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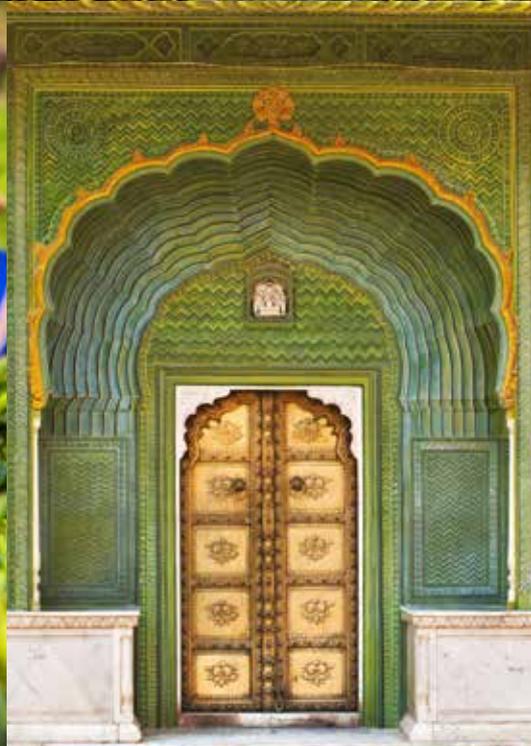
# WORLDWIDE 2023-24

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Small-group tours & tailor-made travel



LATIN AMERICA • INDIAN SUBCONTINENT • MIDDLE EAST  
CENTRAL ASIA • EUROPE • AFRICA • FAR EAST



Dear traveller,

Isn't it a thrill to finally be able to explore the world again? For me, the joy of travel isn't in checking countries off a list, but rather the enthralling encounters with an exotic place and its people. It is these about which our guests cannot wait to tell friends and family, and these that Cox & Kings weaves into every tour in the form of 'Signature Experiences' – as you will see throughout this brochure.

Within these pages, you will find a comprehensive collection of our globe-spanning group tours for 2023 and 2024. If you have travelled with Cox & Kings before, you will know to expect unique experiences, expert guidance, round-the-clock support, and small group sizes as standard.

Culture enthusiasts are especially spoilt for choice, as we have expanded our range of Arts & Culture tours. These expert-led holidays focus on human creativity in its many forms, revealing masterworks and their makers, both past and present.

As many of you like to travel solo with Cox & Kings, we are always seeking ways to make the experience more rewarding. In addition to our dedicated Solo Travellers group tours, the first three solo bookers on many group tours can travel free of single supplements.

I'm sure you'll agree that the greatest holiday souvenirs are the memories we bring home. I hope this brochure inspires your return to travel – and the creation of many more priceless memories.

With best regards,



*Geoffrey Kent*

**Geoffrey Kent**

Founder & Co-Chairman  
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## The Cox & Kings differences

- Over 260 years of experience
- As part of the Abercrombie & Kent family, we are a global brand with a global network
- We partner with Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy to support local grassroots projects around the globe
- Multi award-winning
- 24/7 emergency support
- Signature Experiences – revealing hidden wonders and cultural secrets

## Our award-winning holidays

- Tours with genuinely small groups
- Dedicated group tours for solo travellers
- Private group travel
- Tailor-made holidays
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“ Cox & Kings offers the most amazing variety of holidays. The specialists give you invaluable and honest information on hotels and locations. I have travelled with them many times over the years, and would recommend them to anyone. ”

– Susan, Trustpilot review ★ Trustpilot ★★★★★

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For holidays to **Australasia** and the **Pacific**, please visit our website.



# The Cox & Kings experience

This brochure provides a glimpse of the authentic, globe-spanning travel experiences that we offer. It showcases some of our most captivating destinations and features a selection of our escorted small-group tours, alongside suggested tailor-made itineraries and private touring.

In essence, this is just a sample of what we offer, and remember that our friendly team of travel specialists is on hand to help you plan your perfect trip – anything is possible.

## Your adventure, your way

We offer equal expertise at organising escorted group tours and private tailor-made travel. All of the tours in this brochure can be taken privately on a date that suits you, or they can be tailored to meet your exact requirements.

## Destination highlights

As well as a selection of our tours, we have included a brief insider's guide to each destination. Informed by our regional experts, we've highlighted a selection of unmissable sights, from iconic landmarks to lesser-known treasures.

## Recommended experiences

As you browse, look out for our recommended experiences in each region. From stargazing in Chile's Atacama Desert to joining a Japanese tea ceremony in Kyoto, these handpicked activities will provide cultural immersion and unforgettable memories.

## Suggested itineraries

Throughout the brochure you'll notice some 'suggested itineraries'. These can be used as a starting point for curating your own tailor-made adventure; with the help of a dedicated travel consultant, these can be tailored to suit your particular interests, time scale and budget.

## 24-hour emergency support

While you are away, you will have 24-hour phone numbers for both our local representatives and our UK emergency phone.

## Guaranteed departures

Many of our group tours have several guaranteed departure dates throughout

the year. This means no minimum number of guests is required for that trip to run. So, whether it's seeking out sloths in Costa Rica, roaming ancient ruins in Crete, or discovering the Silk Road cities of Uzbekistan, you can book with the assurance that your adventure is guaranteed to go ahead as planned.

## Full holiday protection

We are members of AITO and ABTA, our air holidays are fully ATOL protected and operate a CAA-approved trust account. We follow the advice of the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office regarding destination safety.

## Discover more online

This brochure is just a starting point for how we can help with your next adventure. The destinations and tours featured here are merely a snapshot of what's available. Browse our full portfolio at [CoxandKings.co.uk](https://CoxandKings.co.uk)

For our latest news, special offers and travel inspiration we invite you to subscribe to our regular e-newsletter and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.





## Don't just take our word for it...

As the world's longest established travel company, Cox & Kings is unmatched at delivering small-group and tailor-made travel experiences. The feedback we receive from our guests helps us to ensure our service and on-tour experience remain unsurpassed.

***“ Exceptional service... I have frequently used Cox & Kings and they never disappoint. They organise whatever I want and the great thing about their group tours is that they always include some free time. Other companies tend to pack far too much in to their schedules. I have found everyone I have ever dealt with keen to provide the best possible service.”***

– Haig, Trustpilot review

***“ Highly recommended... An exceptional tour of the Baltic States. Highly recommended. The tour guides were very knowledgeable and friendly. The hotels were of a high standard but each one was different. The group was very small (only 7 people) so there were plenty of opportunities to talk to the guides and ask questions. The tour was extremely well organised. I would recommend Cox & Kings.”***

– Nichol, Trustpilot review

***“ Knowledgeable staff... Knowledgeable staff and excellent service that goes the extra mile. I have been on several holidays through Cox & Kings over the last 20 years and have always been more than satisfied.”***

– Jessica, Trustpilot review





# Small-group tours

*Designed by experts*

Experience counts for a lot. Years of taking detailed research trips, speaking to local experts on the ground and, not least, getting invaluable feedback from our clients, means that we bring unsurpassed expertise to designing touring itineraries. Below are some of the elements that make our tours special.

## Small group sizes

We like to keep our groups compact and manageable, with an average group size of 14 and a maximum of 18 on the majority of tours. Look out for specific details under the 'tour features' on the relevant page.

## No single supplements

In addition to our Solo Travellers tours, we offer the first three places on many of our group tours without single supplements to pay. Please enquire for availability.

## Local tour managers

We employ local tour managers for their in-depth knowledge of the places, people and culture, which in turn supports the local community.

## Signature Experiences

Each tour includes a number of exceptional experiences, revealing hidden wonders and cultural secrets. We specialise in taking travellers, in comfort, to places off the beaten track and outside the realms of many other operators.

## High quality accommodation

We take great care in our selection of accommodation. Typically, we feature well-located, 4- and 5-star hotels.

## Balanced pace

Opportunities to relax or explore independently are built into most tours. However, unlike other operators we will always include what we believe are the must-see highlights in the cost of your tour.

## Tailored to you

We are delighted to organise pre- or post-tour extensions, as well as room and flight upgrades.

## Private journeys

All of our group tours can be taken on a private basis. Please enquire for more details and pricing.

## Flight flexibility

International flights are included as standard, with the option to choose an alternative airline (where available), add regional flights or join the tour on a land-only basis.

## Tour categories

Our tours fall into one of four categories, based on the level of comfort you can expect, as described below:

**Luxury:** These are our most comfortable tours and will usually feature 5-star deluxe accommodation throughout.

**Superior:** Most Cox & Kings tours fall under this category and are based in 4- or 5-star accommodation where available, or the best alternative elsewhere.

**Standard:** Simpler in emphasis, these itineraries typically feature 4-star or good 3-star accommodation throughout, or the best alternative elsewhere.

**Discovery:** Best suited to the hardier traveller, these tours typically include some quite basic accommodation, possibly longer and rougher road journeys and, in some cases, more strenuous activities, such as trekking.



# Tailor-made travel

*Individually crafted*

Cox & Kings has been organising tailor-made travel for generations. Our expert travel consultants are regional specialists with a wealth of first-hand travel experience. They will listen to your requirements and design an itinerary tailored to suit your needs, no matter how complex or unique they may be.

## **Personalised service**

Throughout the planning process, you will be guided by your personal travel consultant who will suggest ideas to complement your own and create the optimum itinerary to suit your interests, time and budget.

## **Total flexibility**

Travelling by air-conditioned private car, you will have the flexibility to make stops en route, where and when you wish.

## **Knowledgeable private guides**

An English-speaking local guide will accompany most sightseeing excursions, so you can ask as many questions as you like, based on your particular interests.

## **Signature Experiences**

From market tours and cooking classes to hot-air balloon rides and epicurean dining, we can arrange a whole variety of immersive experiences.

## **Wide choice of accommodation**

Whether it's a sophisticated city-centre hotel, a 'back-to-nature' wilderness lodge, a luxury train in India or a cruise along the Nile, we can cater to all tastes and a range of budgets.

## **Multi-country itineraries**

We are experts at combining multiple countries in a single journey.

## **Honeymoons & special occasions**

If you are planning a honeymoon, a special anniversary holiday, or the journey of a lifetime to mark retirement, you can trust us to make the experience carefree and unforgettable.

## **Family adventures**

We arrange seamless itineraries that include experiences to inspire older and younger generations alike.

## **Slow-paced travel**

If you have the time, slow-paced travel can be exceptionally rewarding and can allow deeper immersion into the local culture. Our travel consultants delight in organising easier-paced, less conventional itineraries to fit in with particular interests.

## **Private groups**

If you are a member of a club or society, or simply a group of friends and family with a shared passion, we can create a bespoke itinerary to suit your interests, dates and budget.

