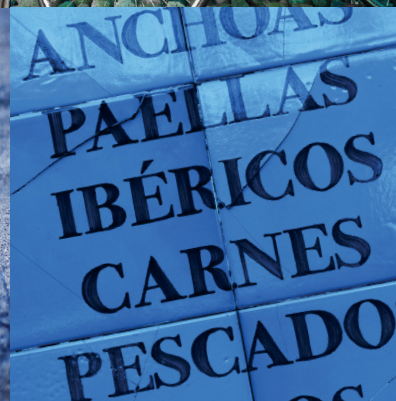




EUROPE

& THE MIDDLE EAST



2017

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The background of the page is a photograph of the Roman Aqueduct of Segovia, a two-story stone structure with multiple arches, set against a clear blue sky. The aqueduct is built from large, weathered stone blocks. The left side of the page features a vertical list of menu items, each in a dark blue bar with white text. The right side shows the full height of the aqueduct's arches, receding into the distance.

TRIP STYLES

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

WHAT'S HOT

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MOROCCO

WESTERN & CENTRAL EUROPE

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CYCLING ADVENTURES

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Welcome

to the Intrepid way of travel

Like for many of you, travel means more to me than just a holiday. It's introduced me to some wonderful people, taken me around the world and saved me from a finance job I didn't enjoy.

Travel is more than just the where. It's also about the how. That's why our commitment to responsible travel is so important to me. I like coming to work every day knowing that I'm doing my bit to deliver the best travel experience ever for our customers, and at the same time our business is giving back to the places we visit and the locals we meet along the way.

We're now the world's largest provider of adventure travel experiences, and that means it's our responsibility to be a leader in sustainable tourism. We're always looking for ways to improve, from carbon-offsetting our trips and putting a stop to elephant rides to recycling around the office.

2016 promises to be a big year for Europe. And for me. I'm planning a month-long break on the Adriatic Coast, and good food, wine and a little island-hopping will all be on my agenda. With so many European trips zig-zagging across the continent, it's easy to think there's no cobbled lane left un-wandered. But our team has come up with some really exciting stuff: there's the brand new Scandinavian food tour through Sweden, Norway and Denmark, a loop of Northern and Southern Ireland (our first time on the Emerald Isle) and a couple of 'hidden gem' itineraries in Northern Poland and the West Balkans. Even if you've done Europe a couple of times, we're confident you haven't done it like this.

Enjoy this brochure. I hope it sparks a flash of inspiration or maybe stokes a little European wanderlust.

James

James Thornton
Managing Director



Real life experiences

Sure, the highlights still take our breath away, but travel should be more than just ticking boxes. We think the real magic happens off the beaten track: joining a family for dinner in Spain or bonding with locals at a Russian bath house. Because it's those real life travel experiences – the most spontaneous and simple of moments – that stay with you long after you've returned home.

Eat, stay and live local

We design our trips from the ground up, which means using an experienced local leader, local transport and – wherever possible – small, locally run accommodation. Many of our trips include a night or two in a homestay, be it a family-run guesthouse in Bulgaria or an organic Tuscan winery. The best bit? You're getting an authentic experience while also contributing to the local economy.

Just the right balance

The best small group adventures strike the perfect balance between included activities and 'you time.' So while there's always an itinerary in place, we like to keep things flexible by giving you plenty of free time to explore on your own. After all, this is your adventure!

Travel made easy

We'll deal with the logistics of travel – organising itineraries, transport and accommodation – so you can focus on the fun stuff. Why spend hours agonising over every detail of your trip when you can leave it to the experts?

Small groups...

An average group size of 10

We take small-group travel literally. Numbers will vary depending on where and how you're travelling, but the average size of a tour is about ten people. We've found this is the perfect number to make new friends, without feeling like just another face in the crowd.

Fewer people means greater mobility

While larger tour groups are confined to big tourist sights and even bigger hotels, we're able to get around quickly and easily. Which means greater access to family homes, backstreet bodegas and truly local experiences.

...with local leaders

We realised early on that the best folks to show you the heart of a destination are, funnily enough, the ones that live there.

These are our leaders: travel experts and friendly locals who know their regions better than anyone. Whether it's helping you order off the menu in Split or introducing you to the village baker in rural Morocco, they're enthusiastic purveyors of grassroots experiences and your connection to the local community. Want to meet them?



Giorgos Ayfiotos, Greece

"This is my second time sailing with Giorgos and I would honestly sail with him to the ends of the earth."

~ Katrina Suhre, Greece Sailing Adventure



Osman Aksoy, Turkey

"Oz was welcoming, knowledgeable and went out of his way to ensure that he catered to everyone's needs. He is an excellent tour guide."

~ Louise Brennan, Classic Turkey

Trip Styles

Every one of our trips has a particular style. It's a way to help you pick the adventure that suits you best. Just the essentials, a bunch of inclusions or a little of both? The choice is yours.



Basix

FOR TRAVELLERS ON A BUDGET

These are amazing experiences at a great price. Basix trips use simple, convenient accommodation, travel on local transport where possible and include plenty of free time. Pick and choose inclusions to fit your budget.

INCLUSIONS

Lots of free time and optional extras, so you can tailor your trip to suit your budget. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

Clean, central, budget accommodation. Sometimes with shared facilities. Some itineraries feature homestays or unique accommodation, such as a retro hostel.

TRANSPORT

We predominately use local transport.



Original

THE ORIGINAL INTREPID STYLE

These are the trips we built our reputation on! Original trips offer a great mix of included activities and free time to explore on your own. They use centrally located hotels and come with a few meals along the way.

INCLUSIONS

A balance of free time and added inclusions, plus a couple of meals along the way. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

Simple, tourist-class hotels, close to the action. Some itineraries feature homestays or unique accommodation, such as a Tuscan apartment or Saharan desert camp.

TRANSPORT

A mix of local and private transport. Think taxis, trams, trains, vans or camels.



Comfort

MORE CREATURE COMFORTS

We've smoothed away adventure travel's rougher edges to craft a style of travel that has an added degree of... well, comfort. Enjoy a more relaxed pace, comfortable accommodation and lots of included activities.

INCLUSIONS

Plenty of included activities and some meals. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable hotels with private amenities and often with plenty of local character. Some itineraries feature homestays or unique accommodation, such as a Moroccan riad or a French chateau.

TRANSPORT

More private transport than Original style trips and shorter travel days.

Adventures for all tastes

Like our travellers, our trips come in all shapes and sizes – from active tours to family-friendly journeys, short breaks to epic overland adventures. In fact, we've dedicated whole sections of this brochure to our European and Moroccan Food, Cycling and Sailing trips. Whatever flavour, tempo or activity floats your boat, we've got it covered.

FOOD

All the highlights of an Explorer tour, seasoned with street food crawls, cooking classes and home cooked meals. **Page 72**

SAILING

Explore the hard-to-reach parts of a destination by sail or riverboat. No traffic jams, no delays – just endless horizons. **Page 82**

CYCLING

See the world on two wheels. Active, expertly guided cycling trips designed for all experience and fitness levels. **Page 78**

Plus a whole lot more...

Like to get the blood pumping? Check out our active trips in the **Pyrenees (pg 29)** or **Hike, Bike and Kayak Turkey (pg 63)**.

If you're the walking type, conquer **Mt Toubkal in Morocco (pg 21)** or take a hike around the **Italian Lake district (pg 41)**.

Or if you're in a city on a short break, check out our new three-day itineraries in **Abu Dhabi or Dubai (pg 71)**.

Look out for these symbols



We have no minimum numbers on most of our trips. Once you've booked, your trip will run as scheduled.



We offset our emissions each year by investing in highly accredited renewable energy products.

PHYSICAL RATING

Each of our trips has a physical rating, so you can tell how physically exerting a trip is and how fit you'll need to be to enjoy it. As a guide:

- Easy and relaxing
- Bring your walking shoes
- An average level of fitness required
- Action packed, physically demanding
- Full-on active adventure for the more agile traveller



Check out our best-selling trips.



REVERSE

These itineraries also run in the opposite direction.



COMBO

Highlights an adventure combining two or more trips.



Exciting new additions to our current range of itineraries.



Highlights trips that receive a traveller rating of over 4.75 out of 5.



WINTER DEP

A special departure that embraces all the delights of a winter wonderland.





Châteauneuf du Pape, Avignon, France - Liam Neal

Responsible travel

The world's an amazing place and we do what we can to keep it that way. Travel should benefit the places it touches, and we've made a commitment to be a responsible business and live this promise every single day.



BEING A RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

Being a responsible business is ingrained in who we are and what we do. As part of our commitment to the United Nations Global Compact (www.unglobalcompact.org), we report every year on our pledge to tackle global sustainability issues like climate change, labour standards, human rights and corruption.



INTREPID AND CARBON EMISSIONS

When you travel with us, you can relax in the knowledge that the carbon your trip generates has been offset. We offset our emissions each year by investing in highly accredited renewable energy projects. In 2010 the Intrepid group offices went carbon neutral.



SAY 'NO' TO PLASTIC

No matter where we are in the world, we encourage our travellers to go easy on buying plastic water bottles. And in Europe in particular, refilling your own drink bottle couldn't be easier. Many towns and cities have public drinking fountains where you can top up (there are over 2,500 of them in Rome alone). You'll get to enjoy fresh, cool, free water and help out the environment at the same time. We'll drink to that.

THE INTREPID FOUNDATION

Responsible travel is a big reason we do the things we do. It's why, way back in 2002, we set up The Intrepid Foundation. Its purpose was pretty simple: to empower travellers to make a difference and to help communities in the places we visit. Since it began, we've raised over AUD\$5m for 53 grassroots projects in 25 countries around the world, covering 100% of the administrative costs and doubling your donation, dollar for dollar*. Adventure may be what we do; this is the why.

HOW TO DONATE

You can donate to The Intrepid Foundation anytime: through your travel agent or Intrepid specialist, on The Intrepid Foundation homepage or during the online booking process. Learn more at theintrepidfoundation.org

*up to AUD 1,000 per donor and a total of AUD 400,000 for all donors each financial year (excludes emergency appeals).



Photo competition

Like what you see in this brochure? We're always on the lookout for great shots from our travellers. Enter our monthly photo competition for the chance to be featured in our brochures and social media, plus you'll go in the draw to win a swag of travel prizes.*

To enter, visit intrepidtravel.com/photo-competition

* Terms & conditions apply

Intrepid loyalty

Loyalty should be rewarded don't you think? And a reward should be a bit better than a hug coupon or a free cup of coffee. If you suffer from incurable wanderlust and end up taking nine Intrepid trips, we'll give you the tenth for FREE^, plus the coveted title of Intrepid Legend. We'll even throw in that hug coupon for good measure (you deserve it). It's just our little way of saying thanks.

Find out more at intrepidtravel.com/loyalty

^See website for terms & conditions

Private groups

If you'd like to adventure with your best buddies, your sports team or even a school group, most of our trips are also available as private departures. They come with all the excitement and inclusions of a regular departure, but we can tweak and adjust the details until they fit you just right.

Contact our team at groups@intrepidtravel.com for more details.



So you've just arrived in the Big City. You step outside the hotel, take a deep breath and... then what? Wouldn't it be great to have a local on-tap to show you all their favourite spots – the little bars, best cafes and cool underground galleries the tourists never find? Enter Urban Adventures, our day tours with a difference.



BIKE TOURS



DRINK TOURS



FOOD TOURS



HIKING TOURS



KAYAKING TOURS



CULTURAL TOURS



KEEP AN EYE OUT

We've scattered Urban Adventures throughout this brochure in boxes just like this one. They're like little red Easter eggs, only way more delicious.



**URBAN
ADVENTURES**
BEST. DAY. EVER.

Reykjavik

ICELAND

What's hot in 2017?

There's a lot to cover in this brochure, so here's a taste of what we're most excited about for 2017. We've got shiny new trips and beloved classics, pint-sized journeys and extra comfy ones, and a bit of a thing for destinations starting with the letter 'I' (Ireland or Iceland, anyone?). Flip to the end of the brochure and you'll find all of our European Food, Cycling and Sailing adventures divided into handy sections. Now for the hard part: deciding where to go. Good luck and bon voyage.



DESTINATION ICELAND

Maybe it's all those thermal springs, but Iceland is so hot right now. And so are our Iceland trips. **Pages 45-46**



NEW IRELAND VENTURE

Rolling hills, delicious beer...the grass really is greener in Ireland. Join us on a new Celtic journey. **Page 47**



BEST OF MOROCCO

From the Sahara Desert to the Atlas Mountains, check out our best selling Moroccan trip. **Page 17**



NEW COMFORT TRIPS

Treat yourself on new Comfort adventures through the Baltics or the Balkans. **Pages 49 & 54**



NEW SHORT BREAKS

Short stopover? Don't spend it in your hotel room. Discover Dubai or Abu Dhabi instead. **Page 71**





CYCLE CROATIA

This year, we're exploring Croatia on two wheels. In fact, we've got loads of new cycling trips. **Pages 78-81**



BEST OF ITALY

Discover La Dolce Vita on our signature Italy adventure (and one of our most popular trips). **Page 37**



REAL FOOD ADVENTURE GREECE

Food-obsessed? Take a bite into Greece and other delicious destinations on a Real Food Adventure. **Page 76**



SAILING & RIVERBOATING

What better way to see the Mediterranean than by yacht? Jump on board a European sailing trip. **Pages 82-87**

BASIX










Combo Trips

The possibilities are endless in Europe, so why not combine adventures and get the most out of this incredible continent. Our combination trips offer something for everyone.

TURN THESE...

ZMRS	Highlights of Spain 8 days, see page 28	ZMRR	Highlights of Italy 8 days, see page 39
ZMRF	Barcelona to Berlin 15 days, see page 30	ZMRC	Budapest & the Balkans 10 days, see page 55
AMRB	Berlin to Venice 15 days, see page 31	ZMRI	Dubrovnik to Venice 8 days, see page 55

...INTO A COMBO TRIP

	ZMRBC	Madrid to Berlin 22 days, enter ZMRBC on our website
	ZMRXC	Barcelona to Venice 29 days, enter ZMRXC on our website
	AMRRC	Berlin to Rome 22 days, enter AMRRC on our website
	ZMRWC	Madrid to Venice 36 days, enter ZMRWC on our website
	ZMRFC	Europe Explorer 36 days, enter ZMRFC on our website
	ZMRSC	Madrid to Rome 43 days, enter ZMRSC on our website
	ZMRVC	Budapest to Venice 17 days, enter ZMRVC on our website
	ZMRDC	Dubrovnik to Rome 17 days, enter ZMRDC on our website
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TURN THESE...

ZMSI
Explore Spain and Portugal
 15 days, see page 27

AMSF
Paris to Madrid
 15 days, see page 25

ZMSN
North Spain Discovery
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ZMSG
Best of Spain
 15 days, see page 25


XMSB
North Morocco Adventure
 9 days, see page 20


XMSF
South Morocco Discovery
 10 days, see page 20

ZMSH
Madrid to Marrakech
 15 days, see page 23

...INTO A COMBO TRIP


 **ZMSBC | Classic Spain**
 22 days, Madrid to Madrid
 enter zmsbc on our website

 **ZMSJC | Classic Spain & Portugal**
 22 days, Madrid to Madrid
 enter ZMSJC on our website

 **ZMSQC | Spain, Portugal & Morocco**
 24 days, Madrid to Marrakech
 enter ZMSQC on our website

 **AMSBC | Paris to Marrakech**
 29 days, enter AMSBC on our website

 **AMSQC | France & Spain**
 29 days, Paris to Barcelona
 enter AMSQC on our website

 **XMSQC | Morocco Encompassed**
 18 days, Casablanca to Marrakech
 enter XMSQC on our website

France, Spain, Portugal & Morocco



ORIGINAL Combo Trips



TURN THESE...

ZMSV	Best of Italy 15 days, see page 37
ZMSR	Umbrian Discovery 8 days, see page 42
ZMSS	Rome to Amalfi 8 days, see page 43
ZMSQ	Explore Southern Italy 10 days, see page 43

...INTO A COMBO TRIP

	ZMSDC	Classic Italy 21 days, Rome to Rome, enter ZMSDC on our website
	ZMSRC	Venice to South Italy 24 days, Venice to Bari, enter ZMSRC on our website
	ZMSSC	Rome to Southern Italy 17 days, Rome to Bari, enter ZMSSC on our website
	ZMSZC	Italy Uncovered 15 days, Venice to Amalfi, enter ZMSZC on our website






Central & South Eastern Europe



TURN THESE...

WMSI	Eastern Europe Express 8 days, see page 54
WMSB	Budapest to Bucharest 10 days, see page 54
ZMSM	Dubrovnik to Athens 15 days, see page 58
ZMSE	Athens to Santorini 8 days, see page 59
ZMSW	Athens to Santorini 8 days, see page 59
AMSB	Best of Central Europe 15 days, see page 34
WMSK	Balkan Adventure 15 days, see page 53
ZMSF	Explore Croatia 8 days, see page 56
ZMSY	Croatia & Slovenia 8 days, see page 56

...INTO A COMBO TRIP

	WMSEC	Eastern Europe Explorer 17 days, Budapest to Istanbul, enter WMSEC on our website
	ZMSEC	Dubrovnik to Santorini 22 days, Dubrovnik to Santorini, enter ZMSEC on our website
	ZMSAC	Best of Greece 15 days, Athens to Santorini, enter ZMSAC on our website
	AMSNC	Vienna to Dubrovnik 29 days, enter AMSNC on our website
	ZMSUC	Dubrovnik to Bled 15 days, Dubrovnik to Bled, enter ZMSUC on our website



ORIGINAL Combo Trips



Scandinavia, Baltics, Poland & Germany



Beijing to St. Petersburg








TURN THESE...

- AMSD** **A Taste of Scandinavia**
8 days, see page 48
- BMSH** **Scandinavia Explorer**
15 days, see page 48
- BMSE** **Baltic Experience**
15 days, see page 49

- CBSU** **Beijing to Moscow**
16 days, see page 50
- WMSR** **Moscow to St Petersburg**
8 days

...INTO A COMBO TRIP

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|  | BMSCC | Oslo to Berlin
29 days, enter BMSCC on our website |
|  | AMSAC | Berlin to Helsinki
22 days, enter AMSAC on our website |
|  | BMSHC | Helsinki to Oslo
22 days, enter BMSHC on our website |
|  | AMSOC | Scandinavia Circuit
36 days, Berlin to Berlin, enter AMSOC on our website |

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|  | CBSQC | Beijing to St Petersburg
23 days, enter CBSQC on our website |
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Morocco



Flavoursome tajines, palm-dotted landscapes and unrivalled hospitality define the Maghreb. It doesn't matter if you stay for one week or a month, any visit will open you to the warmth, vibrancy and spice of this Berber-Arab-Spanish-Portuguese-French melting pot. Whether you want to take it slow on a wander through the country's many splendid medinas or pick up the pace with an adrenaline-fuelled adventure through the High Atlas, Morocco has it all.



Get the blood pumping on our Active Morocco trip. Cycle through Marrakech, mountain bike through the Atlas Mountains and horse ride in Essaouira (page 21).



Experience Morocco like a local with a homestay in Moulay Idriss, or spend a night with the Berber people and learn about their traditional way of life (page 20).



From the coastal towns of the Rif Mountains to the chaotic streets of Marrakech, see it all on an immersive trip through north and south Morocco (page 18).

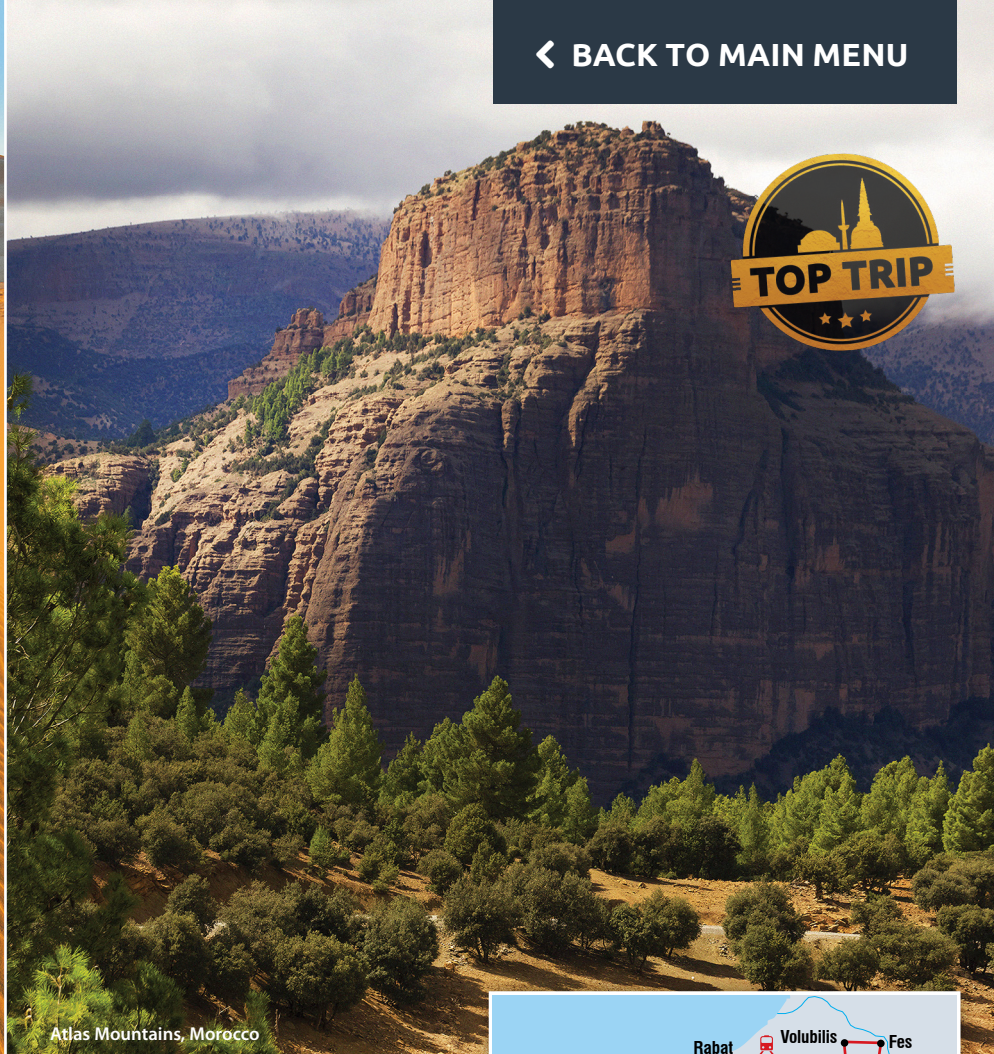
Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Marrakech												
Fes												
Essaouira												

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



Sahara, Morocco - Philippa Wishaw



Atlas Mountains, Morocco



Best of Morocco

15 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH



STYLE
ORIGINAL

TRIP CODE
XMSC

PHYSICAL
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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (8 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), camp site (1 nt), gite (1 nt), riad (2 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Private vehicle, train, camel, public bus, taxi



Journey through the Sahara desert on camel, snuggle down to a campfire-lit evening of Bedouin tales and fall asleep beneath the North African stars.

Trek through scenic countryside and learn about the fascinating traditions of the Berber people during a homestay in the Atlas Mountains.

Get caught up in the frenetic energy and splendour of Marrakech. At sunset, watch as Djemaa el-Fna transforms into a food-lovers paradise.

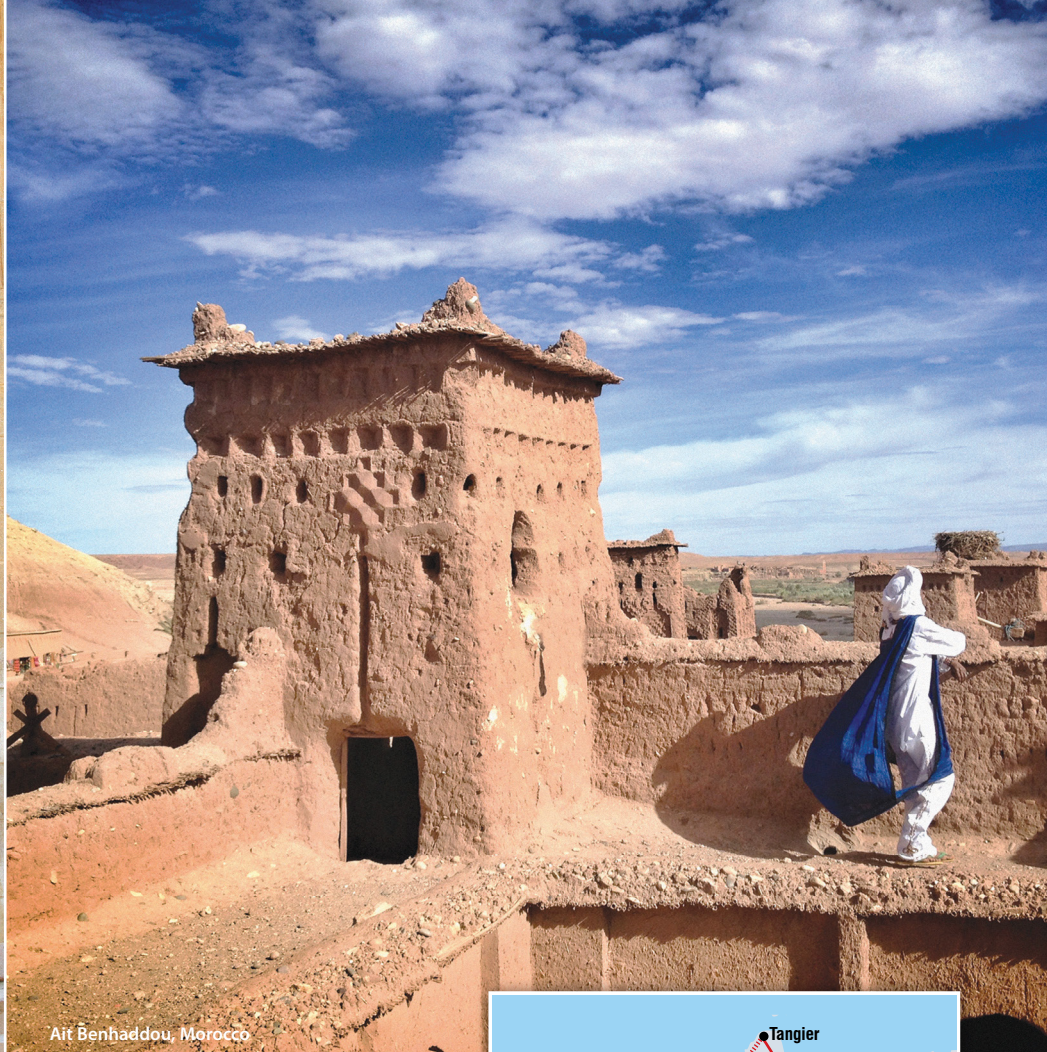
Day 1 Casablanca Welcome to Morocco. Discover the Art Deco influences of this famed city. **Day 2 Rabat/ Meknes** Stroll through Rabat's serene kasbah before journeying to Meknes, the site of Sultan Moulay Ismail's palace. **Days 3-4 Volubilis/Fes** Travel back to the days of the Roman Empire on a guided tour of the ruins of Volubilis. Wander the narrow alleyways of the medina in medieval Fes as the call to prayer floats over Fes el-Bali at dusk. **Day 5 Midelt** Journey through Morocco's cedar forests in the Middle Atlas Mountains to the peaceful rural village of Midelt. **Day 6 Sahara Camp** After a camel ride into the Sahara desert, attempt a climb of the towering dunes. Later, fall asleep in a desert camp under a blanket of stars. **Days 7-8 Todra Gorge** Wake early and watch a golden sunrise over the desert before heading to the impressive palmeries of Todra Gorge. **Day 9 Ait**

Benhaddou Pass through Morocco's film capital, Ouarzazate, on the way to the ancient fortified city of Ait Benhaddou. After exploring the streets of this clay kasbah at a relaxed pace, why not finish off the day with a meal of delicious couscous. **Day 10 Around** Today, head to the hills. Perched on a rocky outcrop, remote Around offers stunning views across Morocco. This is the perfect base for exploring the High Atlas Mountains and a chance to experience traditional Berber culture up close. **Days 11-12 Essaouira** With its Norfolk Island pines and colourful fishing boats, relaxed Essaouira is a gem. Get acquainted with the town's history on a guided walking tour. **Days 13-15 Marrakech** Explore the spice market in Marrakech and feast at a food stall in Djemaa el-Fna, or escape the buzz of the city in the Palais de la Bahia. Perhaps farewell Morocco with a final group dinner.

