breakfast, 3 dinners on the land portion and all meals and select drinks while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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# 🗙 Day 1 🔹 Depart for Germany

♦ Overnight in flight

# X Day 2 🔹 Arrive in Frankfurt

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. This evening, relax on your own and get to know your fellow travelers over an included welcome dinner at your hotel, and learn about the days ahead. (D)

Intercity Frankfurt Airport Hotel or similar

### Day 3 • Frankfurt City Tour, Strasbourg via Heidelberg, and Embarkation (6:00 PM)

Today begins with a guided tour of Frankfurt, a charming international city full of museums, shops, and restaurants that cater to English speakers. See Frankfurt Cathedral, a great example of Gothic Roman Catholic architecture; St. Paul's Church, where President Kennedy made a stirring speech in 1963; and the Römer, a medieval building that has served as Frankfurt's city hall for over 600 years.

Next, stop in enchanting Heidelberg for lunch on your own. Home to a beautiful baroque old town, Germany's oldest university, and the stunning Heidelberg Castle, it is one of Germany's most popular tourist destinations. We'll then continue to Strasbourg to embark the ms *Beethoven*. Settle in on the *Beethoven* and enjoy dinner onboard as you sail to Iffezheim. (B)

# 🚔 Day 4 • Rüdesheim

The morning, cruise down the Rhine to Rüdesheim and discover famous Roman-era vineyards and breathtaking views of the river. In Rüdesheim, enjoy time on your own to explore the famous Drosselgasse, the central area of the city's lively Old Town. Be sure to look up at least once at the chiming bells that punctuate daily life in Rüdesheim—the town has two massive carillon bells, found in the tower of the Rüdesheimer Schloss restaurant and hotel, and in the windows of Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet.

sterdam, Netherlands

# 🚔 Day 5 • Cologne to Düsseldorf

Today we cruise to one of Germany's most important metropolitan regions, Cologne. We set out to discover the city before continuing to Düsseldorf, the City of Fashion. Look for the Rhine Tower—the world's largest digital clock and the famous Königsallee.

# 🚔 Day 6 • Düsseldorf to Amsterdam

Today we continue from Düsseldorf to the magical city of Amsterdam. Discover the charm of the renowned Amsterdam canals, which provide an ideal vantage point to see the city's wonderful architecture. There are four large canals surrounding the center—the Prinsengracht, Keizersgracht, Herengracht, and Singel canals. The Singel river was transformed into a canal in the 14th century to become part of the city's defensive belt, while the other



three were conceived at the beginning of the Golden Age as a means to expand the city. The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam is widely considered to be one of Europe's most sophisticated cities.

# 🚔 Day 7 • Amsterdam

Amsterdam is one of the most extraordinary cities in the world thanks in large part to how it celebrates its past. For a perfect example, look no further than the De Gooyer Windmill, which at 87 feet is the tallest wooden mill in the Netherlands. It is the last of a large group of corn mills built between the 17th and the end of the 19th centuries on the bastions of the city walls. In addition, Amsterdam has a bustling Diamond District, the famous Bloemenmarkt floating flower market, one of the most fragrant places in Amsterdam thanks to its thousands of blooms. Included in your tour is a visit to the 79-acre Keukenhof flower garden, where you will enjoy the sights and scents of tulips in bloom.

Amsterdam is also the ultimate destination for art lovers—during your free time here, perhaps visit some of the museums devoted to Vincent van Gogh, modern street art, and contemporary art. Be sure not to miss one of the finest museums in the world, the 200-year-old Rijksmuseum. It is overflowing with spectacular pieces, including works from Dutch masters like Rembrandt, Johannes Vermeer, and of course, van Gogh.

# Day 8 • Disembarkation in Amsterdam and Brussels City Tour (9:00 AM)

Disembark in Amsterdam this morning and travel to Brussels for an included tour of its most famous landmarks. Explore highlights like the historic Grand Place, Manneken Pis, Atomium, and cultural institutions such as La Monnaie and the Royal Museums of Art and History. Boasting cafes, museums, flower markets, and historic buildings, Brussels is a fantastic city to explore. Let your mind wander as you take in one of Europe's most welcoming capitals. (D)

Bedford Hotel or similar

# 🛱 Day 9 • Cologne City Tour and Frankfurt

Today we discover Cologne on another guided tour, a former Roman province and influential medieval and Renaissance era trade base that was nearly wiped out during WWII. Virtually all of the city's buildings were built after the war, and the landscape is characterized by simple and modest post-war buildings, with just a few pre-war buildings that were either rebuilt or miraculously untouched during Allied air raids. Don't miss the spectacularly spired Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Germany's most visited landmark. In addition, we recommend partaking in Kölsch, Cologne's official beer, served in a traditional 200ml glass, called a Stangen, while you're here. "Zum wohl" means "to your health," and is a very common toast. We then continue to Frankfurt, where your evening ends with an included farewell dinner. (B, D)

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# 🛪 Day 10 • Depart for Home (B)



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# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit Salzburg, the home of Mozart and the singing von Trapp family, who you will learn about on an included *Sound of Music* Tour
- Spend time in refined Vienna, one of the world's most influential capital cities
- Sit down for a filling farewell feast at Munich's most legendary beer hall, the original Hofbräuhaus

### INCLUDES

5-night river cruise aboard A-ROSA's *Flora or* A-ROSA's *Bella*, 3-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, daily breakfast and 2 dinners on the land portion and all meals and most drinks while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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Travel down the brilliant blue Danube, experiencing the nature, history, and culture of riverside settlements in Germany, Austria, and Slovakia. Fall in love with intimate villages, sophisticated cities, and the sprawling countryside found on the banks of Europe's second-longest river.

# Z Days 1 • Depart for Germany

Your journey begins on an overnight flight to Europe.

# X Day 2 • Arrive in Munich

Welcome to Germany! If you purchased airline tickets through YMT Vacations, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to your hotel in Munich, one of the world's most lively cities. Get acquainted with your traveling companions and learn about the exciting days ahead at an included dinner. (D)

✦ Amedia Vitalis Munich or similar

# 🛱 Day 3 • Munich to Salzburg, Austria

Start the morning with breakfast in Munich, well known for its German cuisine, beer specialties, and the original Oktoberfest; it also has a vibrant art scene and beautifully preserved architecture.

From there, travel to Salzburg for a city tour of this stunning ancient capital. First settled during the Neolithic Age, it has been home to Celts, Romans, and the singing von Trapp family in the many centuries since. See the Salzach River, the Baroque and Gothic architecture of Salzburg's Altstadt area, and the Alpine views that make Salzburg a popular tourist destinations.

In addition, Salzburg was home to one of the

most beloved musicians in history—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Mozart's presence is still felt here—walk the same cobblestone streets as the young genius on an included walking tour. You will view the Old Town area, St. Peter's Abbey, Mozart's Birthplace and have time for shopping in Getreidegasse. You may wish to simply enjoy a performance at one of the many restaurants that offer live music in a variety of genres. (B)

Salzburg, Austria

✦ Austria Trend Hotel Europa Wien or similar

# Day 4 • Embarkation in Engelhartszell (Departs at 5:00 PM)

Fans of the von Trapp family, or just of Julie Andrews' awe-inspiringly beautiful singing voice, are sure to enjoy today's *Sound of Music* tour, where guests will learn the real history behind the beloved musical. This panoramic tour will include views of the Mirabell Gardens, Schloss Leopoldskron, Hellbrunn Palace and Mondsee Basilica.

Get settled on the A-ROSA's ship\* this evening and set off down the Danube. (B) *Note:* March 17 departure will be on A-ROSA's Bella, Oct 27 departure will be on A-ROSA's Flora.

# 🚔 Day 5 🔹 Vienna, Austria

(1:00 PM - 4:00 AM Next Day)

Today is yours to enjoy Vienna, one of history's greatest cities, whose impact on the world's



music and culture cannot be overstated. Ample evidence remains of the role it played as the grand setting for classical performances by Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Johannes Brahms. It is home to opulent palaces like the Hofburg, and the stunning Vienna State Opera House. In addition, Vienna is full of museums: you can find institutions devoted to music, art, history, dance, the Habsburgs, and of course Sigmund Freud, the Vienna-based neurologist whose controversial theories on psychology became infamous. Vienna is also home to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, once the main summer residence of the Habsburg rulers.

# 🚔 Day 6 🛛 Bratlislava, Slovakia

(8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Today you get to experience Slovakia's riverside city of Bratislava. Bordered by the Small Carpathia mountains and lowland vineyards, Bratislava is one of Europe's most appealing destinations.

🚔 Day 7 • Krems, Austria (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM) & Melk, Austria (6:00 PM - 10:00 PM)

Tiny Krems has been a longtime producer of fine wines, and is home to many extremely wellregarded wineries.

Next, come to the lovely town of Melk. Famous for its towering baroque Melk Abbey, an 11thcentury Benedictine abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube with a amazing view.

Day 8 • Linz, Austria (6:00 AM - 10:00 PM) Full of historical buildings, live music, a robust art scene, and excellent cuisine, this member of UNESCO's elite Creative Cities Network is full of opportunities for discovery and exploration. History buffs are spoiled for choice in Linz, whose main square is surrounded by centuriesold buildings including the Old Town Hall; the medieval Linz Castle: the 8th Martinskirche. Austria's oldest church; and numerous beautifully preserved half-timber houses. Finally, when you start to feel peckish you have to try the traditional Linzer torte, dating back to 1653.

# 🚔 🛱 Day 9 🛛 Disembark in Engelhartszell (Disembarks at 7:00 AM) & **Travel to Munich**

After disembarking in Engelhartszell an der Donau in Austria, return to Munich, which you will explore on an illuminating city tour. See the beautiful Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz, the heart of Munich's Old Town, Munich Residenz, Germany's largest city palace, Hofgarten, the court garden completed in 1617, and Frauenkirche, a local landmark church famous for its lofty towers. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers at the original Hofbräuhaus, Munich's second largest tourist attraction. The historical tavern features



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Mar 17, Oct 27	<sup>\$</sup> <del>2,249</del>	\$ <del>3,049</del>
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# Single Supplement from \$750

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### DAY 3 - SOUNDS OF SALZBURG DINNER SHOW

Enjoy a night of live entertainment, featuring works from Mozart, the the Magic Flute, and the Sound of Music film, then enjoy a 3-course Austrian dinner. \$119 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.

