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Ultimate Journeys by Viva Holidays are a range of bespoke small group journeys, thoughtfully designed to showcase must-see destinations and exclusive experiences that aren't readily available when travelling on your own.

Our 2026 Ultimate Journeys collection features an inspiring array of new destinations across Australia and the world, with every itinerary expertly curated to immerse you in the very best of each region.

Blending unforgettable experiences, exceptional accommodation and exquisite food and wine, these once-in-a-lifetime programs have been designed to awaken your senses and create lasting memories.

Supported by our experienced tour leaders and expert local guides, every Ultimate Journey promises a seamless and enriching holiday filled with history, culture and wonder. And whether travelling solo or as a couple, you'll be part of a small group of like-minded travellers – offering the perfect opportunity to connect, share experiences and form lifelong friendships.

From iconic landmarks to hidden treasures and extraordinary dining experiences, our 2026 Ultimate Journey by Viva Holidays collection offers more than ever before.





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4 DAYS

# ULTIMATE ULURU

DEPARTING 10 JULY AND 28 AUGUST 2026

Discover Australia's spiritual heart on this amazing four day Uluru adventure. See majestic Uluru and the magnificent domes of Kata Tjuta from the ground and the air. Marvel at the changing colours of these sacred sites from sunrise to sunset. Hear the stories of the Anangu people and learn about their culture. Experience fine dining under a canopy of stars at an exclusive farewell dinner.

This fully escorted small group journey will have you ticking off every Uluru bucket list experience and is the ultimate way to truly immerse yourself in the magical beauty of Australia's Red Centre.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Stay at Ayers Rock Resort's only five star property, Sails in the Desert
- ❖ Experience the changing colours of Uluru and Kata Tjuta at sunrise and sunset
- ❖ Wander through the spectacular Field of Light art installation
- ❖ View Uluru and Kata Tjuta from the air on a helicopter flight
- ❖ See the towering rock formations of Kata Tjuta on a guided walk through Walpa Gorge
- ❖ Be mesmerised by Wintjiri Wiru, Uluru's breathtaking sound and light show
- ❖ Enjoy an exclusive Tali Wiru farewell dinner
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 20 guests



Field of Light

## DAY 1: ULURU

Welcome to Uluru – the spiritual heart of Australia. You'll be met on arrival at Ayers Rock Airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax poolside or participate in one of the complimentary resort activities.

Get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Leader over a drink in the Walpa Lobby Bar, before tonight's welcome dinner. Transfer to a remote desert location to enjoy gourmet canapés and sparkling wine, as you take in the breathtaking Uluru sunset. As darkness falls, watch in awe from the top of your private dune as a fantasy garden, featuring 50,000 spindles of light, gently comes to life. Then enjoy a delicious three course menu infused with bush tucker flavours. As the night ignites with countless stars, settle back and listen to the resident star talker decode the southern night sky. After dinner, immerse yourself in the stunning art installation, Field of Light, its pathways glistening softly with rhythms of coloured light, beckoning you to explore at your own pace. This will be a truly magical evening.

**Overnight:** Sails in the Desert ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: ULURU HIGHLIGHTS & SACRED SITES FLIGHT

It will be worth the early wake-up call this morning, to experience the tranquillity of the pre-dawn outback and watch the stunning metamorphosis of colour as the desert slowly comes alive. As you travel towards Uluru, its vast shape rises from the sand dunes in the early dawn light highlighting its presence in this country. Be guided to a special location to watch the sun rise over this amazing monolith and enjoy an outback picnic breakfast. Once the sun is up, visit Mutitjulu Waterhole on the Kuniya Walk and learn the Creation stories of Liru (poisonous snake) and Kuniya (python).

After this short walk, drive around the base of Uluru and hear the story of the Mala people.

Next, head to the Uluru Cultural Centre where you'll support the local community and deepen your understanding of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Learn about Anangu culture and the park's natural environment through exhibits and presentations with Anangu and park rangers.

This afternoon, get ready for the ultimate adventure and experience the true majesty of Uluru and Kata Tjuta from the air. Fly by Uluru and across to the spectacular domes of Kata Tjuta for a view that will leave you speechless. So much of these sacred sites are off-limits from the ground, so the only way to truly appreciate its scale and the landscape is from the air.

Late afternoon, be whisked away to a dune top location and sip delicious cocktails, while watching the changing colours of Uluru and Kata Tjuta as the sun slowly sinks below the horizon. Take your seat in the open-air desert theatre and embark on a culinary adventure with a gourmet dinner hamper. Prepare to be amazed as Wintjiri Wiru, Uluru's breathtaking light and sound show, brings to life the ancient Mala story of the Anangu people.

Watch in awe as the night sky comes alive with choreographed drones, lasers and projections taking flight. With the heart of Australia as the backdrop, you will feel a powerful connection to the country, as a story passed on for thousands of generations, now passes to you.

**Overnight:** Sails in the Desert ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Picnic Breakfast and Dinner

## DAY 3: KATA TJUTA & TALI WIRU

An early start this morning to experience the magnificence of a Kata Tjuta sunrise. On arrival at the viewing area, walk to the best vantage point to see the 36 domes that comprise this spiritual place, watching as the sun's morning glow brings the desert to life. The tour then

heads to the western side of Kata Tjuta where you'll enjoy an outback picnic breakfast. Approaching the entrance to Walpa Gorge, named for the wind that whistles between the massive domes that shape Kata Tjuta, your guide will share the significance of this men's sacred ceremonial site.

Return to the hotel, the afternoon is free to relax poolside or join one of the many activities offered at the resort. We recommend visiting the Gallery of Central Australia, featuring around 80 works of Indigenous art. Or perhaps join a didgeridoo workshop, learn about Australian and local bush tucker, listen to stories of Aboriginal culture and tradition or visit Australia's largest camel farm. Tonight's final dinner will be an unforgettable experience. Tali Wiru, meaning 'beautiful dune' in local Anangu language, encapsulates the magic of fine dining under the Southern Desert sky. The stillness of the desert at night creates a unique ambience, while views of Uluru and the distant domes of Kata Tjuta provide a stunning backdrop to the world-class gastronomic adventure that awaits. Sip champagne and nibble on canapés as you watch a spectacular sunset to the haunting sounds of a didgeridoo performance.

Every course of this exclusive four course dinner is infused with ancient native herbs. Enjoy premium Australian wines while an indigenous storyteller shares the culture, history and spirituality of this beautiful land. This is so much more than a dining experience; it's a moment in time you will remember forever.

**Overnight:** Sails in the Desert ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Picnic Breakfast and Dinner

## DAY 4: ULURU

Enjoy a final leisurely breakfast before transferring to the airport for your flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast





Sunset dinner canapés at Wintjiri Wiru<sup>+</sup>



Sunset drink offered at Wintjiri Wiru<sup>+</sup>



Tali Wiru

Tourism Australia

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- 'A Night at Field of Light' including outback canapés, sparkling wine, 3 course bush tucker inspired menu, Australian wine and beers, non-alcoholic drinks, tea, coffee and port, self-guided walk through the illuminated Field of Light
- Private Uluru Highlights Tour
- Scenic helicopter flight passing by Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Wintjiri Wiru Sunset Experience including drinks and canapés, gourmet dinner hamper and immersive sound and light show
- Private guided Kata Tjuta Tour
- Private Tali Wiru dinner including champagne and canapés, table d'hôte 4 course dinner with premium Australian wine, didgeridoo performance and Indigenous storytelling
- Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass
- 3 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of a Tour Leader and expert driver/guides
- Return coach transfers from/to Ayers Rock Airport



See spectacular Uluru from the air

Professional Helicopter Services

DEPARTURES:	Twin Share	Single Supplement
10 July 2026	<b>\$3,789*</b>	<b>\$1,160*</b>
28 August 2026	<b>\$3,789*</b>	<b>\$1,160*</b>

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.

<sup>+</sup>As custodians of the land, Anangu hold the Mala story from Kalbarri to Uluru. To share their story from Kalbarri to Uluru, RAMUS designed and produced an artistic platform using drones, light and sound to create an immersive storytelling experience.





6 DAYS

# MARGARET RIVER GOURMET GETAWAY

DEPARTING 27 OCTOBER 2026

Combining some of Western Australia's most celebrated food and wine experiences, this is a culinary journey not to be missed. Discover the art of wine making at Vasse Felix – the oldest winery in the Margaret River region, indulge in a dining experience showcasing seasonal produce at Cape Lodge, taste Greenlip abalone fresh from the ocean at Augusta and spend a day at Mandoon Estate in the Swan Valley. All this and more as you travel through some of the most beautiful scenery in the country. This escorted small group tour is the ultimate way to experience the gourmet delights and natural beauty of the Margaret River Region and Swan Valley.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Stay two nights at serene Cape Lodge, in the heart of the Margaret River wine region
- ❖ Experience a seasonally curated, three course dinner at the coveted Cape Lodge restaurant
- ❖ Visit the stunning Cape Leeuwin Estate
- ❖ Taste ocean-matured wines paired with Greenlip abalone at Subsea Estate
- ❖ Indulge in a three course lunch overlooking the vines at Vasse Felix Winery
- ❖ Enjoy a Bush Tucker Experience at Mandoon Estate
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 14 guests



Vasse Felix

### DAY 1: PERTH

You'll be met on arrival at Perth Airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore Perth at your leisure. Perhaps explore nearby Kings Park Botanic Garden and take in the panoramic views over the city or spend time in Fremantle and check out the many microbreweries and restaurants. Alternatively, spend your afternoon indulging in some retail therapy by heading to the Hay and Murray Street malls. Tonight, meet your Tour Leader and fellow travellers for a welcome drink.

**Overnight:** Pan Pacific Perth ♦♦♦♦♦

### DAY 2: PERTH – YALLINGUP

Enjoy an early breakfast, before embarking on an epicurean adventure to Margaret River, known for its world-class wineries, rugged coastline and culinary delights. The journey begins with a scenic drive through the seaside town of Mandurah. Visit Tods Café, overlooking the estuary where you may encounter Mandurah's famous dolphins.

Next, head to Busselton and take a ride on the iconic Busselton jetty train travelling 1.8 kilometres across the sparkling waters of Geographe Bay. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious lunch at The Goose, situated right on the foreshore with uninterrupted views of Geographe Bay and the Busselton Jetty.

This afternoon, visit Aravina Estate, one of the region's most beautiful vineyards boasting sprawling gardens with vibrant hydrangeas and breathtaking views. Delight in a tasting at the cellar door before wandering through the first ever official Western Australian surfing museum.

Continue to Cape Lodge, a luxury country estate set on 40 acres of beautifully manicured gardens and ornamental lakes. Later, enjoy a pre-dinner drink and then partake in a three course set menu dinner, at the coveted Cape

Lodge restaurant. The ingredient-driven menu is seasonally curated, using the finest produce from the on-site kitchen garden and neighbouring farms.

**Overnight:** Cape Lodge, Yallingup ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tasting

### DAY 3: MARGARET RIVER REGION

Rugged coastlines, gigantic limestone caves and towering forests are waiting to be explored today. Journey south and descend into the depths of the ancient Mammoth Cave and see the vast chambers to uncover the secrets of the prehistoric giants that once roamed the South West. Journey through the towering Karri trees of Boranup Forest before walking along the shoreline of Hamelin Bay, famous for the many stingrays that frequent the bay.

Arrive in Augusta for a relaxing lunch at the Colour Patch, perched on the edge of the stunning Blackwood River. Feast on fresh local fare as you take in the unbeatable views. After lunch, head to the historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and take in the glorious views where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet. Stop at Rare Foods Australia, a world class abalone facility and sample the highly sought after Greenlip abalone. Be treated to a cellar door tasting at Subsea Estate, the Southern Hemisphere's first Open Ocean winery. Gain insight into this dynamic winemaking process as you taste these ocean-influenced wines.

This evening, enjoy a relaxed dinner at the Cape Lodge restaurant.

**Overnight:** Cape Lodge, Yallingup ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Tasting

### DAY 4: MARGARET RIVER REGION

After breakfast, journey along the Yallingup coastline and stop at Canal Rocks. See the thundering water crashing through the 600-million-year-old granite rock formations.

Stop at Vasse Virgin and sample the sensational gourmet olive oil range. Next, head to Vasse Felix, the region's oldest vineyard, for the ultimate Margaret River wine experience. Delve into the Estate's fascinating history before partaking in a tutored tasting of their wines. Enjoy an exquisite three course lunch overlooking the vines.

This afternoon, journey back to Perth and enjoy an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Pan Pacific Perth ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Tastings

### DAY 5: SWAN VALLEY

Enjoy breakfast before heading to Swan Valley, Western Australia's oldest wine region. Just a 30 minute drive from Perth, this iconic wine region boasts a rich heritage, award-winning wines and gourmet delights, including olives, cheeses and chocolate. Arrive at Mandoon Estate where you will learn about local indigenous food and culture from a Noongar Elder. Taste some traditional bush food and listen to stories from decades past about indigenous farming methods and the history. Afterwards, settle in for a fine dining experience at Wild Swan, where you will indulge in a modern and innovative four course lunch paired with Mandoon Estate wines. After lunch, head to the cellar door for an exquisite wine and macaron pairing experience. Each wine has been carefully selected to complement the unique flavours of its paired macaron. Return to Perth for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Pan Pacific Perth ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Tastings

### DAY 6: PERTH

Your fabulous epicurean journey comes to an end after breakfast. Your private car transfer awaits to whisk you to the airport for your flight home.