[VIEW DATES AND PRICES](#)



Rabat, Morocco - Philippa Wishaw



Ait Benhaddou, Morocco

Morocco Encompassed

18 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH



Get behind the scenes of Game of Thrones in Ait Benhaddou, a one-time stopover in the Sahara and now a filmmaker's heaven.

Hike the hills surrounding picturesque Chefchaouen, then refuel with goat's cheese among its striking blue and white dwellings.

Hop in a 4x4 to cross through the iconic landscape of the vast, sweeping Erg Chigaga sand dunes.

Day 1 Casablanca Get acquainted with the distinct architecture and European flavour of Casablanca.

Day 2 Rabat/Moulay Idriss See the historical sights of Rabat, Morocco's dignified capital, then continue southbound for a homestay in the ancient medina of Moulay Idriss. **Days 3-4 Volubilis/Fes** Enjoy a guided tour of Volubilis, a partly excavated Roman city. Spend some time exploring the one-time imperial city of Meknes, then hop aboard a train to Fes – the most complete medieval city in the Arab world. **Days 5-7 Chefchaouen/Tangier** A beguiling maze of blue and white dwellings nestled in the Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen is guaranteed to charm. Indulge in fresh seafood in the coastal town of Tangier before travelling on to Marrakech by overnight train. **Days 8-9 Marrakech** Be caught up in the intoxicating whirl of Marrakech. Shop for souvenirs, wander through

the atmospheric souqs and feast alfresco in Djemaa el-Fna. **Day 10 Aroumd** Venture into the High Atlas Mountains. Spend the night with a local family in a gite looking out on Mount Toubkal. **Day 11 Ait Benhaddou** Take a wander through the grand kasbah of Ait Benhaddou, a film set used in such Hollywood films as Lawrence of Arabia and Gladiator. **Day 12 Zagora** Set out on a drive through the legendary Sahara to the small oasis town of Zagora. **Day 13 Sahara Camp** Travel along rugged mountain ranges, through seas of sand and past the occasional desert oasis of date palms. **Day 14 Taroudant** Cross argan oil landscape to spend the night in a riad. **Days 15-16 Essaouira** Stroll along the scenic seaside ramparts of Essaouira and check out its galleries and attractive eateries. **Days 17-18 Marrakech** Go last-minute souvenir hunting in the city's souqs or get lost in the dazzle of Djemaa el-Fna.



STYLE
ORIGINAL

TRIP CODE
XMSQC

PHYSICAL
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- Maximum group size 16
- Hotel (10 nts), guesthouse (1 nt), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), gite (1 nt), riad (3 nts), desert camp (1 nt)
- 15 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- Train, taxi, private vehicle, public bus, overnight sleeper train, 4x4, camel



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Moroccan salad - Jo Stewart



Chefchaouen, Morocco

Morocco Uncovered

13 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH



STYLE
COMFORT

TRIP CODE
XMKC

PHYSICAL
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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt), gite (2 nts), riad (3 nts)



12 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners



Private vehicle

Visit the grand Mosque of Hassan II in Casablanca which, with the world's tallest minaret, is one of the most impressive temples in Morocco.

Encounter the Morocco of old in medieval Fes – a vibrant medina of carpet sellers, metal workers and leather tanneries.

Join the nightly carnival of acrobats, fortune-tellers, dancers and medicine men that colour Marrakech's Djemaa el-Fna square.

Days 1-2 Casablanca/Meknes Welcome to Casablanca, Morocco's most contemporary city. Pay a visit to the grand Hassan II Mosque, which has the tallest minaret in the world. Travel to the imperial cities of Rabat and Meknes and discover the old ways of Morocco's imperial society. **Day 3 Chefchaouen** Visit the city of Chefchaouen, named one of the prettiest places in Morocco thanks to its striking blue and whitewashed houses. **Days 4-5 Fes** Step back into the Middle Ages in the labyrinthine Fes Medina, which is alive with craftsmen, markets, tanneries and mosques. Enjoy a taste of one of the city's signature dishes, the salty and sweet pastille. **Day 6 Midelt** Visit the Berber village of Midelt and stretch your legs with a hike around a Bremmen village. Be prepared for some astonishing views of the Atlas Mountains, with snowy peaks almost touching the sky. **Day 7 Sahara** Saddle up for

a brief and bumpy camel ride through the Sahara. Camp out in the desert and try some local cuisine while you sit around an open fire, enjoying lively music and dancing under the stars. **Days 8-9 M'Goun Valley** Arrive in the M'Goun Valley and hike through the surrounding Berber villages. Enjoy an overnight stay in a traditional Berber house. **Day 10 Ait Benhaddou** Take a stroll around the fortified city of Ait Benhaddou, the red jewel of Morocco. Now a World Heritage site, this town is a visual treasure and has been used in the TV series Game of Thrones and several movies, including The Mummy, Gladiator and Babel. **Days 11-13 Marrakech** After spending a few days in the Moroccan countryside, arrive in Marrakech to a mind-blowing sensory overload. Explore the spice market, and feast at a food stall in Djemaa el-Fna. Perhaps farewell Morocco with a final group dinner.

VIEW DATES AND PRICES



Essaouira, Morocco



North Morocco Adventure



9 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH

Experience a homestay with a charming local family at Moulay Idriss. Widely considered Morocco's holiest place, this town was off limits to non-Muslims as recently as 2005.

Visit the picturesque and vividly blue houses of Chefchaouen, one of Morocco's prettiest towns. Wander the medina and the memorable kasbah.

Day 1 Casablanca Ease into the Moroccan way of life with a glass of sweet mint tea at one of the city's many great cafes. **Day 2 Rabat/Moulay Idriss** Travel to Rabat and see monuments spanning the history of Morocco. Spend the night in the sacred hilltop town of Moulay Idriss with a local family homestay. **Days 3-4 Volubilis/Fes** Discover remarkable mosaics on a tour of the Volubilis ruins and visit the imposing gates and walls of Meknes. Head to Fes for a wander through the maze-like alleyways of the city's atmospheric medina. **Days 5-7 Chefchaouen/Tangier** Watch the world go by in charming Chefchaouen, the perfect place to relax. Travel to Morocco's northern coast town of Tangier and perhaps indulge in fresh seafood before making the journey to Marrakech aboard an overnight train. **Days 8-9 Marrakech** This North Morocco Adventure finishes among the sights, scents and sounds of Marrakech. Go souvenir shopping in the many souqs and enjoy a day of free time.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (6 nts), guesthouse (1 nt), overnight sleeper train (1 nt)



6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner



Train, taxi, private vehicle, public bus, overnight sleeper train

South Morocco Discovery



10 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Negotiate your way through the winding alleys of Ait Benhaddou Kasbah, a superb example of Moroccan architecture that is rich in history and mystery.

Travel through the Sahara desert in a camel convoy, enjoy an evening beside the campfire listening to Bedouin tales, and sleep under the North African stars.

Day 1 Marrakech Marvel at the spectacle of Marrakech – mingle with the fortune-tellers at Djemaa el-Fna or dine alfresco at the night stalls. **Day 2 Aroumd** Experience a traditional Berber homestay, staying in a mountain gite with incredible views of the High Atlas Mountains. **Day 3 Ait Benhaddou** Explore the grand Ait Benhaddou kasbah, Morocco's internationally acclaimed film set. **Day 4 Zagora** Embark on a journey towards the mighty Sahara, through the lush Draa Valley and on to Zagora. **Day 5 Sahara Camp** Enjoy a camel expedition across the Sahara at dusk and spend the night under the stars. **Day 6 Taroudant** Look out for the unusual sight of goats atop argan trees on the way to the market town of Taroudant. **Days 7-8 Essaouira** Travel to the seaside gem of Essaouira. Browse the plentiful shops and intriguing art galleries or simply relax by the beach. **Days 9-10 Marrakech** Leave the coast behind and get lost in the mayhem of Marrakech's many souqs.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (4 nts), gite (1 nt), riad (3 nts), desert camp (1 nt)



9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



4x4, private vehicle, camel

Expedition Morocco

Walk with the Berbers over the blazing sands of southeast Morocco on a new off-the-map adventure. Camp with a nomadic Ait Atta family, visit tiny villages and help out with daily chores such as animal herding and bread baking.

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Atlas Mountains, Morocco - Philippa Wishaw

Active Morocco

7 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Discover the vibrant city of Marrakech from a different perspective – bike through the main sites and enjoy a freshly-squeezed orange juice at the end of your ride.

Gallop on horseback through the sandy beaches and mimosa forests of Morocco's spectacular coastline.

Day 1 Marrakech Come face to face with snake-charmers, henna painters and more at Djemaa el-Fna.

Day 2 Marrakech/Bike Tour Enjoy a leisurely bike ride across mystical Marrakech, where you'll encounter the King's Palace, Medina Market and the Koutubia Mosque. **Day 3 Essaouira Day Trip/Horse Riding** Visit the charming whitewashed city of Essaouira on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. Saddle up for a horseback ride across the sandy beaches. **Day 4 Around/Mountain Biking** After a thrilling day spent mountain bike riding in the Atlas Mountains, enjoy the hospitality of a local Berber family with a homestay. **Day 5 Around/Trekking** Hike up to 2,684 metres above sea level and be rewarded with sweeping views of the Imilil and Atlas Mountains.

Days 6-7 Marrakech After a big week, recharge at a traditional Moroccan hamman. Still feeling energetic? Head out on an optional quad bike tour. Take the time to savour the sights of Marrakech before you leave.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (5 nts), gite (1 nt)



6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Private vehicle, taxi, bike, horseback



Mount Toubkal Trek

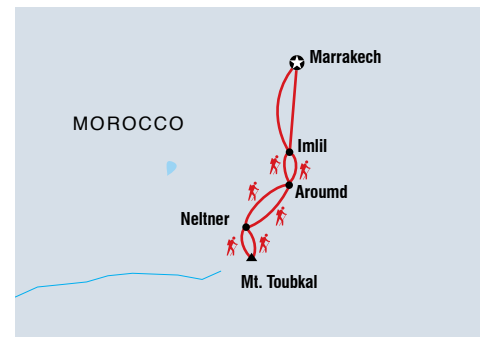
8 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Ascend the dizzying heights of mighty Mount Toubkal – the highest peak in North Africa – and enjoy its unequalled views of the Moroccan landscape.

Experience a traditional homestay in the Atlas Mountains, a great way to learn about Morocco's traditional Berber people and their customs.

Day 1 Marrakech Encounter ancient medina lanes, mosques and riads in Marrakech. **Day 2 Around** Marvel at the High Atlas' snow-covered peaks as you leave Morocco's capital for the village of Aroumd. Experience local culture on a homestay in a typical Berber house. Acclimatise to the altitude with a scenic hike in the surrounding mountains. **Days 3-4 Neltner Hut/Mt Toubkal Summit** Conquer Mt Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak, on a challenging two-day hike. The trail begins in Aroumd, where it weaves through the Ait Mizane Valley and into the base camp at Neltner Hut. After scrambling up the final climb, you'll be rewarded with some spectacular views of the entire Atlas range. **Day 5 Around** Enjoy afternoon walks in the stunning mountains or just relax after returning from the highest peak of Morocco. **Days 6-8 Marrakech** Polish up on your bargaining skills and hit the souqs for leather goods, pottery and jewellery. Venture out and discover Marrakech's many attractions.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (3 nts), gite (2 nts), refuge (2 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Private vehicle

Western & Central Europe



Home to some of the world's most iconic monuments, Western and Central Europe is sure to thrill with its eclectic combination of architectural feats, classical art, diverse eateries and ancient heritage-listed sites. Grab a pen and prepare to start crossing off your bucket list – Louvre, Colosseum, Sagrada Familia, Brandenburg Gate – and discover a few lesser-known wonders sprinkled along the way. Feel the pulse of history surround you, with untold secrets to be found down every cobbled street.



We've carved up Europe like a fine Iberico ham, with a mixture of long, short, regional and country-focused tours ready to slot into your itinerary! Be limited only by your imagination.



Northern Spain's Camino Trail is considered one of the world's most arduous but spectacular walking tracks. Hike along a section of the trail yourself on a 10-day trek adventure (page 29).



Rediscover the magic of Christmas and watch the festive season play out in its birthplace. Snow, fairy lights, delicious mulled wine and some of the best markets in the world are yours for the taking on our popular Christmas Markets of Central Europe trip (page 35).

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Switzerland

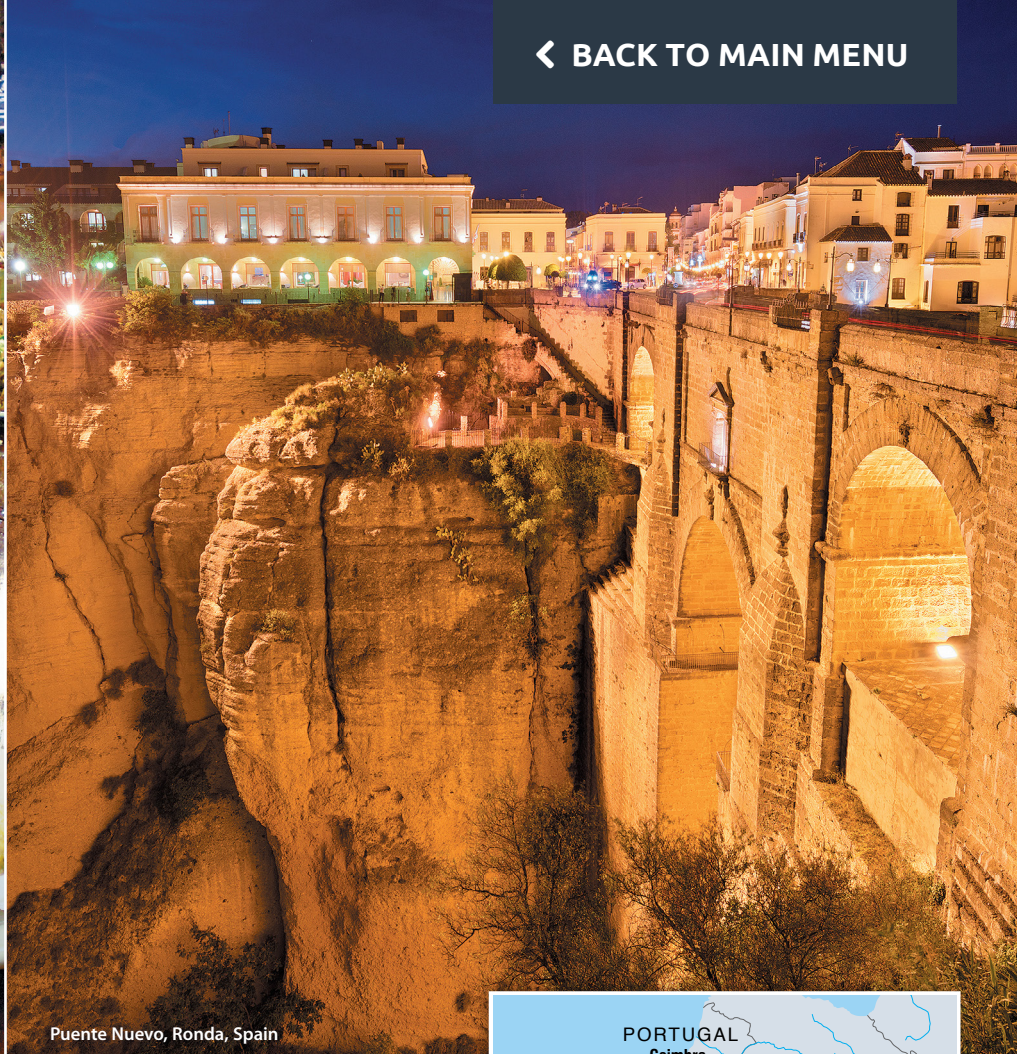
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- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



Tapas bar, San Sebastian, Spain - Winnie Yau



Puente Nuevo, Ronda, Spain

Madrid to Marrakech

15 DAYS, MADRID TO MARRAKECH



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (12 nts), pension (2 nts)



8 Breakfasts



Metro, public bus, private vehicle, train, ferry

Day 1 Madrid Welcome to Madrid, Spain's sassy capital of elegant boulevards, top-notch galleries and much too delicious tapas. **Day 2 Salamanca** Soak up the student vibe in the university city of Salamanca. Situated amid the beautiful pastures and rolling green hills on Spain's northern plateau, this rose-hued medieval town is great for exploring on foot. **Days 3-4 Coimbra** Cross the Portuguese border into Coimbra, a laidback but dignified city of white stone architecture, full-bodied wines and deliciously spicy cuisine. **Days 5-6 Lisbon** Explore multicultural Lisbon. With its towering medieval citadel, terracotta rooftops and many interesting museums, it's one of Europe's most charming cities. Lisbon's immediate surrounds also invite further exploration. The 8th-century Castle of the Moors looks down on the old town, and the views from the battlements across the Serra de Sintra

mountain range are stunning. **Days 7-8 The Algarve** Venture further afield to the southern coastline of Portugal. Get a feel for Olhao's North African heritage, pottering through its Moorish buildings and bustling lanes. Bliss out on the beach or take a walk along Rua 5 de Outubro, the eastern Algarve's food mile. **Day 9 Seville/Tarifa** Explore the orange-scented streets in beautiful Seville before travelling to Tarifa. **Days 10-11 Chefchaouen** Cross the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry and get to work exploring Chefchaouen, a sleepy Rif Mountains town characterised by its delightful blue and white buildings. **Days 12-13 Fes** Step back in time in the city of Fes, a medieval medina thick with exotic smells, tastes and sounds. **Days 14-15 Marrakech** Find everything from genie lamps to leather slippers in the medina of Marrakech, then get caught up in the buzz of Djemaa el-Fna.

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Marrakech, Morocco - Eliza Elliot

Marrakech to Barcelona

15 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO BARCELONA



Dine on tagine, couscous and sizzling meats in Djemaa el-Fna, Marrakech's largest outdoor food market.

Get lost in Granada's charming Albayzin, a World Heritage-listed Moorish neighbourhood, before visiting the famous hilltop fortress of the Alhambra.

Discover the eccentric modernist architecture of Antonio Gaudi, who made Barcelona his artistic playground.

Day 1 Marrakech Jump into the colour and chaos of Marrakech's souqs. See the Koutoubia Mosque or just kick back at the Djema el-Fna and watch the jugglers and palm readers in action. **Day 2 Casablanca** Spend time exploring Morocco's Moorish architecture in Casablanca. A visit to the ornate Hassan II Mosque is a must. **Days 3-4 Fes** After encountering modern-day Morocco in Rabat, step back in time with a walk through the medieval streets of Fes' medina. Discover the pungent scents of the tanneries and drop by a ceramics factory to witness potters at work. **Day 5 Mouladay Idriss** Explore the ancient Roman city of Volubilis before getting an insight into Islamic pilgrimage during a night's stay in Moulay Idriss, one of Morocco's holiest towns. **Day 6 Tangier** Encounter old-world sights and sounds in Tangier's kasbah or rub shoulders with locals along the city's

seaside promenade. **Days 7-8 Seville** Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Seville. Known for its fiestas, tapas and enormous Gothic cathedral, this Spanish city is alive with remnants of the past. **Days 9-10 Granada** Discover slices of Islamic architecture around every corner in this beautiful Moorish city. Explore the old Arab quarter of Albayzin and make certain to visit the ancient palace of Alhambra. **Days 11-12 Madrid** Delve through Spanish history in Madrid's many museums and galleries. Renowned for its rich repositories of European art – including the Prado Museum's works by Goya, Velázquez and other Spanish masters – Madrid is the place to get your fix of art. **Days 13-15 Barcelona** Finish the tour in much-loved Barcelona. In a city bursting with history, art, architecture, beaches and amazing food, staying on a few extra days here might be your only option!



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (13 nts), guesthouse (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Taxi, train, public bus, ferry, private vehicle, metro

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MADRID TAPAS ADVENTURE

If you want to experience the real Madrid, do as the locals do and nibble and chomp your way through the city. From Madrid's oldest taverns to its modern hip hangouts, indulge in the city's delectable tapas culture.

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Granada, Spain

Paris to Madrid

15 DAYS, PARIS TO MADRID



Hike through the forests and slopes of the Pyrenees Mountains. This mighty range separates the Iberian peninsula from the rest of Europe.

Experience the Basque way of life – summery climes, delectable pintxos (tapas) and a heady nightlife – along the sandy shores of San Sebastian.

Day 1 Paris Upon arrival in Paris, choose to relax in the Jardin du Luxembourg, go shopping in Le Marais or scale the Eiffel Tower. **Days 2-3 Tours** Venture into the charming Loire Valley, a region renowned for its wealth of art, history and medieval houses. **Days 4-5 Dordogne Region** Travel into the Dordogne region. Kayak past stunning chateaux. **Days 6-7 Bordeaux** Step back in time in the World Heritage-listed Old Town of Bordeaux. **Days 8-9 Pyrenees** Head into the spectacular Pyrenees Mountains. Take in crisp mountain air and awe-inspiring views while enjoying a day of hiking. **Days 10-11 San Sebastian** Travel to Spain and make tracks for the sunny playground of San Sebastian. **Days 12-13 Segovia** Continue on to the walled city of Segovia and visit the fairytale castle of Alcazar. **Days 14-15 Madrid** Discover the captivating Spanish capital, a city bursting with exquisite architecture, superb museums and spectacular nightlife.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (14 nts)



4 Breakfasts



Bicycle, kayak, public bus, train, private vehicle, metro, tram, taxi

Best of Spain

15 DAYS, MADRID TO BARCELONA



Experience the fiery passion and rhythm of a traditional flamenco dance performance in Seville.

Tour Cordoba's great mosque of Mezquita, one of the world's most accomplished examples of Moorish architecture.

Day 1 Madrid Arrive in Spain's art and culture capital. **Days 2-3 Granada** Explore the Muslim Quarter of Albayzin, a maze of alleyways with sweeping views of the Sierra Nevada. **Days 4-5 Seville** Revel in the city known as the tapas capital of Spain. See the world's largest Gothic cathedral and its imposing Moorish tower or enjoy the tranquil gardens of Parque de Maria Luisa. **Days 6-7 Costa de la Luz** Travel to Costa de la Luz, perhaps taking an optional day tour across the border to the British territory of Gibraltar. **Day 8 Ronda** Leave the Andalusian hills and journey on to Ronda, a whitewashed town split in half by a deep chasm and joined by the amazing Puente Nuevo. **Days 9-10 Cordoba** Discover the mesh of Muslim, Jewish and Christian cultures in the southern city of Cordoba. **Days 11-12 Valencia** Visit Valencia's cathedral (which reputedly houses the Holy Grail). **Days 13-15 Barcelona** Explore the Gothic Quarter or visit the Picasso Museum before saying 'hasta luego'.

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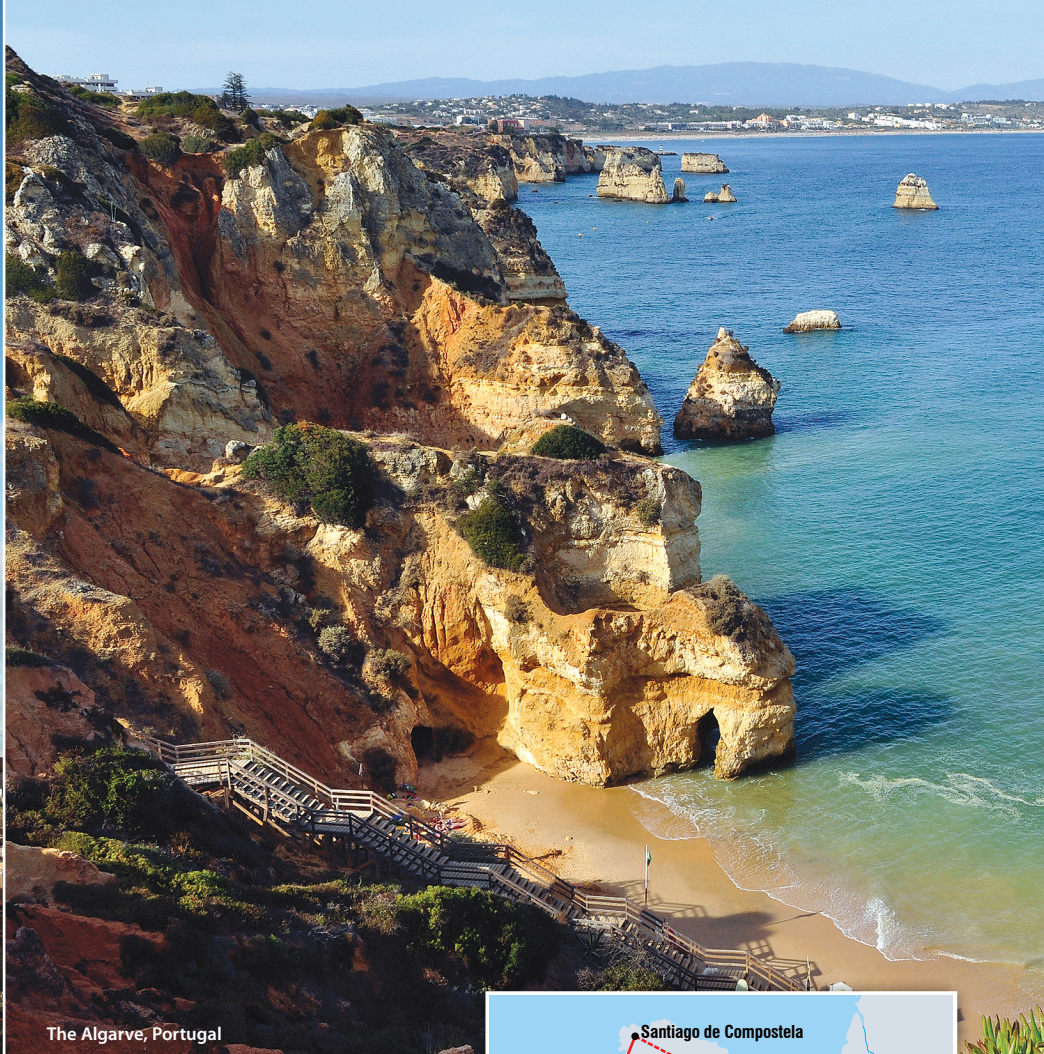
3 Breakfasts



Metro, train, taxi, public bus



Santiago de Compostela, Spain



The Algarve, Portugal

Classic Spain & Portugal

22 DAYS, MADRID TO MADRID



Join pilgrims for the last leg of the Camino de Santiago, finishing up in Santiago de Compostela's extraordinary cathedral.

