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**VISITING:  
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FUJI, KYOTO, NARA PARK,  
OSAKA, SEOUL. DAEGU,  
GYEONGJU, BUSAN,  
CHUNGJU**

# Gems of Japan & Treasures of South Korea

## **DAY 1 - MALTA - JAPAN**

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for your flight to Japan.

## **DAY 2 - TOKYO**

Upon arrival you will be welcomed and transferred to your 4\* Grand Pacific La Daiba.

## **DAY 3 - TOKYO**

Breakfast and proceed for full day city tour of Tokyo visiting the Meiji Jingu Shrine, drive through the Imperial Palace Plaza which comprises the moats and spacious plaza between the east side of the Imperial Palace and the Marunouchi office buildings. On the north side of the plaza stands a fountain commemorating the marriage of the Emperor and Empress. To the south is a bronze of Kusunoki Masashige, a 14th-century samurai loyal to the emperor. Sensoji is the oldest and most impressive temple in Tokyo. The main hall was first built to house a tiny golden statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, that had been repeatedly hauled up in fishing nets despite being thrown back into the river. The statue was enshrined in the main hall where it ostensibly remains today -- a sight too holy to be seen. The temple was destroyed in the air raids of March 10, 1945, and the present building is a 1958 reconstruction.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## **DAY 4 - NIKKO**

Breakfast and full day tour of Nikko. First visit will be The Toshogu Shrine which is the main attraction of Nikko. The Shinto shrine is dedicated to the kami (spirit) of Ieyasu who founded the Tokugawa Shogunate, a military dynasty that ruled Japan from 1603 to 1867. To create a worthy shrine for the shogun, 15,000 craftsmen worked for two years, using 2.5 million sheets of gold leaf. The enshrinement of Ieyasu's spirit is reenacted twice each year in the Procession of the Thousand Warriors. One of the most famous elements of Toshogu is the Sacred Stable, where a white imperial horse is kept (a gift of New Zealand). The stable's fame derives from the original carving depicting the three wise monkeys, "Hear no evil, Speak no evil, See no evil." Other famous carvings at Toshogu include a sleeping cat and an odd rendering of an elephant by an artist who had apparently never seen one.  
Drive to Kegon Waterfall the almost 100 meter tall most famous of Nikko's many beautiful waterfalls. In fact, it is even ranked as one of Japan's three most beautiful falls, along with Nachi Waterfall in Wakayama Prefecture and Fukuroda Waterfall in Ibaraki Prefecture. Kegon Waterfall is also a popular autumn color spot. Later drive through Chuzsen-ji Lake.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## **DAY 5 - TOKYO - KYOTO**

Breakfast and full day tour of Tokyo visiting Mt. Fuji, Lake Kawaguchi, Kubota Ichiku Art Museum, Ooishi Park, Mt. Tenjo Park & Mt. Kachikachi Ropeway and the Springs of Mt. Fuji (museum included). Mount Fuji is the highest and most popular mountain in Japan, and is considered to be one of the most beautiful conical volcanoes in the world. The base of Mt. Fuji, which forms an almost perfect circle, stretches 35 to 40 km from east to west and the same distance from north to south. The volcano has not been active for more than 250 years, but apparently there was a time when smoke rising from its crater was a familiar feature of the landscape. After lunch transfer to Mishima train station for transfer to Kyoto. Check in at the 4\* New Miyako Hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

## **DAY 6 - KYOTO**

After breakfast depart for full day tour of Kyoto visiting Nijo Castle, built by Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, in 1603, is a World Heritage Site and its Ninomaru Palace is designated a National Treasure on account of its splendid architecture and magnificent interior decoration. Ieyasu built the castle as his Kyoto residence, but its greater significance was as a symbol of Tokugawa power in the Kansai region. The palace is an example of "shoin-zukuri" style. The interior is decorated with wall paintings by the Kano school. The floorboards of corridors creak underfoot. Called "bush



warbler boards,” as they warned of the approach of an assassin.

After drive to Kinkakuji the Temple of the Golden Pavilion which is a famous structure dating from the Muromachi Period and was listed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1994. It is the popular name of Rokuon-ji (Deer Park Temple), a temple dedicated to the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy. Ashikaga Yoshimitsu (1358-1408), the third of the Ashikaga Shoguns, built a retirement estate there in 1398. After his death the grounds were turned into a Buddhist temple for the Rinzaï sect. The only building to remain standing of Yoshimitsu's estate was the Golden Pavilion. The upper stories are covered in gold leaf and the roof is topped by a bronze phoenix. The reflection of the temple shimmers majestically in the waters of a rock-studded pond.

Proceed to Heian Shrine, it has a relatively short history, dating back just over a hundred years to 1895. The shrine was built on the occasion of the 1100th anniversary of the capital's foundation in Kyoto and is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who reigned from the city, Emperor Kammu and Emperor Komei. A giant torii gate marks the approach to the shrine, around which there are a couple of museums. The actual shrine grounds are very spacious, with a wide open court at the center. The shrine's main buildings are a partial replica of the original Imperial Palace from the Heian Period, built on a somewhat smaller scale than the original.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 7 - NARA PARK

Breakfast and proceed for full day tour of Nara and Uji.

Nara, the oldest capital of Japan was the cradle of Japanese arts, crafts and literature. Buddhism first flourished here under the strong patronage of successive Emperors. Walking through the city's quiet streets is like strolling through the pages of history. Here, you can find the peace of mind and spiritual contentment.

Today's Temple, completed in 752, houses one of the largest bronze statues in the world. The temple is approached through an imposing gate supported by eighteen 25-meter-high pillars. It was built in the eighth century. Blown down by a typhoon the gate was rebuilt. It is a National Treasure, as are two wooden images of the Deva kings in its exterior niches. The present Hall of the Great Buddha, is the world's largest ancient wooden structure and a National Treasure. The Great Buddha, a National Treasure, was cast in bronze in eight sections over three years. The 16 metre high figure is seated on a huge bronze pedestal 20.7 meters in circumference.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 8 - OSAKA

After breakfast depart for city tour of Osaka. A water city that affords cruising pleasures and sightseeing. Osaka castle-the symbol of Osaka with its over 400 years of history fusing the old and new, with towering skyscrapers abounded cherry blossom trees and soundings waterways. A sight to be enjoyed in any season. The Osaka Castle was built in the end of the 16th century by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a well-known warlord who brought the whole country under his rule in the late 16th century. It has been burned down in a series of battles in the 17th century, and reconstructed later. Once again it was destroyed by fire, its donjon only reduced to ashes this time, and was reconstructed at last early in the 20th century. On display at its 1st to 7th floors are various weapons, armors and folklife items of those days. There is a view spot on the 8th floor.

The Umeda Sky Building is a spectacular high rise building in the Kita district of Osaka, near Osaka and Umeda Stations. It is also known as the "New Umeda City". The 173 meter tall building consists of two main towers which are connected with each other by the "Floating Garden Observatory" on the 39th floor.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 9 - OSAKA - SEOUL

Breakfast and transfer to Airport for flight to Seoul. Arrival at Incheon airport, meet and greet and transfer to the 5\* Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 10 - SEOUL

After breakfast proceed for Seoul tour including National Museum of Korea. This new museum built in 2005 is boasting its fantastic collection of Korean arts and relics. It would take a whole day to see everything in the museum. The next visit at Changdeok Palace & Huwon (Secret Garden), UNESCO designated World Heritage. Walking tour of Bukchon Hano Village. Visit Seoul Tower on Mt. Namsan for a bird's eye view of Metropolitan city of Seoul. Also visit Namdaemun traditional market, it is the biggest market in Korea.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 11 - Day 20

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Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Korean Folk Village outside of Seoul, where the old traditional style houses and life style of 18th-19th century are being practiced by people living in the village. Proceed to Songnisan National Park to visit Beopjusa Temple where you can find the tallest Buddha Statue in Korea. The forest park is ideal place for walking. Afterward, drive

to Daegu via expressway. Check in at the 4\*Daegu Grand Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 12 - SEOUL - GYEONGJU

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Gyeongju, the capital of the Silla kingdom from 57BC - 935AD and the city is also known as the "Museum without walls," as there are 52 designated sites within this city. Upon arrival in Gyeongju, half day Gyeongju tour including Cheomseongdae Astronomic Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park with its Royal tombs. You will have the chance to enter one of the excavated tombs to see the construction and process behind the Royal Kings burial chambers. Last visit is at Bulguksa Temple although rebuilt following destruction by the Japanese during their occupancy. The Temple has been completely restored to its former glory. Check in at the 5\* Gyeongju Hilton Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 13 - GYEONGJU

After breakfast, start your full day tour of Gyeongju by visiting Seokguram Grotto, established in the 8th century on the slopes of Mt. Toham. The grotto contains a monumental statue of a sitting Buddha looking out to sea and it is considered a masterpiece of Buddhist art in the Far East. 4 faces Buddha, Gwaeneung Royal Tomb and Scenic drive tour to Guryongpo Port. Drive along the sea for beautiful coastal scenery.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 14 - GYEONGJU - BUSAN

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Unmoonsa Temple (Buddhist Nun's temple). Proceed to Busan, the second largest city of South Korea. Upon arrival, start half-day Busan tour to Busan Tower on Mt Yongdusan with its observation deck offering stunning views of the city and beyond, Jagalchi Fishery Market where roadside vendors sell various fishes and Nampodong Street. Check in at the 5\* Busan Paradise Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 15 - BUSAN - CHUNGJU

After breakfast, transfer to Mt Gayasan National Park via expressway. In Mt Gayasan National Park, visit Haeinsa Temple. Haeinsa Temple has a world famous Korean cultural treasure called Tripikata Koreana, which was made during the Goryo Dynasty to protect the country from the invasion of Mongolian troops by Buddha's power. UNESCO as World Cultural Heritage designated this Tripitaka Koreana. Proceed to Andong, 2 hours away from Haeinsa.







Andong is the best-preserved village with its traditional style noble houses. In 1999, Queen Elisabeth II visited Hahoe Village and was welcomed with Birthday Party Table decorated in Korean traditional way. Hahoe Village in Andong is famous for its own mask dance. After a visit to Hahoe Village, proceed to Chungju Lake. Check in at the 3\*Cheongpoong Resort.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 16 - CHUNGJU**

After breakfast, take a ride on Sightseeing Boat for lakeside scenery. Transfer to Mt Seorak National Park via Pyeongchang. Visit Woljeongsa Temple, this temple is famous for its pine tree road. Proceed to Gangneung, visit Chamsori Gramophone & Audio Museum. This museum boasts itself with incredible collection of 19th Century gramophones and 1st generation audio systems. Proceed to Sokcho and visit Naksan beach and Naksan Temple on the way to Sokcho. Check in at the 5\*Kensinton Star hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 17 - MT SEORAK NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast, transfer to DMZ Unification Observatory at demarcation line at East Coast for a very close view of North Korea and Repository of nature in ecosystem DMZ museum. Return to Mt. Seorak National Park for cable car ride to Gwongumseong Fortress and visit Sinheungsa Temple. Visit Dongmyeong local port in the evening.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 18 - MT SEORAK NATIONAL PARK - SEOUL**

After breakfast, transfer to Gapyeong to visit the Garden of Morning Calm Flower and Tree Park, which displays unique Korean Wild Flowers and trees in a garden located in mountain valley. Transfer to Seoul. Check in at the 5\* Grand Hyatt hotel and time at leisure in the afternoon.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 19 - SEOUL - MALTA**

Breakfast at the hotel, morning at leisure and in the afternoon proceed for half day Seoul tour visiting Jongmyo Shrine (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE), Insadong Antique Alley, Deoksu palace. After the tour transfer to the Airport for your flight back to Malta.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 20 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

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**BEIJING, GREAT WALL OF**  
**CHINA**

# Ultimate China Experience & Magnificent Yangtze River Cruise

## DAY 1 - MALTA - CHINA

Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport for your flight to China.

## DAY 2 - SHANGHAI

Upon arrival you will be transferred to the 5\* Shanghai Marriot Hotel Parkview. Shanghai, the thriving metropolis on China's eastern coast which is a dynamic city constantly changing and growing, with an unforgettable skyline.

## DAY 3 - SHANGHAI CITY TOUR

Breakfast and morning briefing with your English speaking tour guide about the exciting trip that awaits you. Then, on to see some of the city's major highlights. Start at the classical Yu Yuan Gardens in the Old Quarter, built during the Ming Dynasty, a quiet and serene sanctuary in this frenetic city, with its scenic pavilions, ponds and streams. Continue to the lively Bund, Shanghai's popular promenade; stroll along the park-like waterfront and experience the old world charm. Tonight attend to a performance by the world-famous Chinese acrobats that includes dance, magic, acrobatics, beautiful music and after dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## DAY 4 - FULL DAY SHANGHAI

After breakfast full day tour to Suzhou, including lunch and a cruise on the Grand Canal. Morning departure from Shanghai for the drive to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East". Upon arrival in this charming city, relax on a boat ride along the narrow

waterways of the legendary Grand Canal followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Explore a silk factory to know about how silk is produced. End the day in Suzhou with a walk along bustling Guanquin Street, where the locals gather for entertainment and food. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

## DAY 5 - SHANGHAI - YICHANG

Breakfast and free time to explore Shanghai by yourself before being transferred to the airport for your flight to Yichang, the second largest city in Hubei province after Wuhan, its capital. Upon arrival, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before continuing to Yichang Port for embarkation on the 5\* Victoria Cruise ship. This evening, you'll begin the scenic journey on the fabled Yangtze, the longest river in China and the third longest river in the world. You'll be warmly welcomed aboard by the friendly international staff. A memorable voyage awaits you.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## DAY 6 - XILING GORGE

Breakfast and in the afternoon tour the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest and most ambitious hydroelectric project ever undertaken by man, nearly six times the size of the Hoover Dam. In addition to producing electricity, the dam was constructed to increase the Yangtze River's shipping capacity and reduce the potential for floods. This project has forever changed the landscape surrounding the Yangtze River and has also forced the relocation of people who once lived

along the river. Tour the massive site to see this impressive achievement of engineering. Following the visit, return to the ship as it cruises upstream and enters the dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest section of the Three Gorges.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## DAY 7 - WU GORGE & QUTANG GORGE

Awake this morning to beautiful vistas on the river. Breakfast and sail through the Wu Gorge, famed for its magnificent Twelve Peaks. Today, your tour will take you either on a scenic journey up Shennong Stream, travelling in small boats between rolling hills and rocky cliffs or on a scenic journey up Shennv Stream, the journey is accompanied by local folk songs and dances. Continue through the Qutang Gorge, the smallest of the three gorges, flanked by lush terraced hillsides.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## DAY 8 - SHIBAOZHAI

Breakfast and the ship arrives this morning at Shibaozhai, built during the Ming Dynasty. This pagoda is sometimes referred to as one of the eight construction wonders of the world, built into the side of a rocky cliff face and constructed without use of nails. This vermilion 12-story pagoda stands impressively over 100 feet high. The tour highlights the main attraction of the temple, with its traditional Chinese design. The structure is inspired by the mountains with patterns and figures that vary from odd to extraordinary.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.





#### DAY 9 - XIAN

After breakfast disembark the Yangtze River cruise in Chongqing, a major metropolis and one of the top emerging cities in China. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Xian, ancient capital of eleven dynasties and an archaeological treasure trove. Upon arrival, visit the renowned Shaanxi Provincial History Museum, home to a wealth of historical artifacts and treasures. Check in at the 5\* Grand Noble Hotel Xian. Time to relax before the late afternoon visit to the Muslim district of Xian; learn more about Chinese Muslims and witness the preparation of local foods in the market. Return to the hotel with a stop en route at the gigantic Bell and Drum Towers. This evening enjoy a Tang Dynasty 6-course dinner followed by a historical dance performance by the Tang Dynasty Troupe. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 10 - TERRACOTTA ARMY

After breakfast visit Xingqing Park, a hub of activity where you may have the chance to join the residents of Xian in their morning exercise, singing and dancing. Afterward, stop at a Terafter proceed to an unforgettable experience. Visit the archaeological site of the magnificent Terracotta Warriors, a vast collection of life-sized soldiers, horses and chariots that were entombed with China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. This world-famous site, discovered by local farmers in 1974, is still being discovered and excavated today, more than forty years since the time of its unearthing. At tonight's Dumpling Banquet, you can sample nearly 20 delicious varieties of dumplings. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### DAY 11 - BEIJING

Breakfast and depart Xian for flight to Beijing, sprawling capital of modern China. Check in at the 5\* Pentahotel Beijing. Afternoon at leisure - feel the pulse of this city of contrasts with its astonishing history and wondrous sights. Join a half-day Hutong Tour which begins with a Rickshaw ride through the old narrow streets

and alleyways. See the courtyard homes which once covered all of Beijing - only a few still survive today and get to know about "old China" from a local family who will welcome you to their home. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 12 - SUMMER PALACE & THE FORBIDDEN CITY

After breakfast visit the fabled Summer Palace, resort of the Empress Dowager with its palace grounds, filled with a variety of picturesque gardens and architectural structures. Then continue to a local Pearl Shop to learn about the famous Chinese pearls. Have lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to huge Tiananmen Square, the largest public plaza in the world built at the height of the Ming Dynasty. The square's Gate of Heavenly Peace was once used as a staging ground for imperial edicts and by Mao Zedong himself to declare the founding of the People's Republic in 1949. Next, enter the Forbidden City, which served as the Imperial Palace until 1912. The extraordinary and immense walled complex is truly a masterpiece of Chinese architecture; its complex consists of 800 buildings with more than 9,000 rooms. Tonight, dinner at a Beijing restaurant. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### DAY 13 - GREAT WALL OF CHINA

An amazing day! After breakfast travel to the extraordinary 2000-year-old Great Wall of China, one of the most spectacular structures ever built by man, spanning nearly 4,000 miles of China's northern frontier. En route, stop at a local jade shop to admire wares crafted with one of China's most famous materials. Then it's time to climb the ramparts of this ancient wonder to view breathtaking mountain passes, plateaus and grasslands from this 7th-century defensive fortification. Afterwards lunch in a local restaurant. Drive via the site of the 2008 Olympics to see the National Stadium and the sprawling Olympic Village followed by a stop at the Beijing Zoo to see the famous Pandas - a must for all travelers to China. Tonight enjoy

a Farewell Dinner featuring China's famous Peking Duck. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 14 - BEIJING

Breakfast and day at leisure for personal sightseeing or shopping. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Malta. Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 15 - MALTA

Flight Beijing - Malta.