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- Explore 5 European countries
- Discover the highlights of Prague and Nuremberg during city tours
- Tour the spectacular Imperial Castle of Nuremberg
- Enjoy a full day in Munich plus a guided tour
- Cruise along the famous Blue Danube, a picturesque journey unlike any other

### INCLUDES

7-night river cruise aboard A-ROSA's *Donna* or A-ROSA's *Donna*, 5-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, 5 breakfasts and 2 dinners on the land portion and all meals and most drinks while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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# ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Prague • Nuremberg • Passau (Engelhartszell) • Bratislava • Budapest • Esztergom• Vienna • Melk • Munich aboard A-ROSA Cruises' *Donng* 

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# X Day 1 🔹 Depart for Prague

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

# X Day 2 🔹 Arrive in Prague

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Learn about the days ahead over the included dinner tonight. (D) Duo Hotel Prague or similar

# 🛱 Day 3 • Prague to Nuremburg

Explore this incredible red-roofed city on a guided tour. Founded in the 7th century, Prague played a major part in the Protestant reformation, the Holy Roman empire, the Austro-Hungarian empire, both World Wars, and even the Hapsburg Dynasty. On a walking tour, see Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Town Square, and Prague's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue on to Nuremberg for a two-night stay. (B)

✦ Seminaris Hotel or similar

### 🛱 Day 4 • Nuremberg

Martin Luther once claimed that Nuremberg "shines throughout Germany like a sun among the moon and stars." Enjoy an illuminating walking city tour and see the Nuremberg medieval walls, Church of Our Lady, Hauptmarkt, Old Town Hall, and Albrecht-Durer-Platz. (B)

♦ Seminaris Hotel or similar

# Day 5 • Nuremberg Cathedral and Transfer to Engelhartszell for Embarkation (Departs at 5:00 PM)

This morning, you'll have some time to take a self-guided tour of the Imperial Castle of Nuremberg, the symbol of the city. One of the most important imperial castles of the Holy Roman Empire, it is considered to be one of Europe's most formidable medieval fortifications. Explore the Palace and see the Knight's Hall, double chapel, and continue to the upper floor for the Imperial Castle Museum and more. Then, transfer to nearby Engelhartszell to board the A-ROSA ship. (B)

**Note:** April 11 departure will be on A-ROSA's Donna, Sept 20 departure will be on A-ROSA's Riva.

Day 6 • Vienna (Arrives at 1:00 PM)

After a night and morning of tranquil cruising and navigating the river locks, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy Vienna. You may choose to explore the imperial city on our optional city tour (additional cost). Return to the ship for dinner and perhaps join fellow travelers on an optional outing to a "Heurigen"—a local wine pub with traditional Viennese live music.

### Day 7 • Vienna and Evening Departure to Esztergom (Departs at 6:30 PM)

Enjoy a full day in Vienna! This classical city of music, waltz, and the royal Habsburg dynasty has a lot to offer. Join an optional tour of the Imperial Palace of Schoenbrunn, or if you prefer,



venture into town or perhaps take a spin on the famous Ferris wheel at the Prater.

Day 8 • Esztergom (8:00 AM - 10:30 AM) to Budapest (Arrives at 3:00 PM)

Savor breakfast as the ship docks in Esztergom. One of Hungary's oldest cities, Esztergom is home to the Basilica, the main Roman Catholic church of Hungary. Continue to nearby Budapest, a World Heritage Site which includes the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter, Andrássy Avenue, Heroes' Square and the Millennium Underground Railway.

Day 9 • Budapest (Departs at 6:00 PM)

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Budapest. Perhaps join an optional excursion to the Hungarian countryside, "the Puszta," to visit a horsebreeding farm and see presentations of the local Hungarian cowboys.

Day 10 • Bratislava (12:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

Wake up in Slovakia and spend the day discovering beautiful Bratislava! Join a city tour to the towering castle and Old Town, or walk in the historic town center on your own.

# 🚔 Day 11 • Wachau Passage to Melk (12:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

After breakfast, a cruise highlight awaits as the Donna glides through the UNESCO World



# DAY 4 - ROCK-CUT CELLAR TOUR & DINNER

Join your fellow travelers on an evening tour of Nuremburgs rock-cut cellars and enjoy a German dinner at "Hausbrauerei Altsadthof". <sup>\$</sup>69 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking.

Heritage Site of the Wachau region. Marvel at Duernstein where once King Richard Lion Heart was held captive. Then, arrive in Melk for a view of the monastery that towers over the Danube. Enjoy your last night aboard en route to Engelhartszell.

# 🚔 🛱 Day 12 🔹 Disembarkation in Engelhartszell (Arrives at 7:00 AM) and Munich Tour

Your final day takes you through Munich, known for its hearty German cuisine, exceptional beers, and the original Oktoberfest; it also has a vibrant art scene and beautifully-preserved architecture. Explore Munich on an illuminating city tour, where you will see the beautiful Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz, the heart of Munich's Old Town, Munich Residenz, Germany's largest city palace, Hofgarten, the court garden completed in 1617, and Frauenkirche, a local landmark church famous for its lofty towers.

Feringapark Hotel or similar

# Day 13 • Munich Leisure Day

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and explore this city at your own pace or you may join us on an optional excursion, for additional cost, before the included farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

✦ Feringapark Hotel or similar

# 🗙 Day 14 • Depart for Home (B)

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# PORTUGAL & the DOURO RIVER VALLEY



# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

• Enjoy a walking tour in Sintra

- Stroll the ancient grounds and library of Universidad de Coimbra, one of the world's oldest universities
- Cruise the Douro Valley's UNESCOrecognized wine region and enjoy a port wine tasting
- Explore the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, an important pilgrimage site

### INCLUDES

7-night river cruise aboard A-ROSA Cruises' *Alva*, 4-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner on the land portion and all meals and select drinks while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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Lisbon • Sintra • Leiria • Coimbra • Porto • Douro River Valley • Régua • Pinhão • Vega de Terrón • Barca d'Alva • Pocinho • Bitetos • Cais da Lixa • Fatima • Cascais • aboard A-ROSA Cruises' *Alva* 

The Douro River Valley has been home to a thriving wine industry for over 2,000 years—sail through this stunning region whose history, natural beauty, and sophisticated culinary culture make it one of Europe's most appealing vacation destinations.

# 🗙 Day 1 🔹 Depart for Europe

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

# 🗙 Day 2 • Arrive in Lisbon, Portugal

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will meet you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Relax before your included welcome dinner at the hotel begins. (D) + Hotel Aldeia Dos Capuchos or similar

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# Day 3 • Lisbon, Leira, and Fatima

Enjoy a guided city tour through Portugal's coastal capital, watched over by 7 picturesque hills. The peaks' view of Lisbon's historic cobblestoned streets and stately ruins, mixed seamlessly with the modern world around them, is one of Europe's prettiest. Tour the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady Fatima. There are incredible sights to see throughout the compound; from the colonnade to the chapels to the Monument of the Berlin Wall. You'll have some free time for photos before we head to Leiria for an evening at leisure. (B)

✦ Hotel Tryp Leiria or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 • Leiria, Coimbra and Porto

Start your morning in Leiria, watched over for centuries by the magnificent Leiria Castle. Continue to Coimbra, one of Portugal's loveliest college towns. Enjoy lunch on your own before taking a guided tour of the library and grounds of Universidad de Coimbra. The university is dazzling, and you will visit many of its most impressive sites, including the Great Hall, Baroque Library, and Natural History Collection. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Monastery of Batalha. Arrive in Porto and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

✦ Hotel Inn Porto Gaia or similar

# 🛱 🚈 Day 5 • Porto with Wine Tasting

Porto is one of Portugal's oldest cities. Its historic center is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walking city tour with views of the Stock market, Porto Cathedral and Monument Church of St. Francis and an included port wine tasting at one of Porto's many vineyards! After some free time and lunch on your own, board A-ROSA's brand-new *Alva* to enjoy dinner on board before leaving port early tomorrow. (B)

### Day 6 • Régua (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM) to Pinhão, Portugal (Arrives at 5:00 PM)

Depart Porto this morning at 7:00 AM and watch the sights of Portugal drift slowly by on your first morning on the Douro. The countryside of the UNESCO-listed Douro River Valley promises to stun you en route to Régua. Blessed with nearconstant sunshine, Régua has a colorful past as an epicenter of Renaissance-era port wine production and is now the perfect place for a leisurely stroll. Return to the ship, then continue on to dock in Pinhão for the night.



# Day 7 • Pinhão, Portugal (Departs at 1:00 PM) to Vega de Terrón, Spain (7:00 PM - 12:00 PM next day)

Cascais, Portuga

Begin your day with a few leisurely hours in Pinhão, a small town nestled in a particularly scenic riverbend. It is surrounded by vineyards look up to see lush hills and terraces encircling the city. You'll be awed by the beauty of the Douro International Natural Park on the way to Vega de Terrón, Spain. The granite cliffs rise high above the river, the rugged home to numerous rare birds. Arrive this evening in Vega de Terrón, a classically Spanish community with quiet streets, friendly people, and delicious food. Visitors love its proximity to Salamanca, a popular 12th century tourist destination known for intricate sandstone architecture and its UNESCO-recognized Old City.

# 🚈 Day 8 • Barca d'Alva, Portugal

(12:30 PM - 9:00 AM next day)

Today we cross back into Portugal to spend a leisurely evening in Barca d'Alva.

# 🚔 Day 9 • Pocinho, Portugal

(11:15 AM - 12:15 PM) **to Pinhão, Portugal** (5:30 PM - 7:00 AM next day)

Enjoy the Medieval architecture and stunning views of Barca d'Alva in the clear morning light, then continue down to Pocinho and Pinhão.

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Day 10 • Régua, Portugal
(9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) to Bitetos, Portugal
(6:30 PM - 6:45 AM next day)
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Return this morning to Régua and visit Bitetos, a tiny village teeming with Roman-era ruins. Join an optional tour to the Benedectine Monastery of Alpendura.

# Day 11 • Porto, Portugal (Arrives at 10:30 AM)

Porto, Portugal

After a quick stop in Cais da Lixa, pull into Porto for a full day in Portugal's second largest city. Book lovers will enjoy the Lello Bookstore. Built in 1906, the longtime hangout for Porto's creatives and intellectuals.

Port Wine

# Day 12 • Disembarkation in Porto, Sintra, Cascais, and Lisbon

Disembark from the *Alva* and travel by coach to Sintra, located in the foothills of the Sintra Mountains. Sintra is home to charming pastel buildings surrounded by lush terrain. Enjoy an included walking tour of the Old Town. Stop in Cascais for an included farewell lunch, a panoramic tour, and free time for shopping. Arrive in Lisbon for the evening. (L)

✦ Hotel Aldeia Dos Capuchos or similar



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# RENDEZVOUS on the RHÔNE



# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover Paris during a 2-night stay. See the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and many more exciting highlights!
- Included self-guided tour of Versailles Palace
- Explore Dijon and Beaune, home of exquisite wines, mustard, and beautiful Renaissance buildings
- See Avignon and Arles—southern France at its best!

### INCLUDES

5-night river cruise aboard A-ROSA's *Stella*, 3-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners on the land portion, all meals and most drinks while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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Paris • Versailles • Burgundy Region • Dijon and Beaune • Lyon • Avignon • Provence • Arles • aboard A-ROSA Cruises' *Stella* 

Sightseeing in Paris followed by a river cruise through the heart of Provence and French wine country, as made famous in the works of Vincent Van Gogh. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? This picture-perfect vacation is designed to give travelers a complete experience of France in just 8 nights: Paris, Versailles, Dijon, Lyon, Avignon, and more!