Rub shoulders with Barcelona's chic residents in the city's lively bars, atmospheric eateries and eclectic galleries.

Bursting with delicious local produce and wine, Logrono just begs to be explored on a tapas crawl. Delicioso!

Day 1 Madrid Embrace the Madrilenian spirit of living the good life by hitting the city's many museums, restaurants, shopping strips and bars. **Days 2-3 Granada** Walk amid the grand rooms, towering domes, glorious gardens, perfectly proportioned courtyards and ornate fountains of the Alhambra Palace in Granada. **Days 4-5 Seville** Experience the electric atmosphere of an authentic flamenco performance in Seville and witness the collision of music, dance, passion and drama. At night, make the most of Seville's reputation as Spain's tapas capital by munching through as many mouth-watering dishes as possible. **Days 6-7 The Algarve** Travel by bus across fertile plains dotted with olive groves, orange orchards and maize fields to the Algarve, mainland Portugal's stunning southern coastal region. **Days 8-9 Lisbon** Get acquainted with Portugal's dynamic capital on

an orientation walk. **Days 10-11 Porto** Indulge in a port tasting in Porto, the namesake of this sweet fortified wine. **Days 12-13 Santiago de Compostela** Witness weary pilgrims finishing the famous Camino de Santiago walk. **Days 14-15 Barcelona** Encounter progressive art, superb dining and electric nightlife in Barcelona. **Day 16 Pamplona** Meander down the winding alleys of Pamplona and step inside ornate buildings such as Pamplona's Gothic cathedral. **Days 17-18 Logrono** Head to Logrono in the far north of Spain, well known for its delicious Rioja wine. **Days 19-20 San Sebastian** Experience firsthand why San Sebastian is the perfect place for sun, fun and relaxation. **Days 21-22 Madrid** Return to magical Madrid, a city overflowing with world-class art galleries, atmospheric city squares, manicured parks and gardens, and heaving nightclubs and bars.



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Hotel (19 nts), pension (2 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner



Plane, metro, public bus, train, taxi



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Explore Spain & Portugal

15 DAYS, MADRID TO BARCELONA



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (12 nts), pension (2 nts)



6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Plane, metro, public bus, train, taxi

Starting off at the Museo del Prado and finishing at Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, be awed by the creations of the Spanish masters along Madrid's Paseo del Arte.

Unwind in a laidback fishing village along the Algarve on Portugal's scenic southern coastline.

Lisbon and Porto are two of Portugal's most visited cities for good reason. Tour the capital's medieval fortress, then sweeten your day with a port tasting.

Day 1 Madrid Before meeting the group in the afternoon, perhaps go for a self-guided walk along the Paseo del Arte. Beginning with the Museo del Prado, the leisurely walk includes modern Spanish masters such as Picasso and Dali. **Days 2-3 Granada** Bask amid the grand rooms, towering domes and glorious gardens of the Alhambra Palace in Granada. In free time, roam through Granada's alluring Arab Quarter, Albayzin, where the charm of spacious plazas and labyrinthine streets is enhanced by sweeping views of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. **Days 4-5 Seville** Travel by train to Seville, the capital of Andalusia and birthplace of flamenco and tapas. **Days 6-7 The Algarve** Explore Faro's picturesque marina, hit one of the beaches the Algarve is famous for, or dawdle among historic buildings that date back to Moorish times. **Days 8-9 Lisbon** Find your bearings

in Portugal's dynamic capital on an orientation walk. Visit the medieval citadel perched atop a hill for an incredible view of Lisbon's attractive cityscape – white houses, terracotta rooftops and deep blue ocean. Visit the medieval citadel of Sao Jorge Castle, which dates back to Moorish times and sits on the highest point of the Old Town. **Days 10-11 Porto** Learn the inside story of port during a sampling session, then while an afternoon away among the twisting alleys and baroque marvels of the World Heritage-listed Ribeira district. **Days 12-13 Santiago de Compostela** Be surrounded by piety in Santiago de Compostela and witness religious fervour in the cathedral where St James – one of the 12 Apostles – is apparently buried. **Days 14-15 Barcelona** Encounter an unrivalled appreciation for art, architecture and the wee hours in thumping Barcelona.

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Cuenca, Spain



Paella, Valencia, Spain

North Spain Discovery

8 DAYS, BARCELONA TO MADRID



While in Barcelona, make sure to try traditional Catalan dishes such as fideua (a seafood paella) and botifarra amb mongetes (haricot beans served with sausage).

Weave through the winding alleyways of Pamplona to the city's imposing Gothic Cathedral.

Day 1 Barcelona Set off to explore the heady streets of Barcelona. See great works of art in the Picasso Museum, soak up the festive vibe of Las Ramblas, or catch the funicular to Montjuic for sweeping views of the city.

Day 2 Pamplona Get acquainted with Pamplona on a walking tour, learning how the town has served as both a military stronghold and an important point on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail for centuries. **Days 3-4 Logrono** Head to Logrono, which is well known for its delicious Rioja wine. Drop by the wine museum to learn more about this area's famous drop, then head out on a tapas crawl around town. **Days 5-6 San Sebastian** Experience firsthand why this seaside city, with its beautiful Old Town, lively beach scene and plethora of pintxos bars, is the perfect place for sun, fun and relaxation. **Days 7-8 Madrid** Make yourself at home in Madrid, a city overflowing with world-class art, atmospheric city squares, excellent restaurants and heaving nightclubs.

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Hotel (7 nts)



1 Breakfast, 1 Dinner



Metro, train, public bus, cable car

Highlights of Spain

8 DAYS, MADRID TO BARCELONA



Still a work in progress 130 years after construction began, Barcelona's Gothic masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia, embodies the city's artistic and progressive spirit.

Roman, Muslim and Christian legacies merge in the churches and mosques of Cuenca, a Spanish city ideal for exploring on foot.

Days 1-2 Madrid Welcome to Spain's sassy capital. Art enthusiasts will be mesmerised by the Paseo del Arte, which offers a panoramic perspective of Western art history, while food-lovers will appreciate the vast array of bars and eateries on offer. **Day 3 Cuenca** Take a train out to charming Cuenca and explore the Old City, a medieval wonder turned World Heritage site. Perhaps venture out to the Museum of Spanish Abstract Art or visit the city's impressive gothic cathedral. **Days 4-5 Valencia** Head east for a taste of Spain on the Mediterranean. Don't leave town without sampling the city's world-famous paella! **Days 6-8 Barcelona** Hop aboard a train to Barcelona and discover the city's gothic architecture and lively art scene. Wander through the labyrinthine streets of the Old Gothic Quarter, admire the intriguing Sagrada Familia cathedral and, if time allows, take a funicular to the top of Montjuic or Tibidabo for panoramic views of the city and harbour.

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Hotel (7 nts)



2 Breakfasts



Metro, train, local bus



The Pyrenees, Andorra



A Camino de Santiago marker

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Active in the Pyrenees

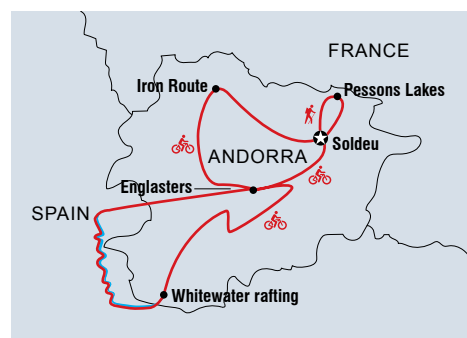
8 DAYS, SOLDEU TO SOLDEU

Cycle the scenic trails of Port de Cabus in the Pyrenees, the dramatic mountain pass that marks the Andorran-Spanish border.

Get the blood pumping on a zip-lining adventure over the rushing whitewaters of the Cortals Valley.

Day 1 Soldeu Settle into Soldeu, a quaint village located in the tiny land of Andorra. **Day 2 Pessons Lakes** Enjoy spectacular views across the Andorran peaks while acclimatising to the heights of the Pyrenees. **Day 3 Mountain Biking/Zip Lining** Hop into the seat for a scenic cycling adventure through the Cortals Valley. Stop along the way for a zip-lining ride through the trees. **Day 4 Rafting** Grab a paddle, get courageous and hit the water for an exhilarating whitewater rafting trip. **Day 5 Free Day** Enjoy a day of rest or perhaps pay a visit to the thermal baths of La Caldea. **Day 6 Iron Route** Cycle past mines, mills and forges on a mountain bike ride through the mountains. **Day 7 Walking** One of the prettiest valleys in Andorra, Incles is the perfect spot for a walk through meadows of wildflowers and forests of pine on the way to the Querol and Salamander lakes. **Day 8 Soldeu** Rest up or squeeze in some tax-free shopping before your trip ends.

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Chalet (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners



Private bus



Explore the Camino Way

10 DAYS, BILBAO TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Hike along the most impressive sections of one of history's greatest walks, the Camino de Santiago.

Taste the Galician way of life with a home-cooked meal in an 18th-century hamlet near Santiago de Compostela.

Day 1 Bilbao Start this active adventure with a casual night-time stroll around the beautiful streets of Bilbao. **Days 2-3 Burgos** Hop into the saddle for a leisurely bike tour across the city. Finish off with a sampling of pintxos in the Old Quarter. The following day, limber up and begin walking on the famed Camino de Santiago for a 12-kilometre stretch. **Day 4 Leon** From Hornillos, continue walking along the Camino, stopping along the way to try local cuisine in small tavernas. **Day 5 Bierzo Valley** Enjoy more wonderful scenery on this 10-kilometre walk, visiting a winery to taste the local drop. **Day 6 Sarria** Hit the pilgrim trail for an easy walk that stops in at the town of O Cebreiro. **Day 7 Palas De Rei** Take part in a cooking class and enjoy a dinner of local specialties after a wonderful day of walking. **Days 8-10 Santiago de Compostela** Finish the final ten kilometres of this legendary pilgrimage in this spiritual town.

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Hotel (9 nts)



9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



Private vehicle, bicycle, public bus



Luxembourg Palace



Canal in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Barcelona to Berlin

15 DAYS, BARCELONA TO BERLIN



Snack on cured meats and delectable tapas in Barcelona and delve into the nuances of French cuisine in Paris.

The cobblestone square of Brussels' Grand Palace is alive with local markets, chocolate shops and glamorous cafes and restaurants.

Pass beneath the arches of Brandenburg Gate and start discovering the crumbling remnants of the Berlin Wall scattered throughout the city.

Days 1-2 Barcelona Be dazzled by the Catalan capital's impressive Gothic architecture, thriving arts scene and delectable cuisine produced by its many street-side restaurants. And let's not forget about Barcelona's pumping nightlife. **Days 3-4 Avignon** Sit window-side as your train glides effortlessly through Provence's manicured vineyards, fields of lavender and tabletop mountains en route to elegant Avignon. Spend a few days admiring Avignon's architectural beauty and uncovering its medieval history. **Days 5-7 Paris** Ah, Paris. A city so easy to return to – if not for its famous monuments and old-world architecture then for its delicate cuisine and exquisite boutiques. Stroll the cobbled lanes between the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame, witnessing the beauty of these iconic streets and the Parisian life that pours out of the shops and cafes. In free time perhaps wander down to the

Champs-Elysees or check out bohemian Montmartre.

Day 8 Luxembourg Drive across the border into Luxembourg, one of the smallest capitals in the EU. Get to know Luxembourg City's World Heritage-listed Old Town and learn how the city has transformed into a successful commercial hub. **Days 9-10 Brussels** Waffles and chocolates, fries and beer – Brussels is gastronomic heaven. Discover the city's raw vitality while uncovering its old-world charm. **Days 11-13 Amsterdam** This instantly likeable capital charms with its trendy lifestyle and picturesque canals. Perhaps dive into the mind of one of the world's most famous painters at the Van Gogh Museum. **Days 14-15 Berlin** The perfect combination of grunge and class, Berlin brings you face-to-face with history at every corner. When evening arrives, seek out the uber-cool watering holes and eateries of Europe's most bohemian big city.



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Maximum group size 16



Basic hotel (14 nts)



11 Breakfasts



Metro, train, public bus, tram

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Ceský Krumlov, Czech Republic

Paris, France - Sally Johnson

Highlights of France

9 DAYS, PARIS TO AIX-EN-PROVENCE



Contrast the booming city of Paris with the rustic, laidback countryside of the Burgundy and Provence regions.

Relaxed train journeys allow you to soak up vistas of the French countryside that have inspired the brushes of countless Impressionist artists.

Days 1-2 Paris Bonjour! Welcome to France. Walk up the Champs-Elysees to see the latest in French fashion and be sure to check out bohemian Montmartre. **Day 3 Chateau Stay** Take a step back in time with a night spent in a traditional French chateau. Take in some air on a garden walk, or nestle down with a book and the beautiful French countryside before you. **Days 4-5 Dijon/Beaune** Explore the Burgundy region, famous for its culinary delights such as beef bourguignon and coq au vin. Visit Renaissance buildings in Dijon and vineyards in Beaune. **Days 6-7 Avignon** Picture-perfect and ready to be explored, get along to the Palais des Papes, a 14th-century Gothic palace built for Pope Clement V. **Days 8-9 Aix-en-Provence** Explore the historical Old Town and perhaps sip coffee in the famous Deux Garçons cafe. Bid adieu to France with a farewell dinner in the birthplace of painter Paul Cezanne.

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Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (7 nts), chateau (1 nt)		
8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners		
Minibus, train, taxi, metro		

Berlin to Venice

15 DAYS, BERLIN TO VENICE



Settle back to the sultry sounds of jazz at a low-lit Prague bar before stepping into the fairytale setting of World Heritage-listed Cesky Krumlov.

Enjoy a scenic walk along the banks of Budapest's stretch of the Danube. Threaded by bridges and dotted with castles, it's a site particularly beautiful at night.

Days 1-2 Berlin Kick off the journey in edgy Berlin, then get comfy for an overnight train ride to Poland. **Days 3-4 Krakow** Visit the highlight attractions of this World Heritage-listed old town – Wawel Royal Castle, Rynek Glowny town square and St Mary's Church. **Days 5-6 Prague** Explore the narrow hallways of mysterious Prague Castle and tour the city's once vibrant Jewish Quarter. In the evening, check out the jazz clubs, beer-halls or underground absinthe bars so central to the Old Town's vibe. **Day 7 Cesky Krumlov** Potter about the atmospheric alleys and laneways of urban bohemia. **Days 8-9 Vienna** Be immersed in the rich culture and artistic heritage of Vienna. **Days 10-11 Budapest** Explore the grand boulevards, hearty cuisine and famous public baths of Hungary's opulent capital. **Days 12-13 Bled** Flex the muscles rafting, caving, canoeing, swimming or biking in one of Slovenia's most popular lakeside towns. **Days 14-15 Venice** Be romanced by this city of hidden treasures.

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STYLE BASIX	TRIP CODE AMRB	PHYSICAL ●●○○○
Maximum group size 16		
Hotel (5 nts), hostel (4 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), apartment (2 nts), guesthouse (2 nts)		
2 Breakfasts		
Overnight sleeper train, metro, public bus, train, private vehicle		



Krakow, Poland



Polish folklore costumes

Berlin to Rome

22 DAYS, BERLIN TO ROME



Become versed in the royal history of Krakow's Wawel Castle, stepping back in time on a stroll through its medieval main square.

Get back to nature with a few days by the peaceful shores of Slovenia's Lake Bled. Rafting, caving, hiking and canoeing are all options here.

Walk along Cinque Terre's rocky coastal pathways, calling in at the sleepy pastel villages of Manarola, Riomaggiore and Vernazza.

Days 1-2 Berlin Kick off the journey in Berlin, home to a vibrant nightlife, edgy arts scene and festivals galore. Get comfortable on an overnight train to Poland. **Days 3-4 Krakow** Arrive in Krakow and head down to Rynek Glowny for a spot of people-watching or seek out some solace in St Mary's Church. **Days 5-6 Prague** Head west to the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague. Visit St Vitus Cathedral, see the resting place of Franz Kafka or strike up a conversation with locals at an underground absinthe bar. **Day 7 Cesky Krumlov** Enjoy the cultural environs of Cesky Krumlov, a bohemian town nestled in a bend of the Vltava River. **Days 8-9 Vienna** Travel to Vienna and discover a city with a vibrant artistic soul. Perhaps enjoy the dulcet tones of operatic performers at a night-time theatre show. **Days 10-11 Budapest** Learn how Budapest has undergone something of a renaissance since

the lifting of the Iron Curtain. Maybe hire a bike and explore the city's grand boulevards or climb Gellert Hill for grand views over the Danube. **Days 12-13 Bled** Head to one of the most popular lakeside towns in Slovenia for water activities. **Days 14-16 Venice** One of the world's most atmospheric cities, Venice is built over a hundred small islands connected by 400 bridges. **Days 17-18 Cinque Terre** Travel to the Cinque Terre and take in glorious vistas while walking the coastal path. **Days 19-20 Florence** Be captivated by the culture-rich atmosphere of Florence, from family-run vineyards on the city's outskirts to the Duomo's magnificent marble facade. In free time, perhaps venture to Pisa, Lucca or Siena on a day trip. **Days 21-22 Rome** Grab a gelato and take to the hectic streets of Rome. Visit the Colosseum, sip an espresso at the Piazza Navona or throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (10 nts), hostel (6 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), apartment (2 nts), guesthouse (2 nts)



6 Breakfasts



Overnight sleeper train, metro, public bus, private vehicle, train



COMBO

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Cinque Terre, Italy

TRASTEVERE: TRENDS AND TRADITIONS

Potter along cobbled alleyways, sample local spins on sorbets and admire the Basilica of Santa Cecilia on a guided walking tour through one of the Italian capital's most atmospheric suburbs.

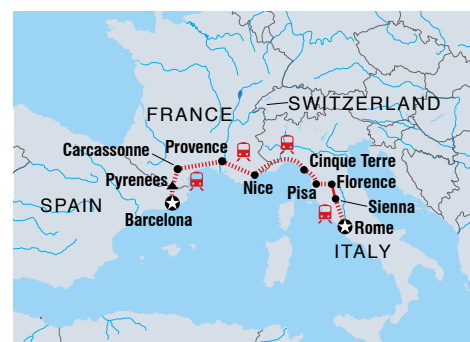
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Trastevere, Rome, Italy

Barcelona to Rome

15 DAYS, BARCELONA TO ROME



Meet both sides of Nice – the maze of alleyways that make up the city's Old Quarter and the glamorous establishments that cater to its well-heeled.

Pisa offers much more than a leaning tower by way of attractions. The Piazza dei Miracoli and Pisa Baptistry are masterpieces of Medieval-Italian architecture.

Day 1 Barcelona A walk along Las Ramblas and picnic lunch in Parc de la Ciutadella is a great way to get body clocks synced to 'Spanish time'. **Days 2-3 Pyrenees** Discover the greatest of the great outdoors in the Pyrenees.

Day 4 Carcassonne Travel into France and catch a golden sunset over Carcassonne's medieval landscape.

Days 5-6 Provence Venture across landscapes that inspired Van Gogh on the journey to Provence, one of France's most picturesque regions. **Days 7-8 Nice** Board a train and travel to Nice, the ideal base for exploring the Cote d'Azur. **Days 9-10 Cinque Terre** Pull the walking shoes on and set off along the legendary trail that links the five villages of Cinque Terre on foot and by train. **Days 11-13 Pisa/Florence/Siena** Travel to Pisa to marvel at its famously wonky tower, then continue on to Florence – the cultural heart of Tuscany. **Days 14-15 Rome** Make the most of free time in Rome scouring the city's many city sights and soaking up centuries of monumental history.

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	Maximum group size 12	
	Hotel (14 nts)	
	11 Breakfasts	
	Metro, train, cog wheel railway, public bus	

Rome to Paris

21 DAYS, ROME TO PARIS



Believe the beauty of Interlaken, a striking composition of deep blue waters, green forests and snow-capped Swiss Alp's peaks.

The Colosseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica – Rome knows how to put on a good show for its guests!

Day 1 Rome Absorb the Italian capital's contagious aura and energy. **Days 2-5 Lucca/Pisa/Florence** See the landscape transform from Romanesque cities to rolling hills and olive groves on a train journey to Tuscany. Cycle alongside the Serchio River outside charming Lucca. **Days 6-7 Cinque Terre** Weave through the tranquil hillside villages of the Cinque Terre. **Days 8-9 Milan/Stresa** Stroll through ever-fashionable Milan, then travel into pristine Stresa. **Days 10-11 Lucerne** Farewell Italy and travel by train into the alpine landscape of Switzerland. **Days 12-14 Swiss Alps** Visit Trummelbach Falls, where ten glacier waterfalls meet to produce 20,000 litres of rushing water per second. **Days 15-16 Bern/Dijon/Beaune** Embark on an odyssey of indulgence in a region renowned for boeuf bourguignon and mustard. **Days 17-18 Reims** Raise a glass in Reims, a city steeped in history. **Days 19-21 Paris** Stroll along the Seine and be enchanted by the ever-inspiring city of Paris.

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	Maximum group size 12	
	Hotel (13 nts), private apartment (4 nts), guesthouse (3 nts)	
	10 Breakfasts	
	Metro, train, ferry, tram, bicycle, public bus	



Tatra Mountains, Slovakia



Budapest, Hungary

Best of Central Europe

15 DAYS, VIENNA TO BUDAPEST



Venture out on a guided afternoon cycle trip through the surrounding hill country and tiny hamlets of Cesky Krumlov.

Hike in the picturesque Tatra Mountains, ascending its steep slopes by funicular, gondola and electric steam train.

Play pool-side chess with the locals and enjoy a soak in Budapest's spectacular Szechenyi Baths, one of Europe's largest spa complexes.

Days 1-2 Vienna Touch down in gorgeous Vienna and take in the splendour of Austria's capital on an orientation walk. Pass the Gothic St Stephen's Cathedral and enchanting Hofburg Palace before continuing around the Ringstrasse. **Days 3-4 Cesky Krumlov** Cross into the Czech Republic and travel to bohemian Cesky Krumlov. With its cobblestone alleys and impressive old buildings, this is a city that feels straight out of a fairytale. Discover the surrounding countryside on a cycling excursion and perhaps pop into a local brewery. **Days 5-7 Prague** Travel to Prague, the 'City of a Hundred Spires', which never fails to charm with its gorgeous architecture, crooked streets and internationally renowned jazz scene.

Day 8 Gory Sowie Travel to a small village in Gory Sowie, a lesser known yet picturesque part of Poland. Visit Osowka, a network of underground tunnels

and rooms used in World War II. **Days 9-10 Krakow** Stop to pay respects at the sombre Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum before continuing to Krakow. Wander through the streets of the atmospheric Old Town that once housed Polish kings, see St Mary's Church and be sure to indulge in some traditional pierogi (dumplings). **Days 11-12 Tatra Mountains** Limber up for trekking in the Tatra Mountains, where the crisp air and lush mountainscape makes for an unforgettable experience. **Days 13-15 Budapest** Arrive in Budapest, a city of two halves. Buda, on the west bank, features rolling hills while Pest, on the east bank, has a grid-like layout. Linking the two is the Chain Bridge, which spans the sparkling River Danube. Marvel at the Castle District and trawl through a host of treasure-filled museums and galleries.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (9 nts), apartment (3 nts), pension (2 nts)



11 Breakfasts



Metro, private vehicle, bicycle, public bus, train

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Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic



Salzburg market, Austria

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Highlights of Central Europe

9 DAYS, MUNICH TO BUDAPEST



Sip a brew in the beer capital of the world, Munich, and delight in the city's amazing food market culture.

An orientation walk around Vienna makes for the perfect introduction to the artistic heritage that defines Austrian history.

Day 1 Munich Kick off the adventure in Munich. Saunter through the historic city gates and be dazzled by the crown jewels at Residenz. **Days 2-3 Prague** Travel to Prague, where astounding architectural accomplishments, extraordinary history and a buzzing jazz scene create an irresistible atmosphere. Trawl through the past in Prague Castle and traipse through the crooked streets of the Old Town by night. **Days 4-5 Cesky Krumlov** Discover the bohemian charms of Cesky Krumlov. Be enchanted by this fairytale town while strolling its cobblestone laneways and admiring its lovely, history-laden buildings. **Days 6-7 Vienna** Absorb the golden splendour of Vienna. Encounter stylish urban spaces and leafy parks, and marvel at the Gothic spires of St Stephen's Cathedral. **Days 8-9 Budapest** Uncover the contrasting halves of Budapest – the green Buda and grid-like Pest. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the group to mark the end of this journey.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts)



8 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners



Metro, public bus, private vehicle, train

Christmas Markets of Central Europe

8 DAYS, MUNICH TO BUDAPEST



Austria's capital provides a spectacular seasonal shopping affair, with tonnes of handcrafted toys, candles and paintings on offer.

Jolly Budapest really embraces the Christmas spirit. Take a walk through the town to find every street, tree and market lit up in lights.

Days 1-2 Munich Discover the magic of a traditional German Christmas exploring Munich's Christmas Markets. Find everything you need to create the perfect nativity scene at the crafty Kripperlmarkt, grab a grilled sausage, sip on a mug of gluehwein and peruse the stalls of wooden handicrafts. **Days 3-4 Salzburg** Built on the fortune of its famous salt mines, Salzburg enchants with its cobblestone streets, bubbling river and kitsch Mozart paraphernalia. Wander the city's market, savouring its wafting aromas of roasted chestnuts and cinnamon-brushed baked apples. **Days 5-6 Vienna** With its festively adorned trees, fairytale scenes and 12 Christmas markets, Rathauspark is the perfect place to snaffle up a Christmas gift. **Days 7-8 Budapest** Admire this beautiful city all lit up with fairy lights and sparkling decorations. Go on an orientation walk of the city, taking in the delightful Christmas market's tasty treats and traditional decorations.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



Train, metro



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Italy

Much loved for gifting the world high-end fashion, world-class art, stunning architecture and ambrosial cuisine, Italy is a playground for foodies, history buffs and nature-lovers. Whether visiting the southern reaches of Puglia or the foothills of the Swiss Alps in Lombardia, you'll find something to cherish in every buzzing city piazza and tranquil landscape. The Italians enjoy a famously laidback way of living, so remember to relax with a spritz and soak up La Dolce Vita.