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# Definitely Dubai Tour

## DAY 1 - MALTA - DUBAI

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for flight to Dubai.

## DAY 2 - ARCHITECTURAL TOUR OF MODERN DUBAI & SHOPPING AT THE DUBAIMALL

Arrival in Dubai and transfer to the 4\* Novotel World Trade Centre. In the morning after breakfast we start the tour by exploring the most modern structures of Dubai, Atlantis The Palm Jumeirah, Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah Beach Hotel (outside view), Burj Khalifa (outside view only), Emirates towers, Twin towers, and Sky Scrapers on the Sheikh Zayed Road. The afternoon will be spent at the famous Dubai Downtown, whereby one can see the world's largest dancing fountains; the world largest shopping mall and also Burj Khalifa - the world's tallest building. These exquisite grounds include a promenade along the Dubai lake, plenty of restaurants to dine both indoor and outdoor, prowl lookout, leisure forest grove, playing area, water features and much more.

## DAY 3 - TRADITIONAL & HISTORIC TOUR OF DUBAI & SHOPPING AT DEIRA CITY CENTRE MALL

The Traditional & Historic Tour provides you with a glimpse of a harmonious co-existence of different religions & cultures from all over the world, a great example of the tolerance & understanding of the

Arabian culture. During the tour you will pass by the famous Mosque in Jumeirah, & proceed through Jumeirah Beach Road so as to have a bird's eye view of the beautifully laid residential buildings. En route we will see the camel race track. The tour then winds its way onto the historic and romantic Dubai Creek. Dubai Museum offers a fascinating insight of the city in the pre-oil days. For all the gold lovers, the tour today will take us to the million - dollar glitter of the largest Gold Souk in the world. Adjacent to the Gold Souk we will also visit the Spice Souk ideal for all those who are after alternative shopping. There are also 100's of shops, such as electronics, gadgets and clothes to name a few at reduced prices. In the afternoon we go to Deira City Centre Shopping Mall 'where you love to shop'. With over 370 stores, Deira City Centre Mall is the ultimate destination for serious shoppers. The wide array of mid-market popular fashion shops, an extensive selection of electronics stores, dedicated Jewellery Court and Textile Court, plus the hypermarket, Carrefour, will all leave you spoilt for choice!

## DAY 4 - CHINESES DRAGON MART & 4 x 4 DESERT SAFARI

In the morning we head to the Chinese Dragon Mart, an ideal place for all those who really want to go bargain shopping. In the afternoon we will experience the

spectacular Dubai desert. Driving through in a 4WD vehicle is simply exciting and adventurous followed by the majestic sand dunes experience on a roller coaster drive for the brave hearts. Another interesting factor is getting to know about the Bedouin settlements and also the camel breeding farms. Upon arrival at the camp we will be greeted with a traditional Arabic Welcome followed by witnessing the beautiful desert sunset from the peak of the dunes. An Arabic coffee; tea or cold drinks are offered to us before we settle down in the camp. Camel rides and sand skiing are also available up till the time we are served a sumptuous BBQ dinner ending up the night with traditional Arabic "Belly Dancing" in the center stage. An ambiance of "One Thousand & One Arabian Nights" turns in to a reality.

## DAY 5 - THE CAPITAL OF THE UAE, ABU DHABI - THE WALK AT JBR

This full day tour today takes you to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, which is situated about 170 km southwest of Dubai. Many of the city's striking examples of modern architectures show fascinating interpretations of Islamic themes captured in today's materials. We learn everything there is to know regarding their oil industry - the so called "black gold" - and how it has transformed Abu Dhabi into the wealthy city of today. A reminder of the historical past is the renovated Al Husn Palace - now

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THE CREEK**







home of the Centre of Documentation and Research. A drive along the beautiful Corniche gives a magnificent view of city, followed by a visit to the Heritage Village. A splendid buffet lunch is also included and later transfer to back to Dubai. The Walk at Jumeirah Beach Residence is a 1.7-kilometre strip and covers a wide range of services and venues, from a number of world-renowned brands strewn across the stretch, to many franchised and local venues, including restaurants, clothing stores, boutiques, department stores, cafes and gyms, among many others, located over two levels Ground and Plaza. You will find a wide variety of restaurants along the Walk, ranging from big international chains like Starbucks to local restaurants, bars and coffee shops. The Walk is a good place for shopping. Here you will find stalls selling exclusive local handicrafts, bags and jewellery. The bigger branded shops are away from The Walk and can be reached by the stairs.

**DAY 6 - WILD WADI WATER PARK & DINNER AT AL DAWWAR REVOLVING RESTAURANT**

It's wet! It's wild! It's Wild Wadi the wildest water park ever! It's 12 acres of pure fun with 23 adrenaline- pumping rides that leave you gasping for more. Situated between the Burj Al Arab and The Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Wild Wadi is a fantastic waterpark that should never be missed. From one adrenalin rush after another, try the 80km/h downhill hurtle on the 33m high Jumeirah Sceirah, the 1.5m

high waves at Breakwaters Bay, the 170m white- knuckle ride at Rush down Ravine, or any of the 14 awesome interconnected rides. For the not so brave and the laid back, Wild Wadi offers hours of relaxation. It's the perfect place to unwind, sit back and have a great time. In the evening special dinner at Al Dawwar, Dubai's only revolving restaurant, which is located on the 25th floor of Hyatt Regency Dubai. It features spectacular views of the Arabian Gulf, the Creek and the city of Dubai.

**DAY 7 - MALL OF THE EMIRATES & DHOW DINNER CRUISE**

Today we spend our morning at the Mall of the Emirates which is home to over 450 retailers and also features a complete range of entertainment options including Ski Dubai, the first indoor ski destination in the Middle East, a two - level Magic Planet, the largest indoor family entertainment centre in the country, a 14 screen Cinestar Cinemas and the Dubai Community Arts and Theatre with a 500 seat - theatre and art gallery. It also has over 70 restaurants and coffee shops with everything from fast food to themed restaurants and exclusive dining alternatives. In the evening we have organized a dinner cruise. It is a great experience in a traditional boat "Dhow" cruising along the creek side witnessing the spectacular lights of Dubai at night. Across the creek you can see sophisticated, tall glass structures that exist harmoniously alongside old Arab architecture. A wide spread international buffet is served during this romantic

journey taking you in to the glorious history of Arabian Sea trading.

**DAY 8 - DUBAI - MALTA**

Transfer to Dubai Airport for flight to Malta.

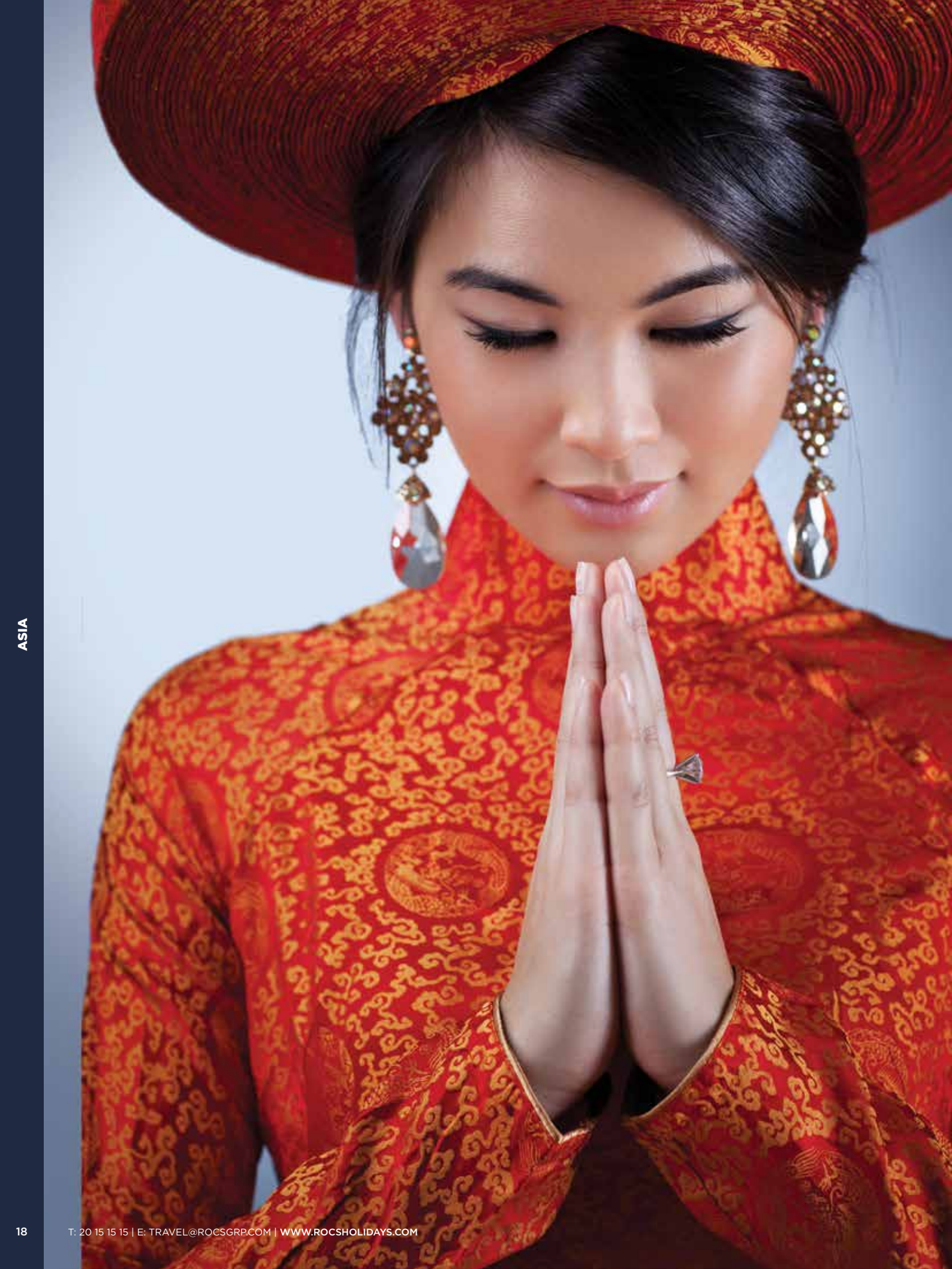
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21 JULY -04 AUGUST

**VISITING:**

**HA NOI, HA LONG, HUE,  
HOI AN, HO CHI MINH,  
SIEM REAP, ANGKOR  
HISTORICAL PARK ,  
ANGKOR WAT TONLE SAP  
LAKE, BANGKOK**

# Timeless Vietnam, Cambodia & Bangkok Journey

## **DAY 1 - MALTA - VIETNAM**

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for your flight to Vietnam.

## **DAY 2 - HANOI**

Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport in Hanoi, you will be welcomed by the guide and transferred to your 4\* Lan Vien Hotel. Meals: Dinner

## **DAY 3 - HA NOI**

The colonial capital city Hanoi is a unique Asian city with tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental pagodas and temples. This full day tour takes you around Hanoi's most interesting sights visiting the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the simple house-on stilts and the One-Pillar pagoda near Ba Dinh Square, where the most solemn ceremonies of Hanoi take place. The Tran Quoc Pagoda which is located on an islet of West Lake and the Temple of Literature, the very first high school of Vietnam scholars.

In the afternoon, you will visit the Ethnology Museum, where you can learn about the hill tribal culture of Vietnam and later proceed to Hoan Kiem Lake for a short Cyclo tour. Late afternoon you will enjoy a unique fascinating show of Water Puppetry, a traditional stage art of Northern Vietnam. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

## **DAY 4 - HA NOI - HA LONG**

Depart for Halong Bay, you go through the scenic countryside. The wonderous Halong Bay is truly one of Vietnam's most impressive scenic sights. Heading out of the town you embark on a boat for an exploration of the legendary Halong Bay. This exciting five hour cruise will provide you a fantastic view of the picturesque scenery blending with the sky and some 3,000 limestone islands rising amazingly from the clear and emerald water. The limestone karsts formations are littered with beaches, grottoes and beautiful caves. Along the way you will anchor for a leisurely swim in a secluded cove and an enjoyable visit to one of the many hidden grottoes beneath towering cliffs. Stay overnight on the Paloma Cruise. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## **DAY 5 - HA LONG - HA NOI - HUE**

Waking up and starting your day with Tai Chi on the sundeck while complimentary tea & coffee are served. Breakfast and light lunch served onboard. Continue cruising around the bay. Disembark and transfer to Airport for your flight to Hue. Upon arrival transfer to The 4\*Eldora Hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

## **DAY 6 - HUE**

Today you will visit the Great Enclosure of Royal Citadel, the complex of Noon Gate, Royal Palace, and Temples built in 1802.

In the afternoon visit the charming Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda) where you will enjoy a great view of the Perfume River and surrounding area. Thien Mu Pagoda is considered the symbol of Hue, and of Buddhism in Vietnam. Visit the tombs of the emperors of the Nguyen dynasty the tomb of King Minh Mang (1843) and tomb of King Khai Dinh (1885).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## **DAY 7 - HUE - HOI AN**

Depart Hue for Da Nang through the Hai Van tunnel which is the greatest tunnel in Asia.

En route, photo stop at the top of Cloud - Ocean pass and Lang Co fishing village and later stop at marble carvers' village. Once in Hoi An, explore the ancient town with a walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, Chinese Assembly Halls, the 200- year old Tam Ky ancestral house, and the Japanese Bridge. After the tour there will be free time to shop or relax. Check in at The 4\*Hoi An Riverside Resort.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

## **DAY 8 - HOI AN - DA NANG - HO CHI MINH**

Time at leisure and later transfer to Da Nang Airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh. Check in at The 4\*Liberty Riverside Hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.



**DAY 9 - HO CHI MINH - CU CHI**

Depart to Cu Chi tunnels. The tunnels were part of an underground network that was built by the Vietcong during the American War. It reached from the southern tip of the Ho Chi Minh trail near the Cambodian border to the Saigon River. You will have the opportunity to creep into a tunnel to experience how the Vietcong lived and fought during this time. Explore Ho Chi Minh City - Oriental Pearl with an exciting tour to the main attraction sites of the city, the Reunification Palace formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president. The old Opera House, the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Later proceed to Cho Lon (China Town) to explore the highlights of this fascinating area, beginning with a brief visit to Binh Tay Market.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**DAY 10 - HO CHI MINH - CAI BE**

Drive to Cai Be in the heart of Mekong Delta, with a stop in Tan An town overlooking the picturesque flat rice fields. On arrival, take a boat cruise around the Cai Be floating market. Disembark and wander into small villages to visit the green orchards and discover the peaceful countryside life here. Back to Ho Chi Minh city for overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

**DAY 11 - HO CHI MINH - SIEM REAP**

Transfer to Airport for flight to Siem Reap. Welcome to Cambodia - Kingdom of Wonders. Check in at The 4\* Tara Angkor Hotel. Visit the Angkor Silk Farm which is a fascinating farm/workshop where you can see the entire silk creation process including growing the food for the silk worms, breeding the worms, silk extraction, spinning and refinement, traditional ikat dying, pattern creation, and looming. Experience the Kongkear Angkor (Angkor Gondola) a unique Khmer traditional boat service in Siem Reap. Have dinner with Apsara dance at local restaurant and also enjoy the night market and pub street.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 12 - ANGKOR HISTORICAL PARK**

You will start the day with the infamous and treasured legacy of Angkor Wat. The masterpiece and holy grail of the temples of Angkor, Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious building and an insurmountable legacy left by Suryavarman II. You will continue your visit Ta Prohm, which is an Angkorian treasure of Tombrailer fame. In the afternoon you commence your exploration of Angkor Thom, known as the 'Great City', and you will enter through the Victory Gate, Elephant Terrace where

adjacently sits the Terrace of the Leper King. Proceed through the forest to Preah Palilay and afterwards you will proceed to Phimeanakas and finally to Bayon. Later visit Bakheng Hill, an iconic temple setting where you will admire the sun set over this ancient land, with views across the great Tonle Sap Lake, the West Baray, and of course, Angkor Wat.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**DAY 13 - SIEM REAP - BANGKOK**

After breakfast you will visit Wat Thmey, Killing Field, the wat contains a unique glass-walled stupa containing the bones of victims of the Khmer Rouge. Some of the bones were recovered from a nearby well while others are the remains of soldiers who died on a nearby battlefield. Les Chan tiers Ecoles Artisans D' Angkor is a workshop that teaches the unique craft of wood and stone carving in the traditional and style of classic Cambodian artistry. Transfer to airport for flight to Bangkok.