# 💥 Days 1 & 2 • Fly to Paris, France

After your overnight flight, arrive in the "City of Light." Guests who booked their air with YMT will be greeted at the airport and transported to their hotel. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an included welcome dinner at your hotel; the remainder of the night is at leisure. (D)

✦ Hotel Apogia Paris or similar

# 🚽 Day 3 • Full Day Sightseeing in Paris

This morning your Tour Director will take you on a half-day panoramic tour of Paris. See the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe in the center of the *Etoile*, or star, where 12 avenues come together in a big traffic roundabout. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the city on your own or join one of our optional tours. (B)

✦ Hotel Apogia Paris or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 🔹 Paris to Dijon

This morning you are invited to the Court of Versailles where the Sun King once reigned, and where Marie Antoinette held court. Take a self-guided audio tour through the palace and see the Hall of Mirrors and the Grand Apartment. Then it is off to Dijon, with its elegant medieval and Renaissance buildings, your home for the night. You may choose to enjoy an evening stroll on your own and find the lucky owl at Notre Dame de Dijon. Legend has it that the owl's touch will make your wishes come true. (B, D) + Hotel Mercure Dijon Centre Clémenceau or similar

# 🛱 🚔 Day 5 • Dijon and Beaune to Lyon

A short drive this morning leads to the beautiful village of Beaune, where two highlights of Burgundy await. Explore the astonishing world of France's favorite condiment-the Dijon mustard. Visit the family-owned Faillot mustard factory to learn all about the many varieties of the original. Then, visit the Hotel Dieu. Arguably one of the finest Renaissance buildings in the world, it is also one of the most fascinating historic museums of Europe. In addition, it is still a working hospital where everyone receives care despite their ability to pay. Sparked by the idea of modern tax deductible charity of its time, it was once a hospital, pharmacy, and almshouse at the same time. Throughout the years, it became a wealthy trust that, amongst other things, counts the most expensive vineyard in Burgundy among its assets. Then, on to Lyon where the A-ROSA Stella awaits you. Get settled in your cabin and explore the ship a bit before dinner, or perhaps



take a stroll around Lyon for a glass of wine or coffee at a local bar. In the evening, the *Stella* will leave the port and take you on a panoramic cruise of Old Town Lyon. (B)

**Day 6** • Viviers (1:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

After enjoying cruising on the river overnight and this morning, your first stop is picturesque Viviers. Located in the Rhône Ardeche region where the two rivers briefly merge, the beautiful walled city is home to a cathedral dating back to the 12th century, and an ancient bridge dating back to the 3rd century. The flat area is an ideal starting point for a guided bike tour that you can book onboard or an excursion to a nearby grotto and lavender farm.

# Day 7 • Arles (3:30 AM - 2:00 PM) and Avignon (Arrives at 6:00 PM)

Wake up in Arles, the southernmost point of your cruise. Even if you have never been here before, you're sure to recognize pictures of it. Vincent van Gogh painted Arles in 187 of his works. Long before Van Gogh, the Romans had discovered Arles' beauty and built the impressive amphitheater, one of the main attractions today. In the afternoon, continue northbound. In the early evening, we will arrive in Avignon where the brightly-lit monuments and the famed bridge will astound you. "On the bridge of Avignon, we all dance there," the words of a 15-century folk song pay tribute to the unbridled joie de vivre at the foot of the Palace of the Popes—a zest for life that is still very much alive today. Day 8 • Avignon (Departs at 12:00 PM)

Ringed by incredibly preserved 800 year old stone ramparts, graceful Avignon's turn as the seat of papal power bestowed upon the city a treasury of magnificent art and architecture. The ramparts were erected to keep the plague and invaders out during the turbulent Middle Ages. Enjoy a leisure morning in town and marvel at its history before leaving at lunch time.

# Day 9 • Vienne (9:00 AM - 9:30 AM) to Lyon (Arrives at 1:00 PM)

A quick stop in Vienne lets off guests who choose to partake in shore excursions from here, then it is off to beautiful Lyon, where you will have ample time to explore. The old town "Vieux Lyon" features Renaissance houses and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is known for its high quality silk products and the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière, which sits above the city; you can discover both with an optional organized city tour.

# Day 10 • Disembark in Lyon and Depart for Home

Say goodbye to the crew of the *Stella* and return home from Lyon Airport. Your YMT Cruise Host will assist with your transfer arrangements, which are included for guests who have booked air with YMT.





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# DAY 3 - PARIS ILLUMINATION TOUR & FRENCH DINNER

Enjoy dinner at the renowned "Les Noces de Jeannette" followed by a panoramic tour through the illuminated city. Starts at <sup>\$</sup>119 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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- Enjoy the good life in Colombia's UNESCO recognized city of Cartagena

### INCLUDES

15-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Bliss*, 3-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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# ACTIVITY LEVEL



San Diego • Carlsbad • Los Angeles • Hollywood • Cabo San Lucas • Puerto Vallarta • Puerto Quetzal • Puntarenas (Puerto Caldera) • Panama Canal • Cartagena • Panama City aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Bliss* 

Take a cruise tour through sunny Southern California, Mexico's best beach towns, and Central America's most fascinating ports of call en route to the spectacular Panama Canal—a marvel of engineering.

# X Day 1 • Arrive in San Diego

Welcome to San Diego! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transport you to your hotel. Meet your fellow travelers and learn about the days ahead at this evening's included welcome dinner. (D)

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✦ Hilton San Diego Mission Valley or similar

# 🛱 Day 2 🔹 San Diego

This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of San Diego. You'll see Downtown San Diego, the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, Coronado Island, and Old Town San Diego. Old Town is both the city's oldest populated area and the site of California's first European settlement. After free time to enjoy lunch on your own, head to the Navy Pier for an afternoon self-guided tour of the USS *Midway* Museum. The museum aboard the United States' longest-serving aircraft carrier houses an extensive collection of aircraft. Spend the evening at your leisure. San Diego is famous for its Mexican food, particularly its tacos and signature California Burritos! (B)

✦ Hilton San Diego Mission Valley or similar

### 🚽 Day 3 • Los Angeles via Carlsbad

Travel from San Diego to Los Angeles, stopping en route in Carlsbad for a walking tour and free time for lunch. Enjoy LA on your own tonight! (B) Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel or similar

# Day 4 • Los Angeles, Hollywood and Embarkation (Departs at 3:00 PM)

Enjoy a morning guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, seeing many of the can't-miss highlights of the City of Angels. View the iconic metal curves of the Walt Disney Concert Hall; the ornate TCL Chinese Theatre; the Dolby Theatre, home of the glamorous Academy Awards; Rodeo Drive; and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Depart this afternoon on the *Norwegian Bliss* (B)

# 韋 Day 5 🔹 At Sea

# Day 6 • Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (10:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

Once sought out as safe harbor for pirates, Cabo San Lucas is now the perfect place to dine al fresco or take a barefoot stroll across one of many peaceful white sand beaches. The ritzy Jewel of the Baja Peninsula's most famous landmark is the iconic El Arco, a naturally occurring limestone arch.

# **Day 7** • Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (12:00 PM - 10:00 PM)

Puerto Vallarta is the quintessential Mexican resort town, overflowing with the charm of the old country. Narrow cobblestone streets are lined with shops and galleries. Restaurants provide perfectly shaded patios for you









to indulge in authentic carne asada to the sounds of live music. Bargain for one-of-a-kind souvenirs, or wander the golden beaches of Banderas Bay.

覺 Days 8 & 9 • At Sea

# 🚊 Day 10 🔹 Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

The sleepy Puerto Quetzal showcases the vibrant colors of Guatemala's culture away from the hustle and bustle of more populated ports. Enjoy a relaxing day in Puerto Quetzal, visit a coffee plantation, or travel to the nearby UNESCO World Heritage Site of Antigua. This elegant former capital is an incredible example of Central American colonial architecture!

# 🚊 Day 11 🔹 At Sea

着 Day 12 • Puntarenas (Puerto Caldera), Costa Rica (6:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Sitting amid some of the most beautiful rainforests in the country, Puntarenas is a city in transition from important historical shipping port to tourist mecca.

### 🚊 Days 13 & 14 🔹 Panama City, Panama (6:00 AM - 10:00 PM Next Day)

Spend two days in Panama City, where towering skyscrapers and classic French and Spanish architecture sit next to urban rainforest parks. You can find deep jungle just outside of the city limits, and will have the opportunity to visit secluded villages and incredible beaches on both the Caribbean and Pacific Oceans.

# 🚊 Day 15 • Transit Panama Canal

Cross over one of humankind's most impressive engineering feats—the legendary Panama Canal. This 51-mile artificial waterway through the nation of Panama connects the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and fulfilled explorers' centuries-long dream when it was completed in 1914. Enjoy this marvel of design as you pass through its series of locks over nearly 12 hours.

# 👮 Day 16 🔹 Cartagena, Colombia (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

There is beauty everywhere you look in this fascinating colonial city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is positioned on an especially scenic stretch of the Caribbean coast, and boasts a stunning old town with phenomenal architecture and miles of remarkably preserved colonial-era stone walls. The food is spectacular, the people are friendly, and there are countless sights to take your breath away.

# 🚊 Days 17 - 18 🔹 At Sea

🚊 Day 19 🔹 Disembarkation and Depart For Home from Miami (Arrives at 7:00 AM)



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- Enjoy a daylight transit of the Panama Canal
- Enjoy the lush landscape and white sand beaches of San Juan del Sur
- Visit cruise ports in 6 countries: Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Mexico
- Tour San Francisco, the City by the Bay

### INCLUDES

15-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Encore*, 5-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 4 breakfasts on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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# **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Miami • Colón • Cartagena • Panama Canal • Puntarenas (Puerto Caldera) • San Juan Del Sur • Puerto Quetzal • Puerto Vallarta • Cabo San Lucas • Los Angeles • Hollywood • Santa Barbara • Solvang • Pismo Beach • Monterey • San Francisco • aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Encore* 

Combine a cruise through the warm waters of Central America and Mexico, a fascinating 51-mile journey across the Panama Canal, and an epic drive up the California Coast in one unforgettable vacation!

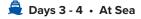
# X Day 1 🛛 Arrive in Miami

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transport you to your hotel. Spend the day enjoying balmy Miami at your leisure.

♦ Novotel Hotel or similar

# (Departs at 4:00 PM)

This morning take a panoramic tour of Miami, before boarding the *Norwegian Encore*. (B)



# **Day 5** • Cartagena, Colombia (6:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

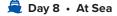
There is beauty everywhere you look in this colonial city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is positioned on an especially scenic stretch of the Caribbean coast, and boasts a stunning old town with phenomenal architecture and miles of colonial-era stone walls.

# **Day 6** • Colón, Panama (8:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Sail into the Caribbean seaport of Colón, the Atlantic gateway to the Panama Canal. Don't miss the Colón Free Zone, a massive shopping showroom where wholesalers, retailers, and the general public shop.

# 韋 Day 7 • Transit Panama Canal

Cross over one of humankind's most impressive engineering feats—the legendary Panama Canal. This 51-mile artificial waterway through the nation of Panama connects the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and fulfilled explorers' centuries-long dream when it was completed in 1914. Enjoy this marvel of design as you pass through its series of locks over nearly 12 hours.



# **Day 9** • Puntarenas (Puerto Caldera), Costa Rica (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

If you are looking to experience pura vida in Costa Rica, you will savor this full day of the pure life in Puntarenas. Visit the beach, shop, gab with local ticos and ticas, and grab a meal in the Paseo de los Turistas. Be sure to order a local Churchill, the official snack of Puntarenas. This deliciously rich dessert is made of shaved ice, fresh fruit, syrup, and condensed milk.