Whether it's an existing tour taken on a private basis, or a tailor-made itinerary, **when you book for a group of eight or more, the eighth guest travels for free.** Speak to a Cox & Kings specialist for more details.



# Arts & Culture tours

## Expert-led small-group tours

Our expert-led Arts & Culture tours focus on human creativity in its many forms. This Cox & Kings collection has been created for everyone who has a love for history, culture or the arts, and wishes to understand how artistry of all kinds developed in the past and influences culture today. They are designed to give the participants a real sense of place, revealing far more than a succession of museums.

The experts who accompany these tours work with Cox & Kings specialists to design the itineraries and, in many cases, to open doors closed to the general public. Most tours include encounters with inspiring local people directly involved in the creation, curation and continuation of various art forms. Look out for these special visits on the tour description pages.

Ultimately, it is the knowledge and enthusiasm of the experts, coupled with the pleasure of travelling with like-minded people, as much as the cultural treasures themselves, which make these tours so fulfilling.

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### View our full collection online

The destinations and tours featured in this brochure represent a small sample of what we offer. Our website contains a wealth of additional itineraries, detailed country guides and accommodation options.



### Speak to our experts

Our specialists have all travelled extensively in their regions and are on hand to offer ideas and inspiration, advise you during planning, and share their first-hand knowledge.

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# Ravenna: Mosaics & Marble

**Duration** • 4 days & 3 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £1,495 (incl. flights)  
**Art** • Architecture

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

Uncover Ravenna's glittering past with experts Rowena Loverance or Dr Sally Dormer. In 402AD, the city became the capital of the western Roman empire, and mosaic-decorated churches were built. It flourished during the early sixth century under the Ostrogoths, who commissioned further splendid monuments. By 540AD, it was the main outpost of the Byzantine empire in western Europe, experiencing another lavish period of patronage before the Lombards assumed control in 751AD. Today, Ravenna is replete with relics of this illustrious history, as you will see first-hand across four insightful days.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit the Church of San Pietro in Silvis, the oldest in the Ravenna area
- ❖ See the variety of different marble & mosaic decoration at the church of San Vitale
- ❖ Explore the unique 10-sided mausoleum of Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths
- ❖ Discover how mosaics are made in a contemporary studio
- ❖ See the work of Ravenna's modern mosaicists in a city that remains at the centre of mosaic art

## Expert lecturers

**Rowena Loverance** is a Byzantine art historian, specialising in sculpture, mosaics and icons. She worked for more than 20 years at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



**Dr Sally Dormer** is a freelance art historian and lecturer. She read history at the University of Durham, before gaining an MA in medieval art and a PhD at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She is a course tutor and lecturer at the Victoria & Albert Museum and also lectures for the Art Fund and the Arts Society.



Mosaic in the Galla Placidia mausoleum, Ravenna

### Day 1: Fly to Bologna • Ravenna

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bologna with British Airways. Transfer to Ravenna and stay at the historic **Palazzo Bezzi Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. This afternoon, visit Sant'Apollinare in Classe, which demonstrates the form and function of early Christian basilical churches. (D)

### Day 2: Ravenna

Visit the so-called Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, which contains fine early Christian vault mosaics. Continue to San Vitale, one of the most significant surviving Byzantine churches. Travel to the Residenza dei Vescovi to view masterpieces from the Museo Arcivescovile, the archiepiscopal chapel and Ravenna's 18th-century cathedral. Finally, stop by a modern mosaic studio (subject to confirmation). (B)

### Day 3: Ravenna

Visit Theodoric's Palace and the octagonal Orthodox baptistery. Continue to the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, built by Ostrogoth king Theodoric; the fifth-century

Arian baptistery, with its mosaic of Christ's baptism; Dante's tomb and the basilica of San Francesco. Visit the city art museum to admire contemporary mosaics. Continue to the palace of Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra to see its marble inlays and mosaics. (B, D)

### Day 4: Ravenna • Fly to London

Visit the unique, 10-sided Mausoleum of Theodoric, built from huge blocks of ashlar masonry on the outskirts of Ravenna. Drive to San Pietro in Silvis, which dates from the seventh century and provides useful comparisons with Ravenna's churches. Transfer to Bologna for your flight home. (B, L)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

Please enquire for prices to extend your stay in Ravenna or Bologna.



Sant'Apollinare in Classe, Ravenna

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Expert-led tour:** This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide where necessary.

**Accessibility:** This tour involves some long walks over uneven ground and therefore requires a good level of fitness.

**Private visits:** Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, rest assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: IMA

|                    |                       |             |                        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 16 Mar – 19 Mar 23 | with Rowena Loverance | from £1,495 | single supp. from £315 |
| 16 Nov – 19 Nov 23 | with Sally Dormer     | from £1,595 | single supp. from £315 |
| 14 Mar – 17 Mar 24 | with Rowena Loverance | from £1,695 | single supp. from £345 |
| 13 Jun – 16 Jun 24 | with Sally Dormer     | from £1,695 | single supp. from £345 |
| 14 Nov – 17 Nov 24 | with Sally Dormer     | from £1,695 | single supp. from £345 |

**British Airways flight upgrades**  
Club Europe from £75 return

**Regional air connections**  
Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Bay of Naples: Pompeii & Herculaneum

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights)  
**Archaeology** • **Art** • **History**

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

Uncover the mysteries of the Bay of Naples, once one of the greatest centres of classical Graeco-Roman civilisation, with experts Dr Steve Kershaw or Stephen Nelson. The excavated remains of Pompeii and Villa Oplontis, entombed in ash by the Mount Vesuvius eruption of 79AD, provide a glimpse into this lost world. Herculaneum, covered in mud rather than ash, is remarkably well preserved, with multi-storey buildings, frescoes and mosaics on show. The region's Greek highlights include Cumae, the Sibyl's Cave and the imposing temples of Paestum.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit newly restored houses at Pompeii
- ❖ Explore the beautiful settings of Greek settlements at Paestum and Cumae
- ❖ Discover the less-visited Roman villa at Oplontis
- ❖ Local wine tasting in the countryside

## Expert lecturers

### Dr Steve Kershaw

has taught Classics in a number of establishments, and now works for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. He wrote and teaches Oxford's *The Fall of Rome* online course and has been featured as an expert contributor on the History Channel's *Barbarians Rising* series.



### Stephen Nelson

has extensive, specialist knowledge of Italy's art, archaeology and architecture and a particular interest in southern Italy and sites discovered off the beaten track. Stephen is a practising sculptor, working in the UK and Italy and exhibiting internationally. His work has been shown at the Royal Academy and the Estorick Collection. He has also curated exhibitions, including for the British Council in Tanzania and Eritrea.



Fresco of Hercules, Juno and Minerva, Herculaneum

### Day 1: Fly to Naples

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Naples with British Airways. After an introductory lecture and welcome dinner, stay 6 nights at **Habita79 Hotel** (or similar). (D)

### Day 2: Naples

Guided tour of Naples, including Monastero di Santa Chiara, Spaccanapoli and Cappella San Severo, with time for independent exploration in the afternoon. (B)

### Day 3: Baia • Cave di Cuma

Visit Baia archaeological park, including the impressive Baia castle. Continue to Cuma, home to the Italian mainland's first ancient Greek settlement, to see the remnants of Greek temples. (B)

### Day 4: Naples

Visit the monastery-turned-museum of Certosa di San Martino, then journey by funicular to Naples' Pignasecca Market. After lunch, tour the city's Duomo. (B, L)

### Day 5: Pompeii • Oplontis

Explore Pompeii, highlights of which include the basilica, the Temple of Apollo, and the oldest-known Roman amphitheatre – once capable of holding 20,000 spectators. Your tour proceeds to nearby Oplontis. This city was also buried under a layer of ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79AD. Enjoy wine tasting at a local estate before returning to the hotel. (B)

### Day 6: Herculaneum • Naples

This morning, tour Herculaneum, visiting Casa d'Argo, a well-preserved example of a Roman noble family's home; the extraordinary mosaic at Casa di Nettuno e Anfitrite; and the public baths at Terme del Foro. Proceed to Naples for an afternoon visit to the city's renowned archaeological museum. (B)

### Day 7: Naples • Fly to London

This morning, travel to Paestum prior to your return to the UK. Sights include the Doric temples of Ceres, Hera and Neptune. The Tempio di Nettuno (Neptune) is the largest and best preserved of the three temples with only parts of the inside walls and roof missing. Transfer to Naples Airport for your flight. (B, L)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Amalfi coast

3 days & 2 nights from £495

Extension starts on day 7 of tour

Travel to Sorrento and relax at **Hotel Villa di Sorrento** (or similar). Includes transfers.



Ancient ruins, Pompeii

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**Private visits:** Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, rest assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: IPO

|                    |                     |             |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 20 Mar – 26 Mar 23 | with Steve Kershaw  | from £1,995 | single supp. from £425 |
| 22 May – 28 May 23 | with Stephen Nelson | from £2,495 | single supp. from £425 |
| 4 Sep – 10 Sep 23  | with Stephen Nelson | from £2,195 | single supp. from £425 |
| 18 Mar – 24 Mar 24 | with Steve Kershaw  | from £2,195 | single supp. from £455 |
| 20 May – 26 May 24 | with Stephen Nelson | from £2,595 | single supp. from £455 |
| 9 Sep – 15 Sep 24  | with Stephen Nelson | from £2,295 | single supp. from £455 |

**British Airways flight upgrades**  
Club Europe from £110 return

**Regional air connections**  
Please speak to your consultant for details

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# Beyond Versailles: Ancien France Uncovered

NEW TOUR

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £2,995 (incl. rail)  
**Art • Architecture • Archaeology • History**

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

Travelling by rail from London, uncover the grandeur of *Ancien Régime*-era France beyond the Palace of Versailles, alongside art historians Andrew Spira or Lydia Bauman. Visitors rarely explore France's royal heritage beyond Versailles or the Louvre, and this tour provides a unique insight into the people and places which shaped the country we know today. From Leonardo Da Vinci's home in Amboise to the imposing chateau at Compiègne, your itinerary will cover centuries of royal patronage of art and architecture prior to the revolution of 1789.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Travel by rail to the heart of Paris
- ❖ Visit the renowned porcelain factory at Sevres
- ❖ Taste champagne in Reims
- ❖ See Leonardo Da Vinci's home and tomb in Amboise

## Expert lecturers

**Lydia Bauman** is an art historian and professional artist with an MA in art history from the Courtauld Institute of Art. She has lectured at the National Gallery and has wide experience of teaching the history of western art.