Get to know the locals with our regionally-focused walking tours in Lombardy, Liguria, and along the stunning Amalfi Coast (pages 41-43).



Only have time to see Italy's Greatest Hits? Hop aboard our Highlights of Italy tour and see the best of Venice, Rome and Florence, plus stop off in colourful Cinque Terre (page 39).



Like a good Tuscan wine, the best way to experience Italy is to go slow and savour the many bucolic towns and villages outside the famous cities on our Classic Italy tour (page 38).

Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Venice												
Rome												
Naples												
Amalfi												
Milan												

- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



Rome, Italy



Lake Como, Italy



Best of Italy

15 DAYS, ROME TO VENICE



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (11 nts), private apartment (3 nts)



7 Breakfasts



Train, metro, bicycle, public bus, boat, private vehicle

Day 1 Rome Tomorrow morning you'll see the iconic sights on a guided walk, so today do as the Romans do – sip an espresso at one of the tiny streetside cafes and sample the many flavours of gelato that colour the city. **Days 2-3 Florence** It's been said that during the second millennium a third of Europe's most important artists lived in Florence. Don't pass up an opportunity to walk through the famed Uffizi Gallery, admire Michelangelo's David, or climb up to Piazzale Michelangelo in time for sunset. **Days 4-6 Lucca/Pisa** Wander through the narrow streets of Lucca, marvelling at its centuries-old churches and ramparts. Take a day trip to Pisa to see the world-famous Campo dei Miracoli and, of course, its quirky leaning tower. **Days 7-8 Cinque Terre** Walk the Cinque Terre, a scenic coastal path that links five equally picturesque villages. Afterwards, feast on succulent

seafood, relax with a gelato or take a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean. **Days 9-10 Portofino/Asti (Piedmont)** Visit the glamorous resort of Portofino and perhaps go on a short hike and be rewarded with unparalleled views over the town. Enjoy a boat tour to Santa Margherita before heading to Piedmont, where mouth-watering culinary delights await. **Days 11-12 Milan/Italian Lakes** Begin the day sashaying through Italy's style capital, Milan, and marvel at the impressive Duomo, then head to lake country in the afternoon. Unwind by the emerald waters of Lake Como or take to the hills for great hiking and mountain views. **Days 13-15 Venice** Cruise down the Grand Canal on a gondola, cross over the Rialto Bridge into the seductive winding streets of San Marco, and experience the evocative Bridge of Sighs before this Best of Italy tour ends among Venice's beautiful canals.

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Rooftop drinks, Pisa, Italy



Basilica of St Francis, Assisi, Italy

Classic Italy

21 DAYS, ROME TO ROME



Walk among the many outdoor piazzas of Florence and watch the sun dip low over the Tuscan hills from Piazzale Michelangelo.

Potter among the rooftop sculptures of Milan's 14th-century Gothic Duomo, the largest church in Italy.

Explore the stunning medieval town of Gubbio, with its centuries of history around every corner and essential cobblestone streets, gothic palaces and churches.

Day 1 Rome Sip espressos and sample gelato flavours as you work your way through this city's iconic sights.

Days 2-3 Florence Get your dose of the Renaissance in Florence, one-time residence of Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Machiavelli and others. **Days 4-6 Lucca/Pisa** Make yourself at home among the stately architecture, atmospheric piazzas and cosy eateries of Lucca. See the world's most infamous architectural foible in Pisa.

Days 7-8 Cinque Terre Savour superlative vistas of the sea, olive groves and colourful dwellings on a coastal walk through the famous string of villages dotting the Cinque Terre. Dine on seafood served straight from the Ligurian Sea. **Days 9-10 Portofino/Piedmont** Pop into the glamorous resort of Portofino. Enjoy a coffee by the harbour and a boat ride to Santa Margherita. Then visit some of the local villages in Piedmont and sample the region's culinary specialties. **Days 11-12**

Milan/Italian Lakes Bring out your inner fashionista for a day of strutting and shopping in Italy's style capital, Milan. Marvel at the intricate architecture of the city's Duomo, one of the largest cathedrals in the world. Then journey on to Lake Como by train for some free hours exploring the surrounding lakeside towns.

Days 13-15 Venice Discover the magic of 'la dolce vita' in one of the world's most romantic cities, Venice.

Days 16-17 Gubbio Catch a funicular up to the hilltop basilica atop Mt Ingino and hike through high pastures to enjoy memorable views over the countryside.

Days 18-19 Assisi/Spello Uncover a plethora of impressive sites in Assisi, then take a daytrip to Spello, a town scattered with weathered Roman monuments.

Days 20-21 Rome Delight in Rome's unrivalled fusion of ancient surroundings and modern life, which evokes a sense of nostalgia like no other city.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (17 nts), private apartment (3 nts)



10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Train, metro, bicycle, public bus, boat, cable car



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Colosseum, Rome, Italy

CANAL & APERITIVO EXPERIENCE

Check out the landmark attractions of Venice by water taxi – the Grand Canal, Rialto and San Marco – then cruise through the city's residential neighbourhoods for a glimpse of local living and a sunset cicchetti.

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Italy Experience

10 DAYS, VENICE TO ROME



A series of walking paths connect the pastel villages of Monterosso, Corniglia and Riomaggiore in Cinque Terre. Explore this amazing region on foot or by train.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa may be Pisa's most iconic image, but the city also offers some other (less crooked) masterpieces of Medieval-Italian architecture.

Days 1-2 Venice Work up an appetite for some delicious cicchetti by exploring the narrow streets and tiny bridges of Venice. **Days 3-4 Cinque Terre** Absorb sweeping views of the Mediterranean from the Cinque Terre's picturesque coastal path. Hike at a leisurely pace or catch a train between these five famous towns. **Days 5-6 Pisa/Florence** After marvelling at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, appreciate artistic treasures in the romantic Tuscan capital. **Days 7-8 Perugia/Spello** Venture further afield to the beautifully preserved town of Perugia, in the heart of Umbria. Set off on a daytrip to nearby Spello to sample local wines and food at a quaint enoteca. **Days 9-10 Rome** Arrive in the Italian capital and remember that while here, the best attitude is 'when in Rome'! Perhaps visit the Vatican City to see St Peter's Basilica and dome, and enjoy a final gastronomic fling before your Italian journey comes to an end.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (9 nts)



9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners



Vaporetto, train, taxi, public bus, metro

Highlights of Italy

8 DAYS, VENICE TO ROME



Feast on mouth-watering seafood along Italy's coast, drink fine wine in Tuscany and indulge in the endless pasta dishes on offer in Rome.

Walk along Cinque Terre's rocky coastal pathways, calling into the sleepy pastel villages of Manarola, Riomaggiore and Vernazza.

Days 1-2 Venice Arrive in Venice, arguably the most romantic holiday destination in Europe. Learn why this city is said to be the world's best for getting lost in, zigzagging through a seemingly endless tangle of alleyways, bridges and canals. **Days 3-4 Cinque Terre** Travel to the Cinque Terre and be revitalised by the fresh sea breezes that drift in from the Mediterranean. Take in glorious sea vistas while walking this famous coastal path, journeying past bucolic villages and idyllic citrus orchards before cooling off in the warm waters of the Mediterranean. **Days 5-6 Florence** Be captivated by the culture-rich atmosphere of Florence. View wonders of art in various galleries and climb uphill to Piazzale Michelangelo for a golden sunset across the city's rooftops. **Days 7-8 Rome** Visit the imposing Colosseum and then recharge with a slice of pizza and a strong espresso. Throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain and make a wish to return to the 'Eternal City'.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (5 nts), hostel (2 nts)



4 Breakfasts



Train, public bus



Venice, Italy - Olivia Cronin



Amalfi Coast, Italy

Italy Uncovered

15 DAYS, VENICE TO AMALFI



Wander around Rome's famous bucket-list landmarks, including the Colosseum, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, and much more.

Explore the vast ruins of ancient Pompeii, which emerged from the ashes after thousands of years, and take a peak inside the steaming crater of Mt Vesuvius.

Stroll the historic precincts of Naples at your own pace. Descend below the city's streets to discover the famous catacombs before indulging in a traditional pizza.

Days 1-2 Venice Discover an enchanting maze of streets and alleyways in Venice. On a walking tour, pass many of Venice's attractions including the Rialto Bridge, the Basilica di San Marco and the Bridge of Sighs. **Days 3-4 Gubbio** Take a funicular up the steep slopes of Mt Ingino to a hilltop basilica and visit the mummified body of the patron saint of Gubbio. Hike through high pastures to enjoy memorable views over the countryside. **Days 5-6 Assisi/Spello** Travel to the home of Saint Francis and birthplace of the Franciscan order. Uncover a plethora of impressive sites, including the Basilica di Santa Chiara and the Basilica di San Francesco. Embark on a daytrip to Spello, a town perched on the side of Mt Subasio. **Days 7-8 Rome** Visit Rome and encounter one of the oldest civilisations in the world. Channel the spirits of gladiators on a visit to the Colosseum, marvel at the age of the Pantheon, or

stroll to the Spanish Steps and sip an espresso in the afternoon sun. **Days 9-10 Naples/Pompeii** Fall under Naples' spell exploring its evocative World Heritage-listed historical centre. Next, travel on to Pompeii – a time capsule of a city unlike any other – and hear its tales during a guided tour. **Days 11-12 Sorrento** Ascend to the summit of Mt Vesuvius for staggering views over the Bay of Naples, then make tracks to the resort town of Sorrento. Set atop dramatic cliffs rising from sparkling blue waters, this is one seriously picturesque place. In free time, go celeb-spotting on a day trip to Capri or take the opportunity to visit the beautiful Blue Grotto. **Days 13-15 Amalfi** Negotiate the rocky coastline, whitewashed villages and scented lemon groves of Amalfi on a hike along its trails. Alternatively, clock up some quality hours of rest and relaxation before this trip comes to an end.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (14 nts)



8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Cable car, public bus, train, metro, boat, private vehicle



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TASTING CINQUE TERRE

Browse market stalls for zesty pesto, fresh anchovies, local wines and Ligurian olives, then hike up to Riomaggiore's main church for vistas of vineyards, olive groves and lemon trees.

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Lake Como, Italy - Cara Brown

Active Italian Lakes

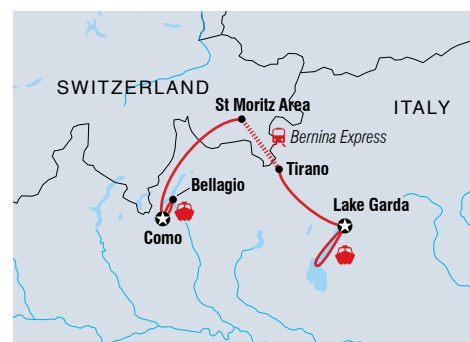
8 DAYS, COMO TO LAKE GARDA



Spend a day exploring the beautiful villages, estates and gardens dotted around Lake Como, criss-crossing the sparkling lake by ferry.

Ride the Bernina Express through St Moritz's staggering mountain scenery, past lush alpine forests and fast-flowing rivers.

Day 1 Como Take a stroll around this lakeside slice of perfection. **Day 2 Bellagio/Como** Take a boat ride to the centre of the lake and visit Bellagio and the grand estate of Villa Melzi. Embark on a kayaking adventure along Lake Como's shoreline. **Day 3 Como** Enjoy free time to take in the scenery or maybe hike Monte Generoso. **Day 4 Chiavenna/St Moritz Area (Switzerland)/Bernina Express/Tirano** Sip a chinotto in Chiavenna, then cross into Switzerland's St Moritz area for a picnic lunch by a glacier. Continue on to Tirano via one of the world's most stunning train journeys. **Day 5-8 Lake Garda** Travel through northern Italy's stunning mountains to Lake Garda. Explore beautiful Riva, the 'capital' of the lake. Boat to the town of Garda, nicknamed the 'Pearl of Lake Garda', and climb to the village's abbey for great lake views. See the lake from a different perspective by taking a bike ride around the northern reaches of Lake Como. This trip ends on Day 8.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts



Private vehicle, boat, train

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Active Cinque Terre

8 DAYS, LEVANTO TO SANTA MARGHERITA



Dazzling cliff-side houses and an impossible coastal location make Cinque Terre one of the world's most romantic destinations.

Adventure through the area's most scenic trails, including parts of the classic coastal route, all under expert local guidance.

Day 1 Levanto Make yourself at home exploring Levanto's cobbled streets and medieval churches, or just sit back and become better acquainted with the region's varieties of pizza, pasta and wine. **Day 2 Levanto/Monterosso/Biking** Discover ruins dating back to the 11th century on a coastal stroll to Monterosso. Embark on a bike ride through former railway tunnels and along the spectacular coast to Framura. **Day 3 Levanto/Hiking** Catch an early morning train to Riomaggiore and visit the five villages of the Cinque Terre, which are connected by ancient footpaths. **Day 4 Portovenere/Levanto** Take in the spectacular view from Madonna di Montenero, then continue through pine forests to Campiglia. **Days 5-8 Santa Margherita/Portofino/Kayaking** Transfer to Santa Margherita Ligure and enjoy a free afternoon to stroll around town. Discover the best of the Portofino Peninsula either by hiking or exploring the shimmering waters in a kayak.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts



Train, boat, public bus

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Mount Vesuvius behind Pompeii, Italy



Spello, Italy - Sandra di Giantomasso

Umbrian Discovery

8 DAYS, VENICE TO ROME



Romantic Venice is like no other city in the world, a watery wonderland literally sinking under the weight of its iconic sights.

No place does simple, punchy Italian flavours better than rural Gubbio. Whet your appetite with Umbrian lamb and rosemary flavoured steak and truffle risotto.

Days 1-2 Venice After an orientation walk that takes in many of Venice's foremost attractions, head out and explore Venice on your own. Board a traghetto to cross the Grand Canal, climb San Giorgio's bell tower to see Venice at its prettiest, or browse the city's shops for its iconic carnival masks. **Days 3-4 Gubbio** Take a funicular up the steep slopes of Mt Ingino to a hilltop basilica containing the mummified body of Saint Ubaldo. To make the most of the encapsulating mountain vistas, consider dining alfresco at one of Gubbio's streetside cafes – perhaps on the local specialties of tartufo and porcini steaks. **Days 5-6 Assisi/Spello** Travel to the home of Saint Francis, birthplace of the Franciscan order and one of Italy's most important religious towns. Embark on a daytrip to Spello, a town perched on the side of Mt Subasio amid weathered Roman monuments. **Days 7-8 Rome** Visit Rome and delight in an unrivalled fusion of ancient surroundings and frenetic modern life.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts)



3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Cable car, public bus, train, metro

Walking the Amalfi Coast

8 DAYS, NAPLES TO AMALFI



Explore the vast ruins of Pompeii, which have been frozen in time under the shadow of the very volcano which destroyed it, Mount Vesuvius.

The island of Capri is no longer a lavish retreat for Roman emperors. See powerful cliff faces enclose secluded coves, grottos and spectacular Mediterranean scenery.

Day 1 Naples Be welcomed to Naples. **Day 2 Pompeii/Vesuvius/Agerola** Take a tour of Naples' Old Town. Visit Pompeii for a fascinating insight into life during AD79 before climbing the summit of the very volcano that destroyed this ancient city, Vesuvius. A specialist guide will take you around the crater rim. **Day 3 Agerola** Today is a free day to embark on a self-guided walk around the Agerola high plain. **Day 4 Positano/Amalfi** Experience the splendour of the Sentiero degli Dei (Pathway of the Gods). Finish in Positano and take a short boat ride to Amalfi. **Day 5 Isle of Capri/Amalfi** Discover Capri's supreme beauty and atmospheric Roman ruins on a scenic walk. **Day 6 Amalfi** Explore the Valle de Ferriere, one of the most interesting nature reserves of the region, then take to the waters by kayak to discover secluded beaches. **Day 7 Ravello/Amalfi** Visit the splendid gardens and villas of Ravello after a walk through the Valley of the Dragons. **Day 8 Amalfi** Your Amalfi experience ends today.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts



Train, public bus, boat



Alberobello, Italy



Sorrento, Italy

Rome to Amalfi

8 DAYS, ROME TO AMALFI



Feel 'La Dolce Vita' while sipping espresso alongside sharply-dressed locals on the glamorous Sorrentine Peninsula.

Treat yourself to an authentic, traditional pizza in Naples – the birthplace of the humble slice. Buon appetito!

Day 1 Rome Walk beneath the Colosseum's arches and marvel at the ancient Pantheon. Saunter through piazzas and be struck by the history that is revealed around every corner. **Days 2-3 Naples/Pompeii** Traipse through Naples, a raucous city that overflows with passion, tradition and gastronomy. Discover Pompeii artefacts in the National Archaeological Museum then travel to the ruined city itself to hear tales of the city's fate. **Days 4-5 Sorrento** Ascend to the summit of Mt Vesuvius for staggering views over the Bay of Naples. Afterwards, make tracks to the picturesque resort town of Sorrento, set invitingly atop dramatic cliffs over sparkling, blue waters. In free time, go celeb-spotting on a day trip to Capri, or take the opportunity to visit the beautiful Blue Grotto. **Days 6-8 Amalfi** Pass rocky coastline, whitewashed villages and lemon groves while hiking along the Amalfi Coast to pretty Positano. Then relax on the beach or perhaps toast the conclusion of this trip with a limoncello.

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Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (7 nts)		
5 Breakfasts		
Train, metro, public bus, private vehicle, ferry		

Explore Southern Italy

10 DAYS, AMALFI TO BARI



Stay in a bit of local history and feel like a true Alberobello resident with a night in one of the town's unique trulli houses.

Stand on the balconies jutting out over the impossibly blue Adriatic and inspect the medieval defence systems of Polignano a Mare.

Days 1-2 Amalfi Get your bearings with a stroll through Amalfi's whitewashed alleys and laneways, stopping in at cafes to enjoy a macchiato or indulge in a gelato. **Days 3-4 Naples/Trani** Travel via Naples to Trani, popularly known as the Pearl of Puglia for its attractive seafront setting and sophisticated feel. Visit the town's namesake cathedral before heading on to Trani Castle. **Days 5-6 Lecce** Delight in the Baroque architecture and atmosphere of Lecce. Venture into the Roman amphitheatre, ponder the extravagant decorations of Basilica Di Santa Croce and stroll the spacious Piazza del Duomo. **Day 7 Alberobello** Take a train to Alberobello, where the town's quaint domed abodes create an interesting townscape. **Day 8 Matera** Explore Matera's lovely Old Town and discover the ancient cave dwellings known as sassi. **Days 9-10 Bari** Prosperous and peaceful with a lovely Old Town, Bari is both Puglia's capital and the perfect place to spend the last night on this trip.

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Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (9 nts)		
9 Breakfasts		
Train, bus, private vehicle		

Northern Europe



The close-knit countries in Europe's north have been moulded by centuries of ice and snow. The result is rugged fairytale landscapes filled with soaring castles, colourful coastal villages, and resilient people who can trace their roots to the days of Vikings. Explore Scandinavia's innovative cities, getting lost among the many celebrated galleries and boutiques, or track your way through tranquil forests on a Baltic adventure. Either way, northern Europe holds some unforgettable experiences.



Catch the world's greatest light show on our new Northern Lights Escape tour (page 46). Discover Iceland's beautiful volcanoes and waterfalls on the hunt for the Aurora Borealis.



Journey from the colourful spires of Moscow's Red Square to the immense Great Wall of China on our ambitious trans-Mongolian overland railway odyssey (page 51).



Make friends with Scandinavia's close neighbours, the Baltics, on a regionally-focused trip from Helsinki to Berlin, passing through Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland (page 49).

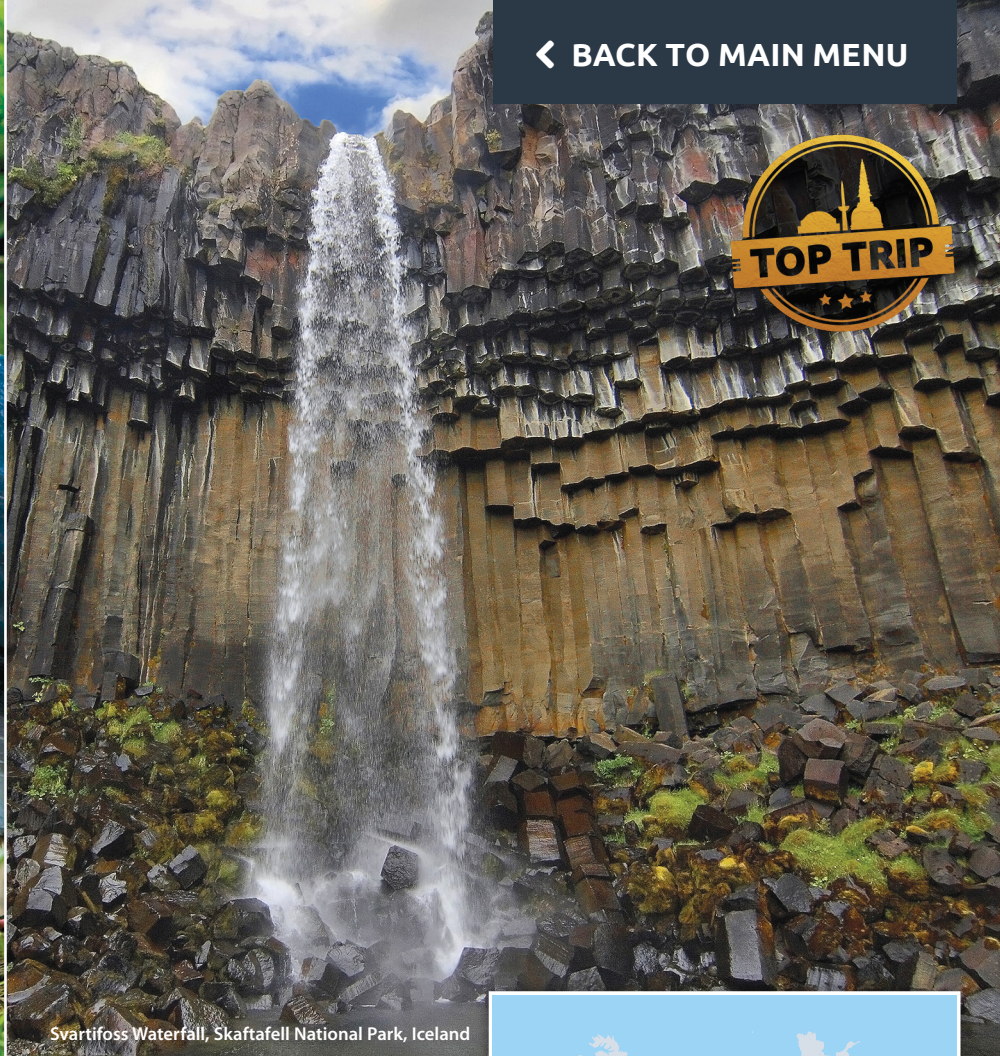
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Weather

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Helsinki												
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Reykjavik												

- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



Svartifoss Waterfall, Skaftafell National Park, Iceland

Iceland Discovery

10 DAYS, REYKJAVIK TO REYKJAVIK



There's a lot more to Iceland than ice (and Bjork). Ford the fjords, glaciers, volcanoes, black sands and thermal springs of this magical land in the world's far north.

Visit the rugged landscapes of Thingvellir National Park where, over a thousand years ago, Iceland's first parliament came together.

Hike to the tongue of Europe's biggest glacier and marvel at the waterfall of Svartifoss in Skaftafell National Park.

Day 1 Reykjavik Surrounded by volcanic peaks and crystalline ocean, Reykjavik – the world's northernmost capital – is also one of its most enchanting. **Day 2 Golden Circle/Hvolsvollur Area** Take a guided tour of the capital, passing the city's delightfully coloured houses and other landmarks. Following the route of the 'Golden Circle', head out to Thingvellir National Park – home of the Parliament Plains. Get a thrill as the Strokkur Geyser swells and then erupts in a cloud of water 20-30 m high and be spellbound by the power of Gullfoss waterfall. **Day 3 South Coast/Vik** Begin the day with a visit to two breathtaking waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. See the folklore handicrafts in Skogar Museum, then spot puffin colonies at Dyrholaey. **Day 4 Jokulsarlon/Hofn** Cross squeaky black sands into Skaftafell National Park. Enjoy an invigorating walk to Svartifoss Waterfall

and be amazed by some of Mother Nature's finest work on a boat tour in Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon. **Day 5 East Fjords/Modrudalur Valley** Enjoy mesmerising views of steel-grey mountains, deep fjords, gushing waterfalls and giant glaciers on a drive through the country's eastern fjords. **Day 6 Husavik/Egilsstadir/Myvatn Lake** Admire the majestic Dettifoss Waterfall and Asbyrgi – an incredible horseshoe-shaped canyon. Gaze out over the glassy surface of Lake Myvatn and finish up the day's adventures with a visit to Dimmuborgir. **Day 7 Akureyri/Hrutfjardur** Witness the dramatic north coast around Trollaskagi Peninsula, and enjoy some free time in Akureyri, Iceland's second biggest settlement. **Day 8 Snaefellsnes Peninsula** Venture into the Snaefellsnes National Park and spy its mighty glacier. **Days 9-10 Reykjavik** Hike to the top of Grabrok Volcano before returning to Reykjavik.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts), guesthouse (7 nts)



9 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners



Private vehicle

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Blue Lagoon, Iceland - Iryna K

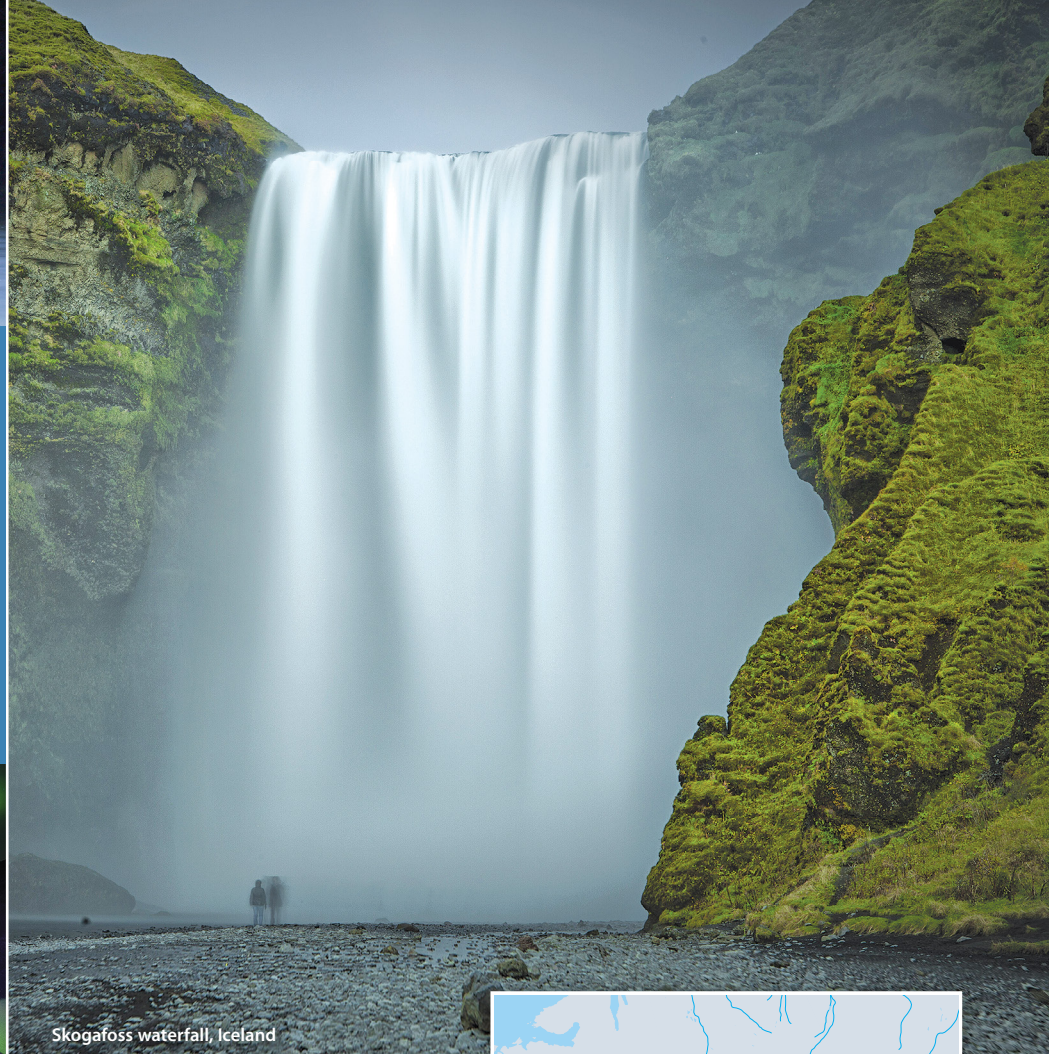
Iceland Express

Jump on our Basix trip to make the most of extended daylight hours on a summer Iceland adventure. See snowfields give way to greenery, watch frozen rivers thaw into waterfalls and hike across glaciers wearing a few layers less.