# **Day 10** • San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Welcome to Nicaragua! The country is home to some of the world's most beautiful beaches, with long stretches of white sand and clear blue waters. San Juan de Sur is also known for its lush, tropical landscape. Take advantage of some of its many local attractions, including the Lake Nicaragua or the settlement of Granada, which was founded by Spanish conquistadors.



# 🚊 Day 11 • Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala (10:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

The sleepy Puerto Quetzal showcases the vibrant colors of Guatemala's culture away from the hustle and bustle of more populated ports. Enjoy a relaxing day in Puerto Quetzal, visit a coffee plantation, or travel to the nearby UNESCO World Heritage Site of Antigua.

# Davs 12 - 13 • At Sea

# 👮 Day 14 🔹 Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (7:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Puerto Vallarta is the quintessential Mexican resort town, overflowing with the charm of the old country. Narrow cobblestone streets are lined with shops and galleries. Restaurants provide shaded patios for you to indulge in authentic carne asada to the sounds of live music. Bargain for one-of-a-kind souvenirs, or wander the golden beaches of Banderas Bay.

### 🚊 Day 15 🔹 Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (7:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Once sought out as safe harbor for pirates, Cabo San Lucas is now the perfect place to dine al fresco or take a stroll across one of many white sand beaches. The Jewel of the Baja Peninsula's most famous landmark is the iconic El Arco, a naturally occurring limestone arch.

Day 16 • At Sea

# 韋 🛱 Day 17 🛛 Disembark in Los Angeles (Arrives at 8:00 AM)

After disembarkation, enjoy a guided tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood. View the iconic metal curves of the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the ornate TCL Chinese Theatre, the Dolby

Theatre-annual home of the Academy Awards-Beverly Hills, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. ✦ Holiday Inn Express LAX or similar

# 🛱 Day 18 🔹 San Luis Obispo via Santa **Barbara and Solvang**

Visit Santa Barbara—the American Riviera—and enjoy its Spanish mission style architecture, mild Mediterranean climate, and stunning ocean views. Take a self-guided tour of the Santa Barbara Mission. The "Queen of the Missions" is known for its magnificent twin bell towers, sprawling gardens, and ocean views. Your scenic tour continues to Solvang, a charming Danish replica village situated in the Santa Ynez Valley. Be sure to taste the exquisite baked goods prepared by Solvang's renowned bakeries before traveling north to end the day in the San Luis Obispo area.

Spyglass Inn or similar

# 🖵 Day 19 • Pismo Beach, Monterey

Travel from Pismo Beach to Monterey, then enjoy leisure time in this former fishermen's community. Monterey is known throughout California for its excellent clam chowder (best in a bread bowl-and do ask for extra oyster crackers) and bustling Old Town Historic District. Old Town Monterey's historic buildings bring the Spanish Colonial, Mexican Colonial, and early American periods of California vividly to life. Finally, Monterey's beaches are perfect for strolling, especially for guests hoping to run into a colony of chatty seals or sea lions.

+ Hilton Garden Inn or Similar or similar

# Dav 20 🔸 San Francisco

This morning, enjoy the rugged scenery of the Monterey coast and the 17 Mile Drive. Enjoy views and a photo opportunity to snap a picture of the

famed "Lone Cypress" before traveling to San Francisco. Discover the "City by the Bay" on a panoramic tour where you will cross the Golden Gate Bridge, see Nob Hill, catch a glimpse of famed Lombard Street, and enjoy many more exciting sights. Enjoy a delicious optional dinner in the unique atmosphere of San Francisco's famed Chinatown.

Hotel Zephyr or similar

# X Day 21 • Depart for Home



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# highlights of AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND cruise tour

Featuring NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Learn about New Zealand's natural and human history at the Auckland Museum
- Enjoy the unique art deco meets Maori aesthetic of stylish Napier
- Experience the stunningly beautiful Fiordland National Park
- Soak up the atmosphere of Melbourne,
- Discover Sydney on a guided tour

# INCLUDES

12-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Spirit*, 2 nights in Sydney, 2 nights in Auckland, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 1 lunch, 4 breakfasts on the land portion and all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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# **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Auckland • Queen's Port • Tauranga (Rotorua) • Napier •Wellington • Lyttleton • Dunedin (Port Chalmers) • Doubful Sound • Dusky Sound • Milford Sound • Melbourne • Burnie (Tasmania) • Eden • Sydney aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Spirit* 

Say g'day to new experiences as you journey through the awe-inspiring landscapes and distinct cultures of Australia and New Zealand. Fall in love with these unique nations on this spectacular Australia and New Zealand cruise through their most famous ports and cities



# POST TOUR OPTION: ADD 2 NIGHTS IN CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA <sup>\$1,099</sup> PER PERSON - Call for details.

# Days 1 & 2 • Depart for Auckland, New Zealand

Take an overnight flight to Auckland.

**Note:** Depending on the departure time of your outbound flight, you may depart one day later.

### Day 3 • Arrive in Auckland, New Zealand

Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a YMT representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Enjoy the evening on your own.

♦ Grand Mercure Auckland or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 • Auckland, New Zealand

Start the morning with a guided coach tour of Auckland. Travel along the waterfront of Tamaki Drive, which provides gorgeous ocean and city views. Visit the colonial-style Mission Bay, the fragrant and fabulous Parnell Rose Gardens, and the magnificent Auckland Domain Park.

Next, learn the story of New Zealand on a guided tour of the Auckland Museum. See natural history exhibits and Māori artifacts. Continue to Auckland's 1,000-foot-tall Sky Tower, where you can see for up to 50 miles in every direction. Sit down at the revolving Orbit Restaurant for a included lunch and the city's best views. (B, L)

♦ Grand Mercure Auckland or similar

# Day 5 • Embarkation in Queen's Port (Departs 6:00 PM)

Enjoy "The City of Sails" on your own before traveling to Queens Port to board the *Norwegian Spirit*. (B)

Day 6 • Tauranga (Rotorua), New Zealand (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Discover Rotorua, known for its stunning natural beauty. Visit Te Wairoa's Buried Village, a Pompeii-like town that was frozen in time after being smothered by a volcanic eruption in 1886.

# **Day 7** • Napier, New Zealand (9:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

The coastal city of Napier is set amid the renowned wine-producing region of Hawke's Bay. The city is known for art deco landmarks including the zigzag patterned Daily Telegraph Building. It feels like an exotic re-imagining of the 30s in parts of Napier.



# 🚊 Day 8 🔹 Wellington, New Zealand (8:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Welcome to Wellington, the capital of New Zealand. Take the Wellington Cable Car from the central Lambton Quay to the hills of Kelburn, where you can enjoy the sprawling Botanical Gardens, the petite Wellington Cable Car Museum, and dazzling city views.

# 着 Day 9 🔹 Lyttleton, New Zealand (8:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Spend a blissful day in Lyttleton, New Zealand's only registered historic township. The seaside city built on the site of an extinct volcano is irresistibly charming.

# 🚔 Day 10 • Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

This dramatic South Island coastal town offers a mix of unique natural beauty and fascinating history. Rare yellow-eyed penguins, fur seals, and the Royal Albatross all call Dunedin home. Larnach Castle sits high above the city, offering sweeping views from its gardens.

# 🚊 Day 11 • Cruise Doubtful Sound, Cruise Dusky Sound, Milford Sound, New Zealand

Spend the day cruising Fiordland National Park. a stunning expanse of wilderness on one of the most remote parts of the pristine South Island. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a dazzlingly dramatic landscape, with volcanos, sprawling rainforests, snow-topped mountains, and crystalclear waters teeming with wildlife.

# 🚊 Day 14 • Melbourne, Australia (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Melbourne, known as Australia's cultural capital, is a robust and dynamic city. Considered the most European of Australia's major cities, Melbourne is a cultural melting pot with remarkable art and architecture, excellent shopping, and world-class dining.

# 🚔 Day 15 • Burnie (Tasmania), Australia (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

A collection of artisans on the northwest coast of the island of Tasmania, Burnie has long been a community of makers. Enjoy locally crafted European-style cheeses and single-malt whiskey, or go shopping for handmade papers, ceramics, and other one-of-a-kind art pieces.

# 晕 Day 16 • Eden, Australia (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

The town's name reflects what you will find

inside this natural wonderland. Eden is nestled among national parks, wilderness areas, and enticing beaches. It is also one of the best places in Australia for whale watching.

# 🚊 🛱 Day 17 • Disembarkation and Sydney Tour (Arrives at 6:00 AM)

After disembarking, enjoy a city tour starting at The Rocks, Sydney's birthplace. See relics and buildings of the city's past, pass the picturesque Botanic Gardens, and take in the view of the Sydney Opera House. Continue to Darling Harbour, Watson's Bay, and Bondi Beach before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure.

Travelodge Wynyard Sydney or similar

# 🛱 Day 18 🔹 Sydney Leisure Day

Enjoy one final day on your own in Sydney. Admire the skyline, cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge, lounge on the world-famous Bondi Beach, or visit the Blue Mountains.(B)

✦ Travelodge Wynyard Sydney or similar

# 🗙 Days 19 • Depart for Home (B)



VISA REQUIRED (see our website for details)

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### Single Supplement from \$2,000

\*Per person based on double occupancy plus \$299 tax/service/ gov't fees. Prices shown are after free cabin upgrade offer. See page 144 for terms & conditions. Passport required. <sup>†</sup>Itinerary operates in reverse and is only 18 days.

Davs 12 - 13 • At Sea

# ANTARCTICA & SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE

Featuring NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience the rugged beauty of Tierra del Fuego National Park
- Spend several days in the delightful cultural melting pot of Buenos Aires
- Look out for chinstrap penguins on Admiralty Bay, Antarctica
- Marvel at the stunning landscape and massive elephant seals of Elephant Island

### INCLUDES

14-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Star*, 3-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 3 breakfasts. 1 dinner on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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# **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

RELAXED EASY GOING MODERATE ACTIVE VERY ACTIVE

Buenos Aires • Puerto Madryn • Punta Arenas • Ushuaia • Admiralty Bay • Elephant Island • Port Stanley • Montevideo aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Star* 

Travel to the end of the world on this incredible cruise tour of Antarctica and South America. You will fall in love with the natural beauty and warm cultures of Argentina and Chile, and marvel at the desolate, magical scenery of the seventh continent.

# 🗙 Day 1 • Depart for Buenos Aires, Argentina

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

# X Day 2 • Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in Buenos Aires, the capital and largest city in Argentina. If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Your evening will be at leisure in this city renowned for its delicious food, unique fusion of European and Latin art and architecture, and of course, the tango! Experience the culture for yourself, join our optional tango show and dinner tonight.

Hotel Melia Buenos Aires or similar

# 🛱 Day 3 • Leisure Day in Buenos Aires, Argentina

another exciting optional tour before the included welcome dinner. (B, D)

The day is yours to explore the city or attend

✦ Hotel Melia Buenos Aires or similar

# Day 4 • Sightseeing in Buenos Aires and Embark the Norwegian Star (Departs at 6:45 PM)

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Argentina's electric capital city. Drive along the 9 de Julio Avenue and pass by the Colon Theatre, one of the world's best-known opera houses. It is the cultural pride of the portenos, the people of Buenos Aires. See the historical San Telmo, the elegant Recoleta neighborhood, and more. Board the Norwegian *Star* this evening. (B)

### Day 5 • Montevideo, Uruguay (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Montevideo revolves around the Plaza de la Independencia, once home to a Spanish Citaldel. It now separates Cuidad Vieja (old town) and downtown Montevideo.