**Andrew Spira** graduated from the Courtauld Institute of Art before working at the Temple Gallery, London, and as a curator at the Victoria & Albert Museum. He was a programme director at Christie's Education for 14 years and has led numerous cultural tours to Europe and beyond.



Chateau de Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France

### Day 1: Arrive in Paris

Travel by Eurostar from London to Paris and transfer to **Trianon Rive Gauche** (or similar) for 6 nights. You have the afternoon at leisure to explore Paris, followed by an evening welcome lecture and dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Reims

Drive to Reims and visit the city's cathedral, famous as the coronation site of French monarchs for almost a millennium, and the adjacent Archbishop's Palace of Tau. After lunch, enjoy a champagne tasting session before returning to Paris. (B)

### Day 3: St Germain • Sevres

Morning visit to Chateau of Saint Germain en Laye, a key royal residence and home in exile to the last Stuart king James II, following the Glorious Revolution. After a brief visit to the site of the former Palace of St Cloud, visit the Manufacture nationale de Sèvres, once the supplier of fine porcelain to the French court. (B)

### Day 4: Loire Valley

Drive to the Loire Valley and visit the Chateau of Chambord, renowned for its distinct renaissance-era architecture said to have been influenced by Da Vinci himself. After lunch, accompanied by the Loire's famous wine, visit the Royal Chateau of Amboise, as well as the tomb and home of Da Vinci. (B, L)

### Day 5: Fontainebleau • Vaux-le-Vicomte

Visit the Chateau of Fontainebleau, a royal residence for three centuries favoured by the

'sun king' Louis XIV. After lunch, drive to Vaux-le-Vicomte, an imposing chateau which, while never a royal residence, is acknowledged as one of the key architectural influences for the later Palace of Versailles. (B)

### Day 6: Compiègne

Travel north to visit the Chateau and Forest of Compiègne. The chateau was one of the last royal residences to be completed prior to the revolution of 1789 and a preferred residence of Louis XV. After lunch featuring local cuisine, there will be time to visit the Forest of Compiègne, noted both as a royal hunting ground and more recently as the site where the 1918 armistice with Germany was signed. Return to Paris for a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Depart Paris

Enjoy a morning at leisure for a final chance to explore Paris. In the afternoon, transfer to Paris Gare du Nord for your return journey by Eurostar to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte, France

**Superior tour:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

**Accessibility:** This tour involves some long walks over uneven ground and therefore requires a good level of fitness.

**Private visits:** Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: FRV

|                    |                   |             |                        |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 17 Apr – 23 Apr 23 | with Andrew Spira | from £2,995 | single supp. from £725 |
| 05 Jun – 11 Jun 23 | with Andrew Spira | from £3,295 | single supp. from £925 |
| 06 Nov – 12 Nov 23 | with Lydia Bauman | from £3,295 | single supp. from £925 |
| 15 Apr – 21 Apr 24 | with Andrew Spira | from £3,195 | single supp. from £795 |
| 03 Jun – 09 Jun 24 | with Andrew Spira | from £3,495 | single supp. from £995 |
| 23 Sep – 29 Sep 24 | with Lydia Bauman | from £3,495 | single supp. from £995 |

### Regional connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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# Armenia & Georgia: Treasures of the Caucasus

**Duration** • 11 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)  
**History** • **Art** • **Archaeology**

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

Explore the spectacular highland countries of Armenia and Georgia, the world's oldest Christian nations, with experts Dr William Taylor or Rowena Loverance. Both countries contain a treasure trove of ancient ruins, churches and monasteries together with centuries-old folk traditions. Europe meets Asia in this spectacular and historic region of the Caucasus, where visitors will find a friendly welcome, excellent food and wine, and varied landscapes.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit awe-inspiring medieval monasteries
- ❖ Private guided visit by a senior curator at the Georgia Museum of Art
- ❖ Exclusive visits to monasteries and meetings with local religious leaders
- ❖ All meals included

## Expert lecturers

**Rowena Loverance** is a Byzantine art historian, specialising in sculpture, mosaics and icons. She worked for more than 20 years at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



**Dr William Taylor**, an expert in Ottoman and Orthodox studies, is also an Anglican priest and Chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches. His personal contacts guarantee special access to many monasteries and churches. He has worked in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and travelled in the Middle East and Central Asia.



Zvartnots temple with Mount Ararat in the background, Etchmiadzin, Armenia

### Day 1: Fly to Yerevan, via Paris

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Yerevan with Air France via Paris. Arrive and transfer to the **Metropol Hotel** (or similar) for 4 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Yerevan

Take a full-day tour of Yerevan with visits including the Matenadaran repository of ancient Armenian manuscripts, and Erebuni Fortress, where you meet a local expert (subject to confirmation). Continue to Tsitsernakaberd, a museum commemorating the Armenian genocide, and which overlooks the city to snowcapped peaks beyond. Next, visit the National Art Gallery, which contains some excellent examples of medieval frescoes and Armenian and European art. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Etchmiadzin

Drive west to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Etchmiadzin (now called Vagharshapat), the spiritual centre of the Armenian-Gregorian Church, and take a private behind-the-scenes tour of the monastic complex. Visit a fine example of Armenian architecture at the St Hripsime Church before visiting Etchmiadzin Cathedral, the oldest state-built cathedral in the world, dating back to the early fourth century. Inside the cathedral is the reputed Holy Lance that pierced Christ's side during his crucifixion. End the day at the seventh-century ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Garni • Geghard

Drive east of Yerevan to visit the temple of Garni, a classical Hellenistic temple that is the best-known structure and symbol of pre-Christian Armenia. Nearby is the medieval monastery of Geghard, partially carved out of the adjacent mountain and surrounded by cliffs. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Lake Sevan & monasteries • Tbilisi

Cross the border to Georgia, stopping en route to see Lake Sevan and the UNESCO-protected monasteries of Haghpata and Sanahin, unique for their 10th-century architectural styles. Proceed to Tbilisi and stay 2 nights at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Tbilisi

Today's full-day tour of Tbilisi includes a cable car ride to fourth-century Narikala Fortress, which occupies a scenic spot overlooking the city; and the fifth-century Metekhi Church, an unusual cross-cupola church which became an infamous prison during the Soviet era. Visit the State Museum, home to hundreds of Caucasian icons and metalwork dating from the Bronze Age to the 20th century. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at the Georgia Museum of Art on a private guided visit, led by a senior curator. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Mtskheta • Gori • Kutaisi

Drive north-west to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mtskheta. Lying at the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers, the city was the place where Christianity was proclaimed as the official religion of Georgia in 337AD. Continue to the church of Jvari nearby, then to Gori, birthplace of Joseph Stalin. Visit the intriguing Stalin Museum, which features numerous personal artefacts, including Stalin's notorious armour-plated railway carriage. Drive to Kutaisi and spend 1 night at the **New Port Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Bagrati • Gelati • Ubisa • Tbilisi

This morning, visit Bagrati Cathedral, which occupies a prominent position over Kutaisi. Continue to the Gelati monastery complex, built by the former king of Georgia, David IV



Gelati monastery, Georgia

the Builder. This UNESCO World Heritage Site features a number of 12th- and 13th-century churches and houses numerous murals, mosaics and manuscripts. Drive eastwards to Tbilisi, stopping at Ubisa for a short visit. Overnight at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar), Tbilisi. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Gremi • Ikalto • Bodbe • Signagi**

Travel east through the hills and winelands of Kakheti to the town of Gremi, which was destroyed by Shah Abbas's army in the 16th century, leaving the architectural monument of the royal citadel and the Church of the Archangels. Continue to the Ikalto Academy, together with Gelati one of the great medieval academies of Georgia. Drive to Signagi via the monastery of St Nino at Bodbe, a Georgian Orthodox monastic complex and one of the major pilgrimage sites in Georgia, with views of the Greater Caucasus Mountains. Overnight at **Kabadoni Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Signagi • Tsinandali • Telavi • Alaverdi • Tbilisi**

After a walking tour of Signagi, visit Tsinandali, the palace and vineyard of a Georgian noble family. Nearby is Telavi, capital of the Kakheti region and home to the best vineyards in the country. After lunch in a wine house, visit Alaverdi, a functioning Georgian monastery dating from the sixth century, with its stunning masterpiece – the 11th-century cathedral. Return to Tbilisi for a farewell dinner and stay overnight at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Fly to London, via Paris**

Transfer to Tbilisi airport. Fly to London, via Paris. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

**Tour + Tbilisi**

3 days & 2 nights from £325

Spend 2 further nights at the **Museum Hotel** (or similar) for more time to explore. This extension includes private departure transfer.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Expert-led tour:** This tour is fully escorted throughout by a lecturer who has specialist

knowledge of the destination and its culture, as well as an experienced local guide where necessary.

**Standard tour:** This tour is based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

**Accessibility:** This tour involves some long walks over uneven ground and therefore requires a good level of fitness.

**Private visits:** Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Also, churches, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

**Dates & guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: AYG

|                    |                       |             |                        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 15 May – 25 May 23 | with William Taylor   | from £2,995 | single supp. from £595 |
| 07 Sep – 17 Sep 23 | with Rowena Loverance | from £3,195 | single supp. from £595 |
| 23 Oct – 02 Nov 23 | with William Taylor   | from £3,195 | single supp. from £595 |
| 20 May – 30 May 24 | with William Taylor   | from £3,195 | single supp. from £595 |
| 05 Sep – 15 Sep 24 | with Rowena Loverance | from £3,295 | single supp. from £595 |
| 21 Oct – 31 Oct 24 | with William Taylor   | from £3,295 | single supp. from £595 |

**Regional air connections**

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# Istanbul: Treasures of the Imperial Capital

NEW TOUR

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £1,595 (incl. flights)  
**Art • Architecture • Archaeology • History**

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

Istanbul, capital of the Ottoman and Byzantine empires, enjoyed more than four centuries of imperial patronage, resulting in one of the most dramatic skylines in the world. Its mosques and palaces are complemented by exquisite tile decoration, fine woodwork and luxurious furnishings. Topkapi Palace, home to the Ottoman Court, remains a treasure house filled with silk textiles, gem-encrusted tableware, Chinese porcelains, Iznik pottery and illuminated manuscripts. This magnificent palace, the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sofia, together with the energetic street life and vibrant bazaars, make Istanbul one of Europe and Asia's most alluring cities – as you discover on this comprehensive tour.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit Topkapi Palace, the primary residence of the Ottoman sultans for more than 400 years
- ❖ See the renowned works of Sinan, the Ottoman court architect, in both Istanbul and Edirne
- ❖ Enjoy a ferry ride to the Princes' Islands, famed for their beautiful gardens and villas

## Expert lecturers

**Dr William Taylor**, an expert in Ottoman and Orthodox studies, is also an Anglican priest and Chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches. His personal contacts guarantee special access to many monasteries and churches. He has worked in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and travelled in the Middle East and Central Asia.