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Northern lights, Iceland



Skogafoss waterfall, Iceland

Northern Lights Escape

6 DAYS, REYKJAVIK TO REYKJAVIK



Follow the scenic 'Golden Circle', visiting geothermal springs and geysers, the mighty waterfall of Gullfoss, and the site of the nation's first parliament at Thingvellir.

Discover Iceland's fascinating history on a guided tour of Reykjavik, which includes a visit to the massive Lutheran church of Hallgrímskirkja.

Drive along the island's spectacular South Shore, past the Reynisdrangar Rocks and volcanic black sand beaches.

Day 1 Reykjavik Explore the capital's vibrant art scene, tuck into some local delicacies or learn about the nation's beginnings at the National Museum.

Day 2 Golden Circle/Hvolsvollur Area Get an enhanced appreciation of the city on a guided tour, visiting the old harbour, city centre, famous Hallgrímskirkja church and the Pearl monument. Pass Thingvellir, one-time location of the world's oldest parliament, on the road to the geysir geothermal area. Watch natural hot springs bubble and see Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall.

Day 3 South Coast/Jokulsarlon Visit the eerily beautiful Skogafoss waterfall – if the weather's sunny, you may be able to spot a rainbow or two in its mist. Take in more of the country's renowned South Shore wonders, including the stepping-stone rock formations of Reynisdrangar, the lava fields of Laki, the puffin colonies on the promontory of

Dyrholaey and the black sand beach of Reynisfjara. In the afternoon, visit the famous Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon, a stunning sea of floating icebergs that contrast with the beach's charcoal-coloured sands.

Day 4 Skaftafell National Park/Vik Stop by Skaftafell National Park for some unforgettable time spent hiking near Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier. Journey on to the seaside town of Vik and explore its black sand beaches at your leisure. With the sea on one side and high cliffs on the other, this dramatically positioned quaint little village is Iceland's most southerly mainland settlement. **Days 5-6 Reykjavik** Experience more of Reykjavik through any number of optional activities and excursions. Maybe visit the famed hot springs of the Blue Lagoon, set out for some whale watching or simply check out the local bar and cafe scene.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts), guesthouse (3 nts)



5 Breakfasts



Private vehicle



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Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland

Northern & Southern Ireland

9 DAYS, DUBLIN TO BELFAST



Uncover Ireland's stunning beauty with a visit to the unspoilt natural wonder of the clustered pillars of the Giant's Causeway.

The rugged wild west coast of Ireland is simply breathtaking. Sail out to the wind-battered Aran Islands and step back into a simpler time

Revel in Dublin's energetic nightlife and don't forget to savour that first proper taste of creamy Guinness.

Day 1 Dublin Welcome to the Emerald Isle! Arrive early and explore the cobbled streets of Dublin, perhaps popping into a pub for a pint of Guinness before attending your afternoon group meeting.
Day 2 Killarney Pubs really are the heartbeat of Ireland – a place for merry music and the trading of tall tales with friends. Get to know classic pub fare such as Irish stews, chowders and fish and chips, plus less familiar dishes such as coddle, boxty and champ. In the afternoon, take a scenic train ride to Killarney.
Day 3 Ring of Kerry/Killarney Breathe in the salty sea air as you journey along the Iveragh Peninsula, also known as the Ring of Kerry, stopping in at idyllic country villages along the way.
Day 4 Dingle Peninsula/Limerick Enjoy breathtaking views across the Dingle Peninsula en route to Limerick. Step back in time to the days of knights and nobles at

St John's Castle, a medieval masterpiece that has just undergone a major refurbishment.
Day 5 Cliffs of Moher/Galway Watch puffins nesting against the soaring Cliffs of Moher. Learn about the history of the famous site, and its feathered inhabitants, at the Cliffs Exhibition. In the afternoon, perhaps pay a visit to Galway Cathedral.
Day 6 Aran Islands/Galway Catch a ferry to the Aran Islands, a group of three islands crafted by centuries of howling winds and smashing waves. Visit the ruins of the seven churches and maybe even spot a seal.
Days 7-9 Belfast Head north to Belfast and spend the day wandering the streets of the bohemian Cathedral Quarter. Take in the sight of 40,000 basalt columns at the mystical Giant's Causeway. During spare time, perhaps visit the leafy suburbs of South Belfast or the stately City Hall in Donegal Square.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts)



8 Breakfasts



Train, private vehicle

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Norwegian fjord

Discover your inner Viking in the Baltics

Can't decide where to go because you don't want to miss a thing? Embark on the ultimate trip through the Baltic states, from Norway to Germany via Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland on our 29-Day combo trip.

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Copenhagen, Denmark

A Taste of Scandinavia

8 DAYS, BERLIN TO OSLO



Explore Copenhagen like a local by hopping on a bike. There is no better way to see the major sites, as well as to explore the hidden corners of this beautiful city.

Don't miss Gothenburg's Haga district, with its picturesque wooden houses and the iconic Skansen Kronan, as well as laid-back Langgatan street.

Days 1-2 Berlin Discover the perfect combination of grunge and class in Berlin. Visit Checkpoint Charlie and the Brandenburg Gate, or simply wander at your leisure through the city's eclectic neighbourhoods.

Day 3 Hamburg Cruise the waterways and canals of Germany's harbour city. **Days 4-5 Copenhagen** Catch a train to Denmark's vibrant capital and stroll past the colourful houses lining the harbour. Make like a local and jump on a bike, undoubtedly one of the best ways to explore the city's many hidden corners. **Day 6 Gothenburg** Sip coffee and nibble Swedish cinnamon rolls in the bohemian coffee houses of the Haga Quarter. Visit the Gothenburg Museum of Art or go shopping along Avenyn's main boulevard. **Days 7-8 Oslo** Spend time perusing delicacies at Maschmanns Food Market or admiring the handiwork of glass blowers at the Hadeland Glassverk. In the evening say 'skal' ('cheers') to the group at your last dinner together.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts)



6 Breakfasts



Public bus, train

Scandinavia Explorer

15 DAYS, OSLO TO HELSINKI



Norway's fjords feature some of the most stunning scenery on Earth. Cruise past waterfalls and snow-capped peaks through the narrow Naeroyfjord.

Peer back in time at Stockholm's maritime history at the Vasa Museum, which houses an original wooden war ship from 1628.

Days 1-2 Oslo Discover the irresistible charm and eccentricity of Oslo. Travel to nearby Holmenkollen for a short hike on the plateau, then a visit to the Ski Museum. **Days 3-4 Bergen** Venture by train across the stunning countryside of the Fjell region. Enjoy the sights of quirky Bergen. **Days 5-6 Norwegian Fjords** Be captivated by the sight of crisp mountain peaks on a boat trip across Sognefjord's glassy waters. Pass through Naeroyfjord, named for the Norse god of seafarers and the sea. **Days 7-8 Lillehammer** Make tracks to the alpine playground of Lillehammer. **Days 9-10 Swedish Lakes** Head to the lakeside village of Mora, a laidback town that encapsulates the most Swedish of landscapes. **Days 11-13 Stockholm/Overnight Ferry** Embark on a cruise to the Stockholm Archipelago and Vaxholm island. Absorb the timeless beauty of Stockholm, the 'Venice of the North', then board an overnight ferry to Finland. **Days 14-15 Helsinki** Discover Helsinki's historical sights and gastronomic wonders.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (11 nts), cabin (2 nts),
overnight ferry (1 nt)



11 Breakfasts



Bus, metro, boat, overnight ferry,
train



Aukstaitija National Park, Lithuania - Ken Harris



Riga, Latvia

← BACK TO MAIN MENU

Baltic Experience

15 DAYS, HELSINKI TO BERLIN



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts), guesthouse (6 nts)



11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



Ferry, public bus, train, private vehicle, tram

Day 1 Helsinki If arriving in the city early, maybe check out the magnificent Suomenlinna Sea Fortress, Senate Square or catch a performance at the National Theatre. **Days 2-3 Tallinn** Catch a ferry across the Gulf of Finland to Estonia's atmospheric capital, Tallinn. **Days 4-5 Riga** Country-hop once again, this time into Latvia. Discover how Riga is renowned for its welcoming locals and a fascinating art nouveau heritage. **Days 6-7 Curonian Spit** Make tracks to the former Prussian capital of Klaipeda and pop into Curonian Spit National Park, a playground for outdoor enthusiasts. **Days 8-9 Vilnius** Be wooed by the cosmopolitan charms of Lithuania's capital. **Days 10-11 Aukstaitija National Park** Hike and canoe through dense forests and enjoy the serenity of this natural wonderland. **Days 12-13 Warsaw** In Poland, learn how Warsaw was rebuilt from rubble after World War II. **Days 14-15 Berlin** Arrive in Germany and uncover the tumultuous past of Berlin, before this trip ends on the morning of Day 15.

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Northern Poland & the Baltics

11 DAYS, GDANSK TO TALLINN



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts), guesthouse (3 nts)



10 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners



Boat, private vehicle, taxi, public bus, ferry

Tour the remnants of Wolf's Lair, an important military headquarters during the battle for the Eastern Front.

With its perfectly preserved medieval wall and watchtowers, Tallinn's Old Town is a rewarding place to explore on foot.

Days 1-2 Gdansk Chugging along Westerplatte's peninsula, become versed in the city's shipbuilding heritage with stop-ins at the Gdansk Shipyard and Wislouchie Fortress. **Day 3 Malbork Castle/Wolf's Lair/Wigry Lake** Hear the history of Malbork Castle during a tour, then travel to Wolf's Lair, a significant military headquarters during the fighting on the Eastern Front. **Day 4 Wigry Lake National Park** Gently cruising across Hancza Bay to Kamedul Monastery, there's every chance you'll spy egrets and cormorants. **Days 5-6 Vilnius** Learn how Lithuania's capital came to be during a guided tour. **Days 7-8 Riga** Visit Riga's central market, buzzing with life in its old Zeppelin hangars. **Day 9 Saaremaa Island** Travelling by public ferry, arrive on Estonia's largest island for a night's stay at a local farmhouse. **Days 10-11 Tallinn** Spend a few spare hours exploring Kuresaare before catching a public bus to the Estonian capital of Tallinn, where this trip comes to an end.

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Catch the Super Train from China to Russia

It's over 6,000 kilometres from Beijing to St Petersburg, but it'll go by like a flash on the extended Trans-Siberian trip from the Chinese capital all the way to St. Petersburg on the Baltic.

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Beijing, China - Oliver Pelling



Suzdal, Russia

Russia Highlights

8 DAYS, MOSCOW TO ST PETERSBURG



Stay in a traditional wooden guesthouse in one of Suzdal's quiet streets and call in at the home of our local friends to indulge in a hearty regional meal.

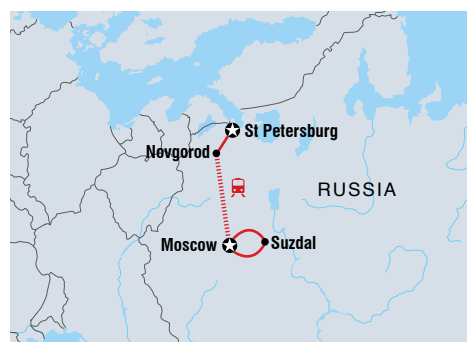
In beautiful Moscow visit Lenin, the initiator of the 1917 Russian revolution which ushered in the era of communism, at his austere mausoleum on Red Square.

Day 1 Moscow Learn why the city of Moscow is considered one of the world's great capitals. **Day 2 Suzdal** With its brightly coloured onion domes and chiming cathedral bells, Russia's former capital has a fairytale feel to it. Tonight, enjoy a hearty meal in the home of one of our local friends. **Day 3 Moscow** After a guided walk of Suzdal's old churches and wooden cottages, travel by high-speed train back to Moscow for an evening at your leisure.

Days 4-5 Overnight Train/Novgorod Explore Moscow's famous Kremlin and Armoury Museum. Arrive in the oldest city in Russia and admire its well-preserved architectural treasures. Choose to join locals for an optional steam at the public banya (bath house). **Days 6-8 St Petersburg** Complete the final leg of the journey with a bus trip to St Petersburg. Join a walking tour and hear tales about the colourful characters who are associated with each historical attraction in St Petersburg. Join a local family for a Russian tea party before this trip comes to an end.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (5 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), guesthouse (1 nt)



6 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



Bus, overnight sleeper train, taxi, metro

Beijing to Moscow

16 DAYS, BEIJING TO MOSCOW



Experience an incredible bucket-list adventure through China, Mongolia and Russia, one of the world's greatest and most epic journeys.

Discover a way of life that has changed very little since the 18th century with a visit to an Orthodox Christian's 'Old Believers Village' in Ulan Ude.

Day 1 Beijing Welcome to China's populous capital. **Day 2 Overnight Train** Board a train for the first leg on this epic journey across 8,000 kilometres to St Petersburg. **Days 3-5 Ulaanbaatar/Ger Camp** Cross the border into Mongolia. Stay in a traditional ger, walk through alpine parks and cook delicious Mongolian dumplings. **Days 6-7 Trans Mongolian/Ulan-Ude** Join a city tour that takes in Zaisan Hill, the Winter Palace and Gandan Monastery. Travel across vast Siberian landscapes. **Days 8-9 Lake Baikal** Enjoy a stay by the world's deepest, oldest and largest fresh water lake and tuck into a home-cooked meal. **Days 10-12 Trans-Siberian Railway** Watch the world go by on the famed Trans-Siberian Railway, which travels through five time zones. **Days 13-14 Kungur** Break up the journey with a stop in Kungur. Visit a local family to make traditional gingerbread and share cups of tea. **Days 15-16 Moscow** Wander the streets of Moscow, Russia's capital, and take in its famous sites.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), overnight sleeper train (6 nts), ger (2 nts), guesthouse (1 nt)



8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Overnight sleeper train, metro, private vehicle, bus, taxi



Russian New Year

Experience the spirited festivities of the Russian New Year on this special Russian Highlights adventure. See Moscow's famous sights under a layer of snow, toasting the old year out with vodka and the new one in with champagne.

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Trans-Mongolian Experience

20 DAYS, ST PETERSBURG TO BEIJING



Join in local life and customs when you uncover the old-world charm of Suzdal's quiet streets.

Experience a night in the Mongolian wilderness, stopping in at a traditional ger camp, surrounded by rolling green meadows and forests.

Cross 8,000 kilometres to end in buzzing Beijing and discover China's ancient past and contemporary culture.

Days 1-3 St Petersburg With its baroque architecture, opulent palaces, sprawling squares and crisscrossing canals, it's easy to see why St Petersburg is often referred to as 'The Venice of the North'. **Day 4 Suzdal** Part of the Golden Ring, Suzdal retains the charm of old-world Russia. Go on a guided exploration of the town's monasteries, cathedrals and ornate cottages before relaxing with a glass of honey mead on the riverbanks. **Days 5-6 Moscow** See the Red Square and Kremlin Palace. Perhaps visit Victory Hill, the site where the Russians overcame Napoleon in 1812. Completed in the mid-nineties, the park contains chapels, statues, obelisks and over 1,400 fountains. **Days 7-10 Trans-Siberian Railway** Settle in for four nights aboard the famous Trans-Siberian railway. **Days 11-12 Lake Baikal** Arrive at the world's largest freshwater lake. Stay on Baikal's tranquil banks for a firsthand experience of

life in provincial Russia. In free time, explore the lake at your own pace or perhaps get steamy in a traditional Russian banya (bath house) before sitting down to a hearty Siberian meal in the guesthouse. **Days 13-14 Irkutsk/Trans-Mongolian Railway** Explore the historic streets of this former boomtown. **Day 15 Ulaanbaatar** Explore quirky Ulaanbaatar and visit its fascinating ger district. **Day 16 Terelj National Park/Ger Camp** Rolling green meadows, thick forest and spectacular rock formations all make up this incredible national park. Hike to a Buddhist retreat before spending the night in a ger camp. Tonight, learn how to make buuz – traditional Mongolian dumplings. **Days 17-18 Ulaanbaatar** Visit the imposing Genghis Khan monument and maybe check out Mongolia's largest monastery. **Days 19-20 Beijing** Explore this ancient city in free time and perhaps visit the Great Wall of China.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts), overnight sleeper train (8 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), ger (1 nt)



11 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Overnight sleeper train, bus, private vehicle, metro



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South Eastern Europe



After decades spent in the shadow of its illustrious Aegean neighbours, the countries of the Balkans have finally emerged as travel hotspots in their own right. Whether you're bopping away in the heady nightclubs of Belgrade, strolling about the cliff-top cities of Croatia, marvelling at Slovenia's soaring Julian Alps or cruising around Montenegro's Bay of Kotor, you can't deny that the Balkans are on the rise – which is why we've got in early with a whole slew of new trips.



There's more to Greece than the crumbling ruins of Athens and ouzo-soaked islands. Get to know the real Greece on our new Mainland Greece Discovery tour (page 59).



There's plenty of action for adrenaline junkies, from cycling, hiking and kayaking, to rafting and boating. Do it all on our Active Slovenia and Active Croatia tours (page 57).



Enjoy the freedom of flexibility with different trip lengths to suit your itinerary. Join us for the long haul on our all-encompassing Eastern Europe Explorer (page 54) or you can choose one of our shorter, more in-depth discovery tours (pages 58 to 59).

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Albania
Bosnia & Herzegovina
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Croatia
Greece
Hungary
Italy
Kosovo
Macedonia
Montenegro
Romania
Serbia
Slovenia
Turkey

Weather

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Budapest												
Bled												
Dubrovnik												
Santorini												
Athens												

- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



Bran Castle, Transylvania, Romania

Halloween in Transylvania

Even without its spine-tingling tales of Dracula, werewolves and haunted castles, Romania is an atmospheric destination. And never more so than during the spooky holiday of Halloween. Hear all the legends on our in-depth tour of Transylvania.

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Mostar, Bosnia - James Johnson



Durmitor National Park, Montenegro



Balkan Adventure

15 DAYS, BUDAPEST TO DUBROVNIK



Cross the Chain Bridge in Budapest and take the funicular up to Buda Castle for beautiful views over Pest.

Wander through Belgrade's bohemian quarter and grand 19th-century boulevards, before launching yourself into its animated nightlife.

Sarajevo is one of the most scenically located cities in Europe. See the sights on a guided walking tour and learn about its recent history as a city under siege.

Days 1-2 Budapest Arrive in Budapest, Hungary's intoxicating capital on the banks of the Danube River. Admire intricate carvings on resplendent buildings, cross the iconic Chain Bridge to explore the Castle District, or perhaps see the city from its best angle on a boat cruise. **Days 3-4 Osijek** Cross the border into Croatia and travel to Osijek. Navigate the hallways of grand buildings, stroll along the banks of the Drava River, or pick up the true flavours of this destination at a local cafe. **Day 5 Novi Sad** Experience how Novi Sad, with its fascinating blend of traditional culture and Austro-Hungarian architecture, is one of the most enthralling cities in Serbia. Call into a family-run vineyard and a unique honey museum while relishing the scenic environs of Sremski Karlovci. **Days 6-7 Belgrade** Soak up the history of Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Mosey through the bohemian

quarter or explore city boulevards, where Orthodox churches vie for space alongside fashionable nightclubs. **Days 8-9 Sarajevo** Travel through serene countryside to Sarajevo, the lively capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina. In the evening, be sure to visit Bascarsija, the traditional bazaar area. **Day 10 Mostar** Spend time exploring the Old Town, its old bridge, and sampling the local cuisine. **Day 11 Durmitor National Park** Get back to nature at stunning Durmitor National Park. Enjoy a hike through the mountains and keep an eye out for some of the many animals that call them home. **Days 12-13 Kotor** Get delightfully lost in the alleyways of Kotor. Climb the hills behind the city to discover the ruined fortifications here. **Days 14-15 Dubrovnik** Travel to Dubrovnik and take a walk along the city walls. Perhaps climb Mt Srđ for an aerial perspective and later toast the end of this adventure over dinner.



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- Maximum group size 16
- Hotel (7 nts), guesthouse (3 nts), hostel (1 nt), pension (3 nts)
- 14 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner
- Taxi, public bus, train

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Aleksander Nevski Memorial Church, Sofia, Bulgaria

Carve up Eastern Europe any way you like

Looking for something a little shorter? Get a taste of the East in just over a week with a 10-day trip through Hungary and Romania, or try an 8-day adventure from Bucharest to Istanbul – the perfect introduction to the treasures of Eastern Europe.

For more info enter **WMSB** or **WMSI** on intrepidtravel.com



Bucharest, Romania

Eastern Europe Explorer

17 DAYS, BUDAPEST TO ISTANBUL



A home-stay in the Saxon village of Viscri in Romania offers insight into local life and the chance to sample delicious home-cooked food.

Spend time with the locals in the small town of Gorno Draglishte after exploring one of Bulgaria's most spectacular monasteries.

Days 1-2 Budapest Be greeted by elegant architecture and a bubbly nightlife. **Day 3 Eger** Investigate Eger Castle in this lovely Baroque town and enjoy wine-tasting. **Days 4-5 Maramures** Gain a firsthand experience of provincial Romanian culture. **Day 6 Sighisoara** Be spooked by the bloodcurdling myths that surround Transylvania. **Day 7 Viscri** Learn about the Sock Project, a warming initiative that supports the local community. **Day 8 Brasov** Head to medieval Brasov, a town flanked by mountains and city walls. **Days 9-10 Bucharest** Visit the expansive Piata Unirii Square and 12-storey Palace of Parliament. **Days 11-12 Sofia** See the Aleksander Nevski Memorial Church. **Day 13 Gorno Draglishte** Join a family as their overnight guests in the Rila Mountains. **Day 14 Bansko** Dine on local Bulgarian delicacies in mehanes (stone taverns). **Day 15 Plovdiv** Tour a Roman Amphitheatre and the hilltop fortress of Nebet Tepe. **Days 16-17 Istanbul** Finish up in intoxicating Turkey.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Guesthouse (2 nts), homestay (1 nt), hotel (11 nts), pension (2 nts)
- 16 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners
- Train, public bus, private vehicle, metro, tram, taxi

Western Balkans Uncovered

12 DAYS, SOFIA TO DUBROVNIK



Admire the World Heritage-listed architecture of Dubrovnik and Montenegro's Kotor, climbing along their ancient city walls.

Lose yourself in Tirana, Albania's colourful capital, and partake in the local's favourite pastime: coffee-drinking and people-watching.

Day 1 Sofia Take a stroll through city gardens or gobble up banitsa pastries. **Day 2 Skopje** Tour ancient Byzantine domes and old Turkish baths. **Day 3 Prizren/Skopje** Enjoy a day trip to Prizren, Kosovo's historic city, and shop for traditional handicrafts. **Days 4-5 Lake Ohrid** Enjoy an afternoon bargain hunting in the vibrant Old Bazaar. Embark on a scenic cruise of Lake Ohrid's turquoise waters and befriend peacocks at Sveti Naum Monastery. **Day 6 Korce** Cross the border into Albania. **Day 7 Tirana** Get to know Tirana's friendly locals over a glass of raki or three. **Day 8 Tirana/Kruja** Take a half-day trip to a mountain village. **Day 9 Shkoder/Kotor** Drop in on ancient Shkoder en route to Kotor. **Day 10 Kotor** Admire the view with a cruise on Kotor Fjord. **Days 11-12 Dubrovnik** Walk atop Dubrovnik's grand city ramparts. Perhaps ride the cable car to the top of Srd Hill for a final epic group shot over the city's Old Town.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (11 nts)
- 11 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner
- Private vehicle, public bus, boat



Stari Most, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Mark Pascoe



Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia

Budapest & the Balkans

10 DAYS, BUDAPEST TO DUBROVNIK



Discover the communist past and progressive vibe of beautiful Budapest, the 'Pearl of the Danube'.

Learn about the dark history and rebuilding of Bosnia and Herzegovina with two days in Sarajevo.

Days 1-2 Budapest Budapest effortlessly blends old-world charm with new-age style. **Days 3-4 Belgrade** Following an overnight train ride, arrive in the Serbian capital of Belgrade. **Days 5-6 Sarajevo** Cross into Bosnia and Herzegovina and travel through spectacular countryside to Sarajevo. Having been damaged during the Bosnian War, the city has undergone extensive reconstruction and is now renowned as one of Europe's most delightful cities. **Days 7-8 Mostar/Kotor** Travel by bus to Mostar, a town famous for its Old Bridge. Visit this historic landmark, considered by many to be one of the best examples of Ottoman architecture in the Balkans. Continue on to Kotor. Take a boat trip on Europe's most southerly fjord, then walk Kotor's city walls, taking in the superb panoramic views across the bay. **Days 9-10 Dubrovnik** Encounter the beauty of Dubrovnik, the jewel of the Dalmatian Coast. Explore the city with a walk through the Old Town's atmospheric streets and promenades.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (5 nts), overnight train (1 nt), pension (2 nts), hostel (1 nt)



3 Breakfasts



Overnight train, taxi, train, metro, tram, public bus

Dubrovnik to Venice

10 DAYS, DUBROVNIK TO VENICE



Split is a haven of relaxation and culture. Unwind with a walk along the waterfront promenade and admire the impressive ruins of Diocletian's Palace.