着 Day 6 🔹 At Sea

# **Day 7** • Puerto Madryn, Argentina (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Puerto Madryn is an amazing stop for animal lovers. Southern Right Whales are often visible from the beach. Guests can visit with wild penguins, or go diving with delightfully friendly sea lions. The Museo Provincial de Ciencias Naturales y Oceanográfico is a free natural history museum right in town. The museum's preserved giant squid is a must-see!

着 Day 8 • At Sea

# **Day 9** • Punta Arenas, Chile (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

From the original name "Sandy Point," Punta Arenas had its humble beginnings as a sparse penal colony near the Straits of Magellan.



Today, this gateway into Antarctica is renowned for its great shopping, gloriously clean air, and European architecture.

# **Day 10** • Ushuaia, Argentina (10:00 PM - 5:30 PM)

Cruise through the majestic Beagle Channel and discover Ushuaia, where you can see Andean Condors amid the rugged beauty of Tierra del Fuego National Park. Ushuaia is the world's most southernmost city, and this provincial capital "at the end of the world" is a fascinating port stop. It has incredible views of the Martial Mountains and Lapataia Bay.

# 着 Day 11 🔹 At Sea

# 🚊 Day 12 • Admiralty Bay, Antarctica

Spend the day amongst the penguins of Admiralty Bay, an island just off the coast of Antarctica. Over 100,000 pairs of chinstrap penguins return to the rugged island each summer to breed as part of one of the world's largest colonies! You can identify chinstrap penguins by their markings, particularly the narrow band of black beneath the chin that makes them look like they're wearing bicycle helmets!

# Day 13 • Cruise Elephant Island / Cape Lookout

Elephant Island is starkly beautiful. Its perpetually foggy skies, dark grey mountains, and snow fields make it look like black-andwhite photograph come to life. The haunting drama of the landscape contrasts sharply with the island's residents. Look out for the hordes of southern elephant seals the island was named after. The gigantic males of the species can weigh up to 8,000 pounds, and their bulbous noses resemble stunted elephant trunks. These giants lounge on the beaches of Elephant Island alongside penguins, fur seals, and numerous species of birds.

# 🚊 Day 14 🔹 At Sea

# **Day 15** • Port Stanley, Falkland Islands (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

This quaint city is home to a tiny human population—there are so few residents that the town's only "jail" can only hold 13 people—but it is rich with birds and marine animals. When you look out to the sea, keep your eyes peeled for the remnants of shipwrecks.

# 着 Days 16 - 17 • At Sea

# Day 18 • Disembark in Buenos Aires

Leave the ship and spend one final magical day at your leisure in Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires is nicknamed the "Paris of South America" for a number of reasons, beyond just its eyecatchingly grand European architecture. The soul of Buenos Aires is decidedly Parisian, and it is full of color, art, great food, joyous music, history, and a unique energy.



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### DAY 3 - GAUCHO DAY TRIP W/ LUNCH

Head to the countryside for a full day at the Santa Susana Ranch. Enjoy a delicious Argentine BBQ lunch as you watch an exciting Gaucho (cowboy) show that includes folk song and dance. <sup>\$</sup>189 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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# TRANSATLANTIC & NORTHERN EUROPE cruise tour



# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Port stops in two of the isolated and beautiful Azores Islands
- Visit Torquay in the English Riviera
- Tour the exquisite German city of Cologne
- Explore the red ruins of the storybook-pretty Heidelberg Castle
- Travel through the Black Forest, the beautiful and mysterious setting of Grimm's most famous fairytales

### INCLUDES

16-night cruise aboard Holland America Line's ms *Zuiderdam*, 6-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise ship, 5 breakfasts. 3 dinners on the land portion and all meals on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**



Ft. Lauderdale • Praia di Vitoria • Ponta Delgada • Cork (Cobh) • Dunmore East (Waterford) • Torquay (Torbay) • La Havre (Paris) • Zeebrugge (Brussels) • Rotterdam • Cologne • Stuttgart • Frankfurt • Heidelberg • Black Forest • Munich aboard Holland America Line's ms *Zuiderdam* 

Follow your passion for travel on a transatlantic cruise tour from the U.S. to 7 European countries that each offer their own distinctive culture, language, history, and cuisine. Your journey includes a tour across Germany where you will see fairytale forests, historical cities, charming villages, and much more.

# X Day 1 • Arrive in Ft. Lauderdale

If you booked your flight with YMT, a representative will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Spend the evening in the balmy oceanside city at your leisure.

♦ Crowne Plaza Ft. Lauderdale or similar

**Day 2** • Embark Holland America Line's ms *Zuiderdam* (Departs at 5:00 PM)

Bid bon voyage to the United States and begin your transatlantic cruise! Get settled into your cabin on Holland America's ms *Zuiderdam*, an amazing ship with countless amenities to enjoy as you journey across the Atlantic. (B)

# 着 Day 3 - 8 🔹 At Sea

# **Day 9** • Praia di Vitoria, Terceira, **Azores, Portugal** (8:00 AM - 11:00 PM)

Enjoy a day in Praia da Vitória on the scenic island of Terceira. The city's compact historic center has cobblestoned streets lined with ornately designed churches and imperiós, or shrines to the Holy Spirit, that are found only on Terceira.

# Day 10 • Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

This stunning island city is best known for its historic buildings, vibrant green hillsides, friendly people, and confections made with the unique Azorean pineapple. The soil on the island is perfect to grow the tropical fruit, but the unpredictable weather necessitates the use of greenhouses. This unusual process produces a slow growing but very sweet pineapple you must try in a local cake, mousse, or chutney!

# 着 Day 11 & 12 • At Sea

# **Day 13** • Cork (Cobh), Ireland (10:00 PM - 11:00 AM)

Experience Cork, Ireland's second largest city that bursts with charm. Look out for grand Georgian avenues, 17th-century alleys, modern masterpieces such as the opera house, and narrow streets crammed with pubs, shops, cafes and restaurants.

# Day 14 • Dunmore East (Waterford), Ireland (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)

Perched on a cliff edge, Dunmore East is the quintessential Irish fishing village. Stroll the narrow streets, sampling local seafood and relaxing with a quiet pint down the pub. The village is steeped in Viking and Norman history!

# Day 15 • Torquay (Torbay), England, UK (10:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

Torquay is the unofficial capital of the English Riviera. Torquay is a designated UNESCO Global Geopark, with Stone Age caves that were once the home of prehistoric creatures and early humans.



# **Day 16** • La Havre (Paris), France (7:00 AM - 7:00 PM)

When you arrive in Le Havre, France, opportunities to tour the attractions of the Normandy countryside await as soon as you leave your ship, while the sights of Paris are only 2.5 hours by highspeed train. Omaha Beach, the site of D-Day, is another option for a memorable daytrip.

### Day 17 • Zeebrugge (Brussels), Belgium (9:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

Today's stop is the port city of Zeebrugge, you may travel on your own to nearby Bruges, home to some of the world's best-preserved Medieval architecture, or stay closer to the ship and explore Zeebrugge's old fish markets and marina houses.

# Day 18 • Disembark in Rotterdam, Netherlands and Transfer to Cologne

Disembark in the architecturally extraordinary city of Rotterdam. It was rebuilt almost completely after the destruction of WWII. Its 80 years' worth of ambitious new construction projects make it one of the best places in the world to see interesting and unique modern architecture.

Continue to Cologne and enjoy a tour one of Germany's most important cities. Don't miss the spectacularly spired Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, which was rebuilt after the war and is now both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Germany's most visited landmark. (D)

✦ Mercure Hotel Koeln Belfortstrasse or similar

# Day 19 • Cologne to Stuttgart via Frankfurt, Heidelberg, and Black Forest

Travel from Cologne to Frankfurt, a charming city full of museums, shops, and beautiful landmarks. On this morning's tour, you'll see Frankfurt Cathedral, a great example of Gothic Roman Catholic architecture; St. Paul's Church, where President Kennedy made a stirring speech in 1963; and the Römer, a medieval building that has served as Frankfurt's city hall for over 600 years.

Continue to the Heidelberg Castle, the red sandstone ruins of a 13th century castle set in the hills above Heidelberg. See the castle and the grounds before traveling to Stuttgart via the Black Forest, the quintessential European fairytale woods. Grimm's most famous stories—set deep under the dark canopy—were largely set in the Black Forest. (B, D)

✤ Movenpick Stuttgart Airport or similar

# Day 20 • Stuttgart to Munich via the Romantic Road

Start the morning with a panoramic tour of Stuttgart. This beautiful city on the banks of the Neckar River is surrounded by vineyards and forests. There are many fascinating architectural and cultural landmarks surrounding the Schlossplatz, Stuttgart's main square. Stop for lunch en route, and enjoy the scenery of the Romantic Road. Travel through magical German scenery, forest, castles, and picturesque towns.

Spend the evening relaxing in Munich. (B) Achat Premium Munchen-Sud or similar

# 🛱 Day 21 🛛 Munich, Germany

Spend your final day enjoying Munich, known for its German cuisine, exceptional beers, and the original Oktoberfest. Explore Munich on an city tour, where you will see the Baroque Nymphenburg Palace; Marienplatz in the heart of Old Town; Munich Residenz; Hofgarten; and Frauenkirche, a local landmark church famous for its lofty towers. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers at Hofbräuhaus. The high energy of this beer house with live music and traditional German food and lagers is the perfect way to end your tour. (B, D)

Achat Premium Munchen-Sud or similar

💥 Day 22 • Depart for Home (B)





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May 11	<sup>\$</sup> 2,549	<sup>\$</sup> 2,949	<sup>\$</sup> 3,549
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# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take a Nile River cruise from Luxor to Aswan
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- Come face to face with the Great Sphinx
- Explore the Valley of the Kings
- See the world's largest collection of Egyptian artifacts at the Egyptian Museum
- Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Abu Simbel (*optional and at additional cost*)

### INCLUDES

4-night river cruise aboard *Jaz*, 5-night land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels and on the ship, 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners on the land portion and all meals while on the cruise, and sightseeing per itinerary.

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Cairo • Giza • Memphis • Saqqara • Luxor • Esna • Edfu • Kom Ombo • Aswan • Nile Cruise aboard Jaz

Discover the wonders of Egypt on a spectacular land tour and Nile River cruise. See the most recognizable monuments in the world, from pyramids to towering temples and opulent tombs. A desert land made rich by the Nile, Egypt is full of elaborate art, iconic architecture, and breathtaking tributes to powerful pharaohs and capricious gods.

# 🗙 Day 1 • Depart for Cairo, Egypt

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

# 💥 Day 2 • Arrive in Cairo, Egypt

Guests who booked their flight with YMT Vacations will be met by a friendly representative at the airport, who will help obtain a tourist visa required to enter Egypt and transfer you to the hotel. Meet your fellow guests tonight at a welcome dinner. (D)

Barceló Cairo Hotel or similar

### Day 3 · Cairo, Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx, Memphis, and Saqqara

Begin at the Pyramids of Giza, which stand as the ultimate display of the power, wealth, and brilliance of ancient Egypt. The Great Pyramid is the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World.