Upon arrival Embark Grand Pearl Cruise for an International Buffet dinner where you can admire a shining Bangkok along Chao Praya river at night. Check in at The 4\* Berkeley Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 14 - BANGKOK**

Today visit the Royal Grand Palace, one of the most important landmarks in Bangkok built in 1782. Explore the magnificent Wat Phra Kaew, Thailand's most sacred temple with the revered Emerald Buddha, and other key attractions such as the Coronation Throne Hall, Royal Reception Hall, Royal Funeral Hall, the Golden Chedi, and the Royal Pantheon. Alternatively, you will visit Wat Pho houses the highly revered giant Reclining Buddha. In the afternoon you will have time at leisure for shopping. After dinner transfer back to the airport for flight to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 15 MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

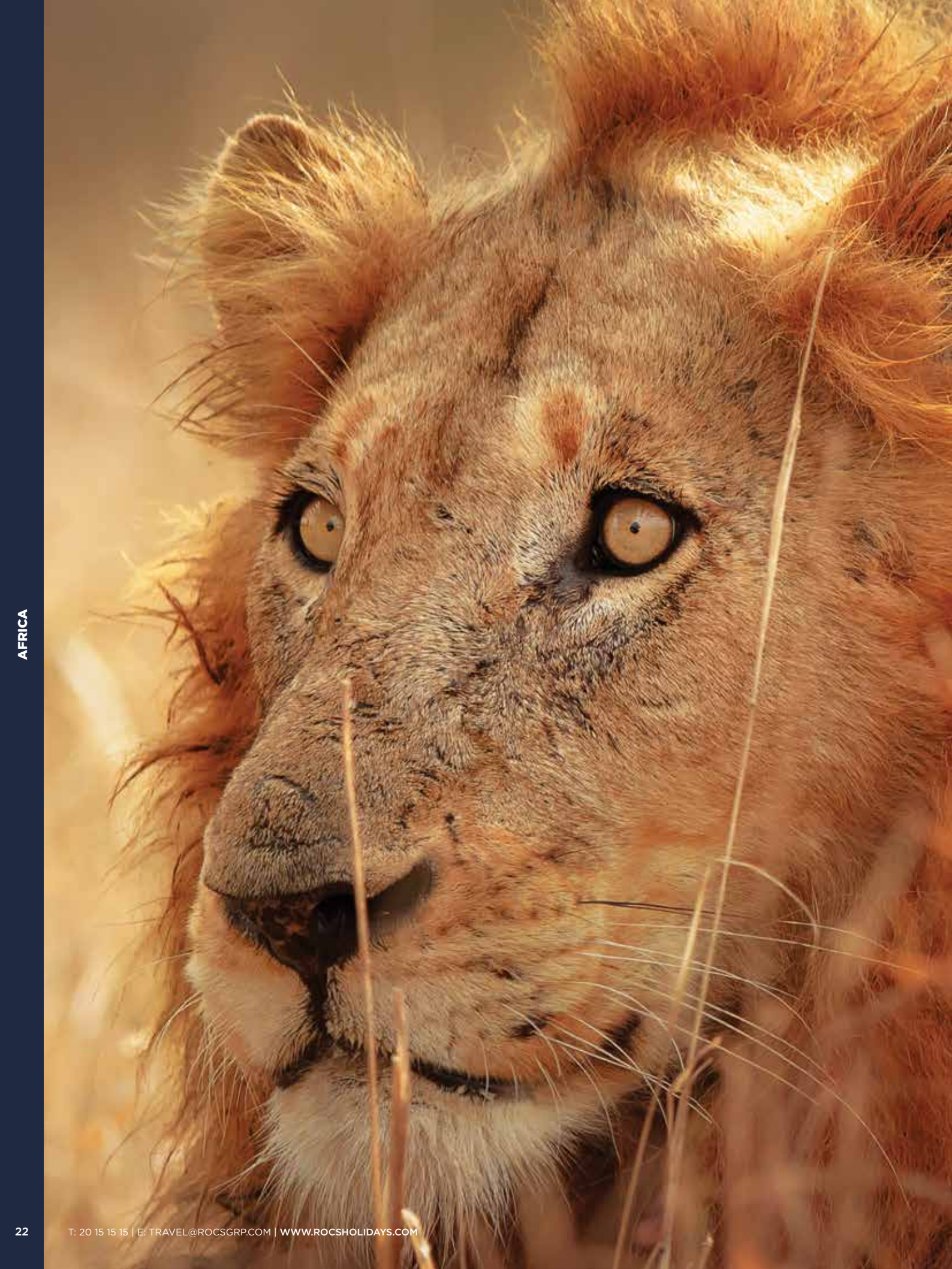
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15 AUGUST - 02 SEPTEMBER

**VISITING:**  
**JOHANNESBURG,**  
**KRUGER NATIONAL PARK,**  
**SWAZILAND, JOZINI,**  
**DURBAN, DRAKENSBERG,**  
**PORT ELIZABETH,**  
**KNYSNA, HERMANUS,**  
**CAPE TOWN**

# World in one Country South African Safari Experience

## **DAY 1 - MALTA**

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for our flight to Johannesburg via Larnaca and Dubai.

## **DAY 2 - JOHANNESBURG**

Upon arrival at Tambo international Airport you will be met by our partners in South Africa and you will be assisted to the coach for the transfer to The 4\*Protea Hotel Fire & Ice Melrose Arch, where your luggage will be stored until you return later for check-in. Depart to the Apartheid Museum for an afternoon tour, then return to your hotel.

## **DAY 3 - KRUGER**

Breakfast and this morning gasp at the glory that is God's Window, a boundless view of forested mountains and fertile plains, and enjoy a different view of the spectacular Blyde River Canyon. We explore Bourke's Luck Potholes before arriving at Kruger where we check in at The 4\* Protea Hotel Kruger Gate. Dinner included.

## **DAY 4 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Breakfast and try to imagine a national park the size of Israel, with huge tracts of acacia, sycamore figs and bush willow interrupted by open savannah, rushing rivers and the occasional rocky bluff. Now fill it with lions, leopards, elephants, Cape buffaloes and black rhinos (the Big Five), plus cheetahs, giraffes, hippos and many species of smaller animals, today you will experience all this first hand as we go on a full day Kruger National Park open-vehicle game drive. Dinner included.

## **DAY 5 - KRUGER - SWAZILAND**

After breakfast, depart to Swaziland, visiting the Matsamo Cultural Village which is a traditional village near Swaziland and a must for visitors looking to experience authentic Swazi culture, which is well preserved in this area. You'll be treated to age-old folk songs, rhythmic dance performances, including the famous Rain Dance, and music with authentic African instruments, as well as traditional Swazi cuisine. You can also wander on a tour through the village with its many huts and spaces, interacting with the villagers as they go about their daily activities, cultivating their crops, preparing traditional food and fashioning beautiful craft works. Transfer to your 4\* Royal Swazi Spa Hotel. Dinner included.

## **DAY 6 - SWAZILAND - JOZINI**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then depart Swaziland and travel to Hluhluwe, where you will have an afternoon open-vehicle game drive in the oldest game park in South Africa. This is the legendary park where a dedicated team made worldwide conservation history with their successful efforts to bring the white rhino back from the brink of extinction. Transfer to your 4\* Jozini Tiger Lodge. Dinner included.

## **DAY 7 - JOZINI - DURBAN**

After breakfast, depart for Durban with a stop at Shakaland to experience a cultural show and lunch. Shakaland is a living museum of the life and times of this Zulu monarch and you can re-live the excitement and romance of the days of Shaka, King of

the Zulus, in this authentic re-creation of the Great Kraal overlooking the Phobane Lake. Experience the sight of assegai-wielding warriors, share the fascinating secrets of the Sangomas and witness traditional customs such as tribal dancing, spear making and the beer-drinking ceremonies. This cultural village is a unique resort built amid thorn trees and aloes, comprising a traditional Zulu "Umuzi" or homestead, where the Zulu people reside. Travel on to the seaside town of Umhlanga Rocks, which is located 15 minutes from the centre of Durban. Check in at The 4\* Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge.

## **DAY 8/9 - DRAKENSBERG**

After breakfast, depart to the Drakensberg mountains where you will spend two nights at your resort. Check in at The 4\* Champagne Castle Hotel which is nestled below the second highest peak in South Africa, Champagne Castle (3377m), part of the main escarpment within the Khahlamba-Drakensberg mountain range, the highest mountain range in South Africa. Due to its diversity of plant, bird and insect life and the richest collection of San rock paintings in Africa, it has been declared a Mixed World Heritage Site. For visual impact, recreational variety and luxurious splendour, Champagne Castle Hotel is pretty close to being an ultimate experience. Your stay will be characterised by the proximity you gain to the most dramatic and immediate views of the Drakensberg Escarpment and the 'Barrier of Spears'. Whether you walk or hike, trout fish or horse ride, play golf or tennis,





swim or bowl, everything here has been configured to embrace this unparalleled setting. Lunch and dinner included.

#### DAY 10 - DURBAN - PORT ELIZABETH

Transfer to Durban for check in at King Shaka Airport for your flight to Port Elizabeth. Transfer and check in to The 4\* Boardwalk Hotel.

#### DAY 11 - KNYSNA

After breakfast, depart to Knysna via the Tsitsikamma Forest and Plettenberg Bay. Tsitsikamma - the Garden of the Garden Route welcomes you - Tsitsikamma is a khoi word meaning "place of abundant or sparkling water". The region, which sits on a 200m high plateau stretches from the Bloukrans River in the west to the Tsitsikamma River in the east, is bordered on the north by the imposing Tsitsikamma Mountains and in the south by the Indian Ocean.

The area is covered in large tracts of indigenous forest, commercial plantation and Fynbos. Deep river gorges cleft the plateau as they make their way down to the sea, creating spectacular waterfalls and deep kloofs (ravines). The water in the rivers is a characteristic dark brown (Coca Cola Water) due to its high tannin content leached from the surrounding vegetation. Stop at the seaside town of Plettenberg Bay, before traveling to Knysna. Check in at The 4\* Protea Knysna Quays Hotel.

#### DAY 12 - KNYSNA

After breakfast, depart on your Featherbed Eco tour. The Featherbed Nature Reserve, situated on the Western Head in Knysna, is the premier eco-experience on the Garden Route. Enjoy a ferry trip on the Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head, then in a 4x4 vehicle & trailer drive up the headland onto the Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. A specialist guide will provide information on history, fauna & flora, then take an optional guided 2.2km walk through coastal forest and fynbos into ancient sea caves. Enjoy a world renowned buffet lunch at an outdoor restaurant setting under a canopy of Milkwood trees before taking the ferry back to Knysna.

#### DAY 13 - KNYSNA - HERMANUS

Breakfast and this morning early departure to Oudtshoorn - visit the Cango Caves, situated in a limestone ridge parallel to the well known Swartberg Mountains, you will find the finest dripstone caverns, with their vast halls and towering formations. Depart to the Safari Show Ostrich Farm and enjoy a one hour tour, followed by lunch. Travel to Hermanus and check in at The 4\* Marine Hotel.

#### DAY 14 - HERMANUS - CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and today we have a day of magnificent vistas. Enjoy the ever-changing passing canvas as we travel to Cape Town. Travel via the seaside village of Hermanus in the hopes of catching a glimpse of the southern right whales, which frolic offshore Hermanus has been recognized by the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) as one of the 12 best whale watching destinations in the world. The best time to enjoy whale watching in Hermanus is between July and November either from land, by boat or from the air via a scenic flight. The whale viewing during the months of July and August vary from year to year with regards to how many whales are present in Walker Bay and along the coast; however you are almost guaranteed of seeing whales in September, October and November. Travel on to Cape Town, stopping at the cableway and take the cable car up Table Mountain, to enjoy spectacular views of the city and surroundings. Check in at The 4\* Protea President Hotel.

#### DAY 15 - CAPE TOWN

After breakfast join us on the ultimate 'Mother City' experience, designed to orientate and give you a full-colour insight into the extraordinary magic of Cape Town. We've chosen iconic buildings, snatches of its history, and experiences unique to this City. We visit the country's oldest building, The Castle, and a short distance away, the Company Gardens, both historically fascinating and well conserved. Our drive continues past Parliament Buildings, City Hall and the Slave Lodge, and you'll sense the depth of history via their distinctive architecture. Colonial then changes to colourful, as we move up the cobblestoned hills to the Malay Quarter, and marvel at the ice-cream colours of the quaint Bo-Kaap homes. Our day ends on a sparkling note, as we trace the moves of a professional diamond cutter, as he creates every girl's dream stone. Perhaps you'll be taking one home.

#### DAY 16 - CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and today depart on a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula. Drive along Millionaire's Paradise from Clifton to Camps Bay and on to Llandudno, before an up-close-and-personal Seal Island cruise. Wind along Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope section of the Table Mountain National Park, then travel to Simon's Town where you will stop for lunch (own account). Visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, then travel back to Cape Town, stopping at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens en route.

#### DAY 17 - CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and proceed to a superb day dedicated to celebrating the glorious grape, the exceptional winelands region, and the heavenly scenery! The area's rich with history, and we can't help but feel it as we move through the region to experience a wine cellar tour and tasting, where you'll learn all about the process of winemaking, from grape to goblet. We visit the Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Stop at Fairview Wine estate for wine and cheese tasting, then at Neethlingshof for a cellar tour and wine tasting.

#### DAY 18 - CAPE TOWN

Breakfast and time at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping. Transfer from your hotel to Cape Town International Airport, for your flight to Malta

#### DAY 19 - MALTA

Arrival in Malta.

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VISITING:

TORONTO - NIAGARA  
FALLS - OTTAWA - QUEBEC  
CITY - MONTREAL -  
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CANMORE - KAMLOOPS -  
WHISTLER - VANCOUVER

# East to West Canadian Spectacular Wonders

## DAY 1 - MALTA - TORONTO

Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport for your flight to Toronto. Arrive at Toronto and transfer to your downtown hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore the streets of this dynamic city. Discover the delights of Toronto's colourful neighbourhoods, take a ride to the top of CN Tower, experience the lively theatre district and indulge in one of the numerous restaurants.

## DAY 2 - TORONTO - NIAGARA FALLS

Setting out to discover the many identities of Canada's most cosmopolitan city. After seeing the provincial parliament buildings, the waterfront, the imposing CN Tower and lively Chinatown, we leave the city and head for the Niagara Peninsula. We pass through outlying communities and towns around the southern shores of Lake Ontario en route to Niagara Falls. Time is allocated to admire the falls and take part in some of Niagara Falls numerous activities.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 3 - TORONTO - OTTAWA

We leave the Toronto Skyline behind and drive east towards Ottawa. Our route then winds through rolling farmland, following the rivers and lakes of the Rideau Waterway. Upon arrival in Ottawa we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the capital. Defined by the Rideau Canal (designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site) and the government buildings on Parliament Hill, the city offers many great sights including the public gardens, the Byward Market and City Hall.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 4 - OTTAWA - QUEBEC CITY

This morning we travel along the scenic Ottawa River to the French speaking province of Quebec.

We skirt the magnificent Laurentians and follow the Chemin du Roy past quebecois villages and historic shrines. Today's journey ends in Quebec's cultural heartland, Quebec City. We tour within the walls of the old city and view the ornate city gates, Lower Town, the Citadel and Battlefields Park.

Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 5 - QUEBEC CITY

The day is at leisure to further explore the sights of this charming World Heritage Site. Explore this French Canadian city with narrow streets and unique boutiques.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 6 - QUEBEC CITY - MONTREAL

Departing from Quebec City we drive along St. Lawrence River in the footsteps of the early settlers. Upon arrival in Montreal, we tour the second- largest French-speaking city in the world. The dynamic city of Montreal encapsulates the two founding cultures of Canada and boasts a curious blend of history and modernity. Touring the downtown area we view the Olympic Complex, charming Old Montreal, McGill University, the residential streets of Mount Royal and the bustling shopping streets.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 7 - MONTREAL - TORONTO

Today's route takes us back to Toronto, where you will have time to explore

colourful neighbourhoods and to sample some of the city's great restaurants and wonderful entertainment.

Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 8 - TORONTO - CALGARY

A transfer bring us to Toronto's Pearson International Airport for a flight over the prairie grain fields of central Canada to Calgary.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 9 - CALGARY - BANFF NATIONAL PARK - CANMORE

We set off early this morning to tour the sights of Calgary. We admire such modern and historic landmarks as the Calgary Tower, Fort Calgary and the skyscrapers of the commercial district. Leaving Calgary behind we set our sights on the Rocky Mountains, which can already be seen, far off in the distance. Experience the majesty of the mountains as we first travel through the foothills and then enter Banff National Park. We tour the region around Banff amidst snow-capped peaks, sparkling glaciers and emerald green lakes and see landmarks Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls and Tunnel Mountain.  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 10 - CANMORE - BANFF NATIONAL PARK

The entire day is at leisure to tour Banff and browse through the many boutiques and specialty shops along Banff Avenue.  
Meals: Breakfast.