Stroll through Plitvice Lakes National Park, marvelling at luminous lakes and waterfalls that appear to have been sketched by an artist.

Days 1-2 Dubrovnik The walled seaport of Dubrovnik is a stunning architectural site filled with many churches, monuments and fountains. Spend time exploring the town and tasting the delicious local cuisine. **Days 3-4 Split** This seaside town has some of the most beautiful beaches on the coast. Take a daytrip out to the island of Brač and visit the town of Supetar. **Days 5-6 Plitvice Lakes/Zagreb** Stop in at Plitvice Lakes National Park, a World Heritage site of boardwalks, exquisite lake scenery and crisp pine-scented air, then get to know Croatia's distinguished capital on an orientation walk. **Days 7-8 Ljubljana** With ancient castles posted on the surrounding hillsides and many bridges crossing the river that weaves through its centre, Ljubljana is a joy to explore on foot. **Days 9-10 Venice** Arrive in romantic Venice, the final destination of this trip. Replete with museums, eateries, shops, canals, galleries and activities galore, there's no shortage of attractions vying for attention here.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (1 nt), hostel (6 nts), pension (2 nts)



No meals included



Public bus, train, ferry, private vehicle



Lake Bled, Slovenia

Dubrovnik to Bled

Experience both history and nature at their best – from Roman ruins and walled cities to unspoilt beaches and rugged islands. Discover a wealth of architecture and lose yourself in this charming and picturesque region.

For more info enter **ZMSUC** on intrepidtravel.com



Explore Croatia

8 DAYS, DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT



Korcula Island is a quiet escape full of vineyards, olive groves and tranquil coves – indulge in local island food and drink specialties during a feast in a sleepy village.

Hvar Island seems to have it all: Renaissance architecture, beautiful beaches, lush green landscapes and excellent Dalmatian cuisine.

Days 1-2 Dubrovnik See how Dubrovnik bursts with history, from steep, cobbled streets and stunning architecture to the enveloping city walls. Uncover hidden treasures in the Old Town or perhaps take a boat ride to the island of Lokrum for a spot of swimming. **Days 3-4 Korcula** Travel to Korcula by ferry and bus, then stay in simple accommodation. Take in the serene forest landscape dotted with tranquil inlets and character-filled vineyards, and see how residents show immense pride in their island home. **Days 5-6 Hvar** Experience the beauty of Hvar – the queen of the Dalmatian Islands. Wander past wonderfully preserved Renaissance facades and vast, rolling fields. Enjoy some quality time on the beach or chill out over a few cocktails. **Days 7-8 Split** Arrive in Split, the soul of Dalmatia and the site of Emperor Diocletian's well-preserved palace. This vibrant World Heritage-listed town combines a golden past with present-day delights.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (1 nt), apartment (4 nts),
hostel (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Public bus, ferry

Croatia & Slovenia

8 DAYS, SPLIT TO BLED



Feel the rich heritage of the former capital of Dalmatia with each step on the marble streets of Zadar, and taste it in the incredible food.

Discover why Croatia is on every foodie's must-visit list. Stop by Pag Island, meet producers, and taste local specialties like paski sir cheese.

Day 1 Split Arrive early to explore this city's many sites, including the impressive ruins of Diocletian's Palace. **Day 2 Zadar** This town is known for its mesmerising Sea Organ and Sun Salutation sound and light show, and well-preserved Roman ruins. **Day 3 Pag Island** Journey over to Pag Island and sink your teeth into some of the island's famous paski sir – sheep's cheese with a sharp, tangy flavour. **Day 4 Plitvice Lakes National Park** Nestled among mountains, pristine Plitvice Lakes National Park boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Croatia. Discover the park's beauty while hiking along walking trails then spend the night in a local guesthouse. **Day 5 Pula** Imagine scenes of battle on a visit to Pula's Roman Amphitheatre. **Days 6-8 Rovinj/Bled** Stop in at the port town of Rovinj en route to Bled. Take in the mountainous backdrop, picturesque lake and impressive cliff-top castle, which all combine to make Bled such a wonderful place to visit.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts), guesthouse (3 nts),
hostel (2 nts)



3 Breakfasts



Private vehicle, public bus, taxi, bike



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Active in Slovenia



8 DAYS, BLEED TO BLEED

From the top of Mt Vogel, hike along lush trails, looking down to the valley where deep green forest meets the endless blue of the glacial Lake Bohinj.

Cycle through mountain pastures to outstanding lookouts in Triglav National Park, then reward weary muscles in the soothing Ziva Wellness Centre.

Day 1 Bled Join the group this evening at a welcome meeting. **Day 2 Hiking** After breakfast, take an orientation walk through the picturesque town of Bled. Transfer to Mt Vogel and enjoy a hike along lush trails. **Day 3 Mountain Biking** Head to Radovna River in Triglav National Park for a morning of mountain biking, before a visit to Ziva Wellness Centre. **Day 4 Bled** Today is a free day. Perhaps enjoy an Emerald River Adventure or explore Bled further. **Day 5 Piran** Travel by train through stunning countryside to Novo Gorica, then on to the seaside town of Piran. Perhaps head out sea kayaking. **Day 6 Rafting** Pack your bathers for a rafting trip on the Sava Dolinka River. **Day 7 Bled** Spend the day at your leisure. Vintgar Gorge is a daytrip from Bled and features spectacular walks on elevated boardwalks. Otherwise, hire a boat and row around Bled Island, enjoy a lakeside picnic or make a day trip to Ljubljana's Old Town. **Day 8 Bled** This trip comes to an end after breakfast.



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Maximum group size 16



Guesthouse (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts



Public bus, cable car, train, private bus

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Active in Croatia



8 DAYS, SPLIT TO STARIGRAD PAKLENICA

Drift along pure spring-fed rivers past sparkling waterfalls, and then get the heart rushing riding the rapids of Zrmanja River by canoe or raft.

Kayak on the silken blue waters of the Adriatic with dramatic mountains as the backdrop while following the coast to the delightful fishing hamlet of Vinjerac.

Day 1 Starigrad Paklenica Arrive in Split and transfer to Starigrad. **Day 2 Hiking** Hike through the Paklenica National Park, home to incredible rock formations and scenery, possibly stopping into a mountain lodge for a traditional lunch. **Day 3 Canoeing/Rafting** Hit the water for a canoe safari or whitewater rafting on the Zrmanja River. **Day 4 Mountain Biking** The grassy hills and rugged mountain trails of Paklenica National Park are made for mountain biking. **Day 5 Starigrad Paklenica** Today you can relax – perhaps swim, doze on the beach, head to Zadar or revisit the national park. In the evening, enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant. **Day 6 Sea Kayaking** Go on a sea kayak adventure in Paklenica Bay and visit the nearby fishing village of Vinjerac. **Day 7 Plitvice Lakes National Park** Explore Plitvice Lakes, famous for its gorgeous lakes and cascading waterfalls. **Day 8 Starigrad Paklenica** Bid farewell to this active Croatia adventure.



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Maximum group size 16



Guesthouse (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



Private bus

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Kotor, Montenegro - Rosa Friend



Borek breakfast, Skopje, Macedonia - Joanna Yee

Dubrovnik to Athens

15 DAYS, DUBROVNIK TO ATHENS



Sail across the blue waters of Lake Ohrid, one of Europe's oldest lakes. No wonder Macedonia and Albania share this beautiful attraction – nobody would want to let it go.

Feel like a Greek god when you complete the hike up Mt Olympus, famous in the country's mythology as the home of the twelve Olympians.

Day 1 Dubrovnik Arrive in the scenic seaport town of Dubrovnik. **Day 2 Kotor** Climb the city walls of Kotor for incredible views of the bay. **Days 3-4 Tirana** Admire colourful Italian and Turkish inspired architecture mingling with somber Soviet remnants, then take a cable car ride up Dajti Mountain for breathtaking views of the city below. **Days 5 Berat** Enjoy a walk through Kala Castle, which overlooks the town of Berat. **Days 6-7 Ohrid** Visit the vibrant Old Bazaar, then relax on a scenic boat ride out on Lake Ohrid. **Days 8-9 Skopje** Take a step back to Ottoman times while in Skopje. **Day 10 Pelister National Park** Hike around the mountains then enjoy a great wine tasting experience in the evening. **Day 11 Kastoria** Visit the Byzantine churches of this charming lakeside city. **Days 12-13 Mt Olympus** Hike up legendary Mt Olympus, Greece's tallest mountain. **Days 14-15 Athens** Visit the ancient Acropolis, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the original Olympic Stadium.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (13 nts), homestay (1 nt)



14 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner



Private vehicle, public bus, taxi, metro

Kosovo, Albania & Macedonia Explorer

15 DAYS, TIRANA TO TIRANA



Experience daily life in the Valbona Valley with a stay at a local guesthouse. Clink glasses with the locals in the village and hike the rugged valley passes.

Kosovo is rich in history and contrasts. Embrace the modern culture thriving in Pristina, Europe's youngest capital.

Day 1 Tirana Arrive in this truly progressive city. **Day 2 Shkoder** Discover Tirana's historical sights, then bus out to Shkoder, one of the oldest cities in Europe. **Days 3-4 Valbona Valley** Take a stunning boat ride between Koman and Fierza, then enjoy a home-cooked meal. Explore the remote Switzerland-esque valley the next day. **Days 5-6 Peja** Cross into Kosovo, stopping at an ancient monastery and the Pej Bazaar. Hike around the pastures of the Rugova Mountains, lunching with a local family. **Days 7-8 Prizren** Discover Kosovo's most beautiful city, with its stone bridges, cobblestone squares, monasteries and churches. **Day 9 Pristina** Get an insight into the region's ancient and recent history in the capital, then maybe check out the buzzing nightlife. **Days 10-11 Skopje** Take the train to Macedonia's political and cultural centre. Venture out to Matka Canyon, perfect for hikes and boat trips. **Days 12-13 Lake Ohrid** A wealth of historical sights lie on the banks of Europe's oldest lake. **Days 14-15 Tirana** Soak up the city's urban energy.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (14 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



Public bus, boat, train, private vehicle



Meteora, Greece - Iryna K

Best of Greece

◀ BACK TO MAIN MENU

Take a comprehensive 15-day journey into the land of crumbling ruins and crumbling feta, the sun-bleached cradle of modern civilization. From Athens, travel to Corinth and Delphi through to Syros, Mykonos, Santorini and the Cyclades.

For more info enter **ZMSAC** on intrepidtravel.com



Mainland Greece Discovery



8 DAYS, ATHENS TO ATHENS

Like countless pilgrims before you, visit the home of the Oracle of Delphi in Apollo's sanctuary, one of Greece's most important archaeological sites.

Uncover thousands of years of civilisation in Athens with a visit to the world-famous Acropolis and the ancient Agora.

Day 1 Athens Say 'Kalimera' to the birthplace of Western Civilization. Perhaps get to know your group over a delicious mixed grill banquet and glass of ouzo or two. **Day 2 Athens/Corinth** Take a day trip to Corinth and visit the Temple of Apollo. **Day 3 Delphi** Catch a glimpse of your future, take an adventure into Greek mythology, and explore timeworn ruins at the Delphi Museum. The nearby mountaintop stadium was used during the Pythian Games, a precursor to the modern Olympics. **Days 4-5 Kalambaka/Meteora** Climb into the heavens, just like monks have done for centuries, to explore an ancient monastery precariously placed atop a 400-metre-high rock formation. **Day 6 Thessaloniki** Kick off your day with Ottoman-influenced cuisine such as bougatsa (a rich breakfast pastry) and a frappe coffee. **Days 7-8 Athens** If you haven't already, check out the Acropolis, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to watch the changing of the guard.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts)



7 Breakfasts



Public bus, train, taxi, private vehicle

Athens to Santorini



8 DAYS, ATHENS TO SANTORINI

Unwind in the charming village of Syros. When night falls, indulge in delicious seafood dinners in traditional tavernas as rembetika music floats around you.

Walk along Santorini's volcanic rim from Thira to Oia, passing through white villages that cling to plunging cliffs.

Day 1 Athens Arrive early to visit the Parthenon, see the Temple of Olympian Zeus, or be awed by the Acropolis – the axis of the city that serves as an ever-present reminder of its ancient history. **Days 2-3 Syros** Relax aboard a scenic ferry from Piraeus to Syros, an island of abandoned windmills, ancient ruins and inviting beaches.

Days 4-5 Mykonos Be captivated by the quintessential Greek Isles vista of squat white houses brightly juxtaposed against the cerulean sea. Follow flower-lined paths past age-old churches and tiny restaurants to secluded beaches, and spend the afternoon soaking up the rays and splashing in the water. As the sun sets, join Europe's party crowd at one of the many bars and clubs on Mykonos, or take a more traditional approach with a meal at a delightful backstreet restaurant. **Days 6-8 Santorini** Take an early morning hike along a crater rim to picturesque Oia, then chill out on a beach of black sand or admire the ruins of ancient Thira and Akrotiri.

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Hotel (7 nts)



5 Breakfasts



Metro, ferry, taxi, public bus

Turkey & Transcaucasia



From buzzing Istanbul to laidback Antalya, the stone heads of Mt Nemrut to Cappadocia's storybook deserts – like a curbside kebab, Turkey has it all. Whether you're wanting a grand tour with the lot, an express sampler or are looking for something new altogether, we serve our Turkish adventures for every appetite. Lured by the irresistible beauty, history and hospitality of the Caucasus Mountains, we've also recently branched into nearby Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.



Step back through history – hearing stories of heroism and mateship – on a moving pilgrimage to the battlefields of Gallipoli (page 61).



Can't keep still even when you're travelling? Strap on your boots and get into gear for a hiking, kayaking and cycling tour of Turkey (page 63).



Maybe it's all that Kvevri-brewed wine, but we've got a bit of a crush on Georgia. So we're heading there on a brand new trip (page 65).

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Turkey

Weather

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Istanbul												
Goreme												
Antalya												
Tbilisi												

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



Antalya, Turkey



Gallipoli, Turkey - Gary Hudson

Best of Turkey

15 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL



Uncover millennia of hidden history within the remarkable ruins of Ephesus and taste Turkey's local produce in the mountain village of Sirince.

Be mesmerised by the hypnotic dancing of Bursa's unique religious sect, the Whirling Dervishes.

Day 1 Istanbul Kickstart the adventure by checking out some of Istanbul's lesser-known sights on an orientation walk. **Day 2 Bursa** Relax in a traditional Turkish bath, nosh on a hearty iskender kebab, or explore a bazaar that dates back to the Ottoman era. **Days 3-4 Selcuk** Stroll through ancient Ephesus, the former capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. **Day 5 Pamukkale** Wander the fascinating terraces of Pamukkale. **Days 6-7 Kayakoy** Embark on a half-day trek along the Lycian Way. **Days 8-9 Kas** Cast away on a cruise into the Mediterranean.

Day 10 Antalya Explore Antalya's splendidly preserved Roman-era harbour. **Day 11 Konya** Konya is a town of strong theological roots, remarkable architecture and excellent museums. **Days 12-14 Goreme** Be astounded by the quirky rock formations of Cappadocia. Marvel at towering Uchisar Castle or get lost in the Kaymakli Underground City. **Day 15 Istanbul** Your Turkish adventure winds up in charismatic Istanbul.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (13 nts), overnight boat (1 nt)



11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinners



Dolmus, ferry, gulet, private bus, public bus, taxi, plane

Gallipoli Pilgrimage

2 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL



Hear moving tales of World War I courage and sacrifice, an educational experience for any traveller regardless of age or background.

Many historians say that the struggles of Gallipoli marked the birth of a national consciousness among Australians and New Zealanders.

Day 1 Istanbul/Gallipoli Be humbled while exploring a region equated with one of the most significant military battles of our time. Embark on a guided tour through Anzac Cove to the battlefields of Nek and Lone Pine and be amazed at how this now serene coastline once saw such brutal scenes of war. Hear stories of heroism and camaraderie that occurred among the tragedies of what have become defining moments in Australian, New Zealand, British and Turkish history. Take the time to read moving inscriptions etched onto a sea of gravestones.

Day 2 Gallipoli/Istanbul Perhaps venture further afield to Troy, the site where the ancient Greeks supposedly pulled their famous wooden horse stunt, before returning to Istanbul in the late afternoon. This journey provides a great opportunity to pay respects to those who lost their lives and to reflect on what they fought for.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (1 nt)



1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch



Bus



Fethiye, Turkey

Explore Northern Turkey

Uncover lesser-known Northern Turkey on an 8-day journey from Istanbul to Van, the 'Pearl of the East'. Stop by the old Silk Road city of Trabzon, visit a tea farm in Rize, taste Kars' famous gravyer cheese and see the ruined medieval Armenian city of Ani Harabeleri before finishing up in the island of Akdamar.

For more info head to
intrepidtravel.com/ERSN



Cappadocia, Turkey - Cameron Gaze



Cappadocia, Turkey

Turkey Explored

18 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL



Step back in time to when Istanbul was Constantinople in the backstreets of the famous Grand Bazaar.

Hike into the Valley of Love in Cappadocia and be wowed by the fantastical natural sculptures of spires, domes and pinnacles.

Experience Turkish culture first hand by staying the night with a local family and learning about their way of life and traditions.

Days 1-2 Istanbul Lose yourself in the multitude of art galleries, bazaars and chic cafes in the stylish capital of Turkey. In free time, bargain at the aromatic Spice Bazaar or relax with a steam, sauna and massage in a traditional Turkish hamam. **Day 3 Gallipoli** Pay respects to the brave souls who gave their lives at Gallipoli, visiting the monuments and cemeteries dotted around the area's haunting coastline. **Days 4-5 Selcuk** Wander around Ephesus' crumbling ruins, including an impressive Greco-Roman temple and the towering library of Celsus. **Day 6 Pamukkale** Stare up in awe at the gleaming white travertine terraces surrounding the pools and see why Pamukkale has been nicknamed 'Cotton Castle'. **Day 7 Fethiye** Pack sunnies, sunscreen and swimmers for a day spent discovering Oludeniz's sapphire lagoon. **Day 8 Southern Coast Cruising** Venture to uninhabited

Kekova Island, walking up to Simena Castle for spectacular panoramic views of the islands dotted throughout the turquoise water. **Days 9-10 Antalya** Often described as the Turkish Riviera, Antalya is a historical goldmine. Amble along cobblestone pathways of the Old Quarter and don't miss Antalya's signature dish, Piyaz – a zesty bean, vegetable and egg salad. **Day 11 Konya** Situated on the plains of the Anatolian steppe, Konya is the perfect place to experience a Turkish city minus the tourist crowds. **Days 12-13 Cappadocia** See churches and dwellings scooped out of soft volcanic rock. **Day 14 Darende** Stroll through a 300-year-old bazaar. **Day 15 Kahta Homestay** Experience Turkish culture firsthand by spending a night with a local family. **Day 16 Nemrut** Discover the colossal stone heads strewn across Mt Nemrut. **Days 17-18 Istanbul** End the journey in the capital.



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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (10 nts), pension (3 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), homestay (1 nt), overnight boat (1 nt)



17 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners



Plane, bus, dolmus, gulet, train, private bus

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Kebabs in Turkey



Pamukkale, Turkey - Michael Bishara

Turkey Express

10 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ANTALYA



Explore one of the world's best-preserved ancient cities in Pergamon by travelling up to a magnificent mountainside acropolis.

An action-packed ten-day itinerary that covers all the must-see destinations of Western Turkey, this is the ideal trip for travellers short on time.

Days 1-2 Istanbul Discover a magical city of minarets, mosques and markets that will inspire and delight.

Day 3 Canakkale Reflect on a tragic moment in history amid the moving memorials and windswept scenery of the Gallipoli peninsula. **Day 4 Ayvalik** Feast on regional specialities like Ayvalik Tost (similar to a club sandwich, but better). **Day 5 Selcuk** Explore one of the world's best-preserved ancient cities in Pergamon, taste local wine in Sirince and witness Turkish traditions in the small farming village of Selcuk. **Day 6 Selcuk** Explore Ephesus, once the heart of the great Eastern Roman Empire. **Day 7 Pamukkale** Admire the pools at Pamukkale, which have been famed for their medicinal qualities since Roman times. **Day 8 Antalya** Discover a bewitching mix of history, charm and modern sophistication in Antalya. **Day 9 Antalya** Walk among gods at the Antalya Museum, one of the country's best museums. **Day 10 Antalya** Your adventure ends after breakfast today.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), pension (3 nts)



9 Breakfasts



Private bus, dolmus, gulet

Turkey – Hike, Bike & Kayak

12 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ANTALYA



Cycle along the bay of Gokova, visit a local market, and spend the evening relaxing riverside in Akyaka.

Kayaking over a sunken city is the perfect way to experience the lush blue waters of the Mediterranean.

Day 1 Istanbul Discover hidden charms on a guided orientation walk through Istanbul's bustling backstreets.

Days 2-3 Eceabat Hike the battlefields of Gallipoli and learn of the tragedies that transpired here. **Day 4 Selcuk** Step back in time on a visit to the historic Roman ruins of Ephesus. **Days 5-6 Akyaka** Bike rides and island swimming are all on the cards during a stay in cute Akyaka. **Day 7 Fethiye** Enjoy a stroll around Fethiye's picturesque harbour. **Day 8 Faralya** Hike the trails of an ancient civilisation to Faralya with mesmerising views over Butterfly Valley, then enjoy Turkish hospitality with a local family. **Days 9-10 Kas** Hike along mountain tracks and arrive in chilled-out Kabak, near Kas. Hang up your hiking boots and then go kayaking over a sunken city. **Days 11-12 Antalya** Travel to Antalya and follow in the footsteps of Alexander the Great on a hike to ancient Termessos. Relax and enjoy a final evening by the sea.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), pension (2 nts)



11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Dinner



Bus, dolmus, kayak, bike



Istanbul, Turkey



Ephesus, Turkey - Gill Brodie

Turkey Encompassed

15 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL



Feast your eyes on Turkey's most surreal sights, from the 'Cotton Castle' of Pamukkale to the psychedelic rockscapes of Cappadocia.

Enjoy a local lunch while sailing the Kekova islands. Spot underwater cities from above, then spend the afternoon snorkelling.

Your exploration of Derinkuyu is a walking tour with a twist. This astounding ancient city extends some 60 metres underground.

Day 1 Istanbul Get to know this fascinating city on your own before meeting up with your group.

Day 2 Beypazari See the resplendent Blue Mosque on an Old Town walking tour, then travel to the beautiful rural town of Beypazari for the night.

Days 3-4 Goreme Spend the morning visiting the Living Museum in Beypazari, then pass through one of the world's largest salt lakes to Cappadocia. The following day, the early birds have the chance to rise before dawn for an awe-inspiring optional hot air balloon ride over the surrounding landscape. Head underground to explore the subterranean city of Derinkuyu. **Day 5 Konya** Explore this incredible centre of religious education and amazing architecture.

Day 6 Antalya Fall in love with Kaleici, Antalya's charming old city. Check out its impressive clock towers. **Days 7-8 Kas** With its cobbled streets and

whitewashed buildings, Kas is a great place to relax, swim, and dine on delicious local fare. Cruise out into the deep blue Mediterranean, visiting the island hamlets of Ucgiz and Simena. **Day 9 Fethiye** Discover the ghostly vibe of Kayakoy, then pamper the senses in picture-perfect Fethiye. **Day 10 Pamukkale** Take a dip in what used to be Cleopatra's old pool, then explore an abundance of religious structures, vast necropolis and strange tombs. **Days 11-12 Selcuk** This attractive town features a grand fortress, the grave of St John, and the remains of one of the ancient world's Seven Wonders – the Temple of Artemis. Be awed by the sophistication of the well-preserved ancient city of Ephesus. **Day 13 Canakkale** This charming traditional fishing town that has a great range of dinner and nightlife options, not to mention medieval ruins to explore. **Days 14-15 Istanbul** Return to the capital via moving Gallipoli.



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (14 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches



Private bus, boat, public bus

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Caucasus Mountains, Georgia

Twice the fun in the Caucasus

Double your dose of adventure on our 24-day tour that combines the best of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Beginning in Tbilisi and finishing up in the frenetic streets of Istanbul, this trip will really get you under the skin of the South Caucasus.

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Market at Sheki, Azerbaijan

Tbilisi to Istanbul

15 DAYS, TBILISI TO ISTANBUL



This trip has something for everyone, from foodies to history buffs to active types. Cook kubdari, take in Azerbaijan's heritage marvels, and hike a Georgian glacier.

Venture into the Svaneti region in Georgia, a remote land of snow-capped mountains where medieval tower-houses loom and the locals speak their own dialect.

Days 1-2 Tbilisi Become acquainted with Tbilisi's Old Town on a guided sightseeing tour. **Day 3 Kutaisi** Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Jvari Church and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – where the robe of Christ is supposedly buried. **Days 4-5 Mestia** Journey into the Svaneti region and hike one of the highest inhabited areas in the Caucasus. **Day 6 Ushguli** Call in at the Lamaria Church and explore the area's many watchtowers. **Day 7 Mestia** Greet the day with a walk through wooded forests to Mt Shkhara. **Days 8-9 Batumi** Explore the waterfront parks and beaches of Georgia's Black Sea city. **Day 10 Ayder (Georgia – Turkey Border Crossing)** Celebrate your first day in Turkey with a BBQ dinner. **Day 11 Ayder** Pack your camera for a picturesque hike around Ayder. **Day 12 Uzungol** Embark on a trek to Soganli Mountain. **Day 13 Trabzon** Visit beautiful monasteries and indulge in a local tea tasting. **Days 14-15 Istanbul** Finish your adventure in vibrant Istanbul.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (9 nts), guesthouse (5 nts)



14 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Plane, private bus

Highlights of Azerbaijan & Georgia

10 DAYS, BAKU TO TBILISI



Azerbaijan's cosmopolitan capital of Baku is often referred to as the 'new Dubai'. Enjoy a guided walking tour around the city's World Heritage-listed Old Town.

Feast on a lunch with a local family in the Kakheti region, sampling delicious homemade food, wine and Georgian 'chacha'.