Next to the pyramids lies the mysterious Sphinx. The world's most famous statue was cut from the bedrock of the Giza Plateau in honor of the sun god and Pharaoh Khafre in the 25th century BCE.

Continue to the ancient capital city of Memphis to see ruined temples, ancient statues, and the 30-foot-tall Colossus of Rameses II. Finally, visit Saqqara, Egypt's largest archaeological site. Here you will discover 11 pyramids (B, L, D)

✦ Barceló Cairo Hotel or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 • Cairo & Egyptian Museum

Sphinx in Giza

Discover the secrets of the Egyptian Museum, home to the largest collection of Egyptian antiquities and artifacts in the world. The museum is focused on exhibitions with artifacts from the Predynastic Period to the Greco-Roman Era. (B, L, D)

♦ Barceló Cairo Hotel or similar

# Embarkation

After an included flight to Luxor, embark on your Nile cruise. Visit the massive temple complex of Karnak. The centerpiece of the site is the Temple of Amun-Ra, most famous for its vast Hypostyle Hall, a spectacular forest of giant papyrus-shaped columns constructed during the reign of Seti I. Discover the preserved Temple of Luxor. As you enter the temple, you'll pass six massive statues of Rameses II and a granite obelisk. (B, L, D)

# Day 6 • Luxor and Edfu via Esna (Depart at 1:00 PM)

At the edge of the desert, just beyond the lush Nile floodplain, lies the Necropolis of Luxor. You will be welcomed to this archaeological goldmine by the Colossi of Memnon, twin statues of pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Continue to the Valley of the Kings, home of 63 magnificent royal tombs including the miraculously undisturbed tomb of King Tut.



The nearby terraced Temple of Hatshepsut is a carved into the limestone cliffs of the Deir el-Bahari. This lavish shrine to Queen Hatshepsut, one of the few women to ever be crowned as pharaoh, represents a highpoint in Egyptian art and architecture. (B, L, D)

# Day 7 • Edfu, Kom Ombo & Aswan (Depart at 10:30 AM - Arrive at 5:00 PM in Aswan)

Start your day at Edfu Temple, a hillside monument to the falcon god Horus. It was built in the classic golden era style and stands as the best-preserved temple in the Nile River Valley.

Continue to a beautiful temple complex perched grandly over a picturesque bend in the Nile.

Guests are encouraged to wear a traditional loose-fitting robe, called a Galabeya, during this evening's fun on-board soiree. (B, L, D)

# 🚔 Day 8 • Aswan

Start your day with a visit to the High Dam. The dam created a reservoir that flooded much of the area, which forced ancient sites including Abu Simbel and the Temple of Philae to be relocated.

Continue to the Temple of Philae, which was erected during the reign of Ptolemy II to honor Isis, Osiris, and Horus. Flanked by a duo of courtyards, the stunning Temple of Isis is renowned for its breathtaking and highly detailed carvings. Next, see the Unfinished Obelisk. This massive,



### **BEVERAGE PACKAGE!**

Get all inclusive beverages onboard ship - includes bottle water, soft drinks, coffee, tea, juices, and alcoholic beverages, just \$199 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking. cracked pillar still lies in the granite bedrock where it was abandoned thousands of years ago.

Take an afternoon ride on a traditional Felucca sailboat to Aswan Botanical Gardens, a lush sanctuary of rare and exotic plants. Watch a Nubian Show on the ship this evening to learn about the fascinating Nubian culture. (B, L, D)

# 🚔 💥 Day 9 • Disembark in Aswan and Fly to Cairo

After checking out of your stateroom, spend the day relaxing aboard the ship or join an optional day trip to the Abu Simbel Temples at an additional cost. Take an included flight to Cairo later this afternoon. (B, L, D)

♦ Steigenberger El Tahrir Cairo Hotel or similar

# 🛱 Day 10 🛛 Cairo

Start your final day in Old Cairo. Visit the thousand-year-old churches of Coptic Cairo, then visit the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. Discover civilizations and cultures stretching from prehistory to modern times, with exhibits focused on everything from the small moments of daily life through the preservation of one's body in the face of death.

You can join an optional afternoon excursion to the Khan el-Khalili bazaar and souq (for an additional fee), a 14th century shopping destination that is the perfect place to explore





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and pick up authentic souvenirs. End the trip with an included farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

◆ Steigenberger El Tahrir Cairo Hotel or similar

# 💥 Day 11 🛛 Depart for Home (B)

Note: Flights from Cairo to USA may be red eye flights, departing in early morning.

VISA REQUIRED (see our website for details)

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Feb 16, Mar 9,		
Oct 12, Nov 2	\$ <del>2,249</del>	\$ <del>2,499</del>
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May 4, Sep 14	\$ <del>2,149</del>	\$ <del>2,399</del>
Book by 10/28	<sup>\$</sup> 1.899	<sup>\$</sup> 2,149

### Single Supplement from \$600

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ABU SIMBEL DAY TRIP - Including Round Trip Flights Fly roundtrip to Abu Simbel to see spectacular twin temples, one of Egypt's most popular attractions, found on the banks of Lake Nassar, built to honor Pharach Ramssess II and his wife Nefertari, this sight was moved to its present location in 1968. Boxed lunch included, just \$449 p/p. Please add this option at time of booking. 14 DAYS -from-\$2,949\* \$2,899\* PRICE INCLUDES INTRA-TOUR JET FLIGHT

# SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI TOUR

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Look out for the Big 5 on a guided game drive in Kruger National Park
- Watch 3,000 African penguins up close at Boulders Beach
- See a life-size replica of a 15th century Portuguese caravel at the Bartolomeu Dias Museum
- Travel hundreds of feet down into the Cango Caves to marvel at prehistoric cave paintings and artifacts
- Witness the majesty of the african wildlife at the Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary
- Visit the Apartheid Museum and Mandela House to learn about the brutal history of apartheid

### INCLUDES

11 nights hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 7 dinners, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day. All meals on cruise are included.

### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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The roar of lions. The trumpeting of elephants. The pounding hooves of a hundred galloping zebras. If you've spent your whole life dreaming of Africa's wildlife, this tour belongs at the top of your bucket list. Animals, scenery, culture, and history await you on this phenomenal trip.

# X Days 1 & 2 • Depart for Cape Town

Your journey begins on an overnight flight.

# 💥 Day 3 • Arrive in Cape Town

Welcome to Africa! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, you will be transferred from the airport to your hotel to enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. This evening, meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director at an informative welcome briefing and included welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

♦ Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 • Cape Town, Table Mountain and Bo-Kaap

Your first full day in Africa is packed with excitement. After breakfast, take a guided city tour of Cape Town, South Africa's second largest city. Bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Cape Town's scenery places it in one of the most breathtaking settings in the world. Ride a cable car to the flat top of Table Mountain. Drive through the colorful Bo-Kaap, the "Malay Quarter" of Cape Town with a rich history as a historic home for the local Muslim community. Finally, head to Gold Restaurant for an authentic pan-African dinner and a djembe drum lesson. A vital part of African culture, the djembe has been used in ceremonies and celebrations since the 12th century. (B, D)

♦ Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town or similar

# Day 5 • Cape Town, Cape Point Nature Reserve and Boulders Beach Penguin Colony

Rich with diverse plant and animal life, your day at Cape Point Nature Reserve promises to be especially memorable for animal and nature lovers. Ride the Flying Dutchman Funicular to the top of Cape Point's lighthouse for panoramic views of the rocky landscape, pounding waves, wildlife and rare plants. Spend time at the Boulders Beach Penguin Colony, where you can see endangered African Penguins teetering across the white sand. (B, L)

♦ Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Cape Town or similar

# Day 6 • Swellendam, Mossel Bay & Oudtshoorn

En route to Oudtshoorn, enjoy a stop in Swellendam for lunch on your own in this Dutch town overlooking the Breede River. Visit an aloe factory, then take a stroll through the Bartolomeu Dias Museum in Mossel Bay. This evening's dinner will be included. (B, D)

✦ El Dorado Oudtshoorn or similar

### 🚽 Day 7 🔹 Knysna & Cango Caves

Full of prehistoric cave paintings and artifacts, the Cango Caves are a must-see for visitors to the Western Cape. Back above ground, stop by an ostrich farm! The ostrich is the world's largest bird, learn all about them on an included tour. Enjoy an included lunch. (B, L)

✤ Protea by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar



Storms River Suspension Bridge in Tsitsikamma National Park











# 🛱 Day 8 • Knysna Leisure Day

Today is yours to enjoy as you wish. Join an optional tour or spend the day in Knysna, the jewel of South Africa's Garden Route. (B)

✤ Protea by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar

# Day 9 • Port Elizabeth via Tsitsikamma National Park, Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary & Birds of Eden Flight Aviary

Start the day at Tsitsikamma National Park, famous for its rocky coastline, remote mountainous region, and forests with deep river gorges leading down to the sea. Walk across the Storms River Suspension Bridge. Look out for bungee jumpers while your coach carries you 709 feet above the water on the Bloukrans Bridge. Next, look but don't touch the leopards, jaguars, lions, tigers, honey badgers, zorillas (African skunks), and more at the Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn about the individual animals you will see during a guided tour. Finally, go under a five-acre dome of pristine indigenous forest occupied by thousands of bright, loud, and fascinating birds at Birds of Eden Free Flight Aviary. (B)

✦ Courtyard Hotel Port Elizabeth or similar

# 💥 🛱 Day 10 • Johannesburg, Apartheid Museum & Mandela House

After a short flight to Johannesburg, spend the day learning about apartheid and the man who dismantled it at the Apartheid Museum and Mandela House.

The Apartheid Museum is devoted to 20th century South Africa, particularly on the racist institution of apartheid that lasted from 1948 to the early 1990s. The Mandela House is a museum found in the humble home where Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid revolutionary, president, and national hero lived before his arrest in 1962. It provides moving insight into Mandela as a man, a leader, and champion of freedom and human rights in South Africa and across the world. This evening's dinner will be included. (B, D)

 Protea by Marriott Johannesburg Wanderers or similar

# Day 11 • Hazyview & Kruger National Park

Enjoy a drive through the farmlands, forests, and scenery of South Africa en route to Hazyview. This banana and macadamia nut farming town is just outside of Kruger National Park, one of the best places to see South Africa's Big 5: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and buffalos. (B,D)

♦ Protea by Marriott Kruger Gate or similar

# Day 12 • Kruger National Park Game

Spend the whole day on safari in Kruger National Park. During your full-day game drive, you will have ample opportunity to see the iconic wildlife that makes South Africa a dream destination for animal lovers. This reserve is home to grasslands, thorny woodlands, and savannas speckled with hardy trees. Loping giraffes, speedy cheetahs, laughing hyenas, elegant antelope, hefty hippopotamus, and Nile crocodiles all await you during your full day at the park. Enjoy talking about your adventures with your fellow travelers at an included dinner this evening. (B, D)

♦ Protea by Marriott Kruger Gate or similar

# 🛱 Day 13 🛛 Johannesburg

Greet the sun and the animals on an early morning game drive at Kruger. Then, it's off to Johannesburg! Your lovely scenic drive will take you past Blyde River Canyon, God's Window, Three Rondawels, and Bourke's Luck Potholes. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

 Protea by Marriott Johannesburg Wanderers or similar

# 🛱 Day 14 • Depart for Home (B)

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# Single Supplement from \$800

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# ED DAY 7: SUNSET DINNER CRUISE IN PADDLE CRUISER

Join your fellow travelers for dinner on board The Paddle Cruiser. Take in this unforgettable experience on the Knysna Lagoon. Starts at <sup>\$</sup>79 p/p. *Please add this* option at time of booking.