**Meals:** Breakfast



Tourism Western Australia



Busselton Jetty

Tourism Western Australia/Osprey Creative



Tourism Western Australia

Aravina Estate



Tourism Australia

Mandoon Estate, Bush Tucker Tasting & Talk



Tourism Western Australia

The Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Busselton jetty train ride
- Wine tasting at Aravina Estate
- Nightly pre-dinner drink at Cape Lodge
- 3 course set menu dinner at Cape Lodge on two evenings (excluding beverages)
- Tour of the Rare Foods Australia abalone facility and wine tasting at Subsea Estate
- 3 course lunch and tutored wine tasting at Vasse Felix
- 4 course lunch with paired wines and an exclusive macaron and wine tasting at Mandoon Estate
- Bush Tucker Tasting & Talk at Mandoon Estate
- 5 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of a Tour Leader
- 3 days private coach touring of the Margaret River Region with an experienced driver/guide
- Return private transfers from/to Perth Airport

DEPARTURE:	Twin Share	Single Supplement
27 October 2026	<b>\$4,999*</b>	<b>\$1,899*</b>

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8 DAYS

# WONDERS OF SOUTH ISLAND

DEPARTING 12 OCTOBER 2026

Experience the pristine beauty and rich culture of New Zealand's South Island on this eight day adventure. Traverse the Southern Alps on the iconic TranzAlpine and marvel at the floating icebergs as you cruise around the Tasman Glacial Lake. Take in the pristine natural beauty of Milford Sound, the jewel of Fiordland National Park. Taste a Central Otago Pinot Noir at Kinross winery and delve into the diverse food and wine scene in Christchurch and Queenstown.

This fully escorted journey is the ultimate way to enjoy the very best of the South Island.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Take a flavour packed journey through Christchurch's culinary hot spots
- ❖ Journey on New Zealand's grandest rail journey, the TranzAlpine train
- ❖ Experience the enormity of NZ's largest glacier
- ❖ View spectacular waterfalls, the fjords and mountains on a Milford Sound cruise
- ❖ Take a thrilling jet boat ride along Dart River
- ❖ Enjoy one of Queenstown's most unique dining experiences at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 14 guests



Lake Wanaka, Otago

## DAY 1: CHRISTCHURCH

Arrive in Christchurch and spend the afternoon at leisure, soaking in the relaxed pace of the Garden City. Perhaps take a gentle stroll through the Christchurch Botanic Gardens to admire the beautifully landscaped grounds or if you're in the mood for shopping, head to the City Mall precinct. There you'll find a vibrant mix of modern boutiques, local designers, street art, and cosy cafés, perfect for easing into your South Island adventure.

This evening, join our local city guide and explore the city's thriving culinary scene while meeting your fellow group members. Learn about local culture, discover hidden treasures and experience the many flavours Christchurch has to offer. Enjoy a shared style menu paired with curated premium beverages.

**Overnight:** Sudima Christchurch ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: SOUTHERN ALPS & ARTHUR'S PASS

Today you will discover breathtaking scenery as you board the iconic TranzAlpine train, from Christchurch to the high country of the Southern Alps and Arthur's Pass. Considered one of the world's most scenic rail experiences, you will journey through the wide expanse of the Canterbury plains and Waimakariri gorge, where the train snakes along viaducts and through tunnels before entering the high country of the Southern Alps. When you reach Arthur's Pass, step off the train and breathe the crisp alpine air. This remote mountain village is surrounded by dramatic peaks and native bush. After lunch, head back to Christchurch via Porters Pass. The road journey offers a different perspective of the alpine region, with panoramic views over hills and glacial valleys.

**Overnight:** Sudima Christchurch ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3: CHRISTCHURCH – MT COOK & LAKE TEKAPO

An early start this morning for your journey to Mount Cook. Once you arrive, take a short scenic walk before boarding the Glacier Explorers boat from the Tasman Lake Jetty for a cruise around the Tasman Glacial Lake. Experience New Zealand's largest glacier, see floating icebergs up close where you may even observe the calving of an iceberg.

Take in the awe-inspiring alpine scenery as you glide through the icy waters, surrounded by towering peaks. This unforgettable experience offers a rare glimpse into the raw beauty and power of Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park.

This evening head to Lake Tekapo to join a Big Sky Stargazing tour and learn about the beautiful southern night sky. Observe the Southern Cross, planets, star clusters and the spectacular Milky Way.

**Overnight:** Peppers Bluewater Resort ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 4: LAKE TEKAPO – WANAKA

This morning, continue your journey to the picture-perfect alpine town of Wanaka, set against the stunning backdrop of the Southern Alps. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the lakefront, take in the crisp mountain air, and explore the town's boutique shops and charming cafés. You might want to grab a coffee with a view or visit the famous Wanaka Tree for an early photo opportunity. Soak in the peaceful atmosphere before you join a cruise to Stevensons Island for a short walk to the summit of the island. Learn about the conservation efforts that go into keeping this unique and magical island bird reserve. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Oakridge Resort Wanaka ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 5: WANAKA – QUEENSTOWN

Embark on a picturesque drive by Kinross, a Central Otago winery known for its quality boutique wines. Talented wine advisors will take you on a journey through the world of Otago Wines.

Next, head to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. On arrival, check in to the Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa, home for the next three nights.

Tonight, a dining experience like no other awaits you. Cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the iconic TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak High Country Farm and make your way to the lakeside Colonel's Homestead Restaurant for a gourmet barbecue dinner. Enjoy an entertaining farm demonstration and explore the beautiful lakeside gardens. After dinner, cruise back to Queenstown.

**Overnight:** Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 6: MILFORD SOUND

Today, join a guided adventure tour to Milford Sound with highlights including Mirror Lakes, Monkey Creek, Knobs Flat, Homer Tunnel, Christie Falls and The Chasm.

Upon arrival, board a small boat for a Milford Sound Nature Cruise and explore stunning scenery and view wildlife including seals, penguins and dolphins. Enjoy lunch as you cruise this magnificent fjord. Take a scenic flight back to Queenstown and witness the panoramic views across the Southern Alps.

Finish the day with a scenic gondola ride, taking you 480 metres up over Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak. Enjoy dinner at Stratosfare Restaurant while taking in panoramic views of Queenstown.

**Overnight:** Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner





Queenstown Gondola, Queenstown

## DAY 7: DART RIVER VALLEY

Today explore the iconic, untouched landscapes of Dart River Valley on an exhilarating jet boat ride. Journey through the Dart River's ever-changing braided river system and take in the surroundings of breathtaking snow-capped mountains, ancient native forest, waterfalls and glacier valleys frozen in time. The jet boat ride is followed by an easy 20 minute guided walk through ancient native beach forest.

Late afternoon, make your way into central Queenstown where you will meet your guide for a twilight craft beer and wine tour. Visit three unique locations around Queenstown and Gibbston and sample some of the finest

drops in the region. Now, here's the twist, if beer is more your thing, then bounce from vines to hops and taste some local craft beers instead. Once you have completed the tour, the evening is free to explore Queenstown's thriving restaurant scene.

**Overnight:** Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa  
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**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 8: QUEENSTOWN

Your unforgettable New Zealand adventure comes to an end after breakfast.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Cultural Inner City Food Tour with 8 shared plates and paired premium beverages
- Arthur Pass with TranzAlpine Train
- Glacier Explorer Cruise
- Dark Sky Project Stargazing Experience
- Lake Wanaka, Stevensons Island Cruise & Nature Walk
- Kinross Classic Wine Experience
- TSS Earnslaw, Walter Peak High Country Farm with Gourmet Barbecue Dinner Tour
- Milford Sound Coach, Cruise and Fly Tour
- Queenstown Gondola and dinner experience
- Dart River Wilderness Jet Adventure
- Twilight Wine & Craft Beer Tour
- 7 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach



Walter Peak Farm, Queenstown

DEPARTURE:	Twin Share	Single Supplement
12 October 2026	<b>\$8,649*</b>	<b>\$2,329*</b>

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16 DAYS

# ENCHANTING VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

DEPARTING 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

Capture the splendour of Vietnam and Cambodia on this enchanting fourteen day escorted group journey. Explore the bustling streets of Hanoi and cruise the sparkling waters of Ha Long Bay. Discover the hidden charms of atmospheric Hue and Hoi An, then continue to energetic Ho Chi Minh City. Uncover the lush landscapes of the Mekong Delta in Vietnam's south, before crossing into Cambodia to discover historic Phnom Penh and the majestic temples of Angkor near Siem Reap.

Gain fascinating insight into the history, culture and delicious flavours of this amazing region on the ultimate South East Asian experience.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Experience the bustling streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter aboard a traditional three-wheeled cyclo
- ❖ Take in the stunning scenery as you sail through the beautiful waters of Ha Long Bay on a two night cruise
- ❖ Enjoy the unique opportunity to have a traditional dinner with a direct descendant of Ngoc Son Princess, for a royal insight into the Imperial past
- ❖ Gain insight into traditional Vietnamese cuisine with a morning market tour and interactive cooking class that you will eat for lunch
- ❖ Cruise the enchanting Mekong River and see the vibrant floating markets
- ❖ Behind-the-scenes tour and tasting at Seekers Spirit House, Phnom Penh's premier gin distillery
- ❖ Wander through the awe-inspiring Angkor Wat complex – the largest religious monument in the world
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia

## DAY 1: HANOI

You will be met on arrival at Hanoi Airport and transferred to your hotel, which is situated in the heart of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Enjoy free time exploring this ancient city. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at Spice Viet restaurant. Your dining experience begins with a live cooking demonstration from the Chef before enjoying a dinner showcasing Vietnamese cuisine.

**Overnight:** Apricot Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: HANOI

After breakfast, immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant culture of Hanoi on a full day guided tour. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex and see the tranquil Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Explore the bustling streets of the Old Quarter aboard a traditional Cyclo, marvelling at the Dong Xuan Market and historic architecture. Head to tranquil Hoan Kiem Lake, where you will visit the Ngoc Son Temple. Return to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

**Overnight:** Apricot Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3: HANOI – HA LONG BAY

Today, depart Hanoi and travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Ha Long Bay, where an unforgettable cruise awaits. Board The Au Co and enjoy a welcome drink and delicious lunch while taking in stunning views of Ha Long Bay's towering limestone karsts. This afternoon, visit Trinh Nu Cave, known for its dramatic rock formations and secluded beach. Explore the cave, take a refreshing swim, or kayak through the crystal-clear waters. Return to the boat and watch the sun set over the bay before enjoying a gourmet dinner.

**Overnight:** The Au Co Cruise ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4: HA LONG BAY

Greet the morning with a Tai Chi session on the sundeck, followed by breakfast as you sail towards Lan Ha Bay. Visit Viet Hai Village on Cat Ba Island and experience authentic rural life. Meet with the locals and learn about their way of life before enjoying a freshly prepared village-style lunch.

This evening, enjoy a signature barbecue dinner onboard the boat.

**Overnight:** The Au Co Cruise ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5: HA LONG – HANOI – HUE

After breakfast, visit Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, the largest and most impressive cave in Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a final brunch on board while sailing through the magnificent limestone landscapes towards the harbour. Disembark at Tuan Chau Port and transfer back to Hanoi for your flight to Hue.

**Overnight:** Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Brunch

## DAY 6: HUE

This morning, discover the historical essence of Hue on a half day city tour. Commence your exploration with the grandeur of the Hue Citadel, where history unfolds among the palatial structures and ancient walls that once housed Vietnam's emperors. Next, take a gentle boat ride on the Perfume River which leads you to the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda and the Tomb of Minh Mang Emperor.

Tonight, travel to a Garden House where you will meet a direct descendant of Ngoc Son Princess and enjoy a traditional dinner while gaining an insight into the Imperial past.

**Overnight:** Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 7: HUE – HOI AN

Today take a drive via the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. Upon arrival, explore the hidden charms of Hoi An on a guided walking tour. Explore the ancient streets and visit the Chua Ong Pagoda, the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and the venerable Jinshang Temple. Wander towards the Tan Ky House, and gaze upon the Japanese-covered bridge, a 16th century architectural marvel. Take a peaceful boat cruise along the Thu Bon River, offering picturesque views of Hoi An's serene landscapes. In the evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight:** Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 8: HOI AN

Following breakfast, visit a bustling market and explore the foundations of Vietnamese flavours before heading to Tra Que Vegetable Village for a unique culinary experience. Take part in a hands on cooking class, then join your fellow travellers for a communal meal. The evening is yours to spend at leisure.

**Overnight:** Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 9: HOI AN – HO CHI MINH CITY

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. This afternoon, enjoy a city tour and visit Vinh Nghiem Pagoda and admire the French colonial architecture of the Saigon Opera House.

Later this evening, discover Saigon's vibrant street food scene. Taste an array of street foods available in Nguyen Dinh Chieu Alley, a hotspot for authentic local cuisine.

**Overnight:** Sofitel Saigon Plaza ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



Hoi An, Vietnam



Apsara Khmer, Siem Reap, Cambodia

## DAY 10: MEKONG DELTA

This morning, set sail on board the Cai Be Princess Cruise and journey through the Mekong Delta. Your cruise will take you to artisanal workshops, where traditional crafts come to life, and to the historic houses nestled among the riverbanks. Savour a lunch of local delicacies at the picturesque Le Longanier Restaurant. Return to your hotel for an evening of leisure.

**Overnight:** Sofitel Saigon Plaza ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 11: HO CHI MINH CITY – PHNOM PENH

Enjoy free time at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight to Phnom Penh. You will be met on arrival at Phnom Penh Airport and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight:** Sun & Moon Riverside Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 12: PHNOM PENH

Spend the day discovering the highlights of Phnom Penh. Explore the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before visiting the National Museum. Continue to Wat Phnom, a pagoda featuring painted murals from Buddha's life. After lunch, visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening take a behind-the-scenes tour of Cambodia's finest gin distillery, Seekers Spirit House.