**Rowena Loverance** is a Byzantine art historian, specialising in sculpture, mosaics and icons. She worked for more than 20 years at the British Museum and is a visiting research fellow at King's College, London.



Selimiye Mosque, Edirne

### Day 1: Fly from London to Istanbul

Fly from London Heathrow to Istanbul with British Airways. Transfer to the **Levni Hotel** for 6 nights. Evening welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Istanbul

Morning visit to the Church of Theotokos Kyriotissa (Kalenderhane Camii), Zoodochos Pigi (Silivri Kapi cemetery), Suleymaniye mosque complex, and Basilica of St John of Studius (Imrahor Camii) – the oldest church in Istanbul, erected in 454AD. In the afternoon, see the magnificent mosaics and frescoes of St Saviour in Chora (Kariye Camii) (subject to confirmation), Theotokos Pammakaristos (Fethiye Camii), the Porphyrogenitus Palace ruins, and the Theodocian city walls at Edirne Kapi. (B)

### Day 3: The Princes' Islands

Take the early morning public ferry to the Princes' Islands, a nine-island archipelago in the Sea of Marmara, passing Leander's Tower, ancient Chalcedon and Antigone. Stop at Chalki to visit the Church of St Nikolaos and the Greek Orthodox seminary. Continue to the isle of Prinkipo to visit the Monastery of St George. The final visit of the day is to the Crimea

Memorial Church, built in the mid-19th century in memory of fallen British soldiers, where a special drinks reception has been arranged (subject to confirmation). (B)

### Day 4: Istanbul

Take a morning walking tour of Sultanahmet, including Topkapi Palace and the superb collections of the archaeological museum. In the afternoon, view the remains of the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, the Mosaics Museum and the Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus (Kucuk Hagia Sofia). In the evening, visit the Hagia Sofia Grand Mosque, converted following the conquest of the city in 1453 and once the centre of Orthodox Christianity. (B)

### Day 5: Edirne

Full day sightseeing in Edirne, once known as Adrianople and the Ottoman capital prior to 1453. Visit the Selimiye Mosque, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; the nearby Old Mosque; Sultan Bayezid II Complex; Ali Pasha Bazaar; and the Macedonian Tower. (B)

### Day 6: Istanbul

Morning visit to the Church of Theotokos Panaghiotissa (known as Mouchliotissa), the



Topkapi Palace, Istanbul

only Byzantine church in the city still belonging to the Greek Orthodox patriarchate. Continue around the old Greek district of Fener, including the Cathedral of St George. This afternoon, visit the Basilica Cistern and the lively Grand Bazaar, then conclude with a stop at the garden of the sacred shrine and spring, Ayazma Blachernae, dating back to 451AD. Evening farewell dinner in the historic Eminönü district. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Fly to London

Morning walking tour of Beyazit, the Third Hill and the old city centre. Fly from Istanbul to London Heathrow with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: TIS

|                    |                       |             |                        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 11 Mar – 17 Mar 23 | with William Taylor   | from £1,695 | single supp. from £375 |
| 10 Jun – 16 Jun 23 | with William Taylor   | from £1,895 | single supp. from £375 |
| 21 Oct – 27 Oct 23 | with Rowena Loverance | from £1,595 | single supp. from £375 |
| 09 Mar – 15 Mar 24 | with William Taylor   | from £1,795 | single supp. from £395 |
| 08 Jun – 14 Jun 24 | with William Taylor   | from £1,895 | single supp. from £395 |
| 19 Oct – 25 Oct 24 | with Rowena Loverance | from £1,695 | single supp. from £395 |

**British Airways flight upgrades**  
Club Europe from £110 return

**Regional air connections**  
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# Jerusalem: The Golden City

NEW TOUR

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £3,195 (incl. flights)  
**Art • Architecture • Archaeology • History**

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Culture**

## Tour overview

Jerusalem is considered one of the world's most sacred places by three major religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Across the city's extensive and tumultuous history, numerous nationalities, kingdoms and faiths have settled here, as reflected in the awe-inspiring architecture – much of which remains in remarkable condition. On this focused tour, explore Jerusalem's bustling network of alleys and its striking religious and architectural landmarks, accompanied by expert archaeologist Dr Politis.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Private talk by an Israel Museum curator
- ❖ Exclusive access to the Ethiopian rooftop monastery at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- ❖ Visit the ancient oasis town of Jericho
- ❖ Explore the Western Wall tunnel

## Expert lecturer

### Dr Konstantine Politis

has spent 33 years leading archaeological projects in Jordan, including three for the British Museum. He has published over 100 articles and five books on archaeology. Although Dr Politis specialises in the early Byzantine and Islamic periods, his expertise extends from prehistory through to Hellenistic and Roman times in the eastern Mediterranean.



Church of All Nations and the golden domes of the Church of Mary Magdalene, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

### Day 1: Fly to Jerusalem

Fly from London Heathrow to Tel Aviv with British Airways. On arrival, transfer to Jerusalem and stay 6 nights at the **Bat Sheva Hotel**. Evening welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Christian Jerusalem • Bethlehem

Begin today in the Christian quarter with an exploration of the medieval citadel and Tower of David Museum, a historical and archaeological landmark of global significance. Walk along the old city ramparts for stupendous views of Jerusalem and to see how the locals live. Continue via Muristan to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where exclusive access to the rooftop Ethiopian monastery (Deir al-Sultan) has been arranged. Walk along the Roman-Byzantine cardo to Damascus Gate before touring the Garden Tomb. After lunch, take a short drive to Bethlehem for an overview of Shepherd's Field and a visit to the Church of the Nativity. Conclude the day with a visit to a winery and enjoy a selection of local vintages. (B)

### Day 3: East Jerusalem

The rising hill to the east of the city is the Mount of Olives, where you start the day with a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Continue to the Russian Orthodox Church of St Mary Magdalene and its onion-shaped gilded domes. Visit the Church of All Nations, famous for the striking blue, green and gold mosaics that decorate its 12 domes. Enter the old city walls from St Stephen's Gate, today known as the

Lion's Gate, followed by a walk to Herod's Gate. Continue to St Anne monastery, the Monastery of the Flagellation, and Ecce Homo Arch. Enter the Temple Mount (subject to the discretion of local officials). Here, observe the Dome of the Rock and the Dome of the Chain before finally visiting the Marwani Musalla and Al-Aqsa mosque from the outside. (B)

### Day 4: Jewish Jerusalem

Start today's tour on Mount Zion outside King David's Tomb – first identified in the 11th century and later incorporated into a mosque in the 15th century. In the room above is the Hall of the Last Supper, or Coenaculum, said to be the location of Christ's last supper with his disciples. Continue to the Jewish quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem to see the renovated neo-Byzantine Hurva synagogue. Walk to the Broad Wall, assumed to be part of the fortifications that were built by King Hezekiah in the eighth century BC. It sits beneath the level of the street and measures 7 metres thick and 65 metres long. Proceed to the Wohl Archaeological Museum in the Herodian quarter, via Batei Makhase Square. This museum is famous for its explicit evocation of how life was 2,000 years ago. Visit the Burnt House, named after the time when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in the first century. Continue to see the original 12th-century crusader walls of St Mary of the Germans, followed by a visit to the colossal Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site, built by Herod the Great. From here you will explore





Dome of the Rock and Western wall, Jerusalem

the impressive Western Wall tunnel to observe the wall's foundations and other ancient structures, along with engaging displays on the layers of history revealed by the tunnel. Head to the Jerusalem Archaeological Park where you will finish your day with a tour of the Davidson Center. (B)

**Day 5: Herodian • Jericho**

Drive to Herodian, a truncated volcano-shaped mound 11km south of Bethlehem. View the palace and tomb of King Herod within the great fortress. Drive to Jericho, thought to be one of the oldest continuously occupied settlements in the world. Visit Hisham's Palace, an early Islamic hunting lodge currently under excavation. Continue to the Monastery of the Temptation, said to be the site at which Christ was tempted by the devil during his 40-day fast. (B)

**Day 6: Jerusalem's New City**

Explore the New City of Jerusalem and visit the Israel Museum, partly accompanied by the curator. Here you see some of the most celebrated collections of art and archaeology in the country, including the complete interiors of synagogues from Europe and India. Continue to the Rockefeller Museum that concentrates mainly on the archaeology of the Holy Land, where you will see its collection of Dead Sea Scrolls. In the afternoon, proceed to one of the city's most celebrated landmarks, Jerusalem's YMCA. Finish the day with an evening farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Fly to London**

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to

Tel Aviv airport for a return flight to London Heathrow with British Airways. (B)

Extensions are available to Tel Aviv, Eilat and the Dead Sea. Please speak to a Cox & Kings consultant for further details.

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**Superior tour:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit our website to see details of the hotels.

**Accessibility:** The tour involves some long drives and requires a good level of fitness as there is walking over rough terrain and up some high, uneven steps. There are also some long road journeys.

**Private visits:** Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Mosques, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Expert-led tour:** This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide.

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: JSM

|                    |                     |             |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 12 Mar – 18 Mar 23 | Konstantine Politis | from £3,195 | single supp. from £625 |
| 12 May – 18 May 23 | Konstantine Politis | from £3,295 | single supp. from £625 |
| 21 Oct – 27 Oct 23 | Konstantine Politis | from £3,295 | single supp. from £625 |
| 10 Mar – 16 Mar 24 | Konstantine Politis | from £3,495 | single supp. from £695 |
| 17 May – 23 May 24 | Konstantine Politis | from £3,495 | single supp. from £695 |
| 26 Oct – 01 Nov 24 | Konstantine Politis | from £3,495 | single supp. from £695 |

**British Airways flight upgrades**  
Club Europe from £925 return

**Regional air connections**  
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# Uzbekistan: The Golden Road to Samarkand

**Duration** • 12 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Expert-led group tour** • From £3,195 (incl. flights)  
**Art • Architecture • History**

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

Visit the most magnificent cities of the ancient Silk Road with our Islamic experts Diana Driscoll or Dr William Taylor. These include Uzbekistan's second largest city, Samarkand, built by the infamous 14th-century Emperor Tamerlane; the medieval city of Bukhara, with its dazzling blue mosaic domes; the jade-green city of Khiva; and Nukus, which once protected the Russian avant-garde art collection of archaeologist and artist, Igor Savitsky from the Soviets.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ See traditional silk weavers at work
- ❖ Full-day tours of Bukhara and Khiva
- ❖ Discover the intricacies of Samarkand's Islamic architecture
- ❖ Visit ceramic workshops

## Expert lecturers

**Diana Driscoll** read ancient Middle East and Islamic studies at SOAS. She is an independent researcher who gives regular talks at the British Museum. Her area of expertise is the Islamic world: religion, history, culture and languages.