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# THROUGH VIETNAM

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tours of Hanoi, Hoi An Ancient Town, Hue Imperial City, and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
- Traditional water puppet show and dinner in Hanoi
- Overnight cruise in beautiful Halong Bay, a popular UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Boat trip up the Perfume River to see various historical and cultural sights
- Take a boat excursion through the Mekong Delta, one of the most bio-diverse areas in the world

### INCLUDES

11-day land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, flights in tour, 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, and sightseeing per itinerary.

Note: (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

# **ACTIVITY LEVEL**



Head to Southeast Asia for a fascinating 11-day tour of Vietnam! Experience its ancient history, savory cuisine, breathtaking natural beauty, and lively culture on this unforgettable trip.

# 🔾 Day 1 🔹 Depart for Vietnam

Your journey begins on your overnight flight to No Bai International Airport in Hanoi.

# 💥 🛱 Day 2 🛛 Hanoi

Welcome to Vietnam! If you purchased airline tickets from YMT Vacations, a friendly YMT representative will greet you at the airport and transport you to your hotel. After your long flight, this evening is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Meet your fellow travelers and learn what to expect in the days ahead at this evening's delicious Welcome Dinner. (D)

✤ Hotel Mercure Hanoi La Gare or similar

# 😾 Day 3 🔹 Hanoi

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour by bicyle taxi of Vietnam's capital city. See the Hanoi Hilton, the Hoa Lo Prison built by the French in the 1880's and used to hold American POWs in the Vietnam War, the Huc Bridge, Ngoc Son Temple, Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex and Mausoleum, the elegant One Pillar Pagoda, and the John McCain Monument. Your dinner this evening comes with a show courtesy of the Thang Long Water Puppet Theater. Learn about Vietnam's legends and historical tales through a water puppet performance, a traditional art form dating back to the 11th century, where wooden puppets on a pool of water perform to live music. (B, D)

✦ Hotel Mercure Hanoi La Gare or similar

# 🚔 Day 4 🔹 Halong Bay

A boat ride aboard the *Emeraude* through Halong Bay is a must-see while in Vietnam! This morning, embark on a stunning overnight cruise deep into the spectacular Halong Bay. Halong Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its uniquely breathtaking limestone karsts and thousands of small islets. It has been inhabited by humans and early human ancestors for tens of thousands of years, and has some of the greatest sunsets and scenery in the world. (B, L, D)

# X Day 5 🔹 Hanoi to Hoi An

Take the morning to relax and say goodbye to Vietnam's scenic northeast, then board the short flight to Da Nang Airport in the country's center. Enjoy dinner at your hotel in Hoi An, and rest up for tomorrow's unforgettable walking tour! (B)

+ Hoi Ann Silk Village or similar

# 🛱 Day 6 🛛 Hoi An

Enjoy a leisurely walk through Hoi An Ancient Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Thu Bon River. You'll have the opportunity to wander through this well-preserved 15th-19th century trading port, which is an amazing showcase of Southeast Asian architecture, art, and culture. You'll enjoy several uniquely beautiful stops, including the Japanese Covered Bridge and Tran Family Chapel. You'll also get to try crafting a traditional Vietnamese lantern! (B)

Hoi Ann Silk Village or similar



# 🛱 Day 7 • Hoi An to Hue

Your day begins with a drive through the Marble Mountains, a cluster of five picturesque marble and limestone mountains renowned for their caves, tunnels, and Buddhist sanctuaries. From there, we'll visit the Cham Museum, which houses a small but very lovely collection of traditional stone sculptures. After riding through the Hai Van Pass, a beautiful coastal mountain road, you'll reach Hue, the stunning coastal town that was home to the Nguyen Dynasty, Vietnam's last ruling family. (B)

✦ Hotel Pilgrimage Village or similar

# 🚔 💥 Day 8 • Hue to Ho Chi Minh City

After a delicious breakfast, start another funpacked day with boat ride up the Perfume River. See the Thien Mu Pagoda, Royal Imperial City with Flag Tower, Meridian Gate, and Hue Royal Antiquities Museum, Imperial Tomb of Tu Duc, and Vinh Tu traditional garden house. Next, take a sightseeing trip to the Hue Imperial City, a walled palace within Hue's citadel. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built in 1804 by Gia Long, Emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty. Stop at the Tha Om Garden House, a traditional 19th century Hue residence, before taking a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

✤ Innside by Meliá Saigon Central or similar

# 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Ho Chi Minh City

Wake up in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, and spend the day learning about the Vietnam War right where it was waged. First, visit the Cu Chi tunnels, part of a widespread network of underground tunnels crisscrossing much of Vietnam that were used by Viet Cong soldiers. The Viet Cong used the tunnels as communication and spy routes, as well as to conceal men and supplies. The tunnels were their base of operations during 1968's Tet Offensive. From there, visit the War Remnants Museum, which contains exhibits and artifacts related to the Vietnam War and other earlier wars fought on Vietnamese soil.

After a walk along Dong Khoi Street, right beside the Saigon River, you'll reach the Saigon Opera House. A magnificent concert hall completed in 1901, it is one of the finest French-influenced buildings in all of Vietnam. (B)

✤ Innside by Meliá Saigon Central or similar

# 🛱 👛 Day 10 🛛 Ho Chi Minh City

Your final full day in Vietnam will take you on a scenic Mekong Delta boat trip to Cai Be, a charming rural area with a floating market that sells a wide variety of fruit and other goods. Take a tour of the Tan Phong island village, and see local craftspeople hard at work— handcrafting products from water hyacinth, weaving coconut leaf, and making rice paper. (B, L)

Innside by Meliá Saigon Central or similar

# 🗙 Day 11 • Depart for Home

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Enjoy one final sunrise in Ho Chi Minh City, then it's time to head home! (B)



DAY 6 - HOI AN MEMORIES SHOW Hoi An Memories features more than 500 live performers on open-air stage with music, poetry, and visual arts. Come experience the story of Vietnam at Hoi An Memories! <sup>\$</sup>69 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking*.

# MUST BOOK BY 10/28 PRICES STARTING AT <sup>\$1,649</sup>\* **\$1,399**\*

VISA REQUIRED (see our website for details)

AFTER <sup>\$</sup>250 INSTANT REBATE EACH PERSON PAYS

2023 Dates

Jan 15, Feb 19,	
Mar 19	<sup>\$</sup> 1,649
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### Single Supplement from \$800

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WITH JEWELS OF THAILAND TOUR See page 138 for details.



# JEWELS OF THAILAND

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour of Bangkok's stunning Grand Palace
- Visit to WWII sites in Kanchanaburi including Burma Railway Museum and the Allied War Cemetery
- Authentic amulet workshop
- Tea tasting and plantation tour in the mountains of Chiang Rai
- Explore Thailand's most famous Buddhist temples

### INCLUDES

12-day land tour with hotels, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, entrance fees, flights in tour, daily breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text indicates meals included for that day.

# ACTIVITY LEVEL



Bangkok • Kanchanaburi • Ayutthaya • Sukhothai • Lampang • Chiang Rai • Golden Triangle • Chiang Mai

Travel to Thailand for an unforgettable tour of its most incredible temples and monuments. Enjoy cultural and culinary experiences across the lush landscape, from the jungles to the misty mountains to the bustling streets of Bangkok.

# X Day 1 🔹 Depart for Bangkok

Your journey begins on an overnight flight. Redeye flights are possible on arrival and departure.

# 💥 🛱 Day 2 🔹 Arrive in Bangkok

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. Learn about the days ahead over the included dinner tonight. (D)

✦ Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside or similar

# 🛱 👛 Day 3 🛛 Bangkok

Spend the day exploring Bangkok, the colorful Thai capital known for its exceptional food, ornate temples, and boundless energy. See the city's most iconic sites, starting with the Golden Buddha in the temple of Wat Traimit.

Continue to Wat Pho to see the 150-foot-long Reclining Buddha. The Grand Palace is the anchor of Bangkok's historical center, adorned with spires, architecture, and gardens. The Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand, is at the heart of the Grand Palace.

Take a boat across Chao Phraya River and enjoy a Thai lunch. Then continue to the Museum Siam to discover the national identity and history of the people of Thailand. Travel through Bangkok's Chinatown to Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn. (B, L)

✦ Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside or similar

# 🛱 Day 4 🛛 Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

Travel through stunning rice fields and rural scenery to the resort town of Kanchanaburi. Following a city tour, visit the floating market at Damnoen Saduak.

Spend the rest of the day uncovering Thailand's WWII history, starting at the world-famous Bridge over the River Kwai. Continue to the Thailand-Burma Railway Museum, which provides insights into the history of the railway line built by the Imperial Japanese army. Finally, visit the visit the Allied War Cemetery, where thousands of allied prisoners of war were laid to rest. (B, L, D)

Mida Resort Kanchanaburi or similar

# 🛱 Day 5 🔹 Kanchanaburi to Ayutthaya

En route to Ayutthaya, stop at the massive Buddha carved into the limestone quarry cliffs of at Khao Tham Thiam. Visit the lavish 17th century Wat Chaiwatthanaram temple outside of Ayutthaya Historical Park, then enjoy a tour of this incredible UNESCO Site! (B)

✤ Classic Kameo Hotel or similar

### 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Ayutthaya to Sukhothai

Stop at an amulet workshop to craft an authentic, handmade souvenir en route to Sukhothai. The ruins of Sukhothai are one of Thailand's best-kept secrets. The remnants of the Thai state's first capital are dotted with the columns and spires of 700-year-old temples and shrines guarded by massive Buddha statues! (B)

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♦ The Legendha Sukhothai or similar



# 🛱 Day 7 • Sukhothai to Lampang

Discover antique fabrics and garments at the Sathorn Gold Textile Museum. The see how Thai ceramics—including the utterly enchanting Lampang Chicken Bowl—are made at the Dhanabadee Ceramic Museum.