**DAY 11 - CANMORE - KAMLOOPS**

Our drive today is on the famed Trans - Canada Highway, following a route chartered by the railroad engineers and fur traders of the mid 1800s. We continue our tour of the Canadian parks system as we cross the jagged Kicking Horse Pass into British Columbia's Yoho National Park. From the highway we are treated to a dazzling display of vast icefields, deep canyons, dense forests and glacier-fed streams. One awe inspiring landscape follows another en route to Glacier National Park. We continue through the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges to the rugged interior town of Kamloops. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 12 - KAMLOOPS - WHISTLER**

We can expect a day of dramatic scenery changes when we drive through the ranch lands and head for the coastal mountains. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 13 - WHISTLER - VANCOUVER**

We drive south along the spectacular Sea-to-Sky Highway through a dramatic landscape of jagged fjords and glaciated mountain peaks. We leave the countryside behind and explore the metropolis of Vancouver on a sightseeing tour. Highlights include Stanley Park, Prospect Point, English Bay, historic Gastown, bustling Chinatown and much more. The afternoon is free to discover more of this coastal gem. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 14 - VANCOUVER**

The Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains form the backdrop to your day at leisure in Vancouver. You might want to do some shopping down at Robson Street, relax in Vancouver's playground Stanley Park or stroll through the markets in Granville Island. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 15 /16- VANCOUVER - MALTA**

The time has come for some last minute shopping and to say farewell to Canada. Transfer to Airport for your flight back to Malta. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 17 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

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## VISITING:

**NEW YORK - PHILADELPHIA - WASHINGTON D.C. - GETTYSBURG - NIAGARA FALLS - THE GREAT LAKES - DETROIT - CHICAGO - MISSISSIPPI RIVER - SIOUX CITY - BADLANDS - MT. RUSHMORE - DEADWOOD/RAPID CITY - BIGHORN MOUNTAINS - CODY - YELLOWSTONE - GRAND TETON - SALT LAKE CITY - BRYCE CANYON - LAKE POWELL - GRAND CANYON - FLAGSTAFF - SELIGMAN/ROUTE 66 - LAS VEGAS - MOJAVE DESERT - BEVERLY HILLS - LOS ANGELES - MALIBU - SANTA BARBARA - SHELL/PISMO BEACH - CARMEL/MONTEREY - SAN FRANCISCO**

### DAY 1 - MALTA - NEW YORK

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for your flight to New York. Upon arrival transfer to hotel.

### DAY 2 - New York

Half day city tour visiting major sights New York has to offer with a guided tour.

### DAY 3 - NEW YORK - PHILADELPHIA-WASHINGTON D.C

We depart New York for Philadelphia, where we spend the morning exploring the historic district of the "City of Brotherly Love" and the birthplace of a nation. See the Liberty Bell, and stroll through Independence National Historic Park and Mall. Then continue to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

### DAY 4 - WASHINGTON D.C

Enjoy a city tour with such highlights as the U.S. Capitol Building, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery and site of the JFK Memorial. Spend the remainder of the day exploring some of the many museums comprising the Smithsonian Institute or simply stroll the banks of the Potomac River.

### DAY 5 - WASHINGTON D.C - GETTYSBURG - NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

Today, visit Gettysburg National Military Park, site of one of the most decisive battles during the American Civil War, and the place where Abraham Lincoln gave his famous address in 1863. We then travel through upstate New York to Buffalo and finally cross the international border into Canada, where the thundering noise and mist of Niagara Falls permeates the air.

### DAY 6 - NIAGARA FALLS - THE GREAT LAKES - DETROIT

Spend the morning sightseeing at Niagara Falls. Stroll along Table Rock and view the thundering waters of Horseshoe Falls. In the late afternoon, return to the United States, crossing the border and continuing to your hotel in a suburb of Detroit, known as "Motor City USA".

### DAY 7 - DETROIT - CHICAGO

Travel along Lake Michigan and on to Chicago, where you will enjoy a short tour of the city's highlights including Lake Shore Drive, the Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier. The Windy City's stunning high rise architecture and one of the world's tallest buildings, the Willis Tower (admission not included), provide a dramatic backdrop for this cultural and financial center.

### DAY 8 - CHICAGO

A full day at leisure in Chicago to explore the museums, architecture or perhaps do some shopping.

### DAY 9 - CHICAGO - MISSISSIPPI RIVER CROSSING - SIOUX CITY

Travel through Midwest farm country abundant in cornfields, wheat fields and dairy farms. Then we cross the mighty Mississippi River and travel into the state of Iowa to arrive just as Lewis & Clark did 200 years ago on the banks of the Missouri River.

### DAY 10 - SIOUX CITY - BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK - MT. RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL - DEADWOOD/RAPID CITY

Travel westward through the grasslands of South Dakota and onwards to Badlands National Park, once home to the buffalo and antelope, and filled with strange shaped and colorful rock formations. Then we continue on to the Black Hills, sacred to the Plains Indians and home to Mount Rushmore, monument to four great American presidents: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt.





**DAY 11 - DEADWOOD/RAPID CITY - BIGHORN MOUNTAINS - CODY**

Enter the state of Wyoming, which has twelve mountain ranges intermixed with deserts and rolling grasslands, and continue to Cody for the night.

**DAY 12 - CODY - YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**

Drive past the mountains in Wyoming to Yellowstone, America's first National Park, and enjoy a sightseeing tour of this immense geothermal wonderland including: geysers, waterfalls, wildlife and canyons. Highlights will include Yellowstone Lake, Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Canyon's majestic falls, and the beautiful Hayden Valley.

**DAY 13 - YELLOWSTONE - GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK - SALT LAKE CITY**

Travel through Grand Teton National Park (weather permitting) and see awesome mountain peaks towering over 13,000 ft. Visit the Snake River Outlook and try your eye at capturing the stunning landscape made famous by Ansel Adam's iconic shot. This prairie land is home to wild buffalo (Tatonka!), moose and elk. Later, arrive in the Mormon State of Utah and take a short city tour of its capital, Salt Lake City. The followers of Brigham Young built one of the best-planned cities in the country. See the State Capital building and visit famed Temple Square and the Tabernacle before arriving at the hotel for the evening.

**DAY 14 - SALT LAKE CITY - BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK**

Continue today to spectacular Bryce Canyon, where a tour through a multi-colored world of sandstone spires and pinnacles, "hoodoos", will dazzle the eye. This evening, weather permitting, be sure to gaze upon the spectacular night sky filled with sparkling stars & brilliant constellations and the aroma of pinewood campfires.

**DAY 15 - BRYCE - LAKE POWELL - GRAND CANYON - FLAGSTAFF**

Depart Bryce Canyon this morning and journey to stunning Lake Powell, where crystal blue water laps against towering red-rock canyon walls. Lake Powell is the second-largest man made lake in America, and one in a series of lakes formed by the damming of the Colorado River. Then visit colossal Grand Canyon National Park, one of the seven great natural wonders of the world. Stop at the Canyon rim to fully experience this mile-deep canyon's plunging gorges, rising spires, extinct volcanoes and, below the rim, the winding Colorado River. Overnight in Flagstaff, a famed stop on historic Route 66.

**DAY 16 - FLAGSTAFF - SELOGMAN/ROUTE 66 - LAS VEGAS**

This morning depart Flagstaff and travel on to Las Vegas, the dazzling "Entertainment Capital of the World". Along the way, pass through Seligman, a town built along the famed Route 66 that looks as if it were frozen in time sixty years ago. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore the dazzling Las Vegas strip..

**DAY 17- LAS VEGAS - MOJAVE DESERT - BEVERLY HILLS - LOS ANGELES**

Travel to Los Angeles through the Mojave Desert, where clusters of unique Joshua trees dot the mountainous landscape. Upon arrival in Los Angeles you will enjoy a tour through the "City of Angeles" including Hollywood, Sunset Strip and parts of Beverly Hills, before reaching your hotel.

**DAY 18 - LOS ANGELES**

Day at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping.

**DAY 19 - LOS ANGELES - MALIBU - SANTA BARBARA - SHELL/PISMO BEACH**

Leave Los Angeles in the morning and travel north through one of California's favorite vacation spots, Santa Barbara, where palm-lined walkways border white sandy beaches. The city is famous for its mission and Spanish heritage. Along the way, stop at an iconic California lifeguard tower made famous in "Baywatch". Continue along the coast to Shell/Pismo Beach.

**DAY 20 - SHELL/PISMO BEACH - CARMEL/MONTEREY - SAN FRANCISCO**

Dip your toes in the cool, refreshing waters of the Pacific during an early morning beach stroll, then we leave Shell/Pismo Beach and make our way north to Carmel, home of actor/director Clint Eastwood. Enjoy browsing the shops and galleries of this famous artists' colony. Traveling further north, visit Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf. Stroll the Pier to Cannery Row, brought to fame by John Steinbeck's novel. In the afternoon pass the fertile valleys of Castroville and Santa Clara en route to San Francisco, the "City by the Bay."

**DAY 21/22 - SAN FRANCISCO - MALTA**

Half day sightseeing tour around San Francisco exploring this most culturally diverse and beautiful of cities and later transfer to the Airport for your flight back to Malta.

**DAY 23 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

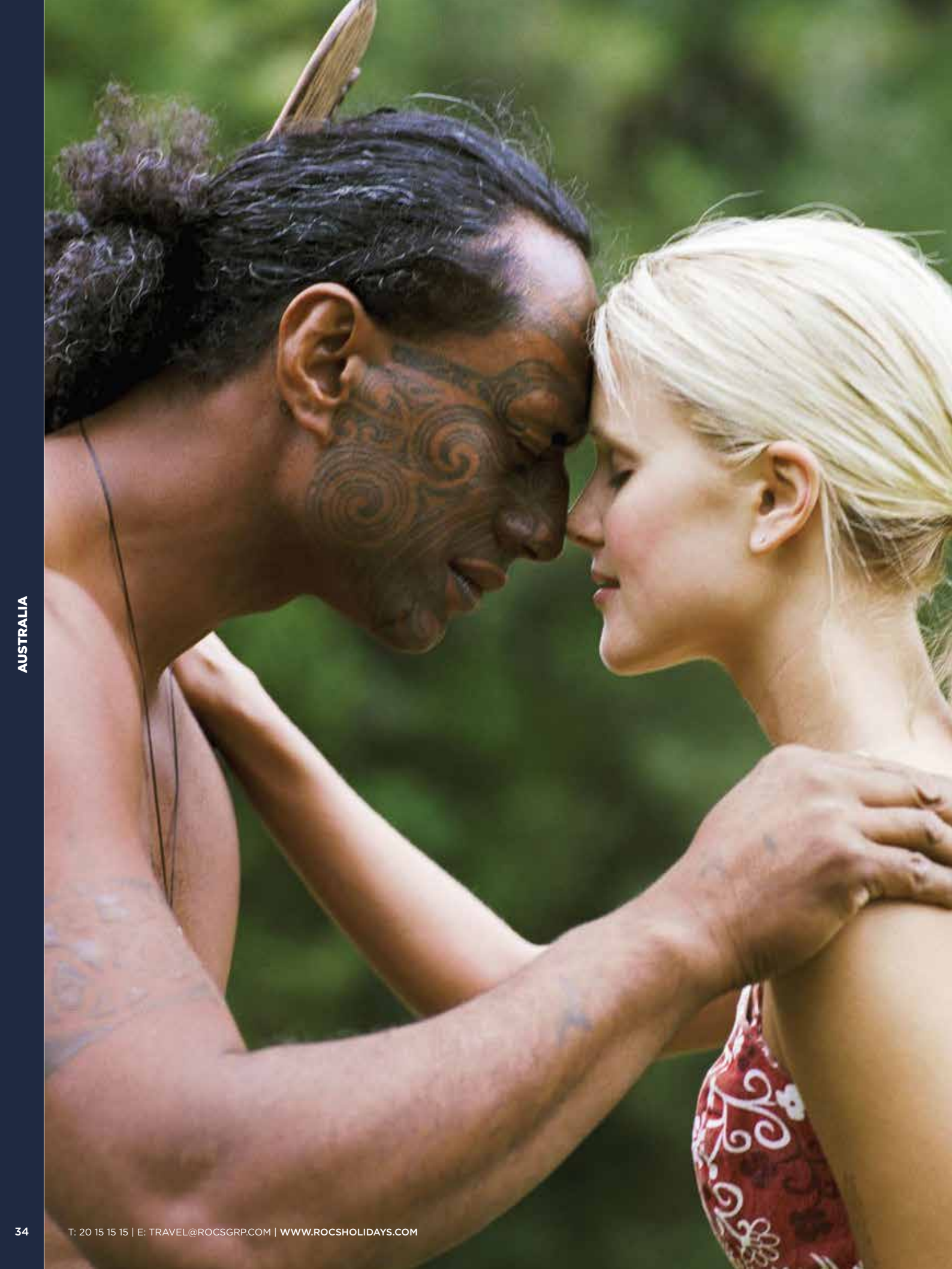
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VISITING:

MELBOURNE, CANBERRA,  
SYDNEY, THE BLUE MOUNTAINS,  
CHRISTCHURCH,  
KAIKOURA, BLENHEIM, PICTON,  
WELLINGTON, TAUPO,  
ROTORUA, WAITOMO,  
AUCKLAND, SURFERS PARADISE,  
THE GOLD COAST,  
BRISBANE

# Grand East Coast Tour of Australia & New Zealand

## DAY 1 - MALTA - MELBOURNE

Meet the tour manager at Malta International Airport for our flight to Melbourne.

## DAY 2 / 3 - MELBOURNE

Arrival in Melbourne, transfer to Hotel. We will travel through the city centre past China Town and Parliament house to Fitzroy Gardens stopping to view Captain Cook's Cottage. We will then go to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, National Tennis Centre and the famous Australian Grand Prix Track. We will then travel over Westgate Bridge for panoramic views and visit the Botanic Gardens. Entry to the Eureka Skydeck 88 to view the city from the Observation Deck.

## DAY 4 - MELBOURNE

Today we travel to Melbourne's Eastern Suburbs, we will take a ride on the historic steam train Puffing Billy where we will ride through the forest from Belgrave to Menzies Creek and pass through the spectacular Blue Dandenong Ranges, with towering mountain ash forests, lyrebirds and fern gullies. Proceed to Warrock farm including lunch.

## DAY 5 - MELBOURNE

Today we will visit Sovereign Hill to relive the gold rush days! Shop in 1850's style, meet costumed characters, watch craft men at work and pan for gold. Ride a coach and tour an underground mine (at your own expense). We will then proceed to Ballaret Wildlife Park and experience close contact with koalas, wombats, kangaroos, crocodiles and more.

## DAY 6 - MELBOURNE

For the visitor to Australia, the Queen Victoria Market offers a type of local experience in the buying and selling of goods. It is also an open-air bazaar, with a range of uniquely Australian items and souvenirs to take back home (transfers not included).

## DAY 7 - MELBOURNE - CANBERRA

Depart Melbourne and transfer to Canberra - Australia's Capital City.

## DAY 8 - CANBERRA - SYDNEY

There is plenty to see and do in Canberra. The most well known are Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The Aboriginal Tent Embassy, The Australian War Memorial and Lake Burley. Another place you can visit is the attractive Government House and the gardens. Depart Canberra and proceed to Sydney.

## DAY 9 - SYDNEY

Today we will tour this magnificent city known to be one of the most beautiful and picturesque cities of the world. We will cross the Harbour Bridge, visit the famous Opera House, see some of the nicest beaches that Sydney boasts about. We then return to King Street Wharf to board the cruise vessel for a luncheon on the overwhelming Sydney Harbour.

## DAY 10 - SYDNEY - MANLY

Visit Circular Quay which is the hub of Sydney Harbour, situated at a small inlet called Sydney Cove, the founding site for Sydney and Australia. It is a stepping-off point for most attractions based around

the harbour. The quay is a vibrant, bustling place with ferries leaving every few minutes to different parts of the harbour, including Manly, which we will visit today. Manly has well been considered Australia's favourite seaside resort; on the water's edge, a destination for all seasons and all ages. It's an attraction famous for its breathtaking natural beauty, scenic walkways alongside harbour and ocean beaches and cultural events.

## DAY 11 - SYDNEY

Sydney's market scene provides shoppers with an earthy alternative to the more glitzy retail outlets. If you get the weather right, then browsing through all the little stalls and knick knacks is a very pleasant way to spend your time, you never know, you might even buy something (transfers not included).

## DAY 12 - SYDNEY - BLUE MOUNTAINS

Today we will travel past the site of the Sydney Olympics to the Blue Mountains National Park. On arrival at Echo Point we take a ride on the Scenic Skyway, and/or Scenic Railway (rides not included) and see the Three Sisters rock formation.

## DAY 13 - SYDNEY - CHRISTCHURCH

Transfer to Sydney Airport for your flight to Christchurch. A sightseeing tour of Christchurch will highlight some of the places of interest, including Hagley Park, the Botanical Gardens, the slowly rebuilding city centre and vibrant Restart District, a shopping area built in brightly coloured shipping containers. Dinner included.



**DAY 14 - CHRISTCHURCH - KAIKOURA - BLENHEIM**

After breakfast depart Christchurch and travel across Canterbury farmland to the Hundalee Ranges. Follow the Pacific coastline with the Kaikoura Mountains forming a rugged backdrop to the west, passing tiny holiday settlements before arriving into Kaikoura, famous for whale watching. Enjoy a Whale Watch tour, (weather permitting) which is a unique experience. The Giant Sperm Whale and a number of different species of whales have been sighted off the coastline. As well as sighting whales a typical trip will cruise by colonies of New Zealand Fur Seals and perhaps take in groups of dolphins. In addition to the marine mammals Kaikoura has a wide variety of off shore birds. These include Albatross, Shearwaters, Petrels, Gulls, Penguins and Gannets. Leave Kaikoura, drive through to the wine-growing region of Blenheim. Dinner included.

**DAY 15 - BLENHEIM - PICTON - WELLINGTON**

This morning after breakfast board the Interislander ferry for the journey across to Wellington. Sail through picturesque Queen Charlotte Sound, sheltered waterways, remote bays and isolated holiday homes. Cross Cook Strait and into Wellington Harbour for spectacular views of New Zealand's Capital City. A city tour will incorporate the summit of Mt Victoria for panoramic views of the city and harbour, the Houses of Parliament and the distinctive "Beehive", Wellington Cathedral, city centre and Oriental Bay. Later visit Te Papa, the "Museum of New Zealand" and enjoy a 90 minute guided tour. Dinner included.