**Dr William Taylor**, an expert in Ottoman and Orthodox studies, is also an Anglican priest and Chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Churches. His personal contacts guarantee special access to many monasteries and churches. He has worked in Jordan, Cairo and Turkey, and has travelled in the Middle East and Central Asia.



Ceramics workshop

### Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Board the overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

### Day 2: Tashkent • Fly to Nukus

Arrive in Tashkent and transfer to the **Hotel Inspira-S Tashkent** (or similar) for a rest. After an introductory lecture and welcome lunch, take a city tour to see the highlights of Tashkent, including Kukeldash mosque, the Museum of Applied Arts, Muyie Mubarak library and Tillya Sheikh mosque. In the afternoon, fly to Nukus and overnight at **Hotel Jipek Joli** (or similar). (B, L)

### Day 3: Chilpak • Khiva

Morning tour of the Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art, which houses the collection of Igor Savitsky, who secreted away thousands of Russian avant-garde and post avant-garde paintings during the Stalinist Soviet period. Besides this rare and extensive collection of art (second only to St Petersburg), he also collected thousands of Uzbek artefacts, textiles and jewellery. Tour the museum with a local specialist. En route to Khiva, stop at Chilpak to see the fourth-century Zoroastrian Tower of Silence. Stay for 2 nights at **Orient Star Khiva / Feruzkhan Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

### Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of the old walled city of Khiva, capital of Khorezm between the 16th and 20th centuries, and one of the most remote of the Silk Road cities. Visits include the Kunya Ark (old fortress), the original residence of the Khiva khans; the beautifully decorated Tash Hauli (stone palace); the Friday Mosque; and madrasas (theological colleges), which

now house museum collections. Also visit a UNESCO-listed silk carpet workshop. (B)

### Day 5: Drive to Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours), through the Kyzylkum desert stopping at the Amu Darya river, known as the Oxus river in the ancient world. Stay at **Emir Hotel** (or similar) for 4 nights. (B, L)

### Day 6: Bukhara

Take a full-day walking tour of Bukhara, visiting the Persian Samanid brick mausoleum, the Chashmai Ayub, known as Job's Well, and the Bolo Hauz mosque. Visit the trade domes, madrasas and traditional Bukharan bazaars. Continue to the Poi-Kalyan complex, which includes the towering Kalyan minaret and the twin-domed Mir-i-Arab madrasa. (B)

### Day 7: Bukhara

Visit the architectural ensemble around the Lyab i-Hauz pool, fed by the waters of the royal canal. Continue to the Chor Minor, a curious four-towered gatehouse, and the Sitara-i Mokhi-Khosa, the summer palace of Bukhara's last emir. Then visit the Fayzulla Khodjaev Museum, set in the house of a wealthy merchant and showing aspects of life in the early 20th century. Continue to the Balyand mosque, a jewel of 16th-century architecture, and the imposing ark fortress of the Bukhara emirs. Walk down the narrow streets of historic Bukhara to the old Jewish quarter. See one of the city's hidden gems, the Jewish synagogue, which houses a collection of ancient torahs dating back approximately 600 years. (B)

### Day 8: Rabat i-Malik • Gijduvan • Vabkent

Drive the royal road to the 11th-century Rabat i-Malik caravanserai (a trading route stop-off). Continue to Gijduvan, renowned for its traditional ceramics, and see Abd-al-Khalyk Gijduvani shrine. Return to Bukhara via Vabkent to see the minaret commissioned in the 12th century by one of Bukhara's rulers. (B, L)

### Day 9: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Tamerlane, where he built an enormous palace, of which part of the beautifully ornamented audience chamber remains. Drive alongside the Zerafshan mountains to Samarkand for a 2-night stay at the **Dilimah Premium / Malika Diyora / Hotel Royal** (or similar). (B)

### Day 10: Afrosiyob • Samarkand

Drive to the ancient deserted site of Afrosiyob on the outskirts of Samarkand, where a settlement once thrived until it was destroyed by Tamerlane. Archaeological finds are housed in the Afrosiyob History Museum. Continue to the observatory of Ulugbek, Tamerlane's



Mir-i-arab madrasa, Bukhara

astronomer grandson, and see the Bibi Khanum mosque, built by Tamerlane for his favourite wife. End the day at the magnificent Gur Emir mausoleum, where Tamerlane is buried beneath the Timurid fluted blue domes. (B)

#### Day 11: Samarkand • Tashkent

Visit Registan Square, framed by three brilliantly ornamented madrasas, and see the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis. Visit the Amir Timur gate in Djizak. Drive to Tashkent. After a farewell dinner, overnight at the **Inspira-S Tashkent** (or similar). (B, D)

#### Day 12: Tashkent • Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

#### Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £895

Accompanied by your expert lecturer, extend your tour and explore Uzbekistan's cultural heartland with visits to some of the major towns of the Fergana valley. Highlights include Andijan's vibrant local market and the Yodgorlik silk factory in Margilan, which still uses traditional production methods that date back to the days of the Silk Road caravans.

#### Day 12: Fergana valley

Drive to the Fergana region of Uzbekistan. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Asia Fergana / Grand Fergana** (or similar). (B, D)

#### Day 13: Fergana valley

Full-day tour of the region, including Andijan and Fergana. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Kokand • Tashkent

Return to Tashkent visiting the ancient city of Kokand en route. Overnight at the **Inspira-S Tashkent** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 15: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

Alternative extensions are also available to Tashkent and Muynak.

**Standard tour:** This tour is based in 3- and 4-star accommodation. Please visit our website to see details of the hotels.

**Accessibility:** The tour involves some long drives and requires a good level of fitness as there is walking over rough terrain and up some high, uneven steps. There are also some long road journeys.

**Private visits:** Please note that the exclusive and individual nature of private visits means that they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure. Mosques, private houses and other buildings often have fluid opening times. If any visits have to be re-arranged, please be assured that we will seek alternatives of equal interest.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Expert-led tour:** This tour is fully escorted throughout by the lecturer, as well as an experienced local guide.

#### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: UZA

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 7 Apr – 18 Apr 23  | with Diana Driscoll | from £3,195 | single supp. from £445 |
| 21 Apr – 02 May 23 | with William Taylor | from £3,295 | single supp. from £445 |
| 22 Sep – 03 Oct 23 | with William Taylor | from £3,395 | single supp. from £445 |
| 13 Oct – 24 Oct 23 | with Diana Driscoll | from £3,295 | single supp. from £445 |
| 05 Apr – 16 Apr 24 | with Diana Driscoll | from £3,395 | single supp. from £455 |
| 19 Apr – 30 Apr 24 | with William Taylor | from £3,395 | single supp. from £455 |
| 20 Sep – 01 Oct 24 | with William Taylor | from £3,395 | single supp. from £455 |
| 11 Oct – 22 Oct 24 | with Diana Driscoll | from £3,295 | single supp. from £455 |

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **21 Apr 23, 20 Sep 24**

#### Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,145 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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# India & Pakistan: Splendours of the Mughal Empire

NEW TOUR

**Duration** • 16 days & 15 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Expert-led group tour** • From £4,295 (incl. flights)  
**Art • Architecture • Archaeology • History**

**Arts &  
Culture**

## Tour overview

The Mughal Empire, derived from the word Mongol, had its origins in Central Asia. Babur, its first ruler, was a direct descendant of the renowned ruler and conqueror Amir Timur. He united Mongol traditions, Persian high culture and the Central Asian patronage of Islamic art with the wealth and vibrancy of the subcontinent. Visiting two of the empire's successor nations, India and Pakistan, this tour will explore the shared legacy of a dynasty whose enduring cultural influence travelled as far as the court of Queen Victoria.

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit four of the five Mughal capitals
- ❖ Experience the famous Wagah border ceremony
- ❖ Admire the grandeur of the Royal Fort in Lahore
- ❖ See the artisans who produce Multan's renowned Kashikari glazed pottery

## Expert lecturers

**Diana Driscoll** read ancient Middle East and Islamic studies at SOAS. She is an independent researcher who gives regular talks at the British Museum. Her area of expertise is the Islamic world: religion, history, culture and languages.



Hiran Minar, Shekhepura, Pakistan

### Day 1: London

Fly overnight from London to Delhi with Emirates via Dubai. (N)

### Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to **Maidens Hotel** for 3 nights. Enjoy an afternoon lecture and welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Delhi

Explore some of Delhi's key pre-Mughal and early Mughal sites, prior to the establishment of Shahjanabad (now Old Delhi). Visit the 12th-century Qutb Minar complex, built on the foundations of Jain and Hindu temples, as well as the Hauz Khas Complex. Proceed to the tomb of Humayun, the second Mughal Emperor, credited with increasing the Persian cultural influences on the imperial court. In the afternoon, an exclusive lecture about Mughal art by a local specialist has been arranged at Intach's office (subject to confirmation). (B)

### Day 4: Delhi

Full-day tour of Shahjanabad (Old Delhi) to see the Red Fort and Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in India, accommodating 25,000 worshippers. Continue to Fatehpuri Masjid complex, Qudsia Bagh mosque, and the tomb of Abdul Rahim Khan-i-Khana for his wife. (B)

### Day 5: Sikandra • Agra

In the morning depart Delhi for Agra, stopping en route at Sikandra to visit the tomb of the

Mughal Emperor Akbar, who designed the pyramidal, five-storey structure himself. Drive to Agra. Stay at **ITC Mughal** for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 6: Agra

Full-day tour of Mughal-era Agra, including the Red Fort, which affords a spectacular view of the Taj Mahal sitting gracefully in the landscape. Visit the Tomb of I'timad-ud-Daulah (the 'baby Taj'), Chinika Rauza, and the Ram Bagh, which is India's oldest Mughal garden and, with its splendid intersecting pathways and canals, was designed to encapsulate an Islamic idea of paradise. Spend the remainder of the day at the Taj Mahal, considered one of the new seven wonders of the world. The mausoleum is arguably the most spectacular architectural accomplishment of the Mughals, made entirely from pristine white marble, and commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. (B, L)

### Day 7: Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Amritsar

Drive to Fatehpur Sikri, the red-sandstone capital of emperor Akbar. The mosque and palace buildings were only occupied for 14 years and then deserted. Perfectly preserved, they highlight the Mughal empire's power, architectural prowess and lavish lifestyle. This evening, fly from Delhi airport to Amritsar. Stay at the **Hyatt Regency** for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 8: Amritsar