The highlight of your day will be the Wat Phra That Lampang Luang, an ancient compound including a stunning wooden Lanna temple. The open-sided Wihan Luang dates back to 1476 and features a triple-tiered wooden roof supported by immense teak pillars. (B)

Wienglakor Hotel or similar

# 🛱 Day 8 🔹 Lampang to Chiang Rai

Explore the charming Phayao Lake on the way to Chiang Rai, Thailand's northernmost province. The area has an alpine-like landscape and climate, and is known for its hill tribe villages, tea plantations, and cherry blossoms

Visit the fascinating Hill Tribe Museum, dedicated to the history, culture, beliefs, and ways of life of several local hill tribes. Next, visit the serene Mae Fah Luang Art & Cultural Park, a hidden lakeside gem that houses folk art and teak artifacts from the Lanna Kingdom! (B, D)

✤ Phowadol Resort & Spa or similar

# 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Chiang Rai & Golden Triangle

Spend the day in the Golden Triangle, the hilly, forested area where Northern Thailand meets Laos and Myanmar. Visit the Blue Temple, whose signature sapphire hue is associated with purity and wisdom. From there, take a tour of the Black House. The Baan Dam Museum is set amongst sprawling gardens, its ebony structures filled with the surreal artwork of Thawan Duchanee. Head high into the mountains to Doi Mae Salong. The de facto heart of "Little Switzerland" is known for its enchanting scenery and tranquil atmosphere. Visit a tea plantation, where you can enjoy fresh-picked oolong tea whose plump leaves blanket the lush hillsides.

Your final included stop of the day is the Hall of Opium, a museum that takes a deep look into the devastating narcotic that defined so much of Northern Thailand's contemporary past. (B)

♦ Phowadol Resort & Spa or similar

# 🛱 Day 10 🔹 Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai

On your way to Chiang Mai, visit Wat Rong Khun, the White Temple. The ivory building is covered with glass and mirrors that make it shine and sparkle in the sun or moonlight.

Continue to the 600-year-old Wat Chedi Luang, the ruined temple famous for its chedi.

Tour Wat Phra Singh, a temple dominated by an enormous, mosaic-inlaid sanctuary. See the bronze Three Kings Monument, then continue to Wat Chiang Man, an Old City temple established in the 13th century. Your final stop is the Tha Pae Gate, part of the city wall that protected the Old City from the armies of the Mongol Empire. (B)

Cross Vibe (X2) Decem Chiang Mai or similar

# 🛱 Day 11 🔹 Chiang Mai

Your day begins at Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, a temple reached by a long staircase flanked by naga, Thailand's scariest sea serpents.

Then visit Bhubing Palace, the Thai Royal Family's winter residence. There are a number of charmingly rustic buildings and an excellent garden, including hundreds of varieties of roses and rare orchids. Join your fellow travelers for a an included farewell dinner. (B, D)

♦ Cross Vibe (X2) Decem Chiang Mai or similar

💥 Day 12 • Depart for Home (B)



Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28	<sup>\$</sup> 1,649
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### Single Supplement from \$800

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WITH JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM TOUR See page 138 for details. PRICE INCLUDES 2 INTRA-TOUR FLIGHTS 2,549\* 2,299\*

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# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Admission to the Larco Museum, home to Lima's finest collection of pre-Columbian art and artifacts
- Tour through the twin historic sites of Maras and Moray
- Spend a day exploring Machu Picchu
- Explore Cusco, recognized by UNESCO as Peru's most culturally important city
- Visit Uros and Taquile islands on Lake Titicaca
- Look for Andean condors in the Colca Valley

### INCLUDES

12 nights hotels, 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 1 dinner, professional Tour Director, baggage handling at hotels, and sightseeing per itinerary.

**Note:** (B, L, D) as noted at the end of itinerary text ind cates meals included for that day.

# ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Lima • Cusco • Sacred Valley • Machu Picchu • Puno • Uros and Taquile Island • Colca Valley • Arequipa via Condor Cross

Travel across the misty, mysterious land of the Incas—Peru is a mountainous vacation destination with limitless magic to uncover, history to learn, and beauty to fall in love with on this sweeping tour.



POST TOUR OPTION: 3-DAY AMAZON RAINFOREST EXTENSION <sup>\$</sup>1,099 PER PERSON - Call for details.

# 🛪 Day 1 🔹 Arrive in Lima

If you purchased airline tickets from YMT, a representative will welcome you at the airport and transport you to the hotel. **Note:** Depending on the departure time of your outbound flight, you may depart one day earlier.

✦ Britania Crystal Collection or similar

# Day 2 • Lima City Tour

Start your journey with a tour of Lima, Peru's scenic capital. Explore Lima's old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site packed with historic buildings including the Main Square, a stunning showcase of the wealth of the Spanish Empire, the 16th century Church of Santo Domingo, and Casa Aliaga, one of Lima's finest colonial mansions. Proceed to the traditional Pueblo Libre District, where you will visit the Larco Museum, a pre-Columbian art museum housed in a beautifully restored 18th century mansion. Enjoy an included lunch at the Cafe del Museo Larco, located on the terrace in front of the museum's beautiful gardens. (B, L)

✦ Britania Crystal Collection or similar

# 🛱 🛪 Day 3 • Cusco

Take a short, included flight from Lima to Cusco, in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The region boasts countless ruins, beautifully intact stone terraces, and rugged mountainous terrain. Shop for locally made goods at the Pisac Market.

Take a scenic ride to Ollantaytambo Archaelogical Park, a living Inca city where residents still live in accordance with old Incan traditions. "Ollanta" is also famous for its wellpreserved archaeological sites, including a fortress, baths, and temples. (B, L)

Hacienda del Valle or similar

# 🚽 Day 4 🔹 Sacred Valley

Hidden from view by the rugged Andes, the Incan sites of Maras and Moray are two of the Sacred Valley's most interesting places to visit. Maras is home to Salineras de Maras, ancient terraced salt ponds. Moray contains circular terraces that were used by Incan leaders as a test garden where they could experiment on plants grown across the empire. Continue to Chinchero town, where you will see Incan ruins framed by the snow-capped Chicón and Verónica mountains. (B, L)



**Note:** Ovenight bag will be needed for your journey to Machu Picchu. Due to luggage restrictions aboard the trains to and from Machu Picchu, passengers may only take 1 small bag weighing no more than 11 lbs (5 kg). The next day, the rest of your luggage will be transferred to your hotel in Cusco City. Guests will be able to retrieve their luggage upon their arrival at night on Day 5.

✦ Hacienda del Valle or similar

# 🚇 Day 5 🔹 Machu Picchu

Travel by PeruRail Vistadome panoramic train to Peru's most famous site—the ancient sanctuary of Machu Picchu. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the ultimate example of Incan architecture, characterized by polished stone walls and elegantly designed terraces. After your tour, return to Aguas Calientes to enjoy an Andean fusion lunch overlooking the Vilconota River at the Cafe Inkaterra. (B, L)

Note: Machu Pichu is nearly 8,000 feet in elevation.

♦ Casa Andina Plaza or similar

# 🛱 Day 6 🔹 Cusco

Your tour of this UNESCO designated city starts with a visit to Santo Domingo Convent, a Spanish complex built on top of the sacred Inca Coricancha. Then, visit the Cusco Cathedral. Head to the hills to visit Sacsayhuamán, a fortress with panoramic views of the city. Finally, visit Puka Pukara, an Inca military installation perched on one of Cusco's most prominent hills. After an included lunch, the afternoon is yours to enjoy on your own. (B, L)

♦ Casa Andina Plaza or similar

# 🛱 Day 7 • Puno

Take a scenic drive from Cusco down to Puno. Keep your eyes peeled for landmarks including the town of Andahuaylillas, the Temple of Wiracocha, and the La Raya Pass. (B, L)

Hacienda Puno Hotel or similar

# 🖵 Day 8 🛛 Uros and Taquile Island

Spend the day on Lake Titicaca, ancestral home of two fascinating cultures. Your first stop is on the floating islands of Uros, a series of manmade islands built by weaving together giant bulrush plants. Continue on to Taquile Island, home to the Taquileños, whose textiles are renowned for their quality. Have lunch on the island, then enjoy free time in Puno. (B, L)

✦ Hacienda Puno Hotel or similar

### 🛱 Day 9 🔹 Colca

Travel over high plains, stone forests and blue lagoons from Puno to Colca. Visit the Pampa Cañahuas Reserve, an extensive plain where vicuñas, the wild ancestor of domesticated alpacas, are a common sight. (B, L)

✦ Casa Andina Colca or similar

# Day 10 🔹 Arequipa via Condor Cross

Keep your eyes to the sky on your stop at Condor Cross. Even if you don't see a condor, your views of the stunning Colca Valley, one of the world's deepest canyons, will make the journey worth it. See Chivay and the towns of Pinchollo, Maca, Achoma, and Yanque before arriving in Arequipa. (B, L)

✦ Casa Andina Arequipa or similar

### 🚽 Day 11 🛛 Arequipa City Tour

Enjoy a panoramic view of Arequipa, then see historic architecture and views at the Yanahuara District. Visit the Main Square, Compañía de Jesús Church, and Santa Catalina Monastery. Enjoy a leisurely evening in Arequipa. (B, L)

♦ Casa Andina Arequipa or similar

# X Day 12 🔹 Fly to Lima

Take an included flight from Arequipa to Lima, then enjoy a final day in Lima including a farewell dinner and folklore show. (B, D)

♦ Britania Miraflores Hotel or similar

💥 Day 13 • Depart for Home (B)

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+Extension not available for Sep 9, 2023 departure.



### DAY 12 - PISCO TASTING & MAKING -CEVICHE DEMONSTRATION

Learn the history of pisco then enjoy a cooking demonstration and sample the perfect ceviche. <sup>\$</sup>69 p/p. *Please add this option at time of booking.* 

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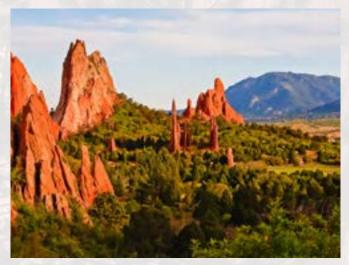
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5/6	\$ <mark>4,298</mark>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,798
6/17, 7/8	\$ <mark>4,398</mark>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,898



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Discover the American West on this tour through 8 spectacular National Parks. The fascinating history, diverse landscapes, and stunning views on this itinerary will captivate you!.

Added value: Free Denver city pass and entrance to 3 top attractions

2023 dates	Originally	After Add'l. Discounts
4/20	\$ <del>3,598</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,098
5/4, 6/1, 6/29, 8/10, 9/7	\$ <del>3,798</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,298





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# **ULTIMATE CANYONS & ROCKY MOUNTAINS - 19 DAYS**

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Added value: Free Denver city pass and entrance to 3 top attractions

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5/4	\$ <mark>4,098</mark>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,598
6/1, 6/29, 8/10, 9/7	\$ <del>3,998</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,498

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Relax and enjoy the ultimate Mediterranean experience through Athens, Mykonos, Santorini, Rome, Florence and more! The food is delicious, the architecture is marvelous, and the art is astounding!

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4/19, 5/3	\$ <del>3,498</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 2,998
5/10, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27	\$ <del>3,598</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,098
6/7, 9/6	\$ <del>3,698</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,198
8/23	\$ <del>3,798</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,298

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7/25, 9/5	<sup>\$</sup> 4,248	<sup>\$</sup> 3,748
8/8, 8/22	<sup>\$</sup> 4,348	<sup>\$</sup> 3,848

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This ultimate journey through Scotland and Ireland will leave you breathless as you explore craggy mountains, castles overlooking lakes, and mystical Ireland; from Edinburgh to Belfast, witness it all!

Added value: Free connecting flight

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4/19	\$ <del>3,998</del>	<sup>\$</sup> 3,498
5/10, 9/13, 9/20	<sup>\$</sup> 4,098	<sup>\$</sup> 3,598
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