**DAY 16 - WELLINGTON - TAUPO - ROTORUA**

Breakfast and drive to Paekakariki with views of Kapiti Island. Cross the Himatangi Plains, through the towns of Levin and Foxton to Bulls. Journey inland, across rolling farmland to the central North Island National Park region dominated by the volcanic cone of Mt Ruapehu. Follow the Desert Road to Lake Taupo New Zealand's largest lake and internationally famous for its trout fishing. Stop at Huka Falls where the Waikato River pours through a narrow chasm then to the Wairakei Geothermal Valley where natural steam is harnessed to generate electricity. Skirt massive pine forests to reach Rotorua, centre of Maori culture for the region and a thermal wonderland. Dinner included.

**DAY 17 - ROTORUA**

Breakfast and proceed for a sightseeing tour visiting the Agrodome for a display featuring New Zealand's various sheep

breeds with a shearing demonstration. See pools of brown and rainbow trout at Rainbow Springs Park and native birds including the Kiwi. The spectacular Skyline Gondola offers superb views over city, lake and mountains and for a little excitement, try a Luge ride with our compliments. This evening you will enjoy a Maori Hangi (meal) which will include a selection of traditionally prepared meats and vegetables plus more conventional dishes, as well as a concert featuring Maori songs, chants and the stirring haka.

**DAY 18 - ROTORUA - WAITOMO - AUCKLAND**

Today after breakfast we will visit Te Puia for the Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley, the Maori Arts and Crafts Centre and Thermal Reserve, with boiling mud, silica terraces and Pohutu Geyser. Cross the Mamaku Ranges to the Waikato region, noted for dairy farming and world famous horse studs. At Waitomo, a guide will escort the group underground to the limestone caverns and glow worm grotto. On through Hamilton to Ngaruawahia, centre for the region's Maori people, then alongside the Waikato River before crossing the Bombay Hills to reach New Zealand's largest city - Auckland. Dinner at the Fortuna Buffet Restaurant at Skycity.

**DAY 19 - AUCKLAND - BRISBANE - GOLD COAST**

After breakfast we will start with a city tour visiting the summit of Skytower, at 328 metres the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere, for panoramic views across the city and its two harbours, the Domain, the city area, the Waterfront Drive with its numerous yacht marinas and nearby residential suburbs. Transfer to Auckland Airport in ample time to join your flight to Brisbane. Upon arrival transfer to your Hotel.

**DAY 20 - MOVIE WORLD**

Today we will visit Movie World. A great day to discover the fascinating world of movie making. This is a place where you are likely to meet on the street — and have your picture taken with them — Batman and Robin, Wonder Woman, Marilyn Monroe, and many other characters from movies and comic strips. A fun filled day.

**DAY 21 - SEA WORLD**

Sea World Gold Coast is one of the largest and nicest Sea World Parks internationally. We will have the opportunity to see sharks, whales and the best of all the chance to swim with dolphins. The day is full of first class shows, parades and much more, such as helicopter rides over the impressive coast. Today we can also swim in one of the many pools here plus try out one of the daring slides that Sea World Gold Coast

offers. A day you will remember forever.

**DAY 22 - SURFERS PARADISE**

Pacific Fair is the most exciting fashion destination on the Gold Coast with over 130 fashion and accessory stores and the Gold Coast's biggest Myer department store. Relax and enjoy the resort style atmosphere in one of the many cafes. Pacific Fair is conveniently located at Broadbeach, five minutes drive from Surfers Paradise along the Gold Coast Highway or a five minute walk from Jupiter's Casino, the Gold Coast Convention Centre or Kurrawa Beach (transfers not included).

**DAY 23 - AUSTRALIA FAIR**

Australia Fair is a fairly old shopping centre by Gold Coast standards, but is doing well for its 20 years of business. It has all the shops you'd expect in a big centre (transfers not included).

**DAY 24 - BRISBANE**

Today is our final day. We check out from our hotel and proceed for our Brisbane city tour which provides a great overview of the city center and surrounding suburbs. We then head to Brisbane International Airport for our flight to Malta.

**DAY 25 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

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10 JULY -  
27 JULY

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**LIMA, CUZCO, MACHU  
PICCHU, PUNO, FOZ DO  
IGUAZU, BUENOS AIRES,  
RIO DE JANIERO**

# Grand East & West Coast of South America

## **DAY 1 - MALTA - PERU** Flight Malta - Lima

**DAY 2 - LIMA**  
Arrival in Lima, meet and greet and transfer to the 4\* Estelar Miraflores hotel.

**DAY 3 - LIMA - CUSCO - URUBAMBA**  
Transfer to the airport for flight to Cusco. Upon arrival transfer to the 5\* Aranwa Sacred Valley hotel in the Urubamba Valley, known as Sacred Valley, where the Urubamba River, a headstream of the Amazon passes through. On your way to the Urubamba Valley you will undertake a short visit to the sanctuary Cochahuasi Wasi. You will have the opportunity to see Pumas, Condors and Aras. The small conservation project is not comparable with a Zoo. It's also possible to get an insight in the Andean web techniques. You will continue to the "Mercado de Urubamba" and on the way you will have lunch in a typical local restaurant. The "Mercado de Urubamba" is an authentic market where real bartering takes place. The rural people of the surroundings sell and barter agricultural products as well as animals. It is also the place where locals exchange gossips and news.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 4 - URUBAMBA - CUSCO**  
This morning visit Ollantaytambo, a typical Inca community. Towering above the town of Ollantaytambo we will find the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo. Steep stone terraces rising from the edge of town lead up to the fortress ruins at the top of the hill. A stone stairway leads up through the terrace walls, allowing visitors to step out

on them. One of the best-preserved areas lies north of the Hanan Huacaypata square: an area of 15 blocks of houses built on top of carved stone walls. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. The rest of the day is free at leisure.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**DAY 5 - URUBAMBA - CUSCO**  
Transfer by bus to the train station of Ollantaytambo where the tour starts by train that goes through the fertile plain of the Urubamba valley and on to Aguas Calientes. From there, small busses drive up the steep mountain to the ruin town Machu Picchu. Called the Lost City of the Incas, this cultural heritage of mankind is a beautifully located impressive stone city constructed with a technique incredible for its era and even for present times. Stone upon stone, fitted together perfectly without any cement, with impressive delicacy, exquisite detail and discrimination worthy of the world's greatest palaces. There are many theories about Machu Picchu, but one thing is for sure - it is one of the most impressive sites in the world. Enjoy a guided visit of around 2 hours of the ruins and return by bus and train to Ollantaytambo station. Transfer to the 4\* Novotel Cusco hotel in Cusco.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 6 - CUSCO**  
In the morning the half-day city tour will show the exact centre of the Inca Empire, the Plaza de Armas. There one can find the cathedral built on the ruins of the ancient Inca Palace. The cathedral borders on other churches on both sides. Next stop will be the old town with its magnificent renovated colonial buildings; some of them

are being used as hotels. Then proceed to Sacsayhuaman, a ruin located approx. 3 km above Cusco. Sacsayhuaman also offers a fabulous view of the city. Afterwards visit the surrounding ruins.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 7 - CUSCO - PUNO**  
A full day bus journey from Cusco to Puno leads through the Peruvian highland along snow-covered peaks, passes up to 4.300m above sea level and then goes down to Puno, which is right on Lake Titicaca. On route we will visit the town of Andahuaylillas, the ruins of Racchi, and the small town of Pucara. Lunch in a typical restaurant en route is included. After arrival in Puno transfer to the 4\* Casa Andina Private Collection hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**DAY 8 - PUNO - LIMA**  
In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Puno's dock where you will depart towards the Uros Islands on Titicaca Lake. The Uros are 40 small floating islands made of packed totora (reed), located within the Titicaca National Reserve. Here the inhabitants of the lake, the Uros, live just as their ancestors did, maintaining their customs and idiosyncrasies. After visiting the Uros Islands we will continue by boat to Taquile Island. There are no roads or electricity in Taquile and the locals have maintained their traditions and culture and many still wear traditional dresses. The Taquileños are known for their high-quality handicrafts, especially for the knitting, which is exclusively performed by males. In the main square there is a cooperative shop, selling woollen goods and hand-





woven items, as well as a small church. A typical lunch at Taquile Island is included. Transfer from the hotel to the airport for flight to Lima and transfer to the 4\* Estelar Miraflores hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

#### DAY 9 - LIMA

In the afternoon you will explore the city on a sightseeing tour through Lima. The Plaza de Armas with the beautiful buildings of the government Palace, the town hall, the Palace of the archbishop and the cathedral are still the most important places in town. After that you will visit the beautiful San Francisco monastery which displays the largest collection of religious art in America. The highlight of this convent is the visit of the underground vaults known as "catacumbas" or catacombs.

Proceed through the modern districts of San Isidro and Miraflores and to the Coastline enjoying the view over the beaches of Lima and the Pacific Ocean. Afterwards enjoy a guided visit of one of Lima's most noted museums, the Rafael Larco Herrera Archaeological Museum which houses the world's largest private collection of Peruvian pre-Columbian Art. Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 10 - LIMA - FOZ DO IGUAZU

Transfer from the hotel to the airport of Lima for flight to Iguassu. Upon arrival transfer to the 4\* Mabu Thermas Hotel & Resort.

Foz do Iguacu - Located close to the point where the Iguassu River empties its waters into the Parana River forming the world's widest waterfalls and giving rise to the double border of Brazil and Argentina, the city of Foz do Iguazu, with 325.137 inhabitants (2009 census), is of great tourist interest. Although not being big, Foz do Iguazu is a busy city, thanks to the many visitors that come to see the falls and also to Brazilian shoppers that come to purchase imported goods in Ciudad Del Este, the Paraguayan tax-free city right across the border. The Itaipu Hydroelectric Dam also brings great activity to the city thanks to the high number of its employees living in Foz do Iguassu Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 11 - FOZ DO IGUAZU

You will leave your hotel on the Brazilian side by motor coach and cross the Iguassu National Park towards the Brazilian Falls. You walk along the paths following the cascades and then along the catwalk which leads you very close to the bottom of the Devil's Throat. You will enjoy magnificent views. Afterwards you take an elevator to go up back to the road, and there you will board the motor coach which will take you to the Argentinian side of the falls. You will make a short stop at the Visitor's Centre and proceed from there along the Inferior Circuit, the down-river falls, to the Superior Circuit, the up-river cascades. The Ecological Jungle Train leads you to the

most impressive observation point of the falls - The Devil's Throat. Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 12 - FOZ DO IGUAZU - BUENOS AIRES

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for the flight to Buenos Aires. Arrival in Buenos Aires and transfer to the 4\* Kenton Palace Buenos Aires hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 13 - BUENOS AIRES

Get in touch with the birth city of the Tango!

During your city tour in Buenos Aires you will drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest avenue of the world, you will pass close to the Colon Theatre, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of the "porteños" (as the inhabitants of Buenos Aires are called). Visit the famous Avenida de Mayo that runs into the Plaza De Mayo, surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Government House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo (first City Hall, built during Spanish rule). At the other end of Avenida de Mayo the cupola of the Congress building can be seen.

Continue to San Telmo, an historical neighborhood and the eldest district of Buenos Aires. Here you may have some time to stroll around Plaza Dorrego with its many antique shops Your next stop is La Boca, a most colorful area with the famous street Caminito. Continue to the north area driving to Palermo, the green area of the city with its beautiful parks, the City Zoo, Botanical Garden, Argentine Horse Track and National Polo Fields. Palermo is well-known for its artificial lakes. At the end of the tour you will visit Recoleta area, one of the city's most glamorous spots. Here you will see elegant boutiques and excellent restaurants, surrounded by centennial trees. Later proceed to The Tigre Delta with its rivers, streams and numerous green islands is one of the most attractive areas for visitors. The continuous sediment of the Paraná River, which gives the river and estuary their particular brownish-red color, forms the Delta islands. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 14 - BUENOS AIRES - RIO DE JANEIRO

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for flight to Rio de Janeiro. Arrival in Rio and transfer to the 4\* Rio Othon Palace hotel.

#### DAY 15 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Downtown is the business heart of Rio. It is the part of the city where colonial Rio meets modern skyscrapers. Your tour starts on 1º de Março avenue, the first commercial street built in the 18th. You will see the Paço Imperial palace, which was the first residence of the Royal Family, Banco do Brasil Cultural Centre and the Candelaria Church. From this point, the bus will proceed to Presidente Vargas avenue, the second most important street

in downtown, built to create access from the suburbs to the commercial centre of the Capital in the early nineties, passing through the popular market and Tiradentes Square. Following with the tour you will see the Metropolitan Cathedral of Rio de Janeiro, Rio's aqueduct, Santo Antonio Church, BNDES and Petrobras buildings reaching Lapa, the most popular night life point in Rio. You will have a panoramic view of the Teatro Municipal, the National Library and the City Council building - all of them inspired in the European 18th century style. Afterwards you will drive through the Flamengo Park, from where you have the chance to see highlight of this tour, Sugar Loaf. This famous mountain is reached by a cable car 1,200 feet high, an experience you will never forget: looking down at Rio from the Sugar Loaf, one of the most spectacular views in the world. In the Cosme Velho district you will board the cog-wheel train, which will take you through the Tijuca Forest to the top of the Corcovado Mountain.

Meals - Breakfast

#### DAY 16 - RIO DE JANEIRO

Day at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping. In the evening attend to a folklore and Carnival show, featuring talented dancers, entertainers, "samba" bands and dazzling costumes, in a spectacular display of Brazilian folklore and Carnival. Transfer to Airport for your flight back to Malta. Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 17 - RIO DE JANEIRO - MALTA

Flight Rio De Janeiro - Malta.

#### DAY 18 - MALTA

Arrival in Malta.

#### OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA LIMA/ RIO DE JANEIRO/MALTA
- ✓ ONE WAY FLIGHT FROM LIMA TO CUSCO/FROM PUNO TO LIMA/FROM LIMA TO FOZ DO IGUAZU/FROM FOZ DO IGUAZU TO BUENOS AIRES/FROM BUENOS AIRES TO RIO DE JANEIRO
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ 14 NIGHTS IN 4\*ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ ALL EXCURSIONS AS PER ITINERARY
- ✓ 17 MEALS - 13 BREAKFASTS, 3 LUNCHESES, 1 DINNER
- ✓ LOCAL ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE
- ✓ COMPREHENSIVE GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ✓ ACTIVE ITINERARY WITH UNIQUE CULTURAL FEATURES
- ✓ SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED ROCS TRAVEL TOUR MANAGER

#### VISA REQUIRED

PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON	BOOK BEFORE 31-MAR	BOOK AFTER 31-MAR
	Twin Sharing	5299
Single	5779	5779

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# Incredible Golden Triangle Journey

## DAY 1 - MALTA - INDIA

Flight Malta to Delhi.

## DAY 2 - NEW DELHI

Welcome to India! Arrive in the energetic capital city of New Delhi; meet your representative and transfer to the 5\* Park hotel. Time to rest and relax after your journey and acclimate to the new time zone.

## DAY 3 - NEW DELHI

Begin in the walled city of Old Delhi, founded by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan. Travel along the winding streets to Jama Masjid, the largest and best known mosque in India. On a cycle rickshaw, continue along the lanes of Chandi Chowk, once the imperial avenue of Mughal royalty. After lunch, on to New Delhi, a city of airy boulevards, lush parks and gardens. Visit the Sikh Temple and drive past the imposing India Gate War Memorial to Indian and British soldiers, Parliament House and the Presidential Palace. Enjoy a visit to the Gandhi Smriti, the official residence and is a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi where he spent the last 144 days of his life. The tour continues with a visit to Humayun's Tomb set in stunning gardens, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This evening, meet with your fellow travelers and Tour Manager for a briefing on the incredible journey in India that awaits you. Tonight is at leisure to begin your discovery of Indian cuisine at one of the fine regional restaurants. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

## DAY 4 - DELHI - JAIPUR

Depart New Delhi to Jaipur, gateway to the desert state of Rajasthan. En route, stop for some photos at the graceful sandstone Qutab Minar Victory Tower, the world's tallest brick minaret, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in glorious Jaipur, with its stucco buildings lining the wide streets and you'll understand why it is nicknamed the "Pink City." The city was painted its unique color in 1876 to celebrate the visit of the Prince of Wales. Drive past stunning hilltop forts and glorious palaces on the way to a bargain filled bazaar. Visit Antiquariat, a beautiful jewelry shop in its fourth generation. Antiquariat is one of the oldest and finest jewelry manufacturers in Jaipur. Utilizing local precious and semiprecious stones and metals, their designers create unique pieces, from home decorative to exclusive one of a kind jewelry items. Check in at the 4\* Ramada hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## DAY 5 - AMBER FORT JAIPUR

Excursion to the spectacular Amber Fort, a stunning fusion of Mughal and Hindu styles with its gorgeous Palace of Mirrors. Ascend the hill to the ramparts by jeep, or on the back of an elephant (if available). From here, see the panoramic views of Jaipur's original city walls and the lake below. Stop for refreshments before shopping the vast collection of local handicrafts at Jaipur Handicrafts, offering premium quality handmade carpets, textiles, pashminas, pottery and paintings. Fabrics in

all colors and texture are available for loose purchase as well as custom design work. Spend the afternoon at leisure strolling through the city's delightful gardens, or, join the optional tour to view the well-preserved 18th century Jantar Mantar Observatory and drive past Hawa Mahal, the "Palace of Winds" with its lacy ornamental façade. Later, the tour continues to the opulent City Palace, former royal residence, now a grand museum with an extraordinary collection of miniature paintings, costumes and armory. Tonight's optional evening is highlighted by the exotic flavors of Indian cuisine at a local neighborhood restaurant, while you're entertained by performers in traditional attire as they execute various interesting dance moves on the rhythm of the accompanying musical instruments .