**Overnight:** Sun & Moon Riverside Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 13: PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

After breakfast, depart Phnom Penh for Siem Reap by private vehicle. Enjoy a scenic drive through Cambodia's countryside, passing traditional villages and lush rice paddies. Arrive in Siem Reap in the late afternoon and check

in to your hotel. Tonight, immerse yourself in the beauty of Khmer culture with an evening of traditional Apsara dance. As the dancers take the stage, savour a delicious dinner featuring authentic Cambodian cuisine.

**Overnight:** Sokha Angkor Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 14: TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Today, explore the rich history and awe-inspiring architecture of the Temples of Angkor. Start off at the surreal South Gate of Angkor Thom before seeing the mysterious Buddha faces of Bayon and the intricate web of tangled tree roots at Ta Prohm. Spend the afternoon exploring magnificent Angkor Wat, the best-preserved temple in the complex. Next, travel to Wat Atvea, where you will meet one of Cambodia's most celebrated artists, Channy Chhoeun. Enjoy tea and snacks while exploring his artwork. Return to your hotel for an evening of leisure.

**Overnight:** Sokha Angkor Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 15: TONLE SAP LAKE

Immerse yourself in the daily life of Kok Sangke Community, where you will visit local families and farms to learn about their traditions and livelihoods. Enjoy a home-cooked lunch at a community venue before visiting a local pagoda. Receive a special monk blessing before heading to Kampong Khleang, a floating village on Tonlé Sap Lake. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a memorable evening in the peaceful setting of Phum Boeung for a farewell dinner.

**Overnight:** Sokha Angkor Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 16: SIEM REAP

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your onward journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Guided city tours in Hanoi, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh
- Dinner at Princess Ngoc Son's House in Hue
- Guided walking tour of Hoi An
- Traditional cooking class at Tra Que Vegetable Village, Hoi An
- Street food tour in Ho Chi Minh City
- Full day Mekong Cruise
- Private meeting with contemporary artist, Channy Chhoeun
- Tour of Seekers Spirit House with tasting
- Cambodian Apsara dance performance
- Domestic economy flights from Hanoi to Hue, Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City and Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh
- 13 nights hotel accommodation
- 2 nights Deluxe Cabin accommodation on board The Au Co Cruise
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach
- Return private transfers from Hanoi and to Siem Reap airports

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

18 September 2026 **\$5,329\*** **\$2,149\***

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.





12 DAYS

# CULTURAL FLAVOURS OF JAPAN

DEPARTING 9 NOVEMBER 2026

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Japan's most iconic flavours and cultural traditions. Experience the grace of geisha culture through an elegant performance and indulge in Japan's finest cuisine, from bustling markets to refined dining spaces. Discover UNESCO-listed treasures, explore beautifully preserved historic districts and immerse yourself in spiritual practices shaped over centuries. Stay in a boutique onsen hotel, enjoy a private tea ceremony in a hidden temple and marvel at the cultural masterpieces that define Japan's enduring charm during this incredible 12-day experience.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Discover the seasonal flavours of Tokyo, Kanazawa and Osaka on curated food tours
- ❖ Head to Shirakawa-go, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses and breathtaking mountain scenery
- ❖ Learn to prepare authentic Japanese cuisine by crafting fresh ramen noodles in Tokyo and delicate sushi rolls in Kyoto
- ❖ Visit one of Takayama's oldest sake breweries and sample premium sake crafted onsite
- ❖ Enjoy the rare opportunity to experience Kyoto's world-renowned hospitality, in a graceful evening of food and dance, in the company of a geisha
- ❖ Join monks in their morning prayer on Mt. Shigi and participate in a calming zazen meditation
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



### DAY 1: TOKYO

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You'll be met on the arrival at Tokyo Airport and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Leader and fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

**Overnight:** Hotel Groove Shinjuku ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 2: TOKYO

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After breakfast, walk through Tokyo's famed Tsukiji Outer Market, an eclectic mix of traditional shops and top-quality sushi eateries. Continue on to Asakusa, the city's oldest geisha district, offering a deeper glimpse into old Tokyo.

Following lunch, take a short walk to Kappabashi, known as the Kitchenware Town, where dozens of specialty stores for handcrafted knives, Japanese tableware, and food replicas surround the area. Continue on to the Ueno district for Tokyo National Museum, home to the best collections of art and archaeological artifacts. Last stop is in Ueno's Ameyokocho, a former post-war black market now transformed into a bustling shopping street lined with food stalls, a perfect spot to sample local snacks and soak up the lively atmosphere.

**Overnight:** Hotel Groove Shinjuku ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 3: TOKYO

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Embark on a culinary journey into the world of Jiro-style ramen, one of Japan's most popular dishes. Led by skilled English-speaking instructors, you will begin by kneading and shaping thick wheat noodles from flour, before preparing a rich, aromatic garlic-infused broth and slow-cooking succulent chashu pork slices. Once prepared, sit down to savour the fruits of your labour in a hearty, generously topped bowl, and leave equipped with the skills and confidence to recreate this iconic Japanese dish at home. Transfer back to your hotel and spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

As night falls, join your guide to wander through the Tokyo's old town streets, savouring a curated journey of flavours from fresh seafood to warm, sweet taiyaki – a delicious way to end the day.

**Overnight:** Hotel Groove Shinjuku ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 4: TOKYO – KANAZAWA

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Today, board Japan's world famous bullet train to Kanazawa, a former castle town that flourished as a hub of art, culture, and craftsmanship during the Edo period. Visit Kenroku-en Garden and stroll through the Higashi Chaya District, the most famous of Kanazawa's historic geisha neighbourhoods.

Later, venture into the atmospheric back alleys of the Korinbo District for a refined food tour. Discover the best of local produce and seafood, found only along this remarkable stretch of coast. Afterwards, choose to continue exploring the city on your own or head back to the hotel for some well-deserved rest.

**Overnight:** Kanazawa Tokyu ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 5: KANAZAWA – SHIRAKAWA-GO – TAKAYAMA

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Journey to Shirakawa-go village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its beautifully preserved gassho-zukuri farmhouses. Explore Wada House, the largest farmhouse in the Ogimachi Village and an extraordinary structure crafted entirely with ropes and wooden joinery. Enjoy lunch before continuing to Takayama for a private tour of one of the city's oldest sake breweries, where you'll discover traditional techniques and sample premium sake brewed on-site. Tonight, enjoy a kaiseki (multi-course) dinner and unwind in the natural mountain setting of your onsen (hot springs) hotel.

**Overnight:** Ryu Resort and Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 6: TAKAYAMA – KYOTO

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Begin your morning with a guided walking tour around Takayama, where alpine architecture and traditional houses can be found at every turn. Stop at local shops to sample regional delicacies and pay a visit to Takayama Jinya, where you can glimpse into the region's political past.

This evening as dinner unfolds, you will be joined by a geisha who will bring grace to the evening, through traditional dance and engaging conversation – perfectly capturing Kyoto's timeless artistry.

**Overnight:** Hotel Higashiyama Tokyu ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 7: KYOTO

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Start the day with a tea ceremony held in a private tea room within one of Kyoto's hidden temples. Continue to Nijo Castle, renowned for its exquisite painted walls and "chirping nightingale" floors that squeak under the feet of intruders. After lunch, visit the iconic Heian Jingu Shinto Shrine built in 1895 to honour Kyoto's 1,100 years as Japan's imperial capital.

**Overnight:** Hotel Higashiyama Tokyu ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 8: KYOTO

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Begin your next culinary journey at Nishiki Market, "Kyoto's kitchen" that has fed the city for over 400 years. Wander through its vibrant arcades, watching vendors prepare traditional food and sample delicacies.

After exploring the market's treasures, head to a traditional restaurant and dive into the art of sushi-making. Prepare miso soup from scratch and craft beautiful maki rolls wrapped in crisp nori seaweed.





Shirakawa-go, Gifu Prefecture

Next, head to Sanjusangendo and take in the breathtaking Buddhist temple housing 1,001 life-sized golden statues within the world's longest wooden hall. Finish your day at the iconic Fushimi Inari Shinto Shrine, famous for its endless tunnels of vermilion torii gates winding up the mountainside.

**Overnight:** Hotel Higashiyama Tokyu ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 9: KYOTO – NARA

Spend today sightseeing in Nara, one of the ancient capitals of Japan. Begin your visit at Todaiji Temple, home to the awe-inspiring Great Buddha. Afterwards, take a scenic walk through Nara Park, where the deer roam freely. After lunch, continue on to Kasuga Taisha, the most celebrated Shinto shrine in Nara, renowned for its thousands of bronze and stone lanterns.

Transfer to the southern part of Nara and spend the night at a boutique hotel that blends the peaceful, spiritual ambience of temple life with modern comforts – offering a rare opportunity to stay within sacred temple grounds. For dinner, enjoy shojin ryori, a traditional Buddhist cuisine designed on the 'principle of five' where meals include a balance of five colours, five flavours and five cooking methods.

**Overnight:** WAQOO Horyu-ji ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 10: NARA – OSAKA

Depart Nara and journey to a local Buddhist temple on Mt. Shigi, where you'll be welcomed with sencha (green tea) and wagashi (sweets) in the temple's tranquil surroundings. Join the monks for their morning praying service, then explore the temple lodgings and gardens, before settling into a zazen meditation session. Afterwards, continue on to Osaka, Japan's culinary capital by private coach.

Stroll through Shinsekai and gaze up at Tsutenkaku Tower, an emblem of the postwar revival. Visit Isshinji Temple and Japan's tallest skyscraper, Abe no Harukas. Take in the awe-inspiring city panoramic views, 300 metres above Osaka.

This evening, visit a traditional izakaya (Japanese bar) for authentic pub grub, followed by a culinary wander through the bustling Osaka Ekimae buildings and stop by the historic Ohatsu Tenjin Shine. After three delicious food stops sure to satisfy your taste buds, head back to the hotel or continue exploring the city.

**Overnight:** Osaka Marriott Miyako Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 11: OSAKA

This morning, visit iconic Osaka Castle before enjoying a scenic cruise along Okawa River, with views of Nakanoshima Park and the red-bricked Mint Museum. Immerse yourself in the lively energy of Dotonbori's bustling streets, then visit the Kamigata Ukiyo-e Museum, home to the world's only permanent collection of Kamigata-style woodblock prints. Conclude your stroll in Hozenji Yokocho, an area with narrow alleys lined with many traditional restaurants and bars, to gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

**Overnight:** Osaka Marriott Miyako Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 12: OSAKA

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to Japan and transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast

*Accommodation/rooms detailed in this itinerary are subject to seasonal availability. If a property is unavailable, a comparable standard of accommodation will be provided.*

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Visit Wada House, Takayama Jinya, Kasuga Taisha Shrine and Todaiji Temple
- Admission to Nijo Castle, Osaka Castle, Okawa River Cruise, Tokyo National Museum and Kamigata Ukiyo-e Museum
- Guided walking tours of Nishiki Market in Kyoto and Dotonbori in Osaka
- Guided food tours in Tokyo, Kanazawa, Takayama and Osaka
- Jiro-style ramen masterclass in Tokyo
- Bullet train from Tokyo to Kanazawa
- Private sake brewery tour in Takayama
- Sushi masterclass in Kyoto
- Tea ceremony in private tea room in Kyoto
- Dinner and dance performance, accompanied by a geisha
- 11 nights hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach
- Return private transfer from Tokyo and to Osaka airports

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

9 November 2026 **\$12,999\*** **\$2,519\***

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12 DAYS

# TREASURES OF JAPAN

DEPARTING 30 NOVEMBER 2026

Immerse yourself in Japan's vibrant cities and rich traditions on this captivating 12-day journey. Showcasing memorable city highlights, the warmth of Japanese hospitality, and the thrill of travelling aboard the iconic high-speed bullet train. Explore Tokyo's lively Asakusa district, wander Kyoto's atmospheric bamboo groves, discover Fukuoka's ancient ceramic heritage, and pause for reflection in Hiroshima. Blending bustling cities with sacred sites, this escorted small group tour offers an exceptional way to experience Japan's cultural treasures and timeless beauty.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Discover the serene grounds of Meiji Jingu, one of Tokyo's most revered Shinto shrines
- ❖ Indulge in a memorable overnight stay in a traditional Japanese inn, complete with its own soothing hot spring
- ❖ Participate in an authentic Kimono wearing experience and hands on Origami class
- ❖ Explore some of Kyoto's most significant UNESCO sites and landscapes
- ❖ Enjoy a classic dance performance and partake in traditional games in the graceful company of an apprentice geisha
- ❖ Visit Arita, the birthplace of Japanese porcelain and Takeo Onsen, a historic hot spring town renowned for its healing waters
- ❖ Learn to apply gold leaf to lacquerware in a workshop with a local artist
- ❖ Visit Korakuen, one of Japan's most celebrated landscape gardens, which offers picturesque views of nearby Okayama Castle
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Sensoji Temple, Tokyo

## DAY 1: TOKYO

You will be met on arrival at Tokyo Airport and transferred to your hotel in the bustling district of Shinjuku. Later meet your guide and fellow travellers for a tour briefing before heading to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner.

**Overnight:** Hotel Groove Shinjuku ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: TOKYO

This morning, meet your guide and depart for Meiji Jingu, Tokyo's most iconic Shinto shrine which is steeped in history and spirituality. Pass through the impressive torii gates leading to the shrine's inner forest and likely witness a traditional Shinto wedding procession before visiting the main temple. Next, head to the eclectic shopping districts of Harajuku and Omotesando for a taste of modern Japanese culture.

After lunch, visit the beautiful Koishikawa Korakuen Garden before heading to the traditional district of Asakusa. Walk along the vibrant markets on Nakamise Street to Senso-ji, Japan's oldest Buddhist temple. Tonight is yours to continue exploring the city at your own pace.