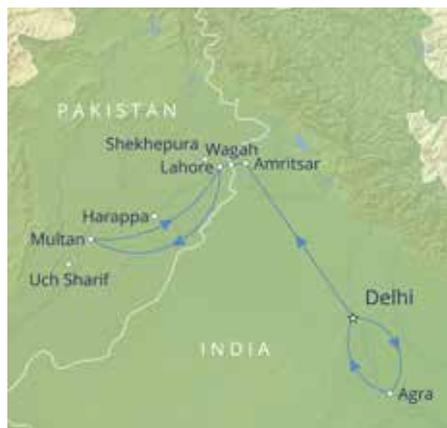
Morning visit to the Golden Temple – the most sacred gurdwara among India's Sikhs – and its vast *langar* (community kitchen). Weave your way through Qila Ahluwalia, a fort replete with colonial-era architectural features, before arriving at the Jalebiwala Chowk with its *jalebi* shop selling delicious sticky sweets. In the late afternoon, visit Wagah on the India-Pakistan border for the unmissable Changing of the Guard ceremony. (B)

### Day 9: Wagah • Lahore, Pakistan

Depart your hotel and return to Wagah to cross the border from India to Pakistan. Once you have completed formalities at the border, meet your guide in Pakistan and proceed to the vibrant city of Lahore via the historic Shalimar Gardens. Stay at **Faletti's Hotel, Lahore**, for 3 nights. (B)

### Day 10: Lahore

Enjoy a full day's sightseeing of Lahore, the historic capital of both the Mughal Empire and the Punjab region. Highlights include the renowned Badshahi Mosque, commissioned by Emperor Aurangzeb in the 17th century, as well as the Royal Fort, one of the finest examples of Indo-Islamic architecture on the subcontinent. Visit both the Wazir Khan Mosque and the Persianate Shahi Hamman ('Royal Baths')





Royal Fort, Lahore, Pakistan

which underwent a full restoration from 2013-2015. (B)

#### Day 11: Lahore

Morning visit to the tomb of Emperor Jahangir, the only one of the six major Mughal emperors to be buried in what is now Pakistan. Continue to the nearby tomb of his favourite wife Nur Jahan, before returning to central Lahore. In the afternoon, visit the Lahore Museum, famous in the works of Rudyard Kipling and home to an array of impressive Mughal artefacts. The day concludes with a visit to the bustling Anarkali Bazaar, which dates from the reign of Emperor Akbar the Great. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Harappa • Multan

Depart Lahore for the city of Multan. Stop en route to visit the ancient site of Harappa, once home to one of the earliest civilisations on the subcontinent. Arrive in Multan and visit a workshop where artisans still produce the city's famous Kashikari pottery, a style brought by Mongol invaders from Central Asia. Continue to your hotel and stay at **Faletti's Grand Multan** for 3 nights. Optional afternoon excursion to the tomb of Shah Rukhn-e-Alam to see and hear local Sufi musicians perform their art. (B)

#### Day 13: Uch Sharif • Multan

This morning, drive to Uch Sharif. Said to have been founded by Alexander the Great, the city has long been a stronghold of Islamic rule in the subcontinent. See the famous Sufi shrines, including the Tomb of Bibi Jiwandi, which is currently working towards full UNESCO World Heritage recognition. At the conclusion of your tour, return to Multan. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Multan

Enjoy a morning tour of Multan, including the

city's key Sufi shrines as well as the Shahi Eid Gah mosque, an excellent example of later Mughal architecture completed in the mid-18th century. In the afternoon, enjoy time at leisure or take an optional excursion to visit the Multan Arts Bazaar. (B, L)

#### Day 15: Shekhepura • Lahore

Departing Multan, drive to Shekhepura where you will see the impressive Hiran Minar. Built by Emperor Jahangir, the complex unusually commemorates the emperor's favourite antelope, which he named Mansraj. Jahangir was noted for his love of wildlife both as quarry for the hunt and to observe in the wild. Proceed to the city of Lahore for a farewell dinner. Overnight at **Faletti's Hotel**. (B, D)

#### Day 16: Fly to London

Transfer from your hotel to Lahore airport for your return flight to the UK via Dubai.

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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**Superior tour:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation. Please visit our website to see details of the hotels.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: MUG

|                    |                     |             |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 23 Feb – 10 Mar 23 | with Diana Driscoll | from £4,295 | single supp. from £895 |
| 16 Nov – 01 Dec 23 | with Diana Driscoll | from £4,395 | single supp. from £995 |
| 22 Feb – 08 Mar 24 | with Diana Driscoll | from £4,495 | single supp. from £995 |
| 14 Nov – 29 Nov 24 | with Diana Driscoll | from £4,495 | single supp. from £995 |

#### Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,695 return

#### Regional air connections

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## All tours include:

- ❖ Direct flights from London (regional connections available)\*
- ❖ 4- and 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups – maximum of 14
- ❖ Guided excursions and entrance fees
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager or the best local guides
- ❖ Flexibility – extensions, room and flight upgrades available

\*Azores tour: Flights via Lisbon or Porto

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# Spotlight on Malta

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,495 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

Malta might be one of the smallest nations in Europe, but its strategic position at the crossroads of the Mediterranean has allowed it to cultivate a rich culture over thousands of years. This centre-based tour goes beyond the seaside resorts for which the island is most famous, exploring instead the exciting history of the capital, Valletta; the three cities of Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua; as well as the historic sites of the Hagar Qim temples and Marsaxlokk village. Highlights include driving your own electric buggy through the narrow streets, and a tuk-tuk tour of Gozo island.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport taxes
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance fees

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour with day excursions across Malta's main island and Gozo
- ❖ Day tours of Valletta and the 'Three Cities'
- ❖ Boat tour of the Grand Harbour
- ❖ Tuk-tuk tour of Gozo
- ❖ Superior sea-view rooms as standard



Grand harbour, Valletta

### Day 1: Fly to Malta

Take a morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Malta with Air Malta. Transfer to the **Waterfront Hotel** for the duration of the tour. (N)

### Day 2: Tour of Valletta

Embark on a guided tour of Malta's compact capital, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site brimming with baroque marvels, twisting streets and charming cafes. Highlights include St John's Co-Cathedral and the palatial rooms of Casa Rocca Piccola. Enjoy lunch at Rampila Restaurant, uniquely situated in the city's 16th-century bastions. (B, L)

### Day 3: Day at leisure

Spend a free day enjoying the facilities of the hotel, including the outdoor pool and sun terrace. Alternatively, explore more of the area, perhaps with an excursion to the tiny third island of Comino, famous for its enticing white sands and azure waters. (B)

### Day 4: Discovery of the Three Cities

Explore Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua – together known as the 'Three Cities of Malta' – in a petite electric car called a Rolling Geek. Easy to drive, they are a fun way to navigate the narrow, cobbled streets. Next, enjoy a half-hour private harbour cruise aboard a traditional Maltese passenger boat. These colourful vessels are icons of Maltese culture. (B)

### Day 5: Tuk-tuk adventure in Gozo

Cross by ferry to Gozo, Malta's second largest island, for a full-day tour by tuk-tuk. Highlights include exploration of the main town of Victoria, famous for its 16th-century citadel; and the Xwejini salt pans, whose shimmering pools are still harvested in the ancient tradition. Stop en route for lunch at Ta' Rikardu Restaurant, famous for using only local produce. Return to Malta in the late afternoon. (B, L)

### Day 6: Hagar Qim, Blue Grotto & Marsaxlokk

Embark on a day tour of the 5,000-year-old

temple complex of Hagar Qim and the pretty village of Marsaxlokk, famous for its brightly painted fishing boats. The day also includes a boat ride to the Blue Grotto, a series of sea caves naturally lit by breaks in the rock. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer back to Malta airport and fly to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call to speak with a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

### Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: MLB

Low season from £1,495  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,595  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £595

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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| 19 May 23 – 25 May 23 | 17 May 24 – 23 May 24 |
| 16 Jun 23 – 22 Jun 23 | 14 Jun 24 – 20 Jun 24 |
| 01 Sep 23 – 07 Sep 23 | 30 Aug 24 – 05 Sep 24 |
| 15 Sep 23 – 21 Sep 23 | 13 Sep 24 – 19 Sep 24 |
| 06 Oct 23 – 12 Oct 23 | 04 Oct 24 – 10 Oct 24 |

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# Spotlight on Veneto

**Duration** • 8 Days & 7 Nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,895 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

Although this historic region of Italy is best known for Venice, Veneto has so much more to offer. On this single-centre tour, you will visit three of Veneto's other worthy cities: Verona, Padua and Vicenza. Embark on cultural excursions and rural expeditions whilst based for the week in an 18th-century villa in Castelfranco Veneto.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ Direct flights from London (regional connections available)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 14
- ❖ Guided excursions and entrance fees
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager or the best local guides
- ❖ Flexibility - extensions, room and flight upgrades available

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Centre-based tour staying in historic Castelfranco Veneto
- ❖ Day tours to Verona, Padua & Asolo
- ❖ Risotto cooking class
- ❖ Wine tasting in the Prosecco hills
- ❖ Free day to explore Venice independently



Verona, Veneto

### Day 1: Fly to Verona

Fly to Verona and stay for 7 nights at **Hotel Alla Torre** in historic Castelfranco Veneto. This evening, attend a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Vicenza, Padua & winery visit

Visit Vicenza's Olympic Theatre and historical centre. Continue to Padua, famous for its Renaissance frescoes, and tour Scovegni Chapel and Prato della Valle. Conclude with lunch and wine tasting at Cantina La Mincana Winery (or similar). (B, L)

### Day 3: Day at leisure

Today is yours to spend how you wish. Optional excursion to Venice by train. (B)

### Day 4: Verona & Lake Garda

Take in Verona's highlights, including Juliet's House, Verona Arena, and Piazza delle Erbe. Proceed to Isola della Scala for a risotto-making course. Finish with a Lake Garda cruise and guided tour of Sirmione. (B, L)

### Day 5: Prosecco

Tour of the Prosecco hills followed by wine tasting and lunch. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 6: Bassano del Grappa & Asolo

Explore Bassano del Grappa in the Alpine foothills. Continue to the walled city of Asolo. Conclude the day at one of the region's celebrated grappa distilleries. (B)

### Day 7: Villa Emo & Castelfranco

Visit the sumptuous, Palladian Villa Emo. Afternoon at leisure back in Castelfranco, followed by a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Verona airport and fly home. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please contact a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

## Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: VVG

Low season from £1,895  
 Guide price month: May

High season from £1,995  
 Guide price months: Sep – Oct

Single supplement from £335

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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| 06 May – 13 May 23   | 04 May – 11 May 24 |
| ★ 17 Jun – 24 Jun 23 | 15 Jun – 22 Jun 24 |
| 08 Jul – 15 Jul 23   | 06 Jul – 13 Jul 24 |
| ★ 26 Aug – 02 Sep 23 | 24 Aug – 31 Aug 24 |
| 23 Sep – 30 Sep 23   | 21 Sep – 28 Sep 24 |
| 07 Oct – 14 Oct 23   | 05 Oct – 12 Oct 24 |

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

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# Spotlight on Umbria

**Duration** • 7 Days & 6 Nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,895 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

Umbria is often overlooked by tourists who favour its better-known neighbour, Tuscany. Yet this rural region is no less interesting nor scenic to explore, with its sweeping hills, deep valleys and characterful, history-rich settlements. This new Spotlight tour is based in the Umbrian capital of Perugia, with day tours to the very best the region has to offer, both historically and culturally.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ Direct flights from London (regional connections available)
- ❖ 4- and 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 14
- ❖ Guided excursions and entrance fees
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager or the best local guides
- ❖ Flexibility - extensions, room and flight upgrades available

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour based in Perugia's historic centre
- ❖ Visit a Perugian chocolate factor
- ❖ Cooking class with three-course lunch, wine and coffee
- ❖ Wine tasting in Montefalco



Saint Francis Basilica, Assisi, Umbria

### Day 1: Arrive in Perugia

Fly to Rome and transfer to Perugia staying 6 nights at **Hotel San Gallo Palace**. (N)

### Day 2: Perugia

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Perugia, the capital of Umbria. Highlights include the city's ancient walls and the Rocca Paolina fortress. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Full-day tour of Assisi

Embark on a full-day tour of Assisi, including the 13th-century Basilica di San Francesco, built to house the body of Italy's patron saint, Francis of Assisi. After lunch, visit Casa del Cioccolato and sample some of Italy's finest chocolate. Return to Perugia late afternoon. (B)

### Day 4: Day at leisure

Today, you are free to enjoy Umbria's charming capital at leisure. (B)

### Day 5: Trasimeno Lake & cookery class

Transfer to beautiful Trasimeno Lake for a lesson in Italian cuisine and traditional cooking. Your class is followed by a three-course lunch with wine. In the afternoon, stop in Castiglione del Lago before returning to the hotel. (B, L)

### Day 6: Bevagna, Spello & Montefalco

Visit three of Umbria's most historic towns: Bevagna, famous for its medieval workshops; Spello, with its medieval walls built atop Roman foundations; and Montefalco, known as 'the balcony of Umbria' for its stunning views. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to London (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please contact a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

## Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: UMB

Low season from £1,895  
Guide price month: May

High season from £1,995  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £275

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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# Spotlight on Athens & Evia

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights

**Category** • Luxury

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,695 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

Evia is Greece's second largest island after Crete, but remains largely off the tourist map – despite being just a stone's throw from Athens. It is home to uncrowded beaches, historic towns and charming wineries. This new centre-based tour reveals the best of the unspoilt island, as well as giving you a day to explore Athens and its ancient wonders. Throughout your journey, enjoy unique experiences, such as a Greek coffee masterclass. The tour also features ample downtime to spend in luxury at your 5-star beachfront hotel.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport taxes
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance fees

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Day tours to explore Evia & Athens
- ❖ Greek coffee masterclass
- ❖ Sailing trip with lunch
- ❖ Half-board accommodation in a 5-star hotel
- ❖ Sea-view rooms as standard



The Parthenon, Athens

### Day 1: Fly to Athens

Take a morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to **Negroponte Resort** for the duration of the tour. Welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Tour of Chalkida

Enjoy a morning guided walking tour of Chalkida, the main town on the island, including its historic old town, the 19th-century Red House, and the Town Hall. Spend some free time amidst the charming cafes and restaurants of the waterfront before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

### Day 3: Sailing in the Strait of Evia

After transferring to the port, board a sailing boat for a day of cruising on the Strait of Evia – a fantastic way to explore the narrow channel joining Evia to mainland Greece. There is time to stop at one of the quiet coves for swimming. Snacks and drinks are served on board. (B, D)

### Day 4: Day at leisure

Spend a free day enjoying the facilities of the Negroponte Resort or discovering more of the area, perhaps by visiting the Archaeological Museum of Eretria or the mainland's Amphiaraion Archaeological Site. Evia is also famous for hiking due to its rugged, mountainous interior; guides for day hiking can be arranged locally. (B, D)

### Day 5: Wine tour, tasting & lunch

Evia is one of the Greece's protected winegrowing regions, and today is your chance to sample some of the celebrated local produce. During your visit to a nearby winery, taste three wines before helping to prepare traditional meze dishes for your lunch. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Athens

During a full-day excursion to the Greek capital – one of the world's most historic cities – visit the Parthenon and Museum, Panathenaic Stadium and the temple of Athena Nike. Afterwards, enjoy a short class in preparing the perfect Greek

coffee at a local coffee shop, followed by time at leisure. Return to Evia early evening. (B, D)

### Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer back to Athens airport and fly to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please contact a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

## Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: GRU

Low season from £1,695  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,895  
Guide price months: May – Jun

Single supplement from £395

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| ★ 06 May – 12 May 23 | ★ 04 May – 10 May 24 |
| 20 May – 26 May 23   | 18 May – 24 May 24   |
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| 09 Sep – 15 Sep 23   | 07 Sep – 13 Sep 24   |
| 23 Sep – 29 Sep 23   | 21 Sep – 27 Sep 24   |

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

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# Spotlight on the Basque Country

**Duration** • 7 Days & 6 Nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,495 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

The northern region of Basque differs from the rest of Spain in almost every regard, from the soaring peaks of the Pyrenees and the rugged Atlantic coastline to the ancient Basque language and traditional cuisine. Based in Bilbao, this tour guides visitors through an often-overlooked corner of the Iberian Peninsula.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ Direct flights from London (regional connections available)
- ❖ 4- and 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 14
- ❖ Guided excursions and entrance fees
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager or the best local guides
- ❖ Flexibility - extensions, room and flight upgrades available

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour based in Bilbao
- ❖ Day tours including San Sebastian
- ❖ Full day tour of Bilbao with *pintxos* experience
- ❖ Private tour of the Guggenheim
- ❖ Tour of rural Basque region with Txacoli wine or cheese tasting
- ❖ Day excursion to Burgos



San Sebastian, Spain

### Day 1: Fly to Bilbao

Take a morning flight from London to Bilbao. Transfer to the **Aránzazu Abando Hotel** for the duration of the tour. (N)

### Day 2: Half-day tour of Bilbao & pintxos tour

Enjoy a half-day walking tour of historic Bilbao, with a private visit to the renowned Guggenheim Museum. This afternoon, sample authentic *pintxos* (traditional snacks). (B)

### Day 3: City tour of San Sebastian

Embark on a full-day excursion to the coastal city of San Sebastian. Highlights include the historic funicular railway, the charming amusement park dating back to 1912, and La Concha beach. (B)

### Day 4: Full-day tour of rural Basque

Spend a full day touring rural Basque, along the rugged coast and mountainous inland. Stop in small villages and sample cheese still made in the traditional way, or sample Txacoli wine at an authentic cellar before stopping at the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve. (B)

### Day 5: Day at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Bilbao, exploring the city at your own pace. (B)

### Day 6: Discover Burgos

Today, explore ancient Burgos. Founded in 884AD, the city is famous for the Gothic, UNESCO-listed Cathedral of Saint Mary. Return to Bilbao early evening. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call to speak with a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

## Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: EPX

Low season from £1,495  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,625  
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £325

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| ★ 22 Apr – 28 Apr 23 | ★ 20 Apr – 26 Apr 24 |
| 20 May – 26 May 23   | 18 May – 24 May 24   |
| 02 Sep – 08 Sep 23   | 31 Aug – 06 Sep 24   |
| 16 Sep – 22 Sep 23   | 14 Sep – 20 Sep 24   |
| ★ 07 Oct – 13 Oct 23 | ★ 05 Oct – 11 Oct 24 |

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

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# Spotlight on the Azores

**Duration** • 7 Days & 6 Nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,595 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

The Portuguese island chain of the Azores is famed for its fascinating history as well as its verdant, volcanic landscape. This journey, focused on the main island of São Miguel, takes in geothermal lakes, volcanic craters, tea plantations and the pretty capital of Ponta Delgada – your base for the duration.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ Direct flights from London (regional connections available)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 14
- ❖ Guided excursions and entrance fees
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager or the best local guides
- ❖ Flexibility - extensions, room and flight upgrades available

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Centre-based tour staying on Ponta Delgada
- ❖ Day tours to explore the São Miguel
- ❖ Liqueur tasting at a local distillery
- ❖ Visit a tea plantation – one of the few in Europe
- ❖ Free day to enjoy another island



São Miguel, Azores

### Day 1: Fly to the Azores

This morning, fly from London to Ponta Delgada via Lisbon or Porto. Transfer to the **Marina Atlantico** for the duration of the tour. (N)

### Day 2: Morning tour of Ponta Delgada

Take a walking tour of Ponta Delgada, the Azores' capital, famous for its distinct volcanic-stone architecture. Your afternoon is free for enjoying this charming city at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Full-day tour of São Miguel

Spend a full day exploring the lush landscape of the island, taking in geothermal lakes and the pretty town of Furnas. Stop en route at one of Europe's only tea plantations. (B)

### Day 4: 4x4 safari to Sete Cidades

Travel west of São Miguel to enjoy the volcanic landscape of Sete Cidades. Continue to Ponta da Ferraria for magnificent views of coastal cliffs and the Atlantic Ocean. (B)

### Day 5: Whale watching safari

The Azores is one of the best places on Earth to observe cetacean species including orca. Your day includes an informative talk about marine life and conservation followed by a safari. (B)

### Day 6: Day at leisure

Spend today how you wish. Perhaps unwind by the pool or explore one of the smaller Azorean islands such as Terceira – a short flight away. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call to speak with a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

### Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: AZS

Low season from £1,595  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,795  
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £495

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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| 06 May – 12 May 23   | 04 May – 10 May 24   |
| 10 Jun – 16 Jun 23   | ★ 08 Jun – 14 Jun 24 |
| 01 Jul – 07 Jul 23   | 29 Jun – 05 Jul 24   |
| ★ 09 Sep – 15 Sep 23 | 07 Sep – 13 Sep 24   |
| 30 Sep – 06 Oct 23   | 28 Sep – 04 Oct 24   |