**Optional:** Half Day Jaipur Tour (PM)

**Optional:** Dinner at Local Jaipur Restaurant with Traditional Folk Dance  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 6 - JAIPUR - AGRA

Depart Jaipur to the small ancient village of Abhaneri in northern Rajasthan. Begin at Chand Baori, one of the largest step wells in India, fortified on all sides. This unique idea was conceived by the early natives to work as a water reservoir, located adjacent to the temple dedicated to Harshat Mata, goddess of joy and happiness - an architectural jewel. Then after lunch, continue on to Agra, with its celebrated past, rich heritage and architectural delights. Check in at the 4\* Trident Agra hotel. The rest of the day is

9 days from

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28 JULY - 05 AUGUST

15 SEPTEMBER -

23 SEPTEMBER

VISITING:

NEW DELHI, JAIPUR, AGRA,  
TAJ MAHAL





yours to enjoy the delights of this splendid city. Dinner at the hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**DAY 7 - TAJ MAHAL**

Memorable day as you visit the astonishing Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved Queen. Perhaps, this is the most perfect architectural monument in the world, built of white marble and precious stones over a 22 year period - considered the finest example of Mughal architecture in the world. Afterwards, stop at Kalakriti Marble. The Taj Mahal inspired the Kalakriti family to become the manufacturer of fine inlaid marble work. Marvel at the museum quality workmanship as you watch a demonstration of the timely process of marble carvings, filigree and stone inlay. Then browse Kalakriti's home furnishings and decorative items. In the afternoon, participate in the not to be missed optional tour to the red sandstone Agra Fort, with its incredible maze of walled courtyards, mosques and lavish private chambers reflecting the grandeur of the Mughal Empire; this monument has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Next, to the Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah built of the finest Indian marble embellished with mosaics and inlay of semi precious stones. This evening's optional dinner at an Agra restaurant, discover all the fun & excitement of bollywood beats with a dance performance by a dancer on recorded music that will take place during or after your dinner .

**Optional:** Half Day Agra Tour (PM)

**Optional:** Dinner at Local Agra Restaurant with Bollywood Dance

Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 8 - AGRA - NEW DELHI**

Depart Agra this morning and return to New Delhi on your last day in India. Upon arrival check in at the 4\* DoubleTree by Hilton hotel for time to freshen up before tonight's festivities. Bid farewell to your newfound friends and Tour Manager at a festive Farewell Dinner at the hotel .

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 9 - DELHI -MALTA**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to Malta.  
Arrival in Malta.

**OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/DELHI/MALTA
- ✓ 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS NEW DELHI
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS JAIPUR
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS AGRA
- ✓ 1 NIGHT NEW DELHI – GURGAON
- ✓ HOTEL TAXES, FEES & SERVICE CHARGES
- ✓ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ 11 MEALS - 6 BREAKFAST, 2 LUNCHESES, 3 DINNERS
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY IN MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH
- ✓ SERVICES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOUR MANAGER THROUGHOUT
- ✓ ENTRANCE FEES PER ITINERARY
- ✓ COMFORTABLE WIRELESS EARPHONES FOR ENHANCED TOURING

**VISA REQUIRED**

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS PER PERSON**

HALF DAY JAIPUR TOUR (PM)	€ 24
DINNER AT LOCAL JAIPUR RESTAURANT WITH TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCE	€ 33
HALF DAY AGRA TOUR (PM)	€ 33
DINNER AT LOCAL AGRA RESTAURANT WITH BOLLYWOOD DANCE	€ 33

**PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON**

	BOOK BEFORE 31-MAR	BOOK AFTER 31-MAR
Triple Sharing	1369	1569
Twin Sharing	1439	1639

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# Amazing Thailand Tour

14 days from

€1759

25 AUGUST -  
07 SEPTEMBER

29 SEPTEMBER -  
12 OCTOBER

**VISITING:  
BANGKOK, AYUTTHAYA,  
SUKHOTHAI, CHAING  
RAI, MAE SAI, MYAMMAR,  
CHAING MAI**

## DAY 1 - MALTA - THAILAND

Flight Malta - Bangkok.

## DAY 2 - BANGKOK

Arrive in exotic Bangkok, Thailand's capital city; transfer to the 4\* Century Park hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the new time zone.

## DAY 3 - BANGKOK

Orientation meeting this morning with your Tour Manager highlights the exciting journey that awaits you. Afterwards, continue on a city and temple tour of Bangkok, a fascinating mix of ancient and modern. Begin the tour at Chinatown and then on to the colorful Indian Market. Visit serene Wat Po, the oldest and largest temple in the city, with the astonishing giant Reclining Buddha, over 150 feet long and almost 40 feet high. Drive to Royal Avenue where most of the Government offices are located and the King's Palace before returning to your hotel. Tonight, dinner at a local restaurant with entertainment, including a performance of Khon-traditional Thai dance.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## DAY 4 - BANGKOK

Full day at leisure to explore Bangkok on your own. Or, don't miss the optional morning tour of Wat Phra Kaew, also known as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, and the elaborate 18th century

Grand Palace, symbol and ceremonial heart of the kingdom - together they form the most impressive sights in Bangkok. Despite the proximity of the two, there's a distinct contrast in style between the Thai-inspired Wat Phra Kaew and the European design of the Grand Palace. In the evening, attend the optional Buffet Dinner and stunning performance of the "Journey to the Enchanted Kingdom of Siam". Boasting over 150 performers, this lavish production delves into Siam's history and culture.

**Optional:** Half Day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha (AM)

**Optional:** Siam Niramit Show & Dinner (PM)  
Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 5 - BANGKOK - AYUTTHAYA

Depart Bangkok to Ayutthaya, the second Siamese capital after Sukhothai for over 400 years, once glorified as one of the largest cities in Southeast Asia. Ayutthaya Historical Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies in the center of the city. Here, you can see the ruins of the former capital and its remaining palaces, monasteries and towers - one can envision the grandeur and splendor that was once the Kingdom of Ayutthaya. Visit Bang Pa-In Palace, a collection of beautiful buildings in various architectural styles, surrounded by a lake. Originally built by King Prasat Tong in 1632, Bang Pa-In served as the Royal Summer Palace for the Thai Kings. Continue to the Chai Wattanaram Temple, built by

King Prasat Tong to honor his mother, conceived as a replica of the Angkor Temple - this is a serene place where one can reflect and enjoy the tranquility. Check in at the 4\* Classic Kameo hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## DAY 6 - AYUTTHAYA - SUKHOTHAI

Start your morning with a visit to a local school on the way to Sukhothai. Travel northward to Sukhothai, birthplace of the Thai nation, founded in the 13th century by King Ramkhamhaeng. The country's first capital was established here in 1238 and lasted over two centuries. Sukhothai is world-famous for its 100 historical sites and treasures, including some of the most beautiful Thai art and architecture in the country, created during the city's "golden era", between the 13th and 14th centuries. Visit to the Old Town of Sukhothai with its impressive Historical Park, immaculately restored and set among leafy hills and peaceful lotus ponds, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At this astonishing site, most of the remains of the original city can be seen. Marvel at the ancient Buddha figures, palaces, temples and historical monuments and feel yourself drift back in time to a bygone era. Check in at the 4\* Sukhothai Heritage Resort.

Meals: Breakfast.



**DAY 7 - SUKHOTHAI - CHIANG RAI**

This morning, depart Sukhothai and drive to scenic Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand for overnight. Check in at the 4\* A-Star Phulare Valley hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**DAY 8 - CHIANG RAI**

Explore this city that remained completely isolated from the world until the 1920s. Travel to the border town of Mae Sai, at the tip of Thailand. At this border crossing, arrangements may be made to enter Myanmar\*. Ascend to the hilltop viewpoint to see the famous "Golden Triangle" of Southeast Asia - meeting point of the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos. The locals call it "Sop Ruak", as this is also where the Mekong meets the Ruak River. Savor a locally prepared lunch in a nearby farming village. Late, a short cruise then takes you along the banks of the Mekong to the small island of Don Sao in Laos; leisure time at the lively markets before returning to Thailand. Continue to the dramatic House of Opium at Golden Triangle Park, offering an informative exhibition on the history of opium which dates back almost 5000 years before returning to Chiang Rai for overnight.

\* Crossing into Myanmar (Burma) requires a visa which may be obtained locally at the border crossing, at your own expense. The opportunity to cross the border will depend on local conditions and cannot be guaranteed. If the border crossing is not possible, alternate arrangements will be made.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**DAY 9 - CHIANG RAI - CHIANG MAI**

Morning at leisure before departing to Chiang Mai, ancient capital of the Lanna Kingdom. En route, stop at a local gem gallery before arriving in Chiang Mai, cultural heart of Northern Thailand, located in the rolling foothills of the Himalayas. Check in at the 5\* Le Meridian Chiang Mai. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 10 - CHIANG MAI**

Morning at leisure to explore Chiang Mai independently. Or, join the optional tour to the Mae Sa Elephant Training Camp where you'll see elephants bathing in the running streams or demonstrating their feats of

skill and strength in a musical show. In the afternoon, visit Sankampang Street, center of handicrafts, for on-site demonstrations on how the silk, lacquer, silver, wood and bronze wares are made. At the end of the day, pamper yourself with an optional Thai massage.

**Optional:** Half Day Mae Sa Elephant Camp with lunch (AM)

**Optional:** Traditional Thai Massage  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 11 - CHIANG MAI**

Morning tour of the most interesting temples in Chiang Mai. Begin at Wat Suan Dok, where the remains of the Chiang Mai Royal family are enshrined. Continue to Wat Phrathad Doi Suthep, Northern Thailand's most sacred temple, containing a holy relic of Lord Buddha. Equally impressive is the mythological Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase, with 290 steps leading up to the temple grounds. Visit to a local jade factory, followed by an afternoon at leisure to wander independently in Chiang Mai. Tonight, a unique experience. Join a local Chiang Mai family at an authentic Thai Dinner in their home. Enjoy a tour of the home, conversation about life in Chiang Mai and savour the great flavours of home-cooked food.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 12 - CHIANG MAI - BANGKOK**

Depart Chiang Mai this morning on your flight to Bangkok, arrive and transfer to the 4\* Century Park hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of Bangkok on your own. Shop to your heart's content, visit the many amazing markets, and try some of the fabulous restaurants in this energetic city. Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 13 - THAILAND**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 14 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

**OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/ BANGKOK/ MALTA
- ✓ ONE WAY FLIGHT FROM CHIANG MAI TO BANGKOK
- ✓ 11 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ 4 NIGHTS BANGKOK
- ✓ 1 NIGHT AYUTTHAYA
- ✓ 1 NIGHT SUKHOTHAI
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS CHIANG RAI
- ✓ 3 NIGHTS CHIANG MAI
- ✓ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✓ HOTEL TAXES, FEES AND SERVICE CHARGE
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND CHARGES
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ 18 MEALS - 11 BREAKFAST, 3 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY IN MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH
- ✓ SERVICES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOUR MANAGER THROUGHOUT
- ✓ ENTRANCE FEES AS PER ITINERARY
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**VISA REQUIRED****OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS PER PERSON**

HALF DAY GRAND PALACE & EMERALD BUDDHA (AM)	€42
SIAM NIRAMIT SHOW & DINNER (PM)	€67
HALF DAY MAE SA ELEPHANT CAMP WITH LUNCH (AM)	€32
TRADITIONAL THAI MASSAGE	€36

**PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON**

	BOOK BEFORE 31-MAR	BOOK AFTER 31-MAR
Triple Sharing	1759	1959
Twin Sharing	1839	2039

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# Wonderful Costa Rica Adventure

12 days from

€1989

21 SEPTEMBER -  
02 OCTOBER  
09 NOVEMBER -  
20 NOVEMBER

**VISITING:**

**SAN JOSE, ARENAL,  
MONTEVERDE, MANUEL  
ANTONIO, MARAVILLAS DE  
COSTA RICA**

**DAY 1 - MALTA - COSTA RICA**

Flight Malta - San Jose

**DAY 2 - SAN JOSE**

Arrive in San Jose and transfer to the 4\* Radisson Europa hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome drink and orientation with your Tour Manager.

**DAY 3 - ARENAL**

Today, enjoy a brief panoramic tour of San Jose, with sights of the city including historic & government buildings and La Sabana, the public park. Next, depart for Arenal, enjoying the views of coffee and sugarcane plantations along the way. En route stop in Sarchi, an artisan town, where traditional colorful oxcarts and souvenirs can be found. If time permits there may be a visit to a local school on the way to Arenal. Later this evening after checking into your 3\* Volcano Inn hotel, join the group for dinner at a local restaurant in Arenal.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 4 - ARENAL**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Arenal, famous for the Arenal Volcano. As Costa Rica's youngest volcano, it gained international notoriety in 1968 for its sudden eruption. Perhaps spend the day on the optional full day Cano Negro Boat Tour to learn more about the flora and fauna that inhabit the area. Tonight, enjoy an optional evening at the renowned Eco Termales Hot Springs that includes a home-cooked traditional dinner.

**Optional:** Full Day Cano Negro Boat Tour

**Optional:** EcoTermales Hot Springs with Dinner (PM)

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 5 - ARENAL - MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST**

In the morning, embark on a brisk two mile walking tour of the Las Coladas trail in Arenal National Park to learn more about the flora and fauna while enjoying scenic views of the volcano. At the end of the trail, you may choose to participate in a rugged hike over the ancient lava rocks before continuing to Monteverde. En route to Monteverde; time permitting a guided walking tour acquaints you with the lovely surroundings. Check in at the 3\* Country Lodge hotel. Tonight, an option to be transferred into town for a dinner at your choice of local restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 6 - MONTAVERDE**

Enjoy this morning at leisure, or choose to participate in one of the optional tours including the Selvatura Canopy and Hanging Bridges adventures. This stunning Cloud Forest boasts an extraordinarily diverse ecosystem, being home to 120 species of reptiles and amphibians, 130 species of mammals, and an astounding 500 species of birds, not to mention more than 3,000 species of plants. This afternoon enjoy lunch and a tour of a traditional Costa Rican coffee farm. Learn about how one of Costa Rica's top exports is grown in this tropical region

and its importance in the socioeconomic development of the country Tonight, dine at a local Monteverde restaurant.

**Optional:** Selvatura Canopy Tour (AM)\*

**Optional:** Selvatura Hanging Bridges (AM)\*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

\*Passengers can participate in both optional tours if desired

**DAY 7 - MANUEL ANTONIO**

Drive along the shores of the striking Pacific Coast to Manuel Antonio National Park, one of the most beautiful places in the country with an exotic combination of exquisite beaches and an exuberant tropical forest. Travel through the scenic mountains to the ocean's shores - it's not unusual here to see iguanas and white-faced monkeys on the beach! Arrive in the bustling town of Jaco, a surfer's paradise, for free time to stroll and perhaps sample some of the local cuisine for lunch. Afterwards, continue to Manuel Antonio. The rest of the day at leisure to enjoy all of the delights of this popular beach area. Check in at the 3\* Byblos Resort. In town tonight, you're sure to find great food, music, trendy bars and lots of activity.

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 8 - MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK**

Today, tour Manuel Antonio National Park, one of Costa Rica's most visited conservation areas. Its large land and marine biodiversity and beautiful coral reefs make





this one of the world's most impressive natural habitats. Your Tour Manager will lead you through the paths of this tropical paradise with opportunity to discover the mangrove swamps, 109 species of mammals and 184 species of birds, beach vegetation and lagoons. Observe several species of monkeys, iguanas, and birds and possibly even the three-toed sloth. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the best of nature and the peace and tranquility.  
Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 9 - MANUEL ANTONIO**

Enjoy all of the pleasures of your final day in Manuel Antonio National Park. Relax at the beach while savoring the gorgeous surroundings. Consider joining the optional Catamaran Cruise that sails along the coast with picturesque views of the wildlife and vegetation. You can relax in one of the two Jacuzzis, or have fun on the two giant trampolines or water slides. Time at Biesanz Beach for snorkeling while you have up-close sightings of colorful tropical fish in their natural habitat. Tonight, dinner together at one of the most popular restaurants in Manuel Antonio. It's time to bid farewell to your Tour Manager, traveling companions and to "Pura Vida".

**Optional:** Manuel Antonio Catamaran Cruise (AM)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 10 - SAN JOSE**

Travel back to San Jose today stopping in Maravillas de Costa Rica to shop for local crafts and souvenirs to take back home. Check in at the 4\* Radisson Europa hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city independently, revisit some of the galleries and museums or linger at a lovely restaurant for dinner tonight. The opportunities are endless in this energetic city.