**Overnight:** Hotel Groove Shinjuku ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3: TOKYO – SHUZENJI

Today, travel to Shuzenji stopping at Jūkoku Pass Observation Deck to ride the cable car to the summit, for panoramic mountain views and the chance to see Mt. Fuji's snow-capped peak. Next visit the MOA Museum of Art in Atami, which houses an exceptional collection of art ranging from elegant calligraphy and painted scrolls to exquisite ceramics and lacquerware.

Continue the journey to Shuzenji, a tranquil hot spring town steeped in legend and history. On arrival, this afternoon is yours to explore the town. Visit the Shuzenji Temple or discover

the town's open air hot spring. Tonight stay in a traditional ryokan (Japanese inn) where you will enjoy a refined Kaiseki (multi-course dinner). Afterwards, unwind in your ryokan's soothing onsen (hot spring) and soak in traditional Japanese life.

**Overnight:** SORA Togetsusou Kinryu ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4: SHUZENJI – KYOTO

This morning, make one last visit to the onsen before the bullet train to Kyoto. On the train, experience authentic Japanese bento culture with a traditional lunch box meal. Upon arrival in Kyoto, learn about Japanese culture with kimono wearing and participate in an introductory lesson in origami under the guidance of a local artist. The rest of the evening is yours to spend at leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Higashiyama Tokyu ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 5: KYOTO

Following breakfast, embark on a full day of sightseeing in Kyoto starting with a visit to one of the city's most iconic sites. The Heian Jingu Shinto Shrine is a magnificent sanctuary with expansive gardens. Next, stroll through Kyoto streets heading to Nanzenji Zen Temple before heading to Nishiki Market. This 400 year old market has a tantalizing amount of things to see and taste.

After lunch, travel to Nijo Castle, an ornamental palace built for the shogun in the early 1600s. Walk the halls, see the audience chambers, and experience what it was like to visit the military ruler of Japan in the classic era of samurai. This afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure before meeting at a local restaurant for dinner.

**Overnight:** Hotel Higashiyama Tokyu ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 6: KYOTO – FUKUOKA

Today travel to Arashiyama, a beloved town outside of Kyoto city. This is where emperors built their villas, and devout Buddhists escaped for serenity. Arrive at Seiryoji Temple, with treasures on display from the temple's long history. Next, reach Gioji Temple known for its lush moss garden. Wander through the famous Arashiyama bamboo forest on the way towards Tenryuji Zen Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Japan's most masterful landscapes. After lunch, say goodbye to Kyoto as you journey to Fukuoka.

**Overnight:** The GATE Fukuoka ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7: FUKUOKA

Today, travel to Dazaifu, a city established in the 7th century. Visit the famous Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, the most important Tenmangu shrine in Japan. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Komyozenji Temple, before heading back to Fukuoka.

Later this afternoon, enjoy the highlight of your time in Fukuoka as you travel to the geisha district to meet an apprentice geisha. Performing classic dances, the geisha will also teach parlour games and host a traditional tea ceremony, before joining you on a Hakata River cruise for more time in her graceful company.

**Overnight:** The GATE Fukuoka ◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8: FUKUOKA

After breakfast, depart for Arita, the birthplace of porcelain, where some of the country's finest ceramic wares are produced. Firstly, stop at Izumiyama Quarry, which provides the high-quality clay used for Arita's porcelain before visiting the Arita Ceramic Museum, home to an exquisite collection detailing the artistry of Arita ware. Conclude the sightseeing in Arita



by visiting Tozan Shrine, a truly unique Shinto shrine decorated in stunning Arita ceramics and home to Japan's only porcelain torii gate.

Before heading back to Fukuoka, have time to explore Takeo Onsen, a historic hot spring resort town renowned for its vermilion red gate and healing waters, said to help improve skin.

**Overnight:** The GATE Fukuoka ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 9: FUKUOKA – HIROSHIMA

This morning head to Hiroshima by bullet train before travelling on to Miyajima, a small sacred island where you can explore the town and sample local oysters. Visit Itsukushima Shrine, one of Japan's most beautiful views. Next, stop at Daisho-in, the most visited Buddhist temple on the island. Spinning sutras line the stairs to the main hall, where it is believed anyone who spins them will be blessed. Return to Hiroshima where you enjoy an okonomiyaki (Japanese pancake) dinner, the city's beloved soul food.

**Overnight:** Rihga Royal Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 10: HIROSHIMA

Today, head to Hiroshima to visit Peace Memorial Park and Museum, a powerful and moving site built to commemorate the victims of the atomic bombing. Stop at the Genbaku Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the few remaining structures left standing after the explosion. Whilst here you'll also visit the Children's Peace Monument and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum to take time for reflection.

This afternoon, experience a workshop from a local lacquerware artist. Discover the legacy of altar making and be

guided through applying genuine gold leaf to a lacquer coaster he has crafted, using traditional techniques passed down through generations.

**Overnight:** Rihga Royal Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 11: HIROSHIMA – OKAYAMA – OSAKA

This morning, depart for Osaka and stop in Okayama to stroll through Korakuen, one of Japan's most celebrated landscape gardens. Unlike other gardens, Korakuen features wide open spaces alongside its teahouses, plum groves, rice fields, and a crane aviary. Next, stop at Doppo-kan, an award-winning craft brewery and sake distillery, where you'll take a guided tour before settling into the restaurant to savour a delicious meal paired with a tasting of three different beers.

Arrive in Osaka, Japan's culinary capital, for an evening of foodie explorations beginning at a teppanyaki restaurant. Stroll through the atmospheric Ohatsu Tenjin-dōri arcade sampling piping hot takoyaki (octopus-filled spheres) and conclude with freshly made taiyaki (fish-shaped cake).

**Overnight:** Osaka Excel Tokyu ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 12: OSAKA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your onward journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast

*Accommodation/rooms detailed in this itinerary are subject to seasonal availability. If a property is unavailable, a comparable standard of accommodation will be provided.*

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Guided city tours of Tokyo, Shuzenji, Kyoto, Fukuoka, Miyajima and Hiroshima
- Cable car to Jūkoku Pass Observation Deck
- Kimono wearing and Origami experience
- Tea ceremony and river cruise
- Return ferry transfers from Hiroshima to Miyajima
- Hiroshima Buddhist altar making workshop with a local lacquerware artist
- Guided tour and lunch at Doppo-kan
- Evening food tour in Osaka
- Admission to temples and museums as per itinerary
- Bullet trains from Shuzenji to Kyoto, Kyoto to Fukuoka, Fukuoka to Hiroshima and Hiroshima to Osaka
- 10 nights hotel accommodation
- 1 night in a traditional ryokan
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach
- Return private transfers from Tokyo and to Osaka airports

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

30 November 2026 **\$11,889\*** **\$3,769\***

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9 DAYS

# UNFORGETTABLE WESTERN CANADA

DEPARTING 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

Offering extraordinary landscape in every corner, come experience Canada's west - wild, breathtaking and unforgettable!

Begin in Vancouver, where you'll visit the city's oldest neighbourhood. Visit Victoria's famed Butchart Gardens and toast the afternoon with champagne and pastries. Admire changing landscapes on the iconic Rocky Mountaineer, as you journey through to the mighty Canadian Rockies. Take in the stunning emerald-coloured Lake Louise before venturing down to Yoho National Park. Surround yourself with history and wildlife in Banff, with a spectacular ride on the gondola up to Sulphur Mountain.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Stay at three of Canada's most iconic hotels – Fairmont Vancouver, Lake Louise and Banff Springs
- ❖ Wander the suspended walkways through the forest canopy of Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park
- ❖ Take in harbour views over Victoria on a scenic seaplane flight before visiting renowned Butchart Gardens
- ❖ Enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea at Victoria's Fairmont Empress hotel
- ❖ Embark on the ultimate two-day rail experience on the famed Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf® Service
- ❖ Be surrounded by breathtaking mountain views and the iconic turquoise lake during your stay at Fairmont Lake Louise
- ❖ Discover Banff's scenic and historic highlights and enjoy a spectacular ride on the Banff Gondola
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf®

### DAY 1: VANCOUVER

Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport, make your way to the hotel. Later meet your guide and fellow travellers for a welcome session about the tour followed by dinner together.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Vancouver ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 2: VANCOUVER

This morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vancouver to visit Stanley Park and its collection of totem poles, English Bay, trendy Robson Street, Canada Place and the Cruise Ship Pier and Chinatown, before visiting Grouse Mountain and enjoying lunch at Bistro Altitude.

After lunch, continue to Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park. Returning to Vancouver in the afternoon, head to Gastown - Vancouver's oldest neighbourhood, laden with iconic restaurants, quirky pubs, and historic spaces. Uncover the alleyways and doors that hold Gastown's gems, on a private Gastronomic Gastown Tour with alcohol pairings. Eat and drink your way through Vancouver's number one foodie district, just like a local.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Vancouver ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 3: VICTORIA

Depart Vancouver Harbour by seaplane for an exciting flight to Victoria. Soak in the birds eye view of the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and beautiful Victoria. After landing in Victoria, travel to the famous Butchart Gardens and wander this beautifully manicured and perfectly landscaped gem. Return to Victoria for a city tour with your guide including highlights such as the Beacon Hill Park, Thunderbird Park and Oak Bay. The tour culminates at the Fairmont Empress with an indulgent Champagne Afternoon Tea. Savour deliciously dainty finger sandwiches,

freshly baked scones with strawberry jam and tempting pastries all served on exquisite China gifted to the hotel by the late Queen Elizabeth II in 1939. Complementing these delights are premium loose-leaf teas or a decadent glass of Laurent Perrier Champagne.

Return to Vancouver in the evening on a pleasant ferry cruise through the Gulf Islands resort region.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Vancouver ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, High Tea

### DAY 4: ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Transfer from the Fairmont Vancouver to the Rocky Mountaineer Station for what promises to be the adventure of a lifetime over the next two days. Onboard in Rocky Mountaineer's GoldLeaf® Service, you will experience premier train travel seated in the bi-level glass-dome coach to enjoy the dramatic changes in scenery, from lush green fields to the desert-like interior. Gourmet regionally-inspired cuisine will also be a highlight and with access to an exclusive outdoor viewing platform, you can get even closer to the legendary landmarks of Canada's West.

**Overnight:** Kamloops ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 5: ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

After breakfast at the hotel, return to the Rocky Mountaineer to continue the journey eastward to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Soak in the ever-changing landscapes as you travel across ranch lands, along rocky lakeshores, over high mountain passes and through the remarkable tunnels.

Today's highlights include Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers

Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon, the Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf® Spiral Tunnels and, of course, the iconic glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. The rail journey ends this evening in Lake Louise.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

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**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 6: LAKE LOUISE

Today, enjoy a spectacular tour of Lake Louise and Yoho National Park. Arguably Canada's most photographed lake, with the Victoria Glacier in the background, stunning emerald-coloured Lake Louise leaves an enduring impression. At Yoho National Park, marvel at beautiful waterfalls including Wapta Falls and Kakakaw Falls and turquoise-coloured Emerald Lake with its natural stone bridge.

In the afternoon return to Lake Louise for dinner at Walliser Stube Fairmont Restaurant, to indulge in the Stube Signature Cheese Fondue dinner with wine pairing.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

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**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 7: LAKE LOUISE – BANFF

Enjoy a leisurely morning at Lake Louise before the journey continues to the charming resort town of Banff.

Before checking in at Fairmont Banff Springs, enjoy a champagne welcome in the cosy Rundle Bar with panoramic views of Banff National Park. Experience a culinary journey featuring a glass of French champagne, the finest loose-leaf teas and an assortment of pastries and sandwiches. Next, you will uncover the rich history of this timeless property on a private hotel tour. Knowledgeable guides will share highlights





Fairmont Empress, Victoria

and stories whilst exploring the elegant spaces that make this iconic hotel such a cherished landmark of the Canadian Rockies. After the tour, check into your room and enjoy the beautiful hotel and its surrounds in your own time.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Banff Springs ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 8: BANFF

This morning take a tour of Banff. Visit landmarks, learn its history and view wildlife in their natural habitat. The tour will include some of the most scenic and historically significant highlights of Banff such as Bow Falls, Surprise Corner Lookout, Hoodoos Viewpoint and Lake Minnewanka.

In the afternoon, enjoy a spectacular ride on the Banff Gondola. The sense of anticipation inside your gondola cabin changes as quickly as the view when the Banff Gondola swoops up above the treetops. For eight minutes, glide steadily upwards over what feels like an impossibly steep mountainside. The summit of Sulphur Mountain is reached at 700 metres high above the town of Banff. From here, the alpine is yours to discover with vantage points of six different mountain ranges stretching into the horizon.

**Overnight:** Fairmont Banff Springs ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 9: BANFF

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel as your unforgettable journey comes to an end.

**Meals:** Breakfast



Seaplane, Victoria Inner Harbour



Emerald Lake, Yoho National Park

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Guided tours of Vancouver, Victoria, Lake Louise and Banff
- Admission to Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park, Grouse Mountain and Butchart Gardens
- Private Gastronomic Gastown Food Tour
- One way seaplane flight from Vancouver to Victoria
- Afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria
- One way ferry service from Victoria to Vancouver
- Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf® Service, First Passage to the West – Vancouver to Lake Louise
- Champagne welcome and private hotel tour at historic Fairmont Banff Springs
- Banff Gondola ride
- 8 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium coach
- Return transfers from Vancouver and to Calgary airports

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

11 September 2026 **\$19,179\*** **\$4,199\***

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.





10 DAYS

# ESSENCE OF BRITAIN

DEPARTING 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Capture the essence of Britain on this ten day journey, where you will visit iconic landmarks, marvel at breathtaking country vistas and indulge in local cuisine.