Days 1-3 Baku Welcome to Baku, Azerbaijan's bold and brash capital. Stand on the white steps of the impressive Shirvanshakhs' Palace and see rock art dating back 40,000 years at the Gobustan Reservation. **Day 4 Lahij** Learn the secrets of yoghurt-making and the art of copper production on a visit to the Caucasus Mountains. Take a break by sharing some tea with the locals. **Days 5-6 Sheki** Journey to the village of Nidj and meet the native Udin people. Walk across rainbow-coloured floors created by the colourful frescoes at Sheki Khans Palace. Visit craft workshops in the nearby Kish village and learn how 'Shebeke', intricate handmade vitrages, are made. **Day 7 Azerbaijan-Georgia Border (Lagodekhi) - Signaghi** Welcome to Georgia! Learn about the provincial way of life on a visit to a local Georgian family. **Days 8-10 Tbilisi** Visit the David Gareja cave complex and climb the steps of Narikala fortress for incredible panoramic views. Wander the narrow streets of Tbilisi's Old Town.

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Hotel (8 nts), guesthouse (1 nt)



8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner



Private bus

Egypt & The Middle East



The Middle East is living proof of the old maxim: you don't know until you go. Forget the headlines and hyperbole; this is the cradle of civilizations, an enchanting world of archaeological wonders, cosmopolitan cities, first-rate beaches and truly epic landscapes. Feel history reverberate in Jerusalem's time-worn walls, get lost in the 'Rose City' of Petra, cruise down the Nile by felucca or hop atop a camel for a lope across Abu Dhabi's desert dunes.



With Cairo as a base, set out to discover Egypt's many ancient wonders – the Pyramids, Sphinx, Egyptian Museum, and, in Alexandria, catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa (page 68).



Experience a slice of Jordanian beach culture in the Gulf of Aqaba, snorkelling vibrant coral reefs and lazing along palm-dotted shores (page 69).



Sample desert life on an overnight camp in Wadi Rum with the nomadic Bedouin people. Hear the stories of your hosts and tuck into a traditional feast, then snuggle down in a camelhair tent or sleep out under a twinkling canopy of stars (page 68).

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Egypt
Israel
Jordan
Turkey
United Arab Emirates

Weather

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cairo												
Luxo												
Istanbul												
Petra												
Amman												

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 15-20°C
- Cold & dry 0-15°C
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



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Egypt Adventure

8 DAYS, CAIRO TO CAIRO



Interacting with the locals is a big part of this trip, be it by losing yourself in Cairo's colourful Khan al-Khalili bazaar or dining with local villagers in Aswan and Luxor.

By visiting ACE (Animal Care in Egypt), you'll be supporting an excellent project dedicated to promoting the welfare of camels, donkeys and other working animals.

Days 1-2 Cairo Welcome to a city like no other. Be immersed in Cairo's chaos, colour and culture with a trip to Khan al-Khalili, Egypt's most famous bazaar. For a change of pace, head into the desert and visit the impressive Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza. In the evening, take an overnight sleeper train south. **Days 3-5 Aswan/Nile Felucca** Join a local Nubian family for dinner to experience a slice of Nile culture firsthand. There is also time for an optional day trip to Abu Simbel. Later, set sail down the Nile on an overnight felucca journey, sleeping on deck under a starry sky. **Days 6-7 Luxor** Known as Thebes to the ancient Egyptians, Luxor conceals amazing treasures. Pay a visit to an Intrepid-supported animal care project and wander the amazing Temples of Karnak. Head into the Valley of the Kings to visit three of the best-preserved pharaonic tombs, then join a local family for a traditional home-cooked lunch. **Day 8 Cairo** Return to Cairo, Egypt's pulsating heart.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (4 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), felucca (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Van, overnight sleeper train, felucca

Egypt Experience

12 DAYS, CAIRO TO CAIRO



Delve into the marvels and mythologies of Ancient Egypt on guided tours through the Pyramids of Giza and the Valley of the Kings.

Stand at the feet of Abu Simbel's monumental temples, marveling at the sheer scale of these impressive structures.

Days 1-2 Cairo Visit the majestic Sphinx and the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World, the Pyramid of Giza. Wander the halls of the Egyptian Museum, taking in the thousands of ancient treasures on display. **Days 3-4 Alexandria** Head underground and delve into the mysteries of the Kom ash-Shuqqafa catacombs. This Roman burial site, the largest of its kind in Egypt, was discovered by a donkey. **Day 5 Aswan** Watch the sun set over the Nile from the deck of a gliding felucca. Learn about Nubian culture at the excellent museum and enjoy a homecooked meal. **Days 6-8 Nile Cruise** Fly to the magnificent, memorable temples of Abu Simbel. Return to take a cruise down the Nile River, stopping along the way to explore the ancient temple sites of Kom Ombo and Edfu. **Days 9-10 Luxor** Wander through the fascinating Temples of Karnak, the biggest and most important complex of its time. **Days 11-12 Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and the hustle and bustle of the Khan al-Khalili bazaar.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (7 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt), cruise ship (3 nts)



11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners



Plane, van, overnight sleeper train, boat, felucca



Temple of Hatshepsut, Luxor, Egypt



Dead Sea, Jordan

Explore Egypt

15 DAYS, CAIRO TO CAIRO



Unwind in the vibrant beach resort of Hurghada and explore the extraordinary ecosystem of Giftun Island in the Red Sea.

Uncover Alexandria, a city once one of the greatest in antiquity and now Egypt's second capital.

Days 1-2 Cairo Colourful Cairo overflows with character and there is plenty of time to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. **Days 3-4 Aswan** The Nile, Elephantine Island and white-sailed feluccas: welcome to Aswan, Egypt's southernmost city. **Day 5 Nubian Homestay** Join a local Nubian family to experience a slice of Nile culture firsthand. **Day 6 Nile Felucca** A Nubian crew provides food and song on this traditional felucca journey down the Nile. **Days 7-8 Luxor** Visit an animal welfare project, wander through the temple complex of Karnak, and explore the incredible Valley of the Kings. **Days 9-10 Hurghada** Venture out by boat to the island of Mahmya for a full day of world-class snorkelling. **Day 11 Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and head to the warren of alleys of the Khan el-Khalili bazaar. **Days 12-13 Alexandria** Explore this vibrant city, then reflect on the past at El Alamein and its museum. **Days 14-15 Cairo** Visit the eerie catacombs of Kom ash-Shuqqafa and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina before returning to the capital.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (11 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), felucca (1 nt)



14 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners



Overnight sleeper train, felucca, van, bus, jeep

Jordan & Egypt Express

9 DAYS, AMMAN TO CAIRO



Spend a day uncovering the mystery and majesty of Petra. The first glimpse of the Treasury from the narrow path of the Siq is unforgettable.

Enjoy an effortless float in the super-salty waters of the Dead Sea, a body of water unlike any other.

Day 1 Amman If arriving early, explore the city or venture out to the Jerash ruins to soak up some history. **Days 2-3 Petra** Enjoy a buoyant dip in the salty Dead Sea before travelling to Petra to explore this spectacular site hewn out of rose-coloured rock. This ancient Nabataean city is one of the must-see places to visit in the Middle East. **Day 4 Wadi Rum** Spend a memorable night sleeping Bedouin-style in rustic camel-hair tents or head outside to fall asleep under a twinkling canopy of stars. **Day 5 Nuweiba** Cross the Gulf of Aqaba and travel to a seaside camp by the glistening Red Sea. **Days 6-7 Dahab** It's a short drive to Dahab, where you have plenty of free time to take in its many spoils. Snorkel over beautiful reefs, kick back on golden sands or join new Bedouin friends for a seafood feast. **Days 8-9 Cairo** With its treasure-filled museums, flavoursome cuisine and famous pyramids, Cairo provides the perfect end to this express adventure.

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Maximum group size 16



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt), beach hut (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



Plane, ferry, minibus, jeep



Wadi Rum, Jordan



Petra market, Jordan - Sally Johnston

Jordan Discovery

8 DAYS, AMMAN TO AMMAN



Be awed by the towering, windswept rock formations of Wadi Rum, watching the colours change as the sun arcs its way across the sky.

Gain an insight into Bedouin culture and customs on an overnight stay in a traditional desert camp.

Day 1 Amman Begin this adventure in Jordan's easygoing capital. **Day 2 Aqaba** Journey out to the seaside town of Aqaba, famed for its diving and snorkelling. The small Ottoman Mamluk Fort, which dates back to the 14th century, is worth checking out. **Day 3 Wadi Rum** Swap the charm of the coast for the delight of the desert. Ride past sandstone mountains, befriend the local Bedouin people, and watch the hues of the desert landscape change at sunset. **Days 4-5 Petra** This morning, perhaps scale one of Wadi Rum's towering sand dunes before venturing out to Petra. Be entranced by the ethereal beauty of ancient Petra. Stroll around age-old tombs, see the impressive amphitheatre and climb up to the majestic Monastery. **Days 6-8 Amman** Visit the ancient crusader castle of Shobak before heading back to Amman. Explore the Roman city of Jerash, then drive to the Dead Sea for a swim. Return to Amman, where this adventure comes to an end.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), desert camp (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners



Jeep, bus, van

Middle East Discovery

24 DAYS, CAIRO TO ANTALYA



Take in Egypt's beautiful scenery on a felucca cruise down the Nile, finishing in Luxor to tour the ancient tombs of the pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings.

Spend time swimming, chilling out, chatting with locals and soaking up the scenery on a relaxing cruise in the Aegean.

Days 1-2 Cairo Be immersed in Cairo's chaos and colour. **Days 3-5 Aswan - Nile Felucca** Sail down the Nile on an overnight felucca journey. **Days 6-7 Luxor** Tour Luxor's amazing treasures. **Day 8 Amman** Fly to Amman. **Days 9-10 Wadi Rum** Head out on an exciting desert safari and camp out with Bedouin hosts. **Days 11-12 Petra** Squeeze through the narrow Siq for your first glimpse of Petra's stunning Treasury. **Days 13-14 Madaba** Take a dip in the salty waters of the Dead Sea and visit Jerash. **Days 15-16 Istanbul** Bargain for goods in the Grand Bazaar. **Day 17 Canakkale** Reflect on a tragic moment in history amid Gallipoli's memorials. **Day 18 Ayvalik** Feast on regional delicacies. **Days 19-20 Selcuk** Explore the ancient city of Pergamon. **Day 21 Pamukkale** Wander about Pamukkale's stepped pools. **Days 22-24 Antalya** Discover a bewitching mix of history and culture in sophisticated Antalya.

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Desert camp (2 nts), felucca (1 nt), hotel (15 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), pension (3 nts)



23 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Bus, felucca, gulet, jeep, overnight sleeper train, van



Jerusalem, Israel

Uncover Oman

Crumbling Portuguese forts and tranquil fishing villages line secluded shores, desert dunes mottle the interior and traditionally garbed Bedouins drift through the spice-filled souqs. Get a taste of old-world Arabia in Oman, a modern nation with an ancient soul.

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Niswa, Oman - Christophe Cappelli

Discover Israel

7 DAYS, JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV



Journey to the village of Taybeh, in the West Bank, and enjoy a beer from the first microbrewery in the Middle East.

Explore the famous towns of Jericho, Bethlehem and Nazareth and witness daily life playing out on the streets of Jerusalem.

Days 1-4 Jerusalem Welcome to Jerusalem, a city steeped in spirituality and legend. Drive out to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks Jerusalem's Old City, and enter the Garden of Gethsemane. See the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and take a walking tour of the city. Head south to Masada, stopping in at the shrine of Nabi Musa and Monastery of St George of Koziba en route. Take a dip in the Dead Sea and call in at a pioneering microbrewery in the West Bank. Conclude your time in Jerusalem with a visit to Yad Vashem – the Israel Holocaust Museum. **Days 5-6 Nazareth** Visit the ancient walled port-city of Acre, explore the secret tunnel of the Templars and view the immaculate Bahai Gardens. Travel to the western shores of the Sea of Galilee and Tiberias. Stop in the Jordan Valley along the way to visit the ancient fishing village of Capernaum. **Day 7 Tel Aviv** Journey along the coast and visit Caesarea. Then farewell this trip on arrival in Tel Aviv.

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- Hotel (6 nts)
- 6 Breakfasts
- Minibus

Explore Egypt, Jordan & Israel

21 DAYS, CAIRO TO TEL AVIV



A felucca sailing trip not only means experiencing unsurpassed Nubian hospitality but is the perfect way to take in the Nile and its gorgeous surrounds.

Look down on one of the world's most amazing city skylines from Jerusalem's Mount of Olives.

Days 1-2 Cairo Visit the Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza. **Days 3-5 Aswan/Nile Felucca** Join a Nubian family for dinner, then set off down the Nile by felucca. There is also time for an optional day trip to the fascinating temples of Abu Simbel. **Days 6-7 Luxor** See the Temples of Karnak and enter the Valley of the Kings to see three of Egypt's best-preserved tombs. **Day 8 Amman** Fly to the capital of Jordan. **Days 9-10 Wadi Run** See the amazing rock formations carved by the elements, then share dinner and stories with Bedouin hosts. **Days 11-12 Petra** Uncover the world's most spectacular lost city. **Days 13-14 Madaba** Visit crusader castles, swim in the Dead Sea, see Madaba's mosaics and the ruins of Jerash. **Days 15-18 Jerusalem** Take a few days to truly get a grip on this holiest of cities. Explore the Old City, Mount of Olives, the fortress of Masada and the West Bank town of Taybeh. **Days 19-20 Nazareth** Discover Tiberias, Safad, and Acre's Templar tunnels. **Day 21 Tel Aviv** End this Middle Eastern adventure in Tel Aviv.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (15 nts), overnight sleeper train (2 nts), felucca (1 nt), desert camp (2 nts)
- 20 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Plane, van, overnight sleeper train, felucca, jeep, ferry



Dubai, UAE - Andrzej Bochenski



Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dubai Discovery



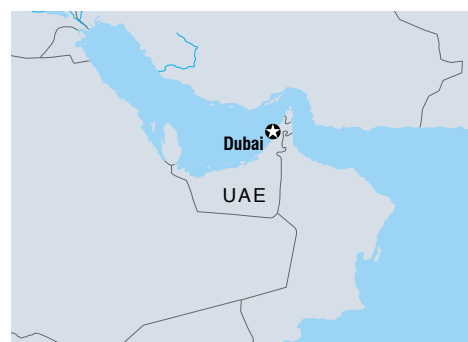
3 DAYS, DUBAI TO DUBAI

Walk the opulent city streets of this oil-financed metropolis with a local guide, discovering the centuries-old Al Fahidi Fort and hitting the spice-filled souq.

Travel across Dubai Creek in a traditional abra, then venture out of town on a desert safari to experience legendary Bedouin hospitality.

Day 1 Dubai Welcome to the jewel in the crown of the United Arab Emirates. The largest city in the UAE is well known for its plethora of wealth and opulence (a vending machine for gold, anyone?), but it's also known for its history and culture. An included arrival transfer will shuttle you to your hotel, after which your day is free to spend as you wish. Head out for some retail therapy, enjoy the rooftop pool or jump on the complimentary bus to the beach. **Day 2 Dubai** Discover the history of Dubai on a city tour. Drive through the heritage area of Bastakiya, where you can find labyrinthine streets formed in the 19th century by textile and pearl merchants. Pass the ornate Al Fahidi Fort and its museum, then cross the Dubai Creek to the aromatic spice souq and glittery gold market. In the afternoon, head out into the sands for a desert safari to a Bedouin campsite. Experience Bedouin culture and a delicious feast. **Day 3 Dubai** Depart Dubai today with a shuttle transfer to the airport.

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Hotel (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



4x4, coach

Abu Dhabi Discovery



3 DAYS, ABU DHABI TO ABU DHABI

Gaze in awe at the majestic Grand Mosque and glittering skyscrapers that mark Abu Dhabi's skyline.

Set out on a 4x4 adventure into the golden sand dunes of Arabia, then experience local culture at a Bedouin desert camp.

Day 1 Abu Dhabi Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Welcome to this spectacular capital city. Indulge in some retail therapy or take a dip at the city beach. **Day 2 Abu Dhabi** Enjoy a free morning, perhaps visiting the massive, Taj Mahal-like white marble Grand Mosque, wandering the perfectly manicured waterfront of the Corniche or browsing the stores of the Marina Mall. In the afternoon, join safari guides for a 4WD adventure into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the undulating dunes, then see a beautiful scenic sunset over the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite, where you can enjoy henna design, Arabic gava (coffee), local dresses, refreshments, a Hubbly Bubbly (hookah) and a delicious barbeque buffet to enjoy. Adding to the atmosphere of the night is an enchanting belly dancer performing to Arabic rhythms. After this desert adventure, return to your Abu Dhabi Hotel. **Day 3 Abu Dhabi** Depart with a shuttle transfer to the airport.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (2 nts)



2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner



4x4, coach

Food Adventures



Slurp, bite and crunch your way across the cultural hotpots of Europe, Israel and Morocco on one of our mouth-watering food tours. With a dash of culture, sprinkle of adventure and generous lashings of deliciousness – we've perfected the recipe for the ultimate foodie escape. Our tours get you under the skin of Europe's most exciting gastronomic destinations, be it harvesting honey in a Macedonian apiary, touring Tuscan vineyards or cooking up a storm in a Turkish kitchen. Buon appetito!



Follow your meal from farm to plate on a food journey through Israel. Visit a goat cheese farm in the desert and fish markets in Akko on a quest to find the freshest produce (page 77).



Build a nose for, and appreciation of, the many culturally distinct regions of Italy. Get to know your panella from your casarecce on our Italy and South Italy tours (page 75).



What the heck is Pinjur? Find out on a tantalising journey through the Balkans that will expand your horizons and your palate (page 74).

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Croatia
Greece
Israel and the Palestinian Territories
Italy
Kosovo
Macedonia
Montenegro
Morocco
Portugal
Slovenia
Spain
Turkey

Weather

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Athens												
Barcelona												
Marrakech												
Rome												
Istanbul												

- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
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- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing -0°C



San Sebastian, Spain



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Real Food Adventure – Northern Spain

10 DAYS, BARCELONA TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA



Join a local Barcelona chef on a guided market tour and take part in a Catalan cooking masterclass.

As well as offering stunning views of this Alpine-esque landscape, a walk in the Picos de National Park is just the thing for working up a new appetite.

Days 1-2 Barcelona Tour the Santa Catarina Market – a trove of spectacular produce – in preparation for a Catalan-flavoured home-cooked meal prepared by a local chef. **Days 3-4 Logrono** Visit Spain's premier wine region, La Rioja. Stroll the streets of Logrono and sample regional specialties like grilled chorizo or wild mushrooms. **Day 5 San Sebastian** Take part in a masterclass in Basque cuisine. **Day 6 Picos de Europa NP** Fill up with cocido lebaniego – a traditional Cantabrian stew. **Days 7-8 Oviedo** Enjoy breakfast in Potes' weekly market – one of the oldest in Spain. Sample Arenas de Cabrales cheese and stop off at a cider house before arriving in Oviedo. **Days 9-10 Santiago de Compostela** Delve into the cuisine of Galicia, a region famed for its seafood, with a visit to a fish market and lunch of mussels in A Coruna. Explore Santiago de Compostela's Old City by night and take a breakfast tour through Abastos Market.

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Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (9 nts)		
3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners		
Metro, train, private vehicle, public bus, taxi		

Real Food Adventure – Galicia & Portugal

8 DAYS, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA TO LISBON



Discover why Alentejo is Portugal's best kept foodie secret. Lovers of jamon Iberico, prepare to be blown away...

Take your pick of dishes produced by some of Lisbon's top chefs with lunch in the food court of the Mercado da Ribeira.

Day 1 Santiago de Compostela Go on a tasty tapas crawl through the city's Old Town. **Days 2-4 Porto** Peruse the offerings at a Galician fish market before putting the produce to good use in a cooking class. Embark on your first taste of Portuguese flavours on a food walk through Porto. Visit the stepped terraces and villas of the Douro Valley and learn how port is made. **Days 5-6 Alentejo Farmstay** Journey to Alentejo, with its undulating wheat fields, huge cork plantations and bountiful vineyards. Enjoy a home-cooked meal of Alentejo's finest produce on a farm stay. Savour locally produced specialties, including presunto – Portugal's answer to jamon. Visit the World-Heritage city of Evora, one of Portugal's most beautifully preserved medieval towns. **Days 7-8 Lisbon** Get acquainted with Portugal's dynamic capital on an orientation walk. Perhaps enjoy a final Portuguese feast while listening to the soulful strains of fado.

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STYLE ORIGINAL	TRIP CODE ZMZF	PHYSICAL ●●○○○
Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (5 nts), farmstay (2 nts)		
3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners		
Train, private vehicle, public bus		



Barley soup, Slovenia



Tutto, Macedonia - Joanna Yee

Real Food Adventure – Slovenia & Croatia

9 DAYS, LJUBLJANA TO SPLIT



Delve into the diverse world of food that lies beneath Slovenia's fairytale landscape. Learn about the country's rich food heritage with a visit to two distinct culinary regions.

Discover why Istria is considered the Italy of the East – a gastronomic wonderland where world-class olive oil and truffles await.

Days 1-2 Ljubljana Munch on some of the city's tastiest treats on a delicious food tour, then head to the delightful lakeside town of Bled. Be sure to leave room for kremsnita, a traditional cream cake.

Days 3-4 Motovun Travel to the seaside village of Piran to taste Istrian cuisine. Sample olives, refosk (Slovenian wine) and prsut, a special ham of the region. Enjoy a truffle hunt in Motovun with a local expert. **Day 5 Pula** Transfer to Rovinj, an active fishing port on the Istrian peninsula. Perhaps take a cruise to Lim Bay and taste freshly shucked molluscs at an oyster farm. Drop past a boutique Croatian winery on the way to Pula, and savour some indigenous drops. **Days 6-7 Zadar** Travel to Zadar via Plitvice Lake National Park and discover the town's famed cafe culture. The following day, tour the fish markets, then journey to Pag Island to sample the revered local cheese. **Days 8-9 Split** Continue on to the buzzing city of Split. Celebrate the end of this food adventure with a cooking class, learning the secrets of classic Dalmatian dishes.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (8 nts)



4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner



Private vehicle, public bus

Real Food Adventure – Macedonia to Montenegro

10 DAYS, SKOPJE TO KOTOR



Get the local buzz on honey from a village bee master during a bee-keeping class in the foothills of Pelister.

See why the Balkans are the next big thing in food on a tour that will get you drinking boza and rakija and snacking on pinjur, makalo, bieno cheese, and klembe corba.

Day 1 Skopje Enjoy a welcome dinner in Macedonia's capital. **Day 2 Leunovo** Taste your way through the Old Bazaar, then take a boat ride through the breath-taking Matka Canyon. A home-cooked dinner awaits in Leunovo. **Days 3-4 Ohrid** Fuel up on mekici pancakes before hiking through Mavrovo National Park. Enjoy a free day to roam Ohrid, a magical town linking ancient customs with modern living. **Day 5 Bitola** Indulge in a cheese tasting at a local market and then drive to the ancient archaeological site of Heraclea Lyncestis. Later, discover Dihovo's buzzing beehives. **Day 6 Skopje** Head to the wine region of Tikves to sample some of Macedonia's most acclaimed wines. **Day 7 Prizren** Cross the border into Kosovo and treat your tastebuds to a Kosovo-Serbian barbecue. **Day 8-10 Kotor** Stop to admire the battlements of Rozafa fortress in Albania, before arriving in the Montenegrin city of Kotor. Savour famous Njegushi ham at a centuries-old smokehouse and discover the ancient secrets of olive oil production.

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Max 12



Hotel (8 nts), guesthouse (1 nt)



3 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Local bus, private vehicle



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Real Food Adventure – Italy

8 DAYS, ROME TO VENICE



Learn how to roll pasta like a pro and prepare an authentic tagliatelle al ragu in the city where it all started.

Tasting the real balsamic vinegar in an attic acetaia is a revelation – it'll be hard to go back to the mass-produced version after this.

Days 1-2 Rome Say 'ciao' to Italy with an aperitivo at a traditional local bar. Start the next morning with a cup of Italy's superb coffee at one of Rome's oldest coffee roasters before visiting a celebrated bakery. **Days 3-4 San Gimignano** Get a taste of Tuscany while staying at an organic family-run winery on the outskirts of beautiful San Gimignano. **Days 5-6 Bologna** Travel by train to the city famed for introducing bolognese sauce to the world. Participate in a cooking class that will impart the secrets of pasta making. Spend a day eating your way around the Emilia-Romagna region. Visit an acetaia (vinegar loft) and dine on an authentic Parma ham. **Days 7-8 Venice** Celebrate the final evening of this real food adventure with the Venetian answer to tapas on a cicchetti crawl through the city's best bacari bars. On your final morning in Venice, get up early for a walk along the canals, watching as farmers unload their produce at the Rialto Market.

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Real Food Adventure – South Italy

7 DAYS, ROME TO SORRENTO



Experience an unforgettable dinner by the Adriatic Sea on a traditional trabucco fishing pier in Vasto.

Pack a picnic of Apulian specialties before losing yourself in the ancient city of Matera, which sits dramatically on the edge of the Gravina gorge.

Day 1 Rome Get to know your fellow travellers over a bowl of Roman pasta. **Day 2 Fossacesia** Learn the secrets to authentic Abruzzo cuisine during a cooking class. Enjoy a dinner atop a trabucco (fishing platform) – make sure to save room for dessert! **Day 3 Matera** Quaff herbaceous Italian liqueurs and explore the ancient city of Matera. **Day 4 Avetrana** Indulge in an olive oil and wine tasting class, followed by an Apulian feast in a fortified farmhouse. **Day 5-7 Sorrento** Meet expert cheese-makers in Capaccio Scalo, with a special tour of the Bufala mozzarella factory. Arrive in the colourful port town of Sorrento for a limoncello tasting, then prepare Campania specialties with a local chef. During spare time in Sorrento, perhaps pay a visit to Pompeii and the volcano that caused its destruction, Vesuvius, or learn the secrets to making deliciously light and flavoursome gelati at another cooking class.

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STYLE ORIGINAL	TRIP CODE ZMZB	PHYSICAL ●●○○○
Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (5 nts), agriturismo (2 nts)		
7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners		
Metro, public bus, private vehicle, train, vaporetto		

STYLE ORIGINAL	TRIP CODE ZMZS	PHYSICAL ●●○○○
Maximum group size 12		
Hotel (5 nts), masseria farmhouse (1 nt)		
4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners		
Private vehicle, taxi		



Cruise and snooze on a Greek Sailing Odyssey

After savouring Peloponnese delights on mainland Greece, why not soak up the Mediterranean vibes in Syros, Mykonos and Santorini. Stretch out on board a flotilla in the caldera and treat yourself to the best post-feast nap of your life.

For more info enter **ZMSE** on intrepidtravel.com



Real Food Adventure – Greece

9 DAYS, ATHENS TO ATHENS



Experience the flavours of the Peloponnese – lamb right off the spit, olives from the grove, honey from the hive – all with a healthy dollop of ancient history.

Nestled between the blue waters of the Messinian Gulf and the Taygetos Mountains, gorgeous Kardamyli is perfect for exploring with an ice cream in hand.