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 11 - SAN JOSE**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 12 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

**OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/SAN JOSE/ MALTA
- ✓ 9 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS SAN JOSE
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS ARENAL
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS MONTEVERDE
- ✓ 3 NIGHTS MANUEL ANTONIO
- ✓ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ 13 MEALS - 9 BREAKFASTS, 1 LUNCH, 3 DINNERS
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY IN MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH
- ✓ SERVICES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING TOUR MANAGER THROUGHOUT
- ✓ ENTRANCE FEES AS PER ITINERARY

**VISA REQUIRED**

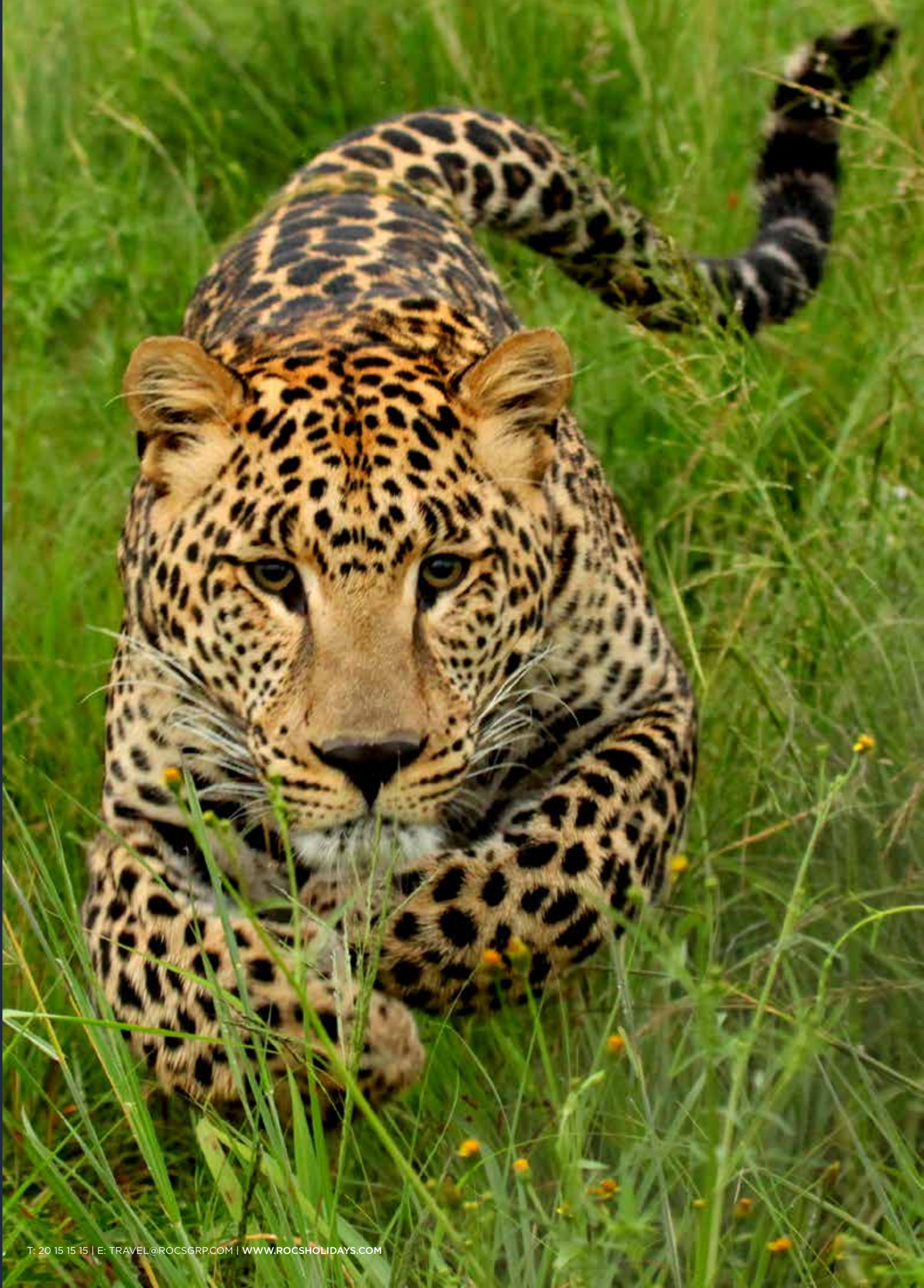
**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS PER PERSON**

FULL DAY CANO NEGRO BOAT TOUR	€ 67
ECOTERMALES HOT SPRINGS WITH DINNER (PM)	€ 58
SELVATURA CANOPY TOUR (AM)*	€ 49
SELVATURA HANGING BRIDGES (AM)*	€ 30
MANUEL ANTONIO CATAMARAN CRUISE (AM)	€80

**PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON**

	BOOK BEFORE 31-MAR	BOOK AFTER 31-MAR
Triple Sharing	1989	2189
Twin Sharing	2049	2249

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# Marvellous Sri Lanka Experience

13 days from

€2479

01 SEPTEMBER -  
13 SEPTEMBER

**VISITING:**  
**COLOMBO,**  
**ANURADHAPURA,**  
**GIRITALE, HABARANA,**  
**OLONNARUWA, SIGIRIYA,**  
**DAMBULLA, KANDY,**  
**NUWRA ELIYA, HORTON**  
**PLAINS, ELLA, YALA,**  
**GALLE, NEGOMBO**

## DAY 01 - MALTA - COLOMBO

Flight Malta - Colombo

## DAY 02 - COLOMBO SIGHTSEEING

Upon arrival meet and greet at Bandaranaike International Airport and transfer to Colombo, the commercial capital of Sri Lanka.

Check-in at the 4\* Colombo Hilton or Hotel Kingsbury. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Colombo, like many capital cities in developing countries is fast changing its face. Almost overnight, skyscrapers arise from where old buildings once stood. Yet in some parts, the old world charm is retained. For example, there is a 100-year-old clock tower and several British built colonial Buildings. Other places of interest are the Pettah bazaar - where one can shop for bargain, a Hindu and a Buddhist temple, residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.

Meals: Dinner.

## DAY 03 - COLOMBO - ANURADHAPURA

After breakfast depart Anuradhapura, located on the dry plains of the North Central Province within the Cultural Triangle. The ruins at Anuradhapura tell tales of a royal capital of 113 successive kings who made it the greatest monastic city of the ancient world.

Check-in at the 4\*Palm Garden Village Hotel. In the afternoon you will take

the tour of this ancient city which was established in 500BC and served as an administrative centre of Sri Lanka and as the island's capital for 1400 years. The oldest historically documented tree on earth, The Sacred Bo Tree - is also located in this city. The perfection and scale of the dagobas or relic chambers like the Ruwanveliseya, Abhayagiri and the Jetavanarama, which are the largest in the world, are staggering, the latter vying with the largest pyramids at a height of 122m.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## DAY 04 - ANURADHAPURA - ELEPHANT RIDE - GIRITALE OR HABARANA

After breakfast proceed for Habarana to take an Elephant Ride.

The feeling of stepping back in time, a time when kings rode on the backs of these magnificent mammals, and the chance for you to do the same is what we at this other corner offer. Climb on to the backs of these gentle giants, and the tour will take you along the forest trail, across the river, through the village. The choice of either being adventurous and riding bareback or on comfortable elephant saddles are the only choice you will have to make.

A pleasant experience is virtually guaranteed. Transfer to Giritale/Habarana and check-in at the 4\* Deer Park Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

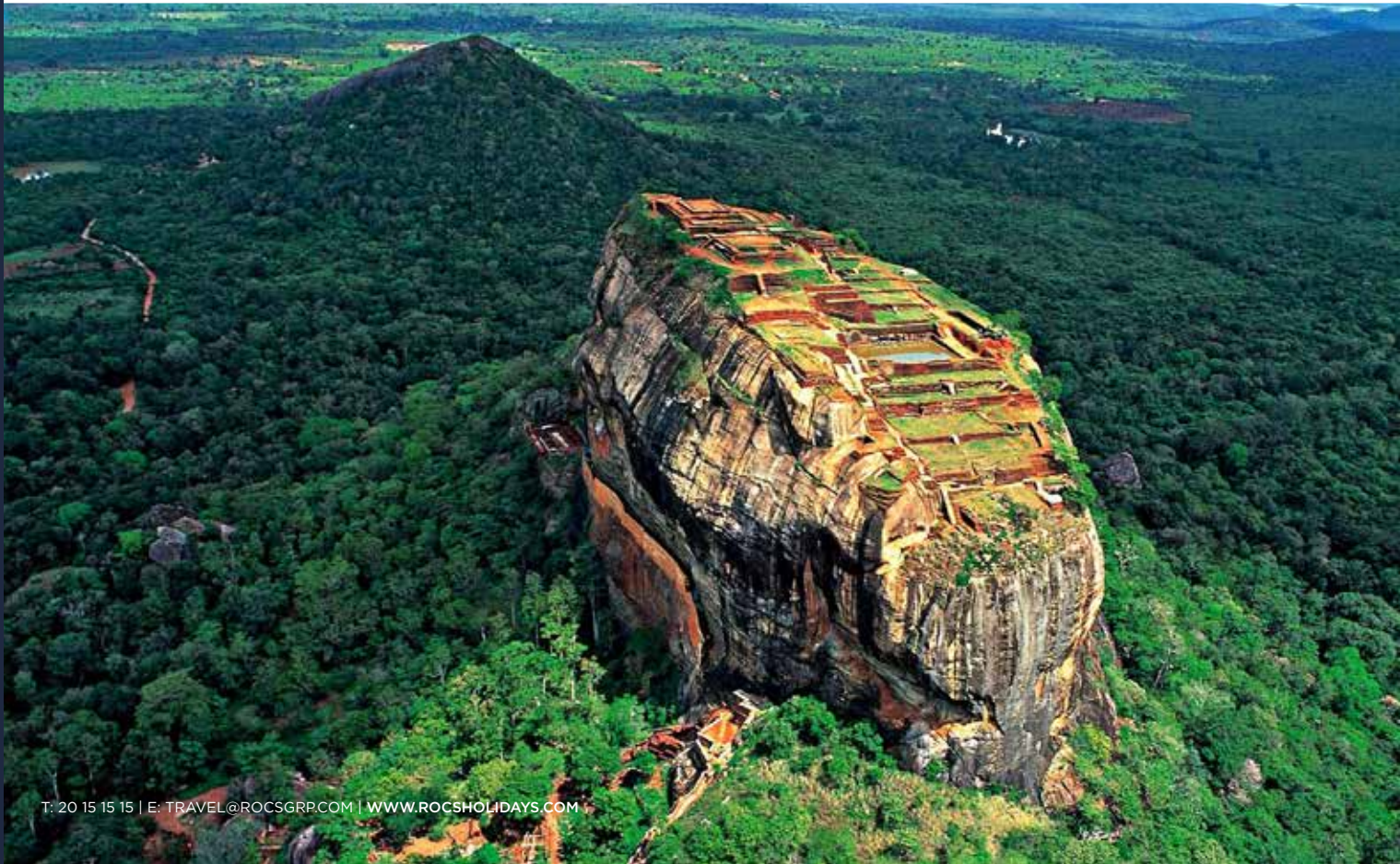
## DAY 05 - GIRITALE OR HABARANA - POLONNARUWA - GIRITALE OR HABARANA

After breakfast leave for Polonnaruwa Sri Lanka's medieval capital in 11th & 12th Century AD. Travel via Habarana. Polonnaruwa is a well-preserved city of ancient dagobas, moonstones, beautiful parks, massive buildings and stunningly beautiful statues. The majestic King's Council Chamber, the Lotus Bath, the Lanka Thilaka Viharaya, the Gal Viharaya (rock temple) and the statue of one of Polonnaruwa's great kings, Parakramabahu, are a few of this capital's memorable sights. The Sea of Parakrama - a vast 12th century man-made reservoir dominates the city. Moreover, the monuments here are located in a more compact area, and their development is easier to follow.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

## DAY 06 - GIRITALE OR HABARANA - SIGIRIYA - DAMBULLA - KANDY

Breakfast and leave for Kandy the beautiful Hill capital, the last Kingdom Capital of the Sri Lanka's royalty. Kandy is surrounded by the lush tropical scenery. En route climb the Sigiriya Rock, the fascinating fortress which was a stronghold of a fifth century king who murdered his father. The red stone rises 600 feet from the green scrub jungle and it is famous for its frescoes painted within a sheltered rock. Only 19 out of the



500 painted in the 5th century remain. The Lion stairway, the mirror wall and the water gardens are amongst Sigiriya's other highlights. Also visit Dambulla Rock cave Temple, where you will see the frescoes over 2000 years old and the colossal figure of the recumbent Buddha carved out of the living rock about 14 meters long. It also holds its own treasure - a magnificent temple, which is a series of five caves established as a monastery in the 3rd Century BC. These caves, built at the base of a 150m high rock during the 1st Century BC to 993 AD and are by far the most impressive of the many cave temples found in Sri Lanka.

Proceed to Kandy, En route visit a Spice Garden in Matale which grows spices and herbs used for Sri Lankan cuisine and medication. Check-in at the 4\* Mahaweli Reach Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 07 - KANDY PINNAWELA - KANDY SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast visit the Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawela near Kegalle to see the daily routine of up keeping of baby elephants and other abandoned elephants.

The unique concept of the Elephant Orphanage of Pinnawela is one of the most visited sites in Sri Lanka. Founded in the year 1975, with 03 baby elephants found abandoned in the forest, is today the home of nearly 65 elephants of different ages and sizes. Bottle feeding of the

baby elephants is the highlight event of the place. In the evening experience a typical Sri Lankan Cultural Show of drumming, dancing, music and fire walking followed by a visit to the most sacred place of the Buddhist world, the Dalada Maligawa - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relics of the Lord Buddha.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 08 - KANDY SIGHTSEEING - NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast and today explore the city of Kandy. Visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, a Batik Factory, a Gem Bureau where you will see a documentary film on how Sri Lankan Gem mining is traditionally done and an Arts and Crafts Centre. Also drive around the Kandy Lake to see the scenic beauty of the city. Proceed to Nuwra Eliya the Tea Garden of Sri Lanka situated 6200ft above the sea level. The hill station of Nuwara Eliya is celebrated for its fresh climate, the wonderful scenery all around, and its "Englishness". Wonderful mountain panoramas surround the wide valley, into which fall many lovely but icy waterfalls. En route visit a Tea Factory, Tea Plantation and Ramboda

falls in Ramboda. The temperature varies from 10 to 20 degrees Celsius, falling to near zero on winter nights and producing occasional frost. Check-in at the 4\* Grand Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 09 - HORTON PLAINS

Early hours visit Horton Plains which lies shrouded in cold mists on top of Sri Lanka's mountains, at a height of more than 2,000m. A part of the Peak Wilderness Sanctuary and dramatically different from the coastal plains thousands of feet below, it is a plateau of 3,150 hectares in area. It is a wild and windswept plain of grasslands or patanas and patches of eerie forests. Residents include elk, monkeys, eagles, horned lizards and the occasional leopard. The Plains were uninhabited by the local population but were prized hunting and fishing grounds for the Europeans who "discovered" them in the early 19th century. The visit from your hotel to the entrance will be by jeep.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 10 - NUWARA ELIYA - ELLA - YALA

After breakfast depart for Yala via Ella Wellawaya and stop for view the Ravana Falls and the Ella Gap. Check-in at the 4\* Cinnamon Wild Hotel. In the afternoon visit the Yala National Park which has a large wildlife sanctuary and offers the wild life enthusiast and nature lover the opportunity to observe a great variety of fauna. Visit the Yala National park and the tour will be conducted through the park where you will have the opportunity to see Leopards, Bears, Sambhurs, Wild Boar and Elephants.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 11 - YALA - GALLE - COLOMBO - NEGOMBO

Breakfast and travel to Colombo through the picturesque coastal line via Galle - the Old Portuguese Fort rebuilt by the Dutch. Galle is also the centre of the ebony elephant makers, tortoise shell craft and handmade laces. En route visit Ambalangoda where the famed 'devil masks' are produced. Also visit a Turtle Sanctuary in Kosgoda to spare a few hours at one of the sanctuaries in Sri Lanka and see the life of Turtles where you can see almost the full life journey of Turtles in these sanctuaries.

Proceed to Negombo via Colombo and Check-in at the 4\* Jetwing Blu Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

#### DAY 12 - NEGOMBO

Breakfast at hotel and later transfer to airport for your departure flight back to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast.

#### DAY 13 - MALTA

Arrival in Malta

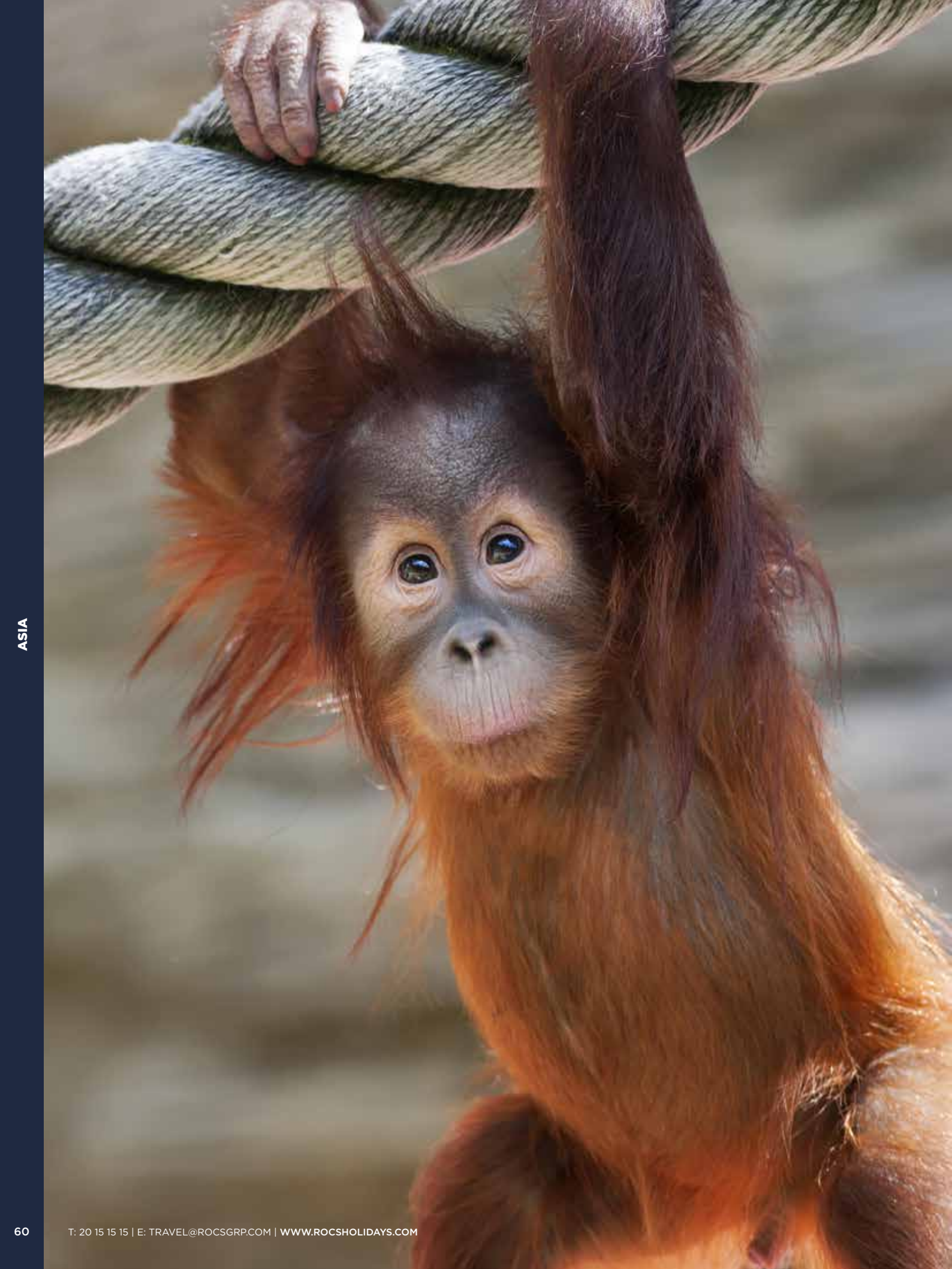
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Single	3869	4069
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# Highlights of Malaysia

10 days from

€2529

09 AUGUST - 18 AUGUST

VISITING:

KUALA LUMPUR, TAMAN -  
NEGARA, LATA BERKOH,  
CAMERON HIGHLANDS,  
PANGKOR, KUALA  
SEPETANG

## DAY 1 - MALTA - MALAYSIA

Flight Malta - Kuala Lumpur.