Explore the sights of London and enjoy a cruise on the River Thames. Discover the mystery of Stonehenge and see the Roman Baths in the historical city of Bath. Experience the Cotswolds and explore the Lake District, with its wondrous lakes and rivers which have inspired poets and painters for centuries. Feast in the private dining room at Muncaster Castle and indulge in an iconic Yorkshire afternoon tea.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Beat the crowds with early access to the Bath's well-preserved Roman Baths
- ❖ Savour afternoon tea at Sally Lunn's, a tea room set in the oldest house in Bath
- ❖ Soak in the ambiance of a 15th century Sign of Angel inn in picturesque Lacock village
- ❖ Be personally welcomed by the Pennington family for a tour and private dinner at Muncaster Castle
- ❖ Enjoy a private tour of Hill Top, Beatrix Potter's former home and the inspiration for many of her books
- ❖ Explore the impressive ruins of Fountains Abbey and wander through Studley Royal's Georgian water gardens, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ❖ Indulge in a luxurious traditional afternoon tea at Betty's Café Tea Rooms, an institution in Harrogate since 1919
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Stonehenge, Wiltshire

## DAY 1: LONDON

Make your own way from London Airport to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore the cosmopolitan city of London.

**Overnight:** The Bailey's Hotel ◆◆◆◆

## DAY 2: LONDON

After breakfast, meet with your guide for a day of exploring London. Spend the morning discovering iconic landmarks including The Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park as well as the exclusive neighbourhoods of Kensington and Chelsea. See the Changing of the Guard ceremony from St. James Palace before enjoying a traditional lunch of fish and chips. After lunch, head to the Tower of London where you will see the Crown jewels, meet the ravens who legends say have the fate of the Kingdom in their claws and talk to the Yeoman guards.

This afternoon, take a relaxing cruise on the famous River Thames. Admire the imposing dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, pass by the glass-fronted Tate Modern art gallery and the iconic Millennium Bridge before passing the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. At the conclusion of the cruise enjoy free time to explore or make your own way back to the hotel.

**Overnight:** The Bailey's Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3: LONDON – STONEHENGE – SALISBURY – BATH

Today, leave London and head into historic England. The first stop is the UNESCO World Heritage Site Stonehenge, one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments, dating back over 4,500 years. Take a guided tour of this awe-inspiring site and learn about the mysteries of its massive standing stones, aligned with the solstices. Wander through the visitor exhibition,

showcasing rare and unique artifacts discovered at the site.

Next, travel to Salisbury, known for its medieval charm and picturesque streets. The area is dotted with traditional coaching inns, now converted into charming pubs, as well as artisan bakeries.

This evening, arrive in the beautiful city of Bath. Renowned for its elegant Georgian architecture, Roman heritage, and literary connections to Jane Austen, Bath is one of Britain's most beautiful and historic destinations. Tonight, enjoy dinner at MacDonald Bath Spa Hotel, offering a chance to relax and soak in the city's charming ambiance.

**Overnight:** MacDonald Bath Spa ◆◆◆◆◇

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4: BATH

Today begins with an early visit to the Roman Baths to visit one of the best-preserved ancient bathing complexes in the world. Built around Britain's only natural hot springs, the site offers a fascinating glimpse into life in Roman Britain. Admire the steaming Great Bath, explore the remains of the Temple of Sulis Minerva, and view ancient artifacts that reveal the importance of this sacred site.

Next, enjoy a walking tour of the city showcasing Bath's elegant Georgian architecture and literary heritage. Enjoy free time to immerse yourself in the local life of this city.

Later, indulge in a quintessential British afternoon tea at Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House. Famous for its Sally Lunn Bun, a light and fluffy brioche-style bread, this tearoom offers a delightful selection of sandwiches, cakes, and freshly brewed tea, served in a cozy, historic setting. Return to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening.

**Overnight:** MacDonald Bath Spa ◆◆◆◆◇

**Meals:** Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

## DAY 5: BATH – LACOCK VILLAGE – COTSWOLDS – CHESTER

After a hearty full English breakfast, begin the journey north through the stunning English countryside. Arrive at Lacock, a beautifully preserved National Trust village that feels like stepping back in time. With its quaint cottages, medieval streets, and historic abbey, it has served as a filming location for Harry Potter, Pride and Prejudice, and Downton Abbey. Take a guided tour of this picture-perfect village.

Enjoy a delicious two course lunch in the surrounds of a 15th century coaching inn, steeped in history and brimming with rustic charm. With oak-beamed interiors and a menu of hearty British fare, this is the perfect spot to experience traditional countryside hospitality.

Continue to the Cotswolds, known for its rolling green hills, honey-coloured stone cottages, and idyllic villages. Enjoy a stop in Chipping Campden, a historic market town dotted with traditional thatched cottages. Finish the day in Chester, a town rich in Roman history, medieval charm, and well-preserved Tudor buildings. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight:** The Queen at Chester Hotel ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6: CHESTER – LAKE DISTRICT

Today, begin the scenic journey north to the breathtaking Lake District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its dramatic landscapes, glistening lakes, and charming villages.

Upon arrival, step back in time with a ride on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, a traditional steam train service that winds its way through the picturesque countryside. The short but memorable trip ends at Lakeside, where you will join a cruise. Relax as you journey across Lake Windermere, soaking in stunning views of wooded hillsides, charming lakeside homes, and the rolling fells beyond. The cruise



concludes in Ambleside, a vibrant Lake District town. Spend free time exploring the town at your own pace.

In the afternoon, arrive at your hotel in the Lake District area, ahead of freshening up for an unforgettable evening ahead.

Steeped in over 800 years of history, Muncaster Castle is one of England's most atmospheric and historic homes. Embark on an exclusive private tour, including access to the castle's impressive weapons rooms. The experience concludes in the castle's private dining room, where a welcome drink is followed by a sumptuous three course meal. After dinner, transfer back to the hotel.

**Overnight:** Daffodil Hotel & Spa ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 7: LAKE DISTRICT

Spend the day discovering the highlights of the Lake District. Begin with a Talk and Tasting experience at the famous Grasmere Gingerbread Shop® in the picturesque village of Grasmere before stepping into the world of William Wordsworth. Take a private tour of the Wordsworth Museum and Dove Cottage, the poet's former home.

After a morning of literary and culinary heritage, enjoy a delicious two course lunch at a traditional Lake District venue, offering seasonal, locally sourced cuisine. Next, head to Hill Top, the former home of Beatrix Potter. This charming 17th century farmhouse remains frozen in time, with Potter's personal belongings, furniture, and garden meticulously preserved. Explore the very places that inspired her timeless illustrations. Visit a working Lakeland farm and meet Hill Top's Herdwick sheep. Return to the hotel for a relaxing dinner.

**Overnight:** Daffodil Hotel & Spa ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 8: LAKE DISTRICT – YORK

This morning, journey east into the heart of Yorkshire. Stop at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden, a breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander through its towering arches, atmospheric cloisters, and tranquil surroundings. The journey continues to Harrogate, a charming spa town famous for its elegant architecture, flower-filled parks, and historic tearooms. Here, indulge in a classic afternoon tea at Betty's Tearoom.

Upon arrival in York, take a tour of this well-preserved medieval city. Meander through narrow cobbled streets, hidden alleyways, and timber-framed buildings, revealing York's rich past.

The day concludes with a visit to York Minster, one of the world's most magnificent Gothic cathedrals. This awe-inspiring structure is renowned for its stunning stained-glass windows, intricate stone carvings, and towering spires. Later, transfer to the hotel where you will check in and enjoy dinner.

**Overnight:** The Grand, York ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

### DAY 9: YORK – LONDON

This morning is free to explore York. Take a stroll down the famous Shambles, one of York's most famous landmarks and one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe.

This afternoon board a train for the journey back to London. On arrival, a private coach transfer will take you to your hotel. To finish off a truly memorable trip, you will enjoy a final farewell dinner at the Town House restaurant.

**Overnight:** The Bailey's Hotel ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 10: LONDON

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your onward journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Walking tours of London, Bath and York
- Admission to the Tower of London, Stonehenge, Fountains Abbey, Studley Royal Water Garden and York Minster
- River Thames Cruise
- Early admission to The Roman Baths
- Afternoon tea at Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House
- Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway journey
- Cruise on Lake Windermere
- Private tour and dinner at Muncaster Castle
- Private farm tour at Hill Top
- Private tour of Wordsworth Museum & Dove Cottage
- Afternoon tea at Betty's Tearoom, Harrogate
- One way first class rail ticket from York to London
- 9 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Gratuities for Tour Leader and driver
- Travel by premium coach
- One way airport transfer to Heathrow Airport

Can be combined with the Inspired Ireland journey, see page 38 for details.

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

27 September 2026 **\$10,559\*** **\$3,069\***

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9 DAYS

# INSPIRED IRELAND

DEPARTING 6 OCTOBER 2026

Explore the diversity of the Emerald Isle on this amazing itinerary, where you will discover rich heritage, beautiful landscapes and enjoy unforgettable food experiences. Over nine fabulous days, you will visit many historic locations and stay in incredible boutique accommodation, try traditional arts and visit iconic sites, along with enjoying the very best of Irish cuisine and hospitality.

Packed full of delicious delights, your journey will include a hosted distillery experience, a medieval banquet dinner of traditional Irish fare, music and merriment, and an afternoon tea with all the savoury & sweet trimmings.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Private MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland) Historic House Tour and drinks reception
- ❖ Exclusive premium tasting experience at Ahascragh Distillery
- ❖ Enjoy an unforgettable eight course tasting menu fit for a king in Ashford Castle's renowned George V Dining room
- ❖ Rare opportunity to eat freshly harvested oysters straight from the ocean
- ❖ Private tour of Kylemore Abbey's walled Victorian gardens with the esteemed head gardener
- ❖ Escape to tranquility on the Aran Island of Inis Oirr
- ❖ Farewell dinner at Michelin star restaurant, The Morrison Room – one of the finest dining locations in Ireland
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Kylemore Abbey, Galway

## DAY 1: DUBLIN

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Make your own way from Dublin Airport to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore the friendly city of Dublin. Later, meet your fellow travellers at the hotel for a welcome meeting.

**Overnight:** The College Green Hotel ◆◆◆◆◆

## DAY 2: DUBLIN

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After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin city. Discover the north and south side of the River Liffey. On the north side see the GPO, O'Connell Street, Custom House along the quays, as well as Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The sophisticated south side features vast Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square, where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found, St. Stephen's Green & its famous colourful doors, and the lively shopping strip of Grafton Street. This part of the city is also dominated by Trinity College, which houses the famous 1200-year-old medieval manuscript Book of Kells on permanently displayed in its library.

Later today, enjoy a private tour of MoLI Historic House followed by a welcome drinks' reception in one of the house's Georgian rooms. Continue to Pearl Brasserie, where you will feast on a three course dinner.

**Overnight:** The College Green Hotel ◆◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 3: DUBLIN – GALWAY

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Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before departing for Galway, stopping at Ahascragh Distillery on the way. Enjoy an exclusive experience, beginning with a premium tasting of four exceptional spirits, thoughtfully paired with artisanal chocolate or cheese. Following this, savour a leisurely lunch of locally inspired cuisine in an intimate setting. To make the

experience even more special, there is the unique opportunity to meet with one of the distillers.

Later travel to Galway and enjoy free time in the city before continuing to Cong and the magnificent Ashford Castle. The evening provides an unforgettable culinary experience, indulge in the signature eight course tasting menu at Ashford Castle's renowned George V Dining Room.

**Overnight:** Ashford Castle ◆◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4: CONNEMARA

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This morning, enjoy a private falconry experience at Ashford Castle before leaving for the day. Home to Ireland's oldest established school of falconry, this unique encounter invites you to fly a Harris Hawk under the guidance of expert falconers. As your hawk soars through the forest and returns to your gloved hand, you'll feel an extraordinary bond with one of nature's most majestic birds. Set against the fairytale backdrop of Ashford's woodlands and lakes, this is a moment of quiet awe, connection, and unforgettable grace – a rare privilege that captures the spirit of Irish nobility and the timeless magic of the wild.

Next, head out on a day tour of Connemara, a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. Discover small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language, take in spectacular views of the ocean and the beautiful fjord of Killary Harbour, as well as the spectacular mountains. Visit DK Oyster Farm and experience a rare opportunity to witness the meticulous craft of oyster farming, following their remarkable three-year journey from seed to plate. Indulge in the freshest taste of Connemara as you savour a just-harvested oyster straight from the waters of Ballinakill Bay.

Later, experience an exclusive visit to Kylemore Abbey, one of Ireland's most enchanting and storied estates. This immersive experience includes a beautifully curated exhibition which unveils the rich history of the house and its inhabitants. You will also have the rare opportunity to enjoy a private tour of the walled Victorian gardens with Kylemore's esteemed head gardener. Return to Ashford Castle and an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Ashford Castle ◆◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 5: GALWAY – INIS OIRR – LIMERICK

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Following breakfast, prepare for a unique adventure to Inis Oirr, the smallest of the three Aran Islands. The short eight-minute flight to Inis Oirr affords commanding views of the islands, Galway Bay and the Connemara coastline. Relax with refreshments at a local pub before visiting the Arts Centre. Get a glimpse of the island's history, culture, heritage and traditions including a craft workshop with Máirtín a local islander and expert craftsman. Enjoy lunch hosted by Alissa at her private home where you will be served a feast of local produce. Following lunch, embark on a tour of the island, visiting a shipwreck, underground church and 15th century O'Brien's castle, perched on the highest point of the island.