Day 1 Athens Yiasou! Kick things off in style with a traditional meze dinner and shot of ouzo. **Day 2 Aegina** Take a ferry to the island of Aegina and stop by a pistachio farm on a coastal bike ride. **Day 3-4 Poros** Tie on an apron and take part in an afternoon cooking class. Savour lunch at a tavern on Hydra Island. **Days 5 Nafplio** Discover the ancient theatre of Epidauros, then savour an ouzo at a family-owned distillery. **Day 6-8 Kardamyli** Visit the Mycenae and the Treasury of Atreus. Take a regional tasting tour through the celebrated Mani region, renowned for the production of Kalamata olives. Savour freshly pressed oil and honey straight from the hive. Enjoy a sweet frozen yoghurt while soaking up the seaside beauty of Kardamyli. Make the most of your time in the region with optional day trips to Olympia or Sparta, then perhaps enjoy a final meal overlooking the ocean. **Day 9 Athens** This food adventure ends on return to Athens on Day 9.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (8 nts)
- 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Public bus, private vehicle

Real Food Adventure – Turkey

10 DAYS, ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL



Get up close and personal with Turkey's age-old culinary traditions, preparing specialties like manti and tatli.

Experience the warmth of Turkish hospitality as a local family takes you into their beautiful cave home nestled in the hills of Ortahisar in Cappadocia.

Days 1-2 Istanbul Go on a kebab crawl through this beautiful city, followed by a baklava tasting and exploration of the Egyptian Spice Market. **Days 3-4 Akyaka** Dine on freshly caught seafood in a lokanta (traditional tavern) beside the picturesque Azmak River. Wander through regional produce stalls at Akyaka's open-air Wednesday market, lunching on gozleme and ayran. **Days 5 Selcuk** Stop to sample local fruit wines in picturesque Sirince. Learn how to make 'manti' and take a guided walk of the ruins of Ephesus. **Day 6 Konya** Explore Ephesus, then sip raki on an overnight train to Konya. **Days 7-9 Goreme** Visit Derinkuyu, an underground city once home to more than 20,000 people. Join a local cook in her home and learn to make traditional Central Anatolian dishes. Enjoy a wine tasting overlooking this iconic landscape. Watch a dessert demonstration, sampling the district's famous 'aside', then fly back to Istanbul. **Day 10 Istanbul** This food adventure ends in Istanbul.

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STYLE ORIGINAL	TRIP CODE ERZZ	PHYSICAL ●●○○○
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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (8 nts), overnight sleeper train (1 nt)
- 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- Dolmus, train, bus, plane, overnight train



Jerusalem, Israel - Randi Grunberg



Marrakech, Morocco - Katy Stamp

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Real Food Adventure – Morocco

10 DAYS, CASABLANCA TO MARRAKECH



STYLE **ORIGINAL** TRIP CODE **XMZF** PHYSICAL **●●●○○**

- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (5 nts), guesthouse (2 nts), riad (2 nts)
- 9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners
- Train, private vehicle, public bus, taxi

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Real Food Adventure – Israel

10 DAYS, TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM



STYLE **ORIGINAL** TRIP CODE **EUZF** PHYSICAL **●●●○○**

- Maximum group size 12
- Guesthouse (2 nts), hotel (7 nts)
- 9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- Boat, minibus, train

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See the world the two-wheeled way on our new cycling tours! Little is more satisfying than conquering a summit to be greeted with glorious views of Tuscan vineyards, whitewashed Andalusian villages or the imposing Atlas Mountains. Swap city streets for mountain roads, impatient drivers for plodding animals and boring tarmac for some of the planet's most picturesque paths. Whether you're lycra-clad and nose to the wind or simply a Sunday cyclist, we have cycling tours to suit your style.



Enjoy cycling without any hassles. Your luggage is transferred from one point to the next so all you have to carry is water, snacks, gadgets and a few layers to keep you warm and dry.



Pedal as hard or as gentle as you like, safe in the knowledge that you can always retire to our support vehicle if the climbs become too tough or the days too long.



Our new cycling adventures ride through Provence, Tuscany, Dalmatia, across the High Atlas Mountains and along the mighty Danube River. There's a diverse range of inspirational but challenging terrain to match your tastes.

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Austria
Croatia
France
Hungary
Italy
Morocco
Slovakia
Spain

Weather

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Marrakech												
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Dubrovnik												
Seville												
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Dades Gorge, Morocco



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Cycle Morocco

14 DAYS, MARRAKECH TO MARRAKECH

Cycling allows you to get closer to the real Morocco. From bicycles to Berbers, bustling souks to the High Atlas Mountains, this classic adventure has it all.

End rewarding days in the saddle with Moroccan feasts in Djemma el-Fna, hearty meals in the mountains or extravagant Berber banquets.

Days 1-2 Marrakech Get accustomed to your bike on a ride through the frenetic streets of Marrakech's medina. **Day 3 Tangier** Ride out to the legendary Cave of Hercules. **Days 4-5 Chefchaouen** Cycle the steep hills to the 'Blue City of Chefchaouen'. **Days 6-7 Fes** Ride down through the quiet Rif Mountains to Morocco's 'open air museum'. **Day 8 Midelt** Enjoy a picnic beside the placid waters of Aguelmame Sidi Ali lake. **Day 9 Merzouga/Desert Camp** Pass the harsh, spectacular sand dunes of Erg Chebbi, then swap bike for camel. **Day 10 Todgha Gorge** Ride beside the Todgha River, snaking through dramatic canyons. **Day 11 Dades Gorge & Mountain Gite Stay** Enjoy the fabulous hairpin turns of the Dades Gorge. **Day 12 Ait Benhaddou** Ride past Kasbah ruins and palm-treed valleys to Ait Benhaddou. **Day 13 Marrakech via Tiz n'Tichka** Conquer the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass high up in the Atlas Mountains. **Day 14 Marrakech** Wheels up – this cycle adventure winds up today.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (10 nts), overnight train (1 nt), desert camp (1 nt), gite (1 nt)



12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners



Bicycle, support vehicle, train, camel

NEW
TRIP

Cycle Andalucia

9 DAYS, SEVILLE TO GRANADA

From fiestas to flamenco, manzanilla to tapas, alcazars to bullrings—the very essence of Spain can be found in Andalucia.

Enjoy traditional pork sausages stuffed with eggs and chunky La Porra stew after riding through Andalucia's enchanting countryside.

Days 1-2 Seville Dive into Spanish sights, sounds and tastes on the vibrant streets of Seville. Ride through the greenery of stunning María Luisa Park and drift beneath the colourful bridges of Plaza de Espana by gondola. **Day 3 Zahara de la Sierra** Follow Spain's famous Via Verde de la Sierra through lush valleys and meadows. Watch the sun set over the spectacular white village of Zahara de la Sierra. **Day 4 Ronda** Visit Ronda, a city set along the sheer cliffs of El Tajo Gorge. **Day 5 Antequera** Explore the heart of Andalucía in Antequera, a fortified city marked by centuries of Roman, Moorish and Castilian rule. **Day 6 El Torcal Nature Reserve/Antequera** Mix up the pace by swapping pedals for boots on a hike through the Sierra del Torcal mountain range. **Day 7 Iznajar** Join the locals for a swim at Valdearenas Beach. Wander the whitewashed streets and watch the sun set over Iznajar. **Days 8-9 Granada** Soak up the resplendent atmosphere and history of Granada.

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Maximum group size 12



Hotels (8 nts)



8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches



Bicycle, support vehicle

NEW
TRIP



Pont du Gard, Provence, France - Liam Neal

Cycle Provence & Tuscany

Ride through two of Europe's most picturesque locations on a combo cycling adventure that blends scenic trail riding with historical sightseeing. Wind your way past olive groves and vineyards and through quaint provincial villages.

For more info enter **AMXCC** on intrepidtravel.com



Cycle Provence

8 DAYS, AVIGNON TO ARLES



Cycle through the same landscapes that inspired some of Vincent van Gogh's greatest masterpieces.

Encounter rich Roman history and architecture in the atmospheric towns of Arles and Orange.

Day 1 Avignon Arrive in charming Avignon, the former seat of the Roman Catholic world. Wander the leafy streets or explore the fortress-like Palais des Papes. **Day 2 Orange** Pedal past rows of vineyards on a leisurely ride to Orange, stopping en route for a taste of Provence's famous red wines. **Day 3 Uzès** Cycle through glorious wine country, passing the favoured vineyards of historic kings, and the fabled Pont du Gard. Enjoy an optional cycling challenge up the mighty Mont Ventoux. **Day 4 Saint Remy** Visit Saint Remy's serene gardens and learn about the mythological beast that once haunted the city of Tarascon. **Day 5 Saint Remy** Visit Les Baux, declared 'One of the Most Beautiful Villages in France'. **Day 6 Arles** Feel like you've stepped into a van Gogh painting on a wander through Arles' streets. **Days 7-8 Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer/Arles** Swap vineyards for the sea on a ride south to the capital of Camargue. Look out for famous white horses that roam wild around the city, then finish in Arles.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotel (7 nts)
- 7 Breakfasts
- Bicycle, support vehicle

Cycle Tuscany

8 DAYS, FLORENCE TO PISA



Pedal through the rolling green hills, vineyards and olive groves of Tuscany on this classic journey from Florence to Pisa.

From Lucca's tree-lined city walls, follow the gentle Serchio River to the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Day 1 Florence Arrive in Florence and be captivated by the city's culture-rich atmosphere. Marvel at the art in the various galleries or climb uphill to Piazzale Michelangelo and be rewarded with a golden sunset across the city. **Day 2 Vinci** Ride through gentle Tuscan hills and olive groves on the way to the delightful town of Vinci, birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci. **Day 3 Barga** Pedal through quaint villages and over calm rivers to the medieval town of Barga and its inspiring mountain views. **Day 4 Garfagnana** Wander the ramparts of the imposing Verrucolo Castle and admire the views across Garfagnana. **Days 5-6 Lucca** Pedal through the wide leafy streets of Lucca, marvelling at the centuries-old churches and ancient ramparts. Watch the world go by with a cappuccino at one of Piazza dell'Anfiteatro's many outdoor cafes. Visit the intricate, art-work rich halls of Lucca's cathedrals. **Days 7-8 Pisa** After marvelling at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, pay a visit to Pisa's frenetic shopping streets.

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- Maximum group size 12
- Hotels (7 nts)
- 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Bicycle, support vehicle, local bus



The Danube, Budapest, Hungary



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Cycle the Danube

8 DAYS, VIENNA TO BUDAPEST



Follow the Danube downstream, passing romantic castles, picturesque villages and lowland forests.

Rest up with a soak in the thermal spas of Komarom, a historic town straddling the borders of Hungary and Slovakia.

Days 1-2 Vienna Get to know your group over a hearty Viennese dinner at a wine tavern. Visit the rich artistic and cultural icons of this Habsburg city. **Day 3 Bratislava** Ride along the mighty Danube and across the Slovak border into Bratislava, a city bordering two countries. **Day 4 Hedervar/Lipot** Pass by picturesque villages and lowland forests to the tiny village of Hedervar. Relax with a glass of Unicum and put your feet up in the laid-back village of Lipot after a long ride. **Day 5 Komarom** Take a stroll through colourful downtown or soothe your aching muscles with a spa visit. **Day 6 Esztergom** Esztergom is an amazing architectural wonderland. Marvel at the Esztergom Basilica and its reflection on the Danube River. **Days 7-8 Budapest** A spectacular combination of high-culture and good-time vibes, Budapest makes for a great European finale. This cycling adventure comes to an end on Day 8, but not before one last spin around Budapest's attractions.

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NEW TRIP



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (6 nts), pension (1 nt)



7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Bicycle, support vehicle

Cycle Croatia

7 DAYS, SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK



Cycle through whitewashed villages and marvel at the sublime waters of the Adriatic Sea, ending with a cable car ride to the top of Srd Hill for views across Dubrovnik.

Cruise across the Adriatic to Brac, Dalmatia's largest island and a sanctuary of cypress forests, orange and olive groves and white pebble beaches.

Day 1 Split Welcome to the charming seaside city of Split. Grab a drink in one of the city's tiny bars or enjoy the sunset by the harbour. **Day 2 Brac Island** Pedal past olive groves, cypress forests, and timeless drystone walls on Brac. Perhaps savour the taste of Plavac Mali, the King of Dalmatian red wines. **Day 3 Hvar Island** Ride through the historic charm of Hvar, then wander the narrow streets and squares of Stari Grad. Climb the hill to Tvrdalj Fortress for commanding harbour views. **Days 4-5 Korcula Island** Soak up the Dalmatian vibes around Stari Grad before cruising on to Korcula. Arrive in Vela Luka, a charming former fishermen's village, then continue to Korcula town. Visit a local tavern for a wine tasting and al fresco lunch in Pupnat. **Days 6-7 Dubrovnik** Walk atop the ramparts of Dubrovnik's ancient city walls. Perhaps catch the cable car to the top of Srd Hill and make a toast to this coast with the most over dinner.

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NEW TRIP



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Maximum group size 12



Hotel (3 nts), apartment (3 nts)



6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch



Bicycle, support vehicle, ferry

Sailing & Riverboating



Life doesn't get much better than sailing Europe's coastlines. Wake with a swim, head ashore for a croissant (or bread and honey, or biscotti), sail to the next bay, swim a bit more, sunbathe a little, go for a stroll, snooze on deck, snorkel in aquamarine waters... With France, Italy, Croatia, Greece and now the islands of Sardinia and Corsica to choose from, our great-value small-group sailing adventures offer temperate climes, exceptional cuisines, stunning sceneries and dashings of history.



You've heard of sailing Croatia and the Greek Islands, but we think riverboating might just be the next big thing! Get a taste of southern France on our leisurely canal cruise (opposite).



Try your calling as a sea captain, helping to navigate, tack and steer, or simply kick back on deck with a good book and let the world drift by while you cruise the Dalmatian (page 86).



Chart a course to the Maddalena Archipelago on a unique yachting adventure dedicated to the white sand beaches and emerald-green waters of Italy's Sardinia and Corsica islands (page 85).

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Croatia
France
Greece
Italy
Montenegro

Weather

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Santorini/Mykonos												
Marseille/Carcassonne												
Nice												
Dubrovnik/Split												
Amalfi												
Sardinia/Corsica												

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Carcassonne, France



Canal du Midi, France - Damien Raggatt

Canal du Midi – Castelnaudary to Homps

8 DAYS, CASTELNAUDARY TO HOMPS



Travel down the 300-year-old Canal du Midi aboard a comfortable, fully-equipped boat, stopping off along the way to explore quaint villages and rustic farmhouses.

Visit a family-run vineyard in Minervois, where you'll learn about centuries-old farming techniques and be treated to a taste of the local tipple.

Be the captain of your own boat. You'll have plenty of opportunity to steer the vessel (with your trusty leader always by your side).

Day 1 Castelnaudary Get to know your new home during a boat briefing. Choose to sit back and relax or, if you choose to captain your own ship, your leader can show you how to manoeuvre the boat confidently. Enjoy an evening in Castelnaudary, the home of the hearty southern dish of cassoulet – a slow-cooked casserole containing pork, duck and beans. Your leader will be able to suggest the best restaurant to try it. **Days 2-7 Canal du Midi** The beauty of this trip is the freedom to explore at your own pace. Stop, get off and investigate the passing towns as much or as little as you like. Cruise towards the Mediterranean Sea and soak up the sights of scenic France. Ride along the banks of charming Villepinde, enjoy the local food in Bram and visit the ancient last elm at the abbey of Villesequelande. Explore the incredible town of Carcassonne with a guided tour of the memorable fairytale castle and ramparts, crossing the medieval

stone-arched bridge and navigating the cobbled streets that form a spider's web through the town. Moor in Trebes to browse the night market that lines the canal, poke around the Romanesque church in Marseillette before visiting the local vineyards and tasting the local drop. Continue on to Puicheric, notable for its 14th-century square-towered church. Pass over the unique Argent-Double Aqueduct in La Redorte and sample local cuisine in one of the village restaurants. Clustered around a chateau from the 1300s and overlooking the canal, the village of Minervois is famed for its wine and vineyards. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the town before visiting a family winery that practises centuries-old vintner traditions. Continue on to Homps, where an afternoon can be spent sunbathing on the pebble beach and swimming in the lake. **Day 8 Homps** This leisurely canal trip comes to an end this morning.

FRANCE		
Castelnaudary	Argens-Minervois	
Villepinde	Trebes	
Bram	Homps	
Villesequelande	Carcassonne	

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- Max 8 (private groups max 10)
- Canal boat (7 nts)
- A food pack is included that will cover a number of breakfasts and snacks, which includes drinking water, juice, soft drink, beer and two bottles of local wine
- Canal boat, bicycle, bus, taxi



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St Tropez, France – Angela Anderson

Cote d'Azur Sailing Adventure

8 DAYS, MARSEILLE TO NICE



Live the life of a champagne jetsetter on a sparkling wine budget as you tour the islands and coastal towns of the famous Cote d'Azur.

Discover the contrasts that lie along the coast of Provence, from the bright lights of Cannes and St Tropez to the hidden coves of the Iles d'Hyeres Archipelago.

Indulge in delicious Provencal cuisine – a famed gastronomy that combines the ingredients of France with the fresh produce of the Mediterranean Sea.

Day 1 Marseille Meet up with your group this afternoon before transferring to the boat. Alternatively, arrive a few days earlier and spend time exploring this beautiful port city. **Days 2-7 Cote d'Azur** It's time to set sail – and what better way to experience France than from the relaxing viewpoint of the Mediterranean. The first destination is the Iles d'Hyeres Archipelago, a group of islands that is rich in woodlands, idyllic beaches, walking paths and Roman history. Thanks to strict environmental laws, the Iles d'Hyeres archipelago (also known as the Iles d'Or or 'Islands of Gold'), have retained a natural beauty largely untouched by tourism. Swim and snorkel in the clear waters and soak up the natural beauty and culture of this unique area. St-Tropez is next on the cards – a summer playground for the rich and famous that has a great deal of charm once you delve

behind the glamour. Get among the action at a cafe or bar, take to the coastal walking trails or chill out in quieter La Ponche. Then leave the coast behind and discover the Iles de Lerins – a small group of islands with gorgeous beaches, clear waters and a wealth of history. Dine at a small restaurant run by monks who serve wine grown in their vineyards, discover the island that hosted the man in the iron mask and embrace the Mediterranean beach lifestyle. Then sail back to the French coast and explore the much-lauded city of Cannes. The beauty of sailing is that each day is unique and, while we have a destination to reach, if the weather changes or something takes the group's fancy, we are flexible on the day's itinerary. **Day 8 Nice** Finish up this unique sailing adventure in delightful Nice. We recommend spending a few more days here, exploring this vivacious city.

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- Maximum group size 9
- Yacht (7 nts)
- For the ease of group meals, a contribution to a group kitty is strongly suggested. Allow EUR 110
- Yacht, minibus



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Capri, Italy



Malloreddus gnocchi, Sardinia, Italy

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Amalfi Coast Sailing Adventure

7 DAYS, PROCIDA TO PROCIDA



Fresh honey, olives, rabbit stew, snails and sea urchin – these are just some of the local delicacies on offer in Ischia.

Row into the glowing caves of Capri's Grotta Azzura and go swimming in the cool, clear waters nearby.

Day 1 Procida/Ischia Set sail from Procida to Ischia. Perhaps explore the imposing Castello Aragonese, which was built in the 1400s. **Days 2-3 Sorrento/Pompeii** Cruise to Sorrento then jump on a train to Pompeii. Peek into the lives of ancient Romans – discovering how they lived, worked and interacted 2,000 years ago – and marvel at well-preserved buildings, artwork and pottery. **Day 4 Amalfi** Sail towards the stunning Amalfi Peninsula, a collection of rocky coastlines, tiered lemon groves and whitewashed villages clinging to steep cliffs. **Day 5 Amalfi/Capri** Experience the silver light and intense blue hues of the Grotta Azzurra (Blue Grotto) sea cave on an optional expedition. Explore the spectacular ruins of Villa Jovis and chalk up some quality swimming and relaxation time on pristine shorelines. **Days 6-7 Procida** Cruise across the Bay of Naples to Procida. Discover artisan shops and pretty cafes before this sweet sailing adventure comes to an end.

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Maximum group size 8



Yacht (6 nts)



For the ease of group meals, a contribution to a group kitty is strongly suggested. Allow EUR 80



Yacht, bus, train, cable car

Sardinia & Corsica Sailing Adventure

8 DAYS, OLBIA TO OLBIA



Swim in the aquamarine waters of the Maddalena Archipelago and explore the ancient citadel of Bonifacio.

Hike the wild landscape of Isola Caprera and cycle around the lively city of La Maddalena.

Day 1 Olbia/Portisco (Costa Smeralda) Board your yacht and prepare to skim across some of the world's bluest waters. **Day 2 Maddalena Archipelago/Isola Caprera** Set sail towards the coves of Caprera Island, drop anchor and enjoy a swim. This wild island, criss-crossed with walking and cycling trails, is home to royal seagulls, peregrine falcons and wild goats, making it an ideal spot for bird watching (and goat-spotting). **Day 3 Bonifacio (Corsica)** Wander the winding streets and narrow laneways of Bonifacio's ancient fortified citadel. Tonight, have dinner in a traditional restaurant in the Old Town. **Days 4-7 Isola Lavezzi/Maddalena Archipelago** Head towards the Maddalena Archipelago, coasting across crystal-clear waters towards the remote islands of Lavezzi, Spargi and Santo Stefano. There are plenty of opportunities for swimming and snorkelling today, or perhaps head ashore for a nature walk. **Day 8 Olbia** Sail back to the mainland.

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Maximum group size 9



Yacht (7 nts)



For the ease of group meals, a contribution to a group kitty is strongly suggested. Allow EUR 100



Yacht, minibus



Mljet, Croatia

Montenegro Sailing Adventure

Join us on a limited season to one of Europe's hidden sailing gems. An activity relatively new to the region, sailing in Montenegro offers a mix of classic Mediterranean coastline, mountainous hinterlands and sheltered bays.

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Croatia Sailing Adventure – Dubrovnik to Split

8 DAYS, DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT



All aboard for a week in paradise! What better way to see the historic towns and protected islands of Croatia's Dalmatian Coast than aboard a private yacht?

Visit Odysseus Cave, where, according to legend, the King of Ithaca once found refuge in the aftermath of a shipwreck.

Ruled at various points in its history by the Roman, Venetian and Austro-Hungarian empires, Korcula is a serene composition of vineyards, olive groves and secluded coves.

Day 1 Dubrovnik Arrive in the 'Pearl of the Adriatic' – as described by Lord Bryon – and take the opportunity to explore this magical destination. Although it experienced devastation during the war in the early 1990s, Dubrovnik's old town remains as captivating as ever. Stop by the charming islands of Elafiti. Pull up in a small bay and swim or snorkel in crystal-clear waters. Perhaps disembark to explore the forested island landscapes. **Days 2-6 Sailing the Dalmatian Coast** Sail more of the Adriatic on the journey to Mljet. Perhaps venture through the national park here with a guide to discover inky blue lakes, deep gorges and Roman ruins, or search out the area's famed wine and olive oil in one of Mljet's cute villages. Continue on to Korcula, the rumoured hometown of Marco Polo. Experience a touch of nostalgia in the Old Town or make the most of its lovely beaches. An undeveloped island that has resisted modernisation, Vis is a wonderful

place to experience old-world Croatian charm and be among untouched nature. Soak up the unspoilt atmosphere and be sure to try the wine here; the vineyards are a major feature of the landscape. It's then time to experience the much-lauded beauty of Hvar, an island paradise that boasts well-preserved Renaissance buildings, rolling fields and some of the finest beaches in Croatia. Sail on to Brac, a dramatic rock-strewn landscape and home to countless olive, fig and almond groves, and a number of wineries. Drop anchor and go for a swim, or perhaps roll off the boat and snorkel across the jewel-like water. **Days 7-8 Split** Set sail for Split, stopping off to swim along the way. Explore the white-walled Diocletian's Palace and get lost in the many narrow streets hunting for gelato. Spend a final evening in this soulful city, perhaps celebrating in the ancient city's bars, before this sailing adventure ends.



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Maximum group size 8



Yacht (7 nts)



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Santorini, Greece



Mykonos, Greece

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Greece Sailing Adventure – Cyclades Islands

10 DAYS, SANTORINI TO SANTORINI



Sail across the Aegean, island-hopping through the picture-postcard Cyclades, swimming off the side of the boat and letting the waves rock you to sleep each night.

Step back in time among the Venetian architecture of Naxos and learn about contemporary rural living on a day trip to a country village.

Day 1 Santorini/Ios Launch this sailing adventure from the sands of Santorini, feeling the rush of the ocean breeze as your boat sails for Ios. **Day 2 Amorgos** Sail to Amorgos, a city with a colourful past and classic architecture. **Day 3 Small Cyclades** With its slow pace, Small Cyclades is the ideal place to unwind and take in this beatific region. **Days 4-5 Naxos** Arrive at charismatic Naxos. Admire medieval buildings on a visit to the Venetian Kastro and check out an old Romanesque church. **Day 6 Syros** Discover authentic island life on a visit to Syros. Explore narrow stairwells and whitewashed squares. **Day 7 Mykonos** Travel to Mykonos and uncover a glorious calamity of sun, fun and history. **Day 8 Sifnos** Float atop the blue waters off Kamarea and perhaps get some culture at the Museum of Popular Art. **Day 9 Folegandros** Set sail for the bold cliffs and striking landscapes of Folegandros. **Day 10 Santorini** This journey comes full circle back in Santorini.

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Maximum group size 11



Yacht (9 nts)



For the ease of group meals, a contribution to a group kitty is strongly suggested. Allow EUR 110



Yacht

Sail Greece – Mykonos to Santorini

8 DAYS, MYKONOS TO SANTORINI



Wedged between the dramatic cliffs of Amorgos, the 11th-century monastery of Moni Hozoviotissa is a site ripe for exploration.

From its elevated position on an extinct volcanic rim that pierces the Aegean, Santorini boasts one of the world's most spectacular ocean vistas.

Day 1 Mykonos Get this Greece sailing adventure underway in marvellous Mykonos. **Days 2-3 Naxos** Sail across the bay of Gaidharos to Naxos and explore its evocative Old Quarter or get active with some water sports. **Day 4 Small Cyclades** Discover Small Cyclades' charming fishing villages. **Day 5 Amorgos** Explore the cobbled pathways of Amorgos and pay a visit to the cliff-top Moni Hozoviotissa Monastery. **Day 6 Ios** Continue to the party hub of Ios. After a day spent exploring ancient ruins or blissing out on the beach, perhaps take in another mind-blowing sunset from the hilltop Church of the Virgin. **Days 7-8 Santorini** Make tracks to the stunning stretch of white sand that is Manganari Beach before wrapping up this sailing adventure in Santorini. Don't forget to visit Oia for the spectacular sunsets over the caldera and, if time permits, stay a few extra days to experience all Santorini has to offer.

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Maximum group size 11



Yacht (7 nts)



For the ease of group meals, a contribution to a group kitty is strongly suggested. Allow EUR 100



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