## DAY 2 - ARRIVAL KUALA LUMPUR

Upon arrival meet and greet and transfer to the 4\* Royale Bintang hotel. Check-in and rest of the day is at leisure.

## DAY 3- KUALA LUMPUR

Morning tour of the Countryside. Drive to the outskirts of the city, we will first cruise along the 'Ambassador Row', Istana Sharif Ali and Malay villages. Our first stop, the Royal Selangor Pewter, is exceptional craftsmanship. During the tour of the factory, you will get a chance to learn the different processes, such as casting, filing, polishing, soldering, hammering and engraving of pewter products. Next, we stop at a Batik Factory to see how batik is being designed and printed. Our last stop will be at the limestone hills of Batu Caves. A flight of 272 steps will lead up to the sacred Hindu temple cave where the shrine of Hindu deity, Lord Murugah lies. Another cave, called the museum cave, is filled with images of deities and murals depicting scenes from the Hindu scriptures. Return to hotel after tour. Rest of the day is at your own leisure to discover the good bargains and cozy cafes and restaurants of Kuala Lumpur, the happening city.

Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 4 - KUALA LUMPUR - TAMAN NEGARA

Meet at hotel lobby, for an overland journey to Kuala Tembeling Jetty. On arrival at Kuala

Trembeling, proceed to register yourself with the National Park and Wildlife Department. Board a motorised longboat for 3 hours ride to Kuala Tahan, the headquarters of Taman Negara. On route you will pass by local villages and lush tropical rainforest. Birds, monkeys, monitor lizards or water buffaloes may be along the river. Expected arrival at Kuala Tahan at 1700 hours. Check in at the 3\* Mutiara Taman Negara Resort. In the evening meet your guide at the Resort's reception who will give you a brief orientation introduction. Your first adventure will be a night jungle walk in the 130 million years old tropical rainforest. Take the boardwalk on a lookout for nocturnal insects amidst the chorus of the rainforest. Do note however, sighting of wildlife in the tropical forest due to its density, is a bonus. Overnight in air-conditioned chalet. (Night Walk is subject to weather change).

Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 5 - TAMAN NEGARA

Meet the guide and start with a jungle walk for 1½ hours up Teresik Hill. Walking along the boardwalk will reward you with a panoramic view of the tropical rainforest at the top of Teresek Hill. The guide will highlight to you the rich flora found enroute. On a clear day, you can see Mount Tahan, the highest mountain in Peninsular Malaysia. Before returning to the base, we will go on a canopy walkway, built 40 meters above the ground and 530 meters in length. You will experience the rainforest from a different perspective, as you will be closer to the top of the trees. In

the afternoon, we will take a motorised boat to the cataracts of Lata Berkoh. There is a deep pool delightful for swimming, resting or reading on the rocky area overlooking the river. We will stop over at Lubok Tenor Fish Sanctuary where a fascinating fish feeding experience awaits. Lubok Tenor, blessed with clear water (unless there is recent heavy rain) and many fish is the result of a successful ecotourism project involving local villagers and the government to create fish sanctuaries. Return to the resort. The boat will drift along the river quietly in search of wild birds and animals. However, sighting of wildlife is not guaranteed.

Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 6 - TAMAN NEGARA - KUALA TEMBELING - CAMERON HIGHLANDS

The boat for Kuala Tembeling departs at 0900 hours. This journey will take between 2 to 3 hours depending on water level. Proceed overland to Cameron Highlands which is located at 1542 meters above sea level, famed for its tea plantations and cool temperatures. Estimate to reach Cameron Highlands in late afternoon. Check in at the 4\* Strawberry Park Resort and rest of day is at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast.

## DAY 7 - CAMERON HIGHLANDS

Depart for an exploratory tour of Cameron Highlands, used as a highland retreat station for the British during the colonial days. Proceed for "Countryside Tour". Since the discovery of the Cameron Highlands by William Cameron in 1885, the highlands have





not only been transformed into a farming land and a retreat for the wealthy Chinese businessman but have also become the most popular destination for local and foreign holiday makers alike. In 1929, John Archibald Russell a Scottish, was the first person to be granted a piece of land to cultivate tea in this region. Today, his company Boh Plantations is the biggest tea grower in Malaysia. This half-day tour will take you to one of his plantations to watch the processing of black tea and later to sample various kind of tea in the tea house. After the tea break (on own account) we will visit local fruit and vegetable market, an apiary farm, butterfly garden, Chinese Buddhist temple, cactus and flower gardens and lastly a strawberry farm. Return to hotel after tour. Rest of the day is at your own leisure.

Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 8 - CAMERON HIGHLANDS – PANGKOR**

Early morning set off to Penang. En route visit the Sam Poh Tong cave temple. Thereafter stop at the Royal town of Kuala Kangsar for a spell of photographing of the exterior view only of Ubudiah Mosque, Iskandariah Palace and Istana Kenangan. Proceed further to Kuala Sepetang mangrove forest, the best-managed mangrove forest in Malaysia and one that serves a very important ecological role in protecting the coastline from erosion. Delight in the novelty of walking through natural mangrove forest on a boardwalk. Kuala Sepetang produces the bulk of the nation's top quality mangrove charcoal. Visit a charcoal kiln where charcoals are produced. Proceed to Marina Island Pangkor Jetty and by boat to the island of Pangkor Laut with

its charming mix of fishing settlements and resorts. Check in at the 5\* Pangkor Laut Resort.

Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 9 - PANGKOR – KUALA LUMPUR**

Transfer to Airport for your flight to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 10 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

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- ✓ 7 MEALS
- ✓ 7 BREAKFAST
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14 days from  
**€3599**

**27 OCTOBER - 09  
NOVEMBER**

**VISITING:  
EQUADOR - QUITO -  
AMAZON - PAPALACTA  
- LIMA - CUZCO - MACCHU  
PICCHU**

# Equador, Amazon, Peru & Machu Picchu

**DAY 1 - MALTA - ECUADOR**  
Flight Malta - Quito.

**DAY 2 - MALTA - ECUADOR**  
Arrive in Quito and transfer to the 4\*Hotel Quito.

**DAY 3 - QUITO**  
The morning's tour begins with a visit to the colonial section of Quito. Walk along the narrow cobblestone streets and feel the charm of 16th-century Quito. See the Independence Plaza, the Cathedral, Presidential Palace, and the Archbishop's Palace before visiting La Compañía Church or the Church of San Francisco. Afterwards, see the Middle of the World Monument, located at a latitude of 0°, and stand with one foot in the Northern and one in the Southern Hemisphere  
\*\*Please note that the itinerary may vary slightly based on local conditions and holidays, therefore La Compañía Church may be replaced with a visit to the Church of San Francisco.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 4 - QUITO - AMAZON**  
After breakfast, transfer by bus to La Punta Ahuano on the Napo River where you will board a canoe that will take you to your Amazon lodge, check in at the 3\* Casa Del Suizo. Enjoy the serene tranquility that the lodge has to offer and prepare to be amazed by both the wildlife and the culture inherent

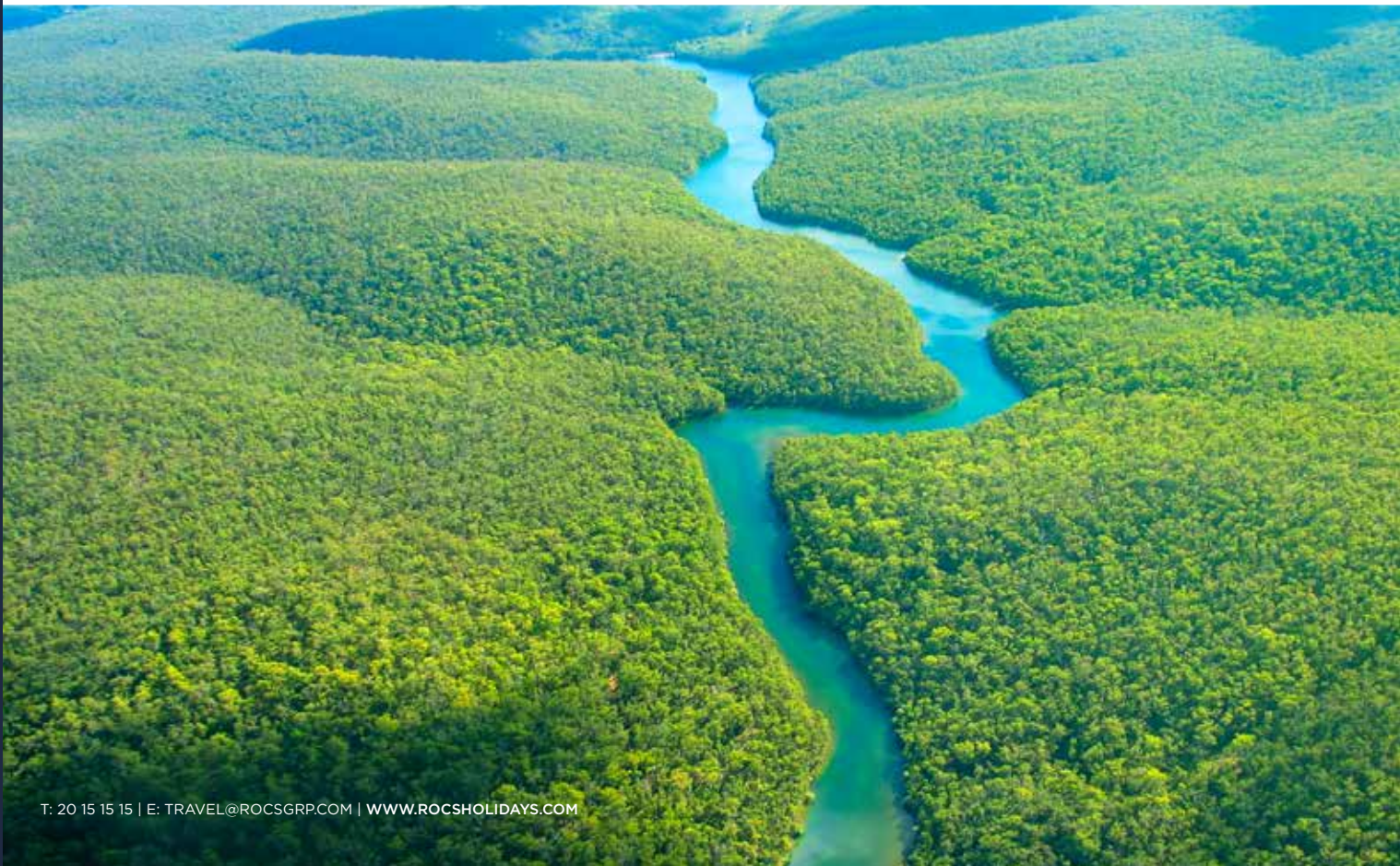
to the Amazon. In the afternoon, visit Ahuano to have the opportunity to meet a local Quechua family and learn about their way of life first hand before returning to the hotel  
\*\*Please note upon arrival the lodge is approximately a 5 -10 minute walk uphill from where passengers will exit the canoe.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**DAY 5 - AMAZON**  
This morning, after a short canoe ride you can hike through a rainforest for approximately two hours while viewing the beautiful flora and fauna up close. The Amazon rainforest is the world's largest ecosystem, so be sure to keep an eye out for the innumerable species of tropical plants and flowers, insects, and butterflies. Enjoy the views as you cross suspended bridges and fly through the jungle on a short zip line basket ride. At the end of the hike, enjoy a rafting trip on a traditional balsa log raft. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Consider a visit to the Butterfly Farm.  
\*\*Please note this is an active hike and sections of the path include steps. Also, those who participate in the rafting trip will need to step through the water to reach the raft and will get wet during the ride.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**DAY 6 - PAPALACTA - LIMA**  
This morning, board a canoe for the short trip to La Punta Ahuano and enjoy a scenic drive through small towns and villages to Papallacta, tucked away in the Andes

Mountains. Enjoy the Natural Hot Springs and have lunch before transferring to Quito Airport for your flight to Lima. Upon arrival, transfer to the 4\* Costa Del Sol Wyndham Salaverry hotel. Balance off the day at leisure  
\*Please note that a swimsuit is required to enter the Termas de Papallacta Spa and Thermal Pool.  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

**DAY 7 - LIMA**  
This morning, begin the day with a tour of Lima. Enjoy the sights of Peru's capital city with 2000 years of indigenous and colonial heritage before stopping at the San Francisco Monastery, famous for its 17th century architecture and world-renowned library. This afternoon, join your guide for a briefing about the wonderful tour that awaits you. Then, perhaps join the optional tour to the Larco Herrera museum, considered the best museum in Lima, located in an 18th century restored mansion. This museum holds one of the world's largest collections of pre-Columbian art. This evening, perhaps enjoy an optional Peruvian dinner and musical performance featuring typical dances. Experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of Peru all at once during this fun-filled evening. Tonight, have an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager for the Peruvian adventure that awaits you.  
**Optional:** Half Day Larco Herrera Museum (PM)  
**Optional:** Dinner & Show in Lima  
Meals: Breakfast.





**DAY 8 - LIMA - CUZCO**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cuzco is declared the Historical Capital by the Constitution of Peru and hosts nearly 1 million visitors every year. Check in at the 3\* Eco Inn Cuzco. Time permitting, meet children at a local school before transferring to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore on your own or participate in the optional Highlights of Cuzco tour that visits the Colonial Cathedral, Temple of the Sun, and the impressive fortress of Sacsayhuaman.

**Optional:** Half Day Highlights of Cuzco (PM)  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 9 - MACHU PICCHU**

Early this morning, transfer to the Sacred Valley's Ollanta Station and board the Inca Rail Tourist Train for the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site arriving in the early afternoon. Also known as "The Lost City of the Incas", Machu Picchu was built circa 1450 and abandoned only 100 years later. The purpose of this splendid city is still a mystery to modern historians. Enjoy exploring the ancient citadel and marveling at the imposing Temple of the Sun, the House of the Priest, the Sacred Plaza and the intricately carved rock likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. The images of this significant archaeological site will be a long-lasting memory. Check in at the 4\* El Mapi Hotel and in this evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 10 - CUZCO**

This morning, enjoy a little time at leisure before departing Aguas Calientes for your return to Cuzco. Upon arrival in Cuzco, transfer to the 3\* Eco Inn Cuzco hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**DAY 11 - CUZCO - LIMA**

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight back to Lima. Upon arrival, transfer to the 4\* Costa Del Sol Wyndham Salaverry hotel. Enjoy one last evening with the group and say goodbye to your Tour Manager at the Farewell Dinner.  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

**DAY 12 /13 - LIMA - MALTA**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to Malta.

**DAY 14 - MALTA**

Arrival in Malta.

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- ✓ 2 NIGHTS QUITO
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS AMAZON
- ✓ 3 NIGHTS LIMA
- ✓ 2 NIGHTS CUZCO
- ✓ 1 NIGHT AGUAS CALIENTES ( MACHU PICCHU)
- ✓ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ 16 MEALS - 9 BREAKFASTS, 3 LUNCH, 4 DINNERS
- ✓ SIGHTSEEING AS PER ITINERARY IN MODERN MOTOR COACH
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- ✓ ENTRANCE FEES AS PER ITINERARY

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS PER PERSON**

HALF DAY LARGO HERRERA MUSEUM (PM)	€ 55
DINNER & SHOW IN LIMA	€ 61
HALF DAY HIGHLIGHTS OF CUZCO (PM)	€ 77
SELVATURA HANGING BRIDGES (AM)*	€ 30
MANUEL ANTONIO CATAMARAN CRUISE (AM)	€80

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