Tonight, step back in time for a lively and atmospheric evening at Bunratty Castle. Dine by candlelight in the historic Great Hall, feasting on a four course meal inspired by traditional Irish fare, all accompanied by mead, music, and merriment.

**Overnight:** No. 1 Pery Square Hotel & Spa ◆◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Sheen Falls Lodge, Kenmare



Cliffs of Moher, County Clare

## DAY 6: LIMERICK – CLIFFS OF MOHER & BURREN – KILLARNEY

The journey continues to County Clare through the Burren region. The Burren is the smallest of Ireland's national parks and has been described as a lunar landscape, mirrored nowhere else in Western Europe. Join critically acclaimed local expert guide and author, Tony Kirby for a walking tour of this most distinctive landscape. Continue to visit the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland's most popular tourist attraction outside of Dublin. Marvel at the sheer scale of this stunning landscape, with the sea cliffs rising to over 200 metres from the Atlantic Ocean. Travel to Killarney via the Shannon Car Ferry.

This evening, enjoy an exclusive tour and taste experience born from the collaboration between the Tan Yard and Killarney Urban Farm. After a guided tour of the farm, indulge in an exclusive three course meal at The Tan Yard. Each of the dishes on this unique menu features an array of ingredients produced at Killarney Urban Farm paired with produce from local farmers and suppliers.

**Overnight:** Aghadoe Heights Hotel ◆◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 7: RING OF KERRY

After breakfast, the day begins with the highlights of the Ring of Kerry. Visit Molls' Gap for a spectacular photographic viewing point. The famous Ladies View scenic lookout, gives a different perspective of this magnificent countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains. Continue to the heritage town of Kenmare, known for its fine restaurants, hotels and interesting craft shops.

Later, experience the timeless elegance of afternoon tea at Sheen Falls Lodge. Indulge in impressive assortment of sandwiches, delicate

pastries, fresh scones with clotted cream and preserves, and exquisite cakes. Return to Killarney at the end of the afternoon and enjoy some time at leisure.

**Overnight:** Aghadoe Heights Hotel ◆◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

## DAY 8: KERRY – KILDARE

Today, go behind the scenes of one of the most beautiful, and exclusive stud farms in the world, Kildangan Stud. This farm extends to almost 1,500 acres and accommodates more than 400 horses with a team of 150 employees. This historic property dates to early days of the 18th century and today it is one of the few great Irish Estates whose lands and buildings remain intact. Experience a detailed and personal guide-led walking tour of the historic estate with access to some of the world's top thoroughbred stallions. Learn about its history and current operation along with the opportunity to gain a unique insight into the phenomenal story of Godolphin and its global success.

Later, travel to the hotel in Kildare where you have time to relax in the spa, golf or simply enjoy the grounds. Tonight enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner at the hotel in their Michelin Starred, The Morrison Room. Head Chef, Adam Nevin creates imaginative, thoughtful and skilful seasonal menus, drawing on fine Irish local and foraged ingredients to showcase some of Kildare, and the country's most talented and dedicated artisan producers.

**Overnight:** Carton House Hotel ◆◆◆◆◆  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 9: KILDARE – DUBLIN

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Dublin Airport for your flight home.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Guided city tour in Dublin
- Admission to the Book of Kells Dublin, Kylemore Abbey and Cliffs of Moher
- Private tour of MoLI Historic House and drinks reception
- Exclusive premium tasting experience at Ahascragh Distillery
- Private Falconry Experience at Ashford Castle
- Private farm tour and tasting at DK Connemara Oyster
- Private tour of Kylemore Abbey including walled gardens with head gardener
- Flight from Galway to Inis Oirr and ferry from Inis Oirr to Doolin
- Craft workshop at Inis Oirr Arts Centre
- Private guided walk in the Burren
- Shannon Car Ferry to Killarney
- Tour of Killarney Urban Farm
- Foal to Fame Experience at Kildangan Stud
- 8 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Gratuities for driver/guide
- Travel by premium coach
- One way airport transfer to Dublin Airport

Can be combined with the Essence of Britain journey, see page 34 for details.

DEPARTURE:	Twin Share	Single Supplement
6 October 2026	\$13,469*	\$5,379*

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.





14 DAYS

# PANORAMAS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL

DEPARTING 11 OCTOBER 2026

Uncover the timeless beauty of Spain and Portugal's most iconic cities on this fourteen day escorted group journey. From the vibrant cities of Madrid and Lisbon to the historic towns of Porto and Cordoba, every stop offers a taste of rich culture, iconic architecture, and delicious culinary experiences. Visit many historic locations, take a guided tour of ancient Olissipo and see the Roman Galleries and stroll through the narrow streets of the Jewish Quarter in Cordoba. Learn how to dance the Flamenco in Granada, take in a Fado show in Porto and enjoy a wine tasting in Jerez.

With all the benefits of an escorted tour plus plenty of free time to explore on your own, you will discover the best of both countries on this unforgettable experience.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Savour tapas, chocolate and churros in Madrid
- ❖ River cruise through the beautiful Duoro Valley for a local wine tasting experience
- ❖ Explore the impressive Córdoba Mosque
- ❖ Enjoy the delights of a traditional Andalusian dinner
- ❖ Visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art
- ❖ Learn to dance in a Flamenco masterclass
- ❖ Marvel at spectacular Alhambra and Generalife Gardens
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Douro River Valley, Portugal

## DAY 1: MADRID

You will be met on arrival at Madrid Airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore Madrid at your leisure. Tonight, meet your Tour Leader and fellow travellers for a welcome tapas dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight:** Radisson RED Madrid ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: MADRID

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before discovering the sights of the city on a guided tour. Visit Barrio de la Morería, the Hapsburgs District, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa. See the grandeur of the Royal Palace and take in the iconic Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. In contemporary Madrid, visit Gran Vía, Castellana and spend time in the district of Salamanca as well as the commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Stop and taste the local favourite, chocolate with churros, Madrid's most iconic snack.

This afternoon is at leisure, so you can enjoy this magnificent city. Perhaps wander through the Prado Museum, one of the most important galleries in the world.

**Overnight:** Radisson RED Madrid ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 3: MADRID – SALAMANCA – PORTO

After breakfast, travel to Salamanca and enjoy free time to explore this university city and UNESCO World Heritage Site of great architectural and artistic importance. Continue to the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Located along the picturesque Douro River estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European towns and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996.

Enjoy the evening at leisure. Consider visiting the Ribeira area, its river bank is lined with charming restaurants, serving traditional fare. It is also a great stop from which to take in the views of Gaia and the Dom Luís I Bridge.

**Overnight:** BessaHotel Boavista ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 4: PORTO

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a guided tour of Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and the Church of Santa Clara. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River cruise and discover famous Port wine cellars with a wine tasting experience included. Spend the rest of day at leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner and a traditional fado show of Portuguese music, with your fellow travellers.

**Overnight:** BessaHotel Boavista ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 5: PORTO – AVEIRO – COIMBRA

After breakfast, the journey continues to Aveiro, known as "The Venice of Portugal" for its picturesque canals. Enjoy a ride on a moliceiro, a traditional colourful boat used for navigating the canals of Aveiro, before heading to Coimbra. On arrival, meet the local guide for a tour of Coimbra. This historic city is known for its prestigious university, which is one of the oldest in Europe, its charming medieval streets, and beautiful riverfront.

**Overnight:** Hotel Coimbra Aeminium,

Affiliated by Meliá ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 6: COIMBRA – BATALHA & NAZARÉ – LISBON

Today, after breakfast, depart Coimbra for Lisbon, stopping at Batalha and Nazaré along

the way. Visit Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style and listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Next head to the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré and enjoy time at leisure.

Later, continue to Lisbon. This evening venture across the Tagus River to Cacilhas to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant featuring seafood.

**Overnight:** VIP Executive Entrecampos Hotel ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 7: LISBON

This morning, join a sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, see Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Lisbon at your own pace. Consider visiting the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, with its old buildings nestled in narrow twisting "Ruas" (streets) which are full of colour and house genuine "tabernas" (taverns).

**Overnight:** VIP Executive Entrecampos Hotel ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 8: LISBON – MERIDA – CÓRDOBA

Following breakfast at the hotel, depart Lisbon for Andalusian soils, back in Spain.

Drive to Merida, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre. Explore its rich historical heritage before continuing to Córdoba, once the capital of the Caliphate.

**Overnight:** Hotel NH Córdoba Califa ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast



### DAY 9: CÓRDOBA – SEVILLE

This morning enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading out to discover the impressive Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba. Marvel at the stunning prayer hall, with magnificent rows of red and white arches. Continue exploring Córdoba strolling through the narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter.

In the afternoon, the journey continues to Seville. Overlooking the Guadalquivir River, enjoy the traditional delights of an Andalusian dinner.

**Overnight:** Meliá Lebreros ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 10: SEVILLE

A city tour of Seville awaits, following breakfast. Visit the stunning Seville Cathedral which is the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peter's in Rome. Next visit the Santa Cruz quarter, one of the most charming neighbourhoods in Seville and the inspiration for the opera Carmen as well as the myth of Don Juan. Spend time at Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. The afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the City of Light.

**Overnight:** Meliá Lebreros ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 11: SEVILLE – JEREZ – RONDA

This morning travel south through Andalusian villages to Jerez, where you will be captivated by two of the essential elements of the Andalusian soul: wine and horses. Visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art and enjoy a wine tasting in one of the famous local wineries. Continue to Ronda, one of the oldest towns in Spain, to visit a local almazara (olive oil mill) and learn about the art of olive oil production and taste some of the produce. Spend the rest of the day at leisure to discover the secrets of Ronda. The town's dramatic

landscape with its deep gorge and historic Puente Nuevo bridge is not to be missed.

**Overnight:** Catalonia Reina Victoria ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 12: RONDA – MÁLAGA – GRANADA

After breakfast, depart for Málaga. Visit the city and explore its historical and cultural attractions including the Alcazaba and the Castillo de Gibralfaro. Later continue to Granada, located at the foot of Sierra Nevada between the Darro and Genil Rivers, one of the jewels of Andalusia.

Later, learn how to dance flamenco before dinner with a flamenco show. After dinner, enjoy the wonderful views of Granada from one of the city's viewpoints before returning to your hotel.

**Overnight:** Catalonia Granada ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 13: GRANADA – MADRID

After breakfast, visit the world-famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens. Overlooking the city, this stunning palace is a remarkable blend of medieval Islamic, Spanish Renaissance and modern architectural styles. Spend time exploring the Moorish complex and wandering the spectacular gardens before departing for Madrid. Tonight, share a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

**Overnight:** Radisson RED Madrid ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 14: MADRID

Your wonderful Spain and Portugal journey comes to an end after breakfast.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Guided city tours in Madrid, Porto, Coimbra, Lisbon and Málaga
- Admission to Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba, Seville Cathedral & Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens
- Chocolate & churros tasting in Madrid
- Visit to winery and sherry wine tasting
- Douro River Cruise & Port wine tasting in Porto
- Fado show and dinner in Porto including drinks
- Aveiro estuary cruise in a typical moliceiro
- Visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art
- Olive oil tasting at LA Organic
- Flamenco experience with masterclass
- 13 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach
- Return private transfers from/to Madrid Airport

DEPARTURE:	Twin Share	Single Supplement
11 October 2026	\$8,879*	\$2,119*

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Excludes applicable city taxes. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.





8 DAYS

# PORTRAITS OF PORTUGAL

DEPARTING 11 OCTOBER 2026

Portugal is a rich and varied land of captivating cities, traditional villages and breathtaking scenery. On this eight day escorted journey, you will delve into the vibrant city of Lisbon with its historic city squares and buildings and modern restaurants and galleries. Visit a winery in Montemor-o-Novo to taste world-renowned wines. Soak up the towns of Évora and Tomar, known for their well preserved architecture and historic sites. Navigate the picturesque canals of Aveiro on a traditional canal boat. Enjoy Porto's lovely riverfront and immerse yourself in the world of Port wine at one of Porto's famous wine cellars. Delicious foodie delights will also feature throughout the itinerary, allowing you to savour the best of Portugal's local cuisine.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Wine tasting in the celebrated wine region of Montemor-o-Novo
- ❖ Discover Portugal's many UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ❖ Stroll along the medieval cobblestone lanes of Coimbra
- ❖ Enjoy a ride on a traditional moliceiro cruise in Aveiro, the Venice of Portugal
- ❖ Visit one of Porto's renowned wine cellars and enjoy a Port wine tasting
- ❖ Experience a fado show of traditional Portugese music
- ❖ Explore the beautiful walled town of Óbidos
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Belem Tower, Lisbon

## DAY 1: LISBON

You will be met on arrival at Lisbon Airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy free time to begin exploring Lisbon. Tonight, meet your Tour Leader and fellow travellers for an authentic Portuguese welcome dinner at a local restaurant on the other side of the Tagus River.

**Overnight:** VIP Grand Lisboa Hotel & Spa  
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**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: LISBON

After breakfast, take part in a guided tour of the ancient Olissipo. As you drive through the avenues you will see Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue. Learn the history of Olissipo during the Roman Empire.

This afternoon is at leisure, so you can enjoy this magnificent city. Perhaps explore the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter; the old city clustered beside the castle with its vibrant narrow streets and authentic taverns. Walk through the iconic Rossio square or simply soak up the atmosphere at one of the many cafes located in the square.

**Overnight:** VIP Grand Lisboa Hotel & Spa  
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**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 3: LISBON – ÉVORA

This morning, you depart for Montemor-o-Novo, a charming town famous for its rich history and breathtaking natural surroundings. Known for its vineyards you will experience a visit to a local winery, complete with a tasting of the region's exquisite wines.

Next, continue to Évora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture and historical

significance. Led by an expert local guide, you will explore the magnificent Roman Temple, the hauntingly beautiful Chapel of Bones, and the grand Évora Cathedral. Stroll through the picturesque streets, surrounded by whitewashed houses and vibrant squares, to soak in the unique atmosphere of this enchanting city.

**Overnight:** Hilton Garden Inn Évora ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 4: ÉVORA – TOMAR – COIMBRA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before travelling to Tomar, a city steeped in history and mystery, where you will learn about its rich heritage as a former stronghold of the Knights Templar. Visit the Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the chief works of the Portuguese Renaissance. Wander through the Main Cloister and take in the stunning Manueline architecture and intricate details. There is free time to wander through the ancient streets, visit historic churches, and immerse yourself in the captivating stories of this enchanting town.

Continue on to Coimbra, home to Portugal's oldest and most prestigious university. Join a guided tour of the city and stroll along its charming medieval cobblestoned lanes and beautiful riverfront.

**Overnight:** Hotel Coimbra Aeminium, Affiliated by Meliá ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 5: COIMBRA – AVEIRO – PORTO

Today, journey to Aveiro, known for its picturesque canals, which have earned it the nickname "The Venice of Portugal". Enjoy a ride on a moliceiro, a traditional colourful boat used for navigating the canals of Aveiro.

Next, head to Porto, a city of old-world charm with its picturesque red roofs, azulejo-tiled and pastel painted buildings. Visit the museum, "Porto Across the Ages", where you will embark on a captivating journey through Porto's rich history, from its medieval origins to its modern-day splendour. Interactive exhibits and multimedia displays bring the past to life, offering a deep understanding of the city's evolution and cultural heritage.

Following the museum visit, head to one of Porto's renowned wine cellars for a guided tour. Here, you will learn about the intricate process of Port wine production and the unique characteristics that make these wines world-famous. End the tour with a tasting session, where you can savour a selection of fine Port wines, appreciating their complex flavours and aromas.

**Overnight:** Bessa Boavista ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 6: PORTO

This morning, take a guided sightseeing tour of Porto. Admire one of the city's oldest monuments, Porto Cathedral. This Romanesque cathedral offers stunning views of the city and the Douro River. See the former Stock Exchange Palace and the stunning 600-year-old Church of Santa Clara.

The rest of the day is yours to explore this incredible city at your own pace. Perhaps cruise the River Douro on a traditional Rabelo boat or wander through the medieval laneways and small squares.

This evening, enjoy a traditional fado dinner show.

**Overnight:** Bessa Boavista ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner





Jeronimos Monastery, Lisbon

## DAY 7: PORTO – ÓBIDOS – LISBON

Today, journey to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Batalha Monastery, an architectural masterpiece of Gothic fused with Manueline style. Delve into the past as you explore the ornately decorated Main Chapel and the Cloisters.

On the way to Lisbon, visit Óbidos, a charming medieval town located in the central region of Portugal. It is renowned for its well-preserved 12th century castle and historic centre with its narrow cobblestone streets, whitewashed houses adorned by colourful flowers, and beautiful traditional tile work. The town, encircled by sturdy 14th century walls, offers panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Arrive in Lisbon and check in to your hotel. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner of typical Portuguese dishes at a local restaurant. A wonderful way to share fond memories and bid farewell to your fellow travellers.

**Overnight:** VIP Grand Lisboa Hotel & Spa  
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**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 8: LISBON

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. Enjoy a final leisurely breakfast before transferring to the airport for your flight home, taking with you magical memories to last a lifetime.

**Meals:** Breakfast



Old Town, Coimbra



## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Guided tour of ancient Olissipo
- Admission to Capela dos Ossos, Porto Across the Ages Museum
- Guided city tours of Évora, Coimbra and Porto
- Wine tasting in Montemor-o-Novo
- Moliceiro experience in Aveiro
- Porto wine tasting experience
- Fado show and dinner in Porto including drinks
- Plenty of free time to explore Portugal at your own pace
- 7 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach
- Return private transfers from/to Lisbon Airport

DEPARTURE:	Twin Share	Single Supplement
11 October 2026	<b>\$5,179*</b>	<b>\$1,169*</b>

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12 DAYS

# A TASTE OF NORTHERN ITALY

DEPARTING 20 OCTOBER 2026

Exploring Northern Italy is truly an experience to be savoured. Take in the magic of Cinque Terre and discover the highlights of Northern Italy on this unforgettable twelve day journey. Tempt your tastebuds with fabulous regional food and renowned wines as you travel through picture-perfect landscapes that will capture your imagination. Look out over the colourful harbour of Portofino, visit the rainbow-painted villages of Cinque Terre and discover the old-world villages of the Langhe Region where you will sample some of Italy's best wine. Stay on the shores of Lake Maggiore and take a boat ride to the stunning Borromeo Islands.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Explore the stunning Cinque Terre region by land and sea
- ❖ Lunch at the home of the Slow Food movement
- ❖ Artisanal chocolate workshop in Turin
- ❖ Private truffle hunt with an expert Trifulau and Tabui
- ❖ Discover the historic town of Alba, the city of 100 towers
- ❖ Cruise Lake Maggiore and explore the Borromeo Islands
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Barolo, Piedmont

### DAY 1: MILAN – SESTRI LEVANTE

On arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport, make your way to the seaside town of Sestri Levante. This evening enjoy a welcome reception followed by dinner.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel dei Castelli ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 2: CINQUE TERRE

Today discover the enchanting landscapes of the Cinque Terre by private boat+, with a chance to stop and visit the colourful villages perched high on coastal cliffs. Taste local specialities over lunch and enjoy a glass of wine. In the afternoon, return to Sestri Levante and spend the evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel dei Castelli ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 3: CINQUE TERRE

This morning, board a local train and explore more of the Cinque Terre. Stop in Manarola and take in the amazing scenery of steep hillsides with terraced vineyards and olive groves and enjoy stunning views of the coast. Spend the afternoon exploring the area at your own pace before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel dei Castelli ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 4: PORTOFINO

Transfer to stunning Portofino, a fishing village known for its colourful harbour. Take a ferry ride to the Abbey of San Fruttuoso and spend time exploring this sacred building which dates back to the XVI century. Enjoy lunch at leisure near the Abbey. This afternoon, stroll through the lively coastal town of Santa Margherita Ligure before returning to Sestri Levante.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel dei Castelli ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 5: SESTRI LEVANTE – POLLENZO

After breakfast, set out on a private walking tour of Genoa, the amazing capital of the Italian Riviera. Stroll through narrow alleyways and ancient squares to discover the intriguing centuries-old relationship between Genoa and Istanbul. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and taste the authentic basil pesto sauce. After lunch, depart to the Langhe wine region. Check-in to your accommodation and gather for dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Albergo dell'Agencia ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 6: LANGHE WINE REGION

This morning, stroll the charming town of Barolo, famous for producing Barolo wine, which is regarded as the king of Italian wines. Visit a family-run winery for a tasting and learn about the enological heritage of the Langhe region.

Continue to the town of Bra, and enjoy lunch at Osteria Boccondivino, the place that gave birth to Carlo Petrini's Slow Food movement. See the first University of Gastronomic Sciences in the world and enjoy a guided visit of the nearby Bank of Wine. Spend the evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Albergo dell'Agencia ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 7: TURIN

Transfer to Turin, the original capital of Italy. Take in over 2,000 years of history as you embark on a walking tour of the city. See the magnificent Piazza San Carlo and Piazza Castello before enjoying a gourmet lunch at a historic café in the city centre.

This afternoon, a treat is in store for the sweet-toothed at an artisanal chocolate workshop,

where you will learn about the techniques of manual chocolate making and participate in a chocolate tasting.

**Overnight:** Albergo dell'Agencia ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 8: ROERO REGION

Today, head to the amazing Roero Region for a culinary adventure. Begin the day with a visit to a local cheese producer. Participate in the herding and the milking of the goats, learn all about the production, before tasting the local cheeses.

Continue on to a local agriturismo, for a traditional lunch paired with the renowned local wines. Taste the refreshing white wine made from Arneis, and the bold, fragrant red made from Piedmont's signature red wine grape, Nebbiolo.

In the afternoon, experience a private truffle hunt demonstration led by an expert "Trifulau" and the sharp sense of smell of their trusty dogs, known as "Tabui". Enjoy a walk in the woods while searching for delicious truffles.

**Overnight:** Albergo dell'Agencia ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 9: TURIN – STRESA

After breakfast, journey to Alba, the capital of the Langhe Region and known as the 'City of a Hundred Towers'. Take a guided tour of the historical centre and marvel at the Roman and Gothic monuments scattered throughout along with the beautiful piazzas. Stop at one of the many restaurants for lunch and taste one of the traditional dishes (own expense).

After lunch, continue to your accommodation on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Hotel Milan Speranza Au Lac ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



Isola Bella, Lake Maggiore

## DAY 10: BORROMEAN ISLANDS

Today is spent soaking up the beauty of the Borromean Islands. Take a private boat+ to Isola Bella, the main of the Borromean Islands. Visit the Borromean Palace and wander the terraces of the ornate baroque garden. Then, gather for lunch at a local restaurant on the charming Isola dei Pescatori.

In the afternoon, visit the striking Hermitage of Santa Caterina del Sasso. This monastery is perched on a sheer cliff above the water and is considered one of the most intriguing historical sites on Lake Maggiore. Return to your accommodation and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight:** Hotel Milan Speranza Au Lac ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 11: LAKE ORTA

Drive to Lake Orta for a tour of its beautiful late-Roman remains and medieval houses. Walk along the lake, dominated by the district's highest peak, Mottarone. This afternoon, travel by boat to tiny Isola di San Giulio for a visit to its 12th century church. According to legend, the island was once inhabited by loathsome serpents and monsters, which were banished in 390 A.D. by St. Julius.

This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.

**Overnight:** Hotel Milan Speranza Au Lac ♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 12: STRESA – MILAN

Enjoy a final leisurely breakfast at the hotel as your unforgettable journey comes to an end.

**Meals:** Breakfast



Abbey of San Fruttuoso, Portofino

## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Private boat tour in Cinque Terre+
  - Train tickets from Sestri Levante to Monterosso al Mare and Santa Margherita
  - Cinque Terre Park Fee including local train tickets
  - Ferry boat ride from Santa Margherita Ligure to Portofino, Portofino to San Fruttuoso, San Fruttuoso to Santa Margherita Ligure
  - Wine tasting at a local winery in Barolo
  - Admission to San Fruttuoso, Isola Bella, Hermitage of Santa Caterina del Sasso
  - Lunch at an historical café in Turin
  - Chocolate workshop in Turin
  - Cheese tasting with local producer
  - Lunch with wine pairing at a local agriturismo
  - Private truffle hunt
  - Guided tour of Alba
  - Private boat transfers from Stresa to the Borromean Islands
  - Return shuttle boat from Orta to Isola di San Giulio
  - 11 nights accommodation
  - Meals as specified
  - Porterage and city taxes
  - Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
  - Travel by premium air-conditioned coach
- + The excursion by boat depends on lake's condition.

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

20 October 2026 **\$12,349\*** **\$2,689\***

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.





13 DAYS

# MARVELS OF SICILY

DEPARTING 24 OCTOBER 2026

Sicily will delight your senses like no other region, so explore this amazing Italian island on our thirteen day escorted journey and discover the true meaning of La Dolce Vita. Soak up the sensational sea views, take in the picturesque countryside and travel to the volcanic slopes of Mount Etna. Marvel at Sicily's centuries old monasteries, Greek temples and Norman-Arab-Byzantine architecture. Walk through colourful markets, savour traditional dishes over lunch and learn to cook traditional Sicilian dishes.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Explore the captivating cities of Palermo and Taormina
- ❖ Unlock the vibrant and diverse flavours of Sicilian cuisine with many unique tasting experiences
- ❖ Visit Sicily's UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ❖ Enjoy a private tour & aperitivo with the owner of a Noble Palace
- ❖ Taste artisanal chocolate in Modica
- ❖ Explore the small baroque island of Ortigia
- ❖ Learn about the traditional Sicilian marionette theatre from a local Opera dei Pupi artisan
- ❖ Experience Mt Etna up close with an Alpine guide on hand to show you through Etna Park
- ❖ Try wine grown in volcanic soil over lunch at a winery at the base of Mount Etna
- ❖ Try your own hand at a private cooking class with a local Sicilian chef
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Ragusa, Sicily

### DAY 1: PALERMO

On arrival at Palermo Airport, make your way to the hotel.

Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for a pre-dinner drink followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Dinner

### DAY 2: PALERMO

This morning, join a walking tour of Palermo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2015. Discover its striking cathedral, where elements of Gothic, Baroque and Norman architecture show the influence of the region's cultures. See Piazza Pretoria with its fountain, a marble masterpiece of the Renaissance. Stop for lunch and try the cuoppo, a paper cone filled with delicious fried morsels and the famous arancina ball.

This afternoon, visit the Teatro Massimo, the largest opera theatre in Italy. Wander through the evocative halls of the theatre, designed by the famous architect Basile.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 3: PALERMO

After breakfast, visit the imposing Norman Palace with its mosaic-laden Palatine Chapel. The highlight of the chapel is the 12th century mosaic installation created for Roger II. Still in use today by the Sicilian government, the palace is the oldest royal residence in Europe.

This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour by the owner of a private Noble Palace. At the end of the tour, savour an aperitivo before enjoying the evening ahead at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 4: PALERMO – AGRIGENTO

Today travel to the hillside town of Monreale and visit the Norman Cathedral, where the largest Byzantine mosaic is located. See the Cloister of Santa Maria Nuova, an extraordinary example of medieval architecture.

This afternoon, arrive in the coastal town of Agrigento and check in to your hotel. Later, enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Baglio della Luna ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 5: VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

This morning, visit the ancient Valley of the Temples. Founded in 582 BC by Greek settlers, the town was described by the Greek poet Pindar as "the most beautiful of those inhabited by mortals". After exploring the ruins, enjoy lunch in the city centre (own expense).

Next visit the Farm Cultural Park in Favara, one of the most influential independent cultural centres of the contemporary art lovers.

This evening enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Baglio della Luna ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 6: AGRIGENTO – RAGUSA

Journey to the magnificent hilltop town of Ragusa. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before taking a tour of Ragusa Ibla, known for its Baroque style buildings. See the Duomo of San Giorgio, the symbol of the town's rebirth and discover the Giardino Ibleo (Ibleo garden), the oldest of the four main parks in Ragusa. This evening enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Pietre Nere Resort & Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 7: MODICA

After breakfast, head to a local chocolate laboratory in Modica, the only town in Sicily with a chocolate making tradition dating back to the 17th century. Discover the local ancient method of chocolate making under the expert guide of a professional maître chocolatier who will share the secrets of Modica's chocolate.

This afternoon, visit a local farm producing medicinal and aromatic herbs. Learn about how this farm is dedicated to keeping alive the island's traditional fragrances and flavours. Enjoy a local aperitivo at the end of the farm tour.

Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant where you will savour local dishes.

**Overnight:** Pietre Nere Resort & Spa ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 8: RAGUSA – SYRACUSE

Today travel to Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander charming alleyways and see iconic Baroque plazas and churches. Head to a local farm for a three course wine tasting lunch at a local winery in Val di Noto before continuing to Syracuse.

On arrival in Syracuse, venture to the island of Ortigia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the historical centre of Syracuse. Stroll down the winding streets, where splendid Renaissance and Baroque buildings enrich the archaeological wealth of this town. Visit the Cathedral which was built on the ruins of a 6th century B.C. Temple.

**Overnight:** Ortea Palace ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch





Monreale Cathedral, Palermo

### DAY 9: SYRACUSE

This morning, visit the Archaeological Park of Neapolis. The park houses the Greek Theatre, The Roman Amphitheater and the Latomia del Paradiso.

Spend the afternoon with a local artisan that has created hand-made pupi for generations and learn about Opera dei puppets, the traditional Sicilian marionette theatre.

This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Ortea Palace ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 10: SYRACUSE – TAORMINA

Following breakfast, travel to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, historical monuments and unforgettable views.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before embarking on a walking tour of the upper town of Taormina, perched on a cliff overlooking the Ionian Sea. For light refreshment, stop at a local bar to taste the authentic and refreshing granita Siciliana.

Next, visit the celebrated Teatro Greco, an ancient Greek theatre built in the 3rd century BC. It is one of the most fascinating and picturesque Sicilian historical monuments, being well-preserved and surrounded by a breathtaking natural scenery.

**Overnight:** Villa Belvedere ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 11: MT ETNA

Witness Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna, which dominates Eastern Sicily. An Alpine guide will show you through the Etna Park, home to varied and rich flora. Continue to a winery at the base of Mount Etna for lunch and a wine tasting experience

and discover how volcanic soils create amazing local wines. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in Taormina.

**Overnight:** Villa Belvedere ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 12: TAORMINA

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning to explore the town. Perhaps visit the many historical monuments, relax by the sea or shop for artisan products.

This afternoon, meet a Sicilian chef who will introduce you to authentic Sicilian recipes. Take part in a hands-on cooking class; then, feast on your creation for a festive farewell dinner.

**Overnight:** Villa Belvedere ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 13: TAORMINA

Your wonderful Sicilian adventure comes to an end after breakfast.

**Meals:** Breakfast



Mount Etna, Sicily

### YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Admission to Monumental Complex of the Cathedral of Palermo, Teatro Massimo, Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel, Cathedral and Cloister of Monreale, Valley of the Temples, Cathedral of Noto, Cathedral of Ortigia, Archaeological Area of the Neapolis and Ancient Theatre of Taormina
- Street food tasting and aperitivo in Palermo
- Private tour of Noble Palace with the owner
- Guided visit of the Favara Farm Cultural Park
- Chocolate making class in Modica
- 3 course lunch with wine pairing at local winery in Val di Noto
- Visit a local Opera dei Pupi artisan in Syracuse
- Granita tasting in Taormina
- Mt Etna guided walk
- 3 course lunch with wine pairing at local winery near Mt Etna
- Private cooking class in Taormina with local chef
- 12 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Porterage and city taxes
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Travel by premium air-conditioned coach

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

24 October 2026 **\$13,209\*** **\$3,229\***

\*Prices are per person in Australian Dollars. Additional pre and post tour night prices also available. For full terms and conditions, please refer to page 63.





13 DAYS

# TIMELESS GREECE

DEPARTING 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Embark on a journey through Greece, where timeless history meets island elegance. Begin in Athens, exploring iconic landmarks and the treasures of its Golden Age. Venture to Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games, and uncover the myths of Delphi before witnessing the awe-inspiring Meteora Monasteries. Then, travel to Mykonos and Santorini for sun-drenched beaches, scenic walks, and exclusive wine tastings amid volcanic landscapes. From ancient ruins to breathtaking sunsets and luxurious experiences, this curated itinerary offers the perfect blend of culture, history, and island charm – an unforgettable odyssey through the heart and soul of Greece.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Visit the historic Panathenaic Stadium, birthplace of the modern Olympic Games in 1896
- ❖ Dine on a private catamaran as it sails past Mykonos' iconic south coast beaches
- ❖ Stroll through the dreamy streets of Santorini, the island of romance
- ❖ Go truffle hunting amid Meteora's lush landscapes
- ❖ Uncover Santorini's ancient winemaking heritage and traditions
- ❖ Marvel at Meteora's Monasteries, perched atop towering rock pillars
- ❖ Small group travel – maximum 16 guests



Oia, Santorini

## DAY 1: ATHENS

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Arrive at Athens Airport, where you'll be warmly welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Your first glimpse of Athens reveals a city steeped in history, from the grandeur of the Parthenon to the influences of Romans, Byzantines, and Venetians. In the evening, savour a special welcome dinner with breathtaking views of the illuminated Acropolis – a truly unforgettable start to your Greek odyssey.

**Overnight:** Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis  
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**Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 2: ATHENS

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Begin your exploration with a guided city tour, visiting in the historic Panathenaic Stadium, site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Pass by significant landmarks including the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Hellenic Parliament, and Syntagma Square before ascending the legendary Acropolis. Wander among the awe-inspiring ruins of the Golden Age of Athens. Enjoy lunch at a local tavern before continuing to the state-of-the-art Acropolis Museum.

Next, travel along the scenic coastal road to Cape Sounion. Pass beautiful beaches and enjoy stunning views of the Saronic Gulf and its small offshore islands, before arriving at Temple of Poseidon. Discover the historical significance and the myth of this ancient structure which is dedicated to the Greek god of the sea. In the evening, witness a spectacular sunset that transforms the sky into a canvas of vibrant colours. After sunset, enjoy free time for dinner at a local tavern (own expense), before returning to Athens in the late evening.

**Overnight:** Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis  
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**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3: ATHENS – OLYMPIA

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Leaving Athens behind, travel along the coastal road to the Corinth Canal pausing for photos before continuing to the ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, renowned for its remarkable acoustics. Head to the picturesque seaside town of Nafplion where there will be time for lunch (own expense) before exploring the archaeological site of Mycenae including the Tomb of Agamemnon.

In the afternoon, journey across the Peloponnese through Tripolis and Megalopolis to Olympia – the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Arrive in Olympia for an overnight stay and dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight:** Hotel Olympion Asty ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4: OLYMPIA – DELPHI

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This morning, explore Ancient Olympia, where centuries of history await among the ruins. Begin at the museum, which houses a remarkable collection of artefacts including the iconic Hermes of Praxiteles, the Nike of Paionios, and sculptures from the Temple of Zeus. At the archaeological site, walk through the remains of temples, training grounds, and the ancient stadium. Learn about the Temple of Zeus, once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, said to have housed a 14 metre tall statue of Zeus adorned in gold. There will be time in Olympia to enjoy lunch (own expense).

After lunch, take in the stunning scenery on drive through the mountains and valleys of Central Greece. Stop at the Arachova, a charming, traditional mountain village, known for its stone houses, and artisan shops offering handmade textiles, local cheeses, and traditional crafts. Continue to Delphi and check in to the hotel before enjoying dinner in the hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight:** Hotel Amalia Delphi or Hotel Arachova Anemolia ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 5: DELPHI – KALAMBAKA

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Discover Delphi, once considered the centre of the ancient world. Visit the museum, home to treasures like the famous bronze Charioteer of Delphi, the frieze of the Siphnian Treasury and the Sphinx of Naxos. Explore the revered site of Delphi, including the Temple of Apollo and the Sacred Way, once lined with treasures and statues. Just outside the main site, see the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, beautifully nestled against the mountainside. After lunch, travel to Kalambaka, located beneath the towering Meteora cliffs, this quaint town offers a warm welcome and dramatic surroundings. Spend the night in Kalambaka.

**Overnight:** Hotel Grand Meteora ◆◆◆◆

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 6: KALAMBAKA – ATHENS

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Today, experience the awe-inspiring Meteora Monasteries – spiritual havens perched atop towering rock pillars. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was first built in the 14th century, offering a breathtaking glimpse into Byzantine history and art. Visit two of the most remarkable monasteries: the Great Meteoron and St. Stephen. Later, enjoy a unique truffle hunting experience with trained dogs, followed by a mushroom tasting and delicious truffle pasta for lunch. In the afternoon, return to Athens, with a short stop at Thermopylae to see the monument to King Leonidas of Sparta.

**Overnight:** Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis  
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**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 7: ATHENS – MYKONOS

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After breakfast, transfer to the port and board a ferry to Mykonos, one of Greece's most iconic islands and famed for its whitewashed houses and vibrant charm. Enjoy time to settle into the hotel before an afternoon tour through the old town and port. Meander along the small, narrow streets,



Monastiraki Square, Athens



Boni's Windmill, Mykonos

see churches and the famous windmills. The tour continues by coach through the countryside to the village of Ano Mera, wander the peaceful square and visit the 16th century Panagia Tourliani Monastery. Enjoy a final stop at Kalafatis Beach, perfect for a relaxing drink before returning to town for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Myconian Ambassador or Hotel Domes Noruz ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 8: MYKONOS' SOUTH COAST

Spend the morning at leisure before boarding a private catamaran for an unforgettable afternoon sailing experience along Mykonos' south coast. Swim in calm, crystal-clear waters and enjoy a full dinner menu with beverages onboard as you cruise the island's most famous beaches including Psarou, Platis Gialos, Super Paradise and Elia.

**Overnight:** Hotel Myconian Ambassador or Hotel Domes Noruz ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 9: MYKONOS

Enjoy a day at your leisure. Whether you prefer sunbathing, shopping in chic boutiques, or savouring local cuisine at a seaside tavern, Mykonos offers something for every taste.

**Overnight:** Hotel Myconian Ambassador or Hotel Domes Noruz ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 10: MYKONOS – SANTORINI

Travel by high-speed ferry to Santorini, Greece's most iconic and romantic island. Transfer to the hotel where you will have time to relax and enjoy lunch (own expense) before embarking on an afternoon walking tour. Starting at Theotokopoulou Main Square, the walk the cliffside path north toward Firostefani, pass whitewashed buildings, domed churches and terraces while taking stunning views of the caldera and volcanic islands. The streets

gradually become quieter as you approach Firostefani, a serene village slightly above Fira, known for its blue-domed St. Gerasimos Church and cliffside views. After exploring Firostefani's narrow lanes and admiring the scenery, the path leads back to Fira, completing a memorable scenic walk.

**Overnight:** Hotel Orama or Hotel Majestic ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 11: SANTORINI

Today, discover the island's unique volcanic wines during an exclusive wine tasting experience. Visit three of Santorini's most celebrated wineries and sample award-winning varietals paired with local cheese and snacks. As you move between vineyards, learn about the island's ancient winemaking traditions and how the volcanic soil gives Santorini wines their distinctive flavour. Conclude your wine experience with a delicious lunch featuring multiple courses of local dishes, each perfectly paired with the wine. Return to the hotel for an afternoon of leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Orama or Hotel Majestic ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 12: SANTORINI

Spend your day as you please, whether relaxing on one of the island's famous beaches, wandering cliffside paths, or enjoying a coffee with a view. This evening, celebrate your incredible journey with a farewell dinner at sunset, set against the unforgettable backdrop of Santorini's glowing skies.

**Overnight:** Hotel Orama or Hotel Majestic ♦♦♦♦♦

**Meals:** Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

### DAY 13: SANTORINI – ATHENS

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Santorini Airport for your included flight back to Athens.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## YOUR ULTIMATE JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Private Athens city and Cape Sounion tour
- Admission to Acropolis site, Acropolis Museum, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Delphi and Meteora Monasteries
- Visit to the mountain village of Arachova
- Truffle hunting in Meteora
- Private Mykonos Island tour
- Private sunset catamaran south coast cruise of Mykonos
- Welcome dinner in Athens with Acropolis view
- Afternoon walking tour in Fira and Firostefani
- Private wine tour with tastings at three wineries in Santorini
- Farewell sunset dinner at Santorini restaurant
- High speed business class ferry tickets from Athens to Mykonos and Mykonos to Santorini
- Flight from Santorini to Athens
- 12 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified
- Services of an experienced Tour Leader and local driver/guides
- Porterage service at the hotels
- Travel by premium coach
- One way private transfer from Athens Airport

**DEPARTURE:** Twin Share Single Supplement

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