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# Spotlight on Slovenia

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,395 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

Sandwiched between the Alps and the Adriatic, Slovenia is often referred to as 'Europe in miniature'. This small nation is home to vast mountains, stunning lakes, historic cities, coastal towns, deep forest and rich farmland. In this tour, centred on the capital, you've the opportunity to explore Ljubljana itself; Lake Bled and its island church; and the Postojna cave complex. You also have many chances to sample Slovenia's wonderful local produce.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport taxes
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 14
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance fees

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Single-centre tour based in Ljubljana
- ❖ Cruise on Ljubljanica river and private pletna boat ride to Bled Island
- ❖ Urban beekeeping tour
- ❖ Alpine lunch at Mount Vogel
- ❖ Visit the home of the world famous Lipizzaner horses



Ljubljana

### Day 1: Fly to Ljubljana

Morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Ljubljana. Transfer to the **Best Western Hotel Slon** for the duration of the tour. (N)

### Day 2: Tour of Old Town & Ljubljana Castle

Enjoy a morning tour of the Slovenian capital. Begin with the masterworks of architect Jože Plecnik, whose impact upon the city's aesthetic character was significant. Next, stroll around the Central Market with your guide, sampling tasty seasonal produce before a boat ride on Ljubljanica river. The tour finishes with a funicular ride to visit Ljubljana castle. (B)

### Day 3: Explore Slovenia's famous lakes

Embark on a full-day excursion to Slovenia's two most famous lakes. At Bohinj, there is time for a boat ride and cable car ride to the summit of Mount Vogel for lunch. The afternoon is spent at Lake Bled and includes a private boat ride to Bled Island and a chance to sample the famous Bled cream cake. (B, L)

### Day 4: Day at leisure

Spend a free day enjoying Ljubljana, or explore further afield, perhaps with an excursion to the wine region of Goriška Brda or the Venetian port town of Piran. (B)

### Day 5: Urban beekeeping tour & rooftop drinks

Slovenia has produced some of the world's most celebrated honey since prehistoric times. Today the capital is home to 4,500 hives. Take a tour and learn about the history of apiculture, before heading to the rooftops to see some of the hives and enjoy honey tasting. (B)

### Day 6: Postojna Cave, Predjama Castle & Lipica Stud Farm

Spend a full day in the west of Slovenia, including a tour of the magical Postojna Cave complex. Continue to the famous Lipica Stud Farm, Europe's oldest. (B,D)

### Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer back to Ljubljana airport and fly to London (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: BSJ

Low season from £1,395  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,495  
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £545

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### Departure dates

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| ★ 07 May – 13 May 23 | ★ 05 May – 11 May 24 |
| 04 Jun – 10 Jun 23   | 02 Jun – 08 Jun 24   |
| 02 Jul – 08 Jul 23   | 30 Jun – 06 Jul 24   |
| 03 Sep – 09 Sep 23   | 01 Sep – 07 Sep 24   |
| ★ 24 Sep – 30 Sep 23 | ★ 22 Sep – 28 Sep 24 |

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# Spotlight on Georgia

**Duration** • 7 Days & 6 Nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Spotlight tour** • From £1,495 (incl. flights)

**Spotlight  
Tour**

## Tour overview

Georgia is by far the most visited nation of the Southern Caucasus, and it is easy to see why. It is home to a rich and ancient culture dating back beyond the founding of Christianity, while its astonishingly diverse landscapes are easily accessible from the colourful and exotic capital city, Tbilisi – where this tour is centred throughout.

## This Spotlight tour features...

- ❖ International flights
- ❖ UK departure and overseas airport tax
- ❖ Accommodation, itinerary & meal basis as described
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 14
- ❖ Local transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ Entrance Fees

## Signature Experiences

- ❖ Aperitif at Elene Akhvediani House Museum in Tbilisi
- ❖ Traditional Georgian cooking class
- ❖ Visits to three separate wineries with tastings
- ❖ 4x4 safari to Gergeti Trinity Church
- ❖ Explore Mtskheta, Gori & Uplistsikhe



Old Town, Tbilisi, Georgia

### Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tbilisi. Transfer and stay at the **Museum Hotel Orbeliani** for 6 nights, arriving in time for a welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: City tour of Tbilisi

Tbilisi is a blend of cultures where myth and history meet. Embark on a comprehensive tour of the city including Narikala Fortress, which can be accessed by cable car. Spend your afternoon at leisure. Later, enjoy an aperitif at the house museum of 20th-century artist Elene Akhvediani before your independent dinner. (B)

### Day 3: Wine tasting in Kakheti

Explore Kakheti, the biggest and most important winemaking region in Georgia. It was here 8,000 years ago that grapes were first cultivated to produce wine. Visit the ninth-century Bodbe Monastery and the royal town of Signaghi. Here, enjoy a traditional Georgian cooking class followed by lunch and wine tasting. En route back to Tbilisi, stop at the Giuaani Winery. (B,L)

### Day 4: Day at leisure

A free day to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Georgian capital. (B)

### Day 5: Visits to Mtskheta, Gori & Uplistsikhe

Take a short drive to Georgia's ancient capital, Mtskheta. Here you visit Jvari, a sixth-century cross-shaped monastery built on a cliff; the fortified 11th-century cathedral of Svetitskhoveli; and Iago's Winery for a wine tasting. Visit the Joseph Stalin Museum. Your final stop is Uplistsikhe, known for its rock formations and cave dwellings. Return to Tbilisi. (B)

### Day 6: Explore Georgia's mountain region

Full-day excursion to Georgia's mountainous northern region. Explore the Mtiuleti and Khevi provinces, and – weather permitting – enjoy dramatic views of Mkinvartsveri. After an independent lunch in the town of Kazbegi, take a 4x4 safari to the iconic 14th-century Gergeti

Trinity Church, set atop a verdant precipice in the shadow of Mount Kazbek. Return to Tbilisi for a late dinner. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and return to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please contact a Cox & Kings consultant or enquire online.

## Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: GES

Low season from £1,495  
 Guide price month: May

High season from £1,595  
 Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £345

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices on all departure dates, please visit our website. All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates

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| 06 May – 12 May 23   | 04 May – 10 May 24   |
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# Classic Sicily

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,195 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

## Weather Catania

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| B | 6  | 6  | 7  | 9  | 12 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 14  | 10 | 7  |
| C | 74 | 52 | 44 | 35 | 20 | 6  | 5  | 12 | 40 | 105 | 59 | 79 |

## Palermo

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| A | 13 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 25 | 28 | 28 | 26 | 22 | 18 | 14 |
| B | 8  | 8  | 9  | 11 | 14 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 10 |
| C | 83 | 67 | 57 | 47 | 22 | 11 | 5  | 17 | 37 | 84 | 82 | 88 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Baroque architecture, Noto

The Mediterranean's largest island, Sicily is as culturally rich as it is beautiful. It is home to superb Norman architecture, vibrant Roman floor mosaics, Arab-inspired gardens, and probably the finest Greek temples to be found anywhere in the world. Alongside this, the island has some magnificent natural scenery, from volcanic Mount Etna to quiet beaches in the south. This tour takes you to the best that the island has to offer.

UNESCO-listed city of Noto, renowned for its magnificent baroque architecture. (B)

### Day 3: Catania • Cefalu • Palermo

This morning, drive to Catania to view the cathedral and Piazza Stesicoro. Continue to Cefalu to visit the Norman cathedral with its exquisite mosaics. Next, travel to Palermo for your 2-night stay at the **Hotel Principe di Villa Franca** (or similar). (B)

### Day 4: Monreale • Palermo

This morning, drive to Monreale to visit the Norman cathedral, founded in 1172 and considered a leading example of Norman-Arab architecture. Return to Palermo for a city tour including the magnificent Arab-Norman cathedral; the Palatine Chapel, located within the Norman palace and covered in Byzantine-influenced mosaics; and the historic old town. During an afternoon street-food experience, learn how Palermitan cuisine has been shaped by the region's history. (B)

### Day 5: Erice • Selinunte • Agrigento

Morning visit to the medieval town of Erice, with its imposing fortified walls overlooking the city of Trapani. Continue to the Temple of Selinunte, an excellent example of Doric architecture. Stop at Grammatico, the world-famous pastry shop, for some marzipan and biscuit tasting. Drive to Agrigento and stay overnight at the **Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace** (or similar) in a Superior room. (B)

### Day 6: Valley of the Temples • Piazza Armerina • Taormina

Morning visit to the Valley of the Temples, one of the world's most impressive ancient Greek sites. Afternoon drive to the elegant resort town of Taormina via Piazza Armerina to view the Roman mosaics of the Villa Romana del

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wine tasting near Mount Etna**
- ❖ **Street-food experience in Palermo**
- ❖ **Sample traditional Sicilian pastries at Grammatico in Erice**
- ❖ **Includes visits to Noto, Erice and Monreale**
- ❖ **Explore the Valley of the Temples and the Palatine Chapel**

### Day 1: Fly to Catania • Syracuse

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Catania with British Airways. Transfer to Syracuse and stay at **Grande Albergo Alfeo** (or similar) for 2 nights. Enjoy a welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: Syracuse • Noto

Tour Syracuse, including the Greek theatre, considered one of the most important examples of its kind; the Ear of Dionysius; and the island of Ortygia. Continue to the beautiful



Temple of Concordia, Valley of the Temples in Agrigento

Casale. Stay 2 nights at the **Villa Diodoro** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 7: Mount Etna

Visit the highest active volcano in Europe, Mount Etna, for panoramic views. Stop at Barone di Villagrande for wine tasting. Afternoon guided tour of Taormina. (B)

#### Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Catania airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Syracuse and Taormina and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. Speak to a consultant for details.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/) make-an-enquiry

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: CLS

### Group tour

Low season from £1,995  
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,195  
Guide price months: Jun – Jul

Single supplement from £375

### Private tour

From £5,195  
Guide price months: Sep – Oct

Single supplement from £375

### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **8 May 23, 03 Jul 23, 6 May 24, 01 Jul 24**

### British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £125 return

### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 08 May 23 | 15 May 23 | 03 Jul 23 | 10 Jul 23 | 06 May 24 | 13 May 24 | 02 Sep 24 | 09 Sep 24 |
| 22 May 23 | 29 May 23 | 04 Sep 23 | 11 Sep 23 | 20 May 24 | 27 May 24 | 09 Sep 24 | 16 Sep 24 |
| 05 Jun 23 | 12 Jun 23 | 11 Sep 23 | 18 Sep 23 | 03 Jun 24 | 10 Jun 24 | 16 Sep 24 | 23 Sep 24 |
| 19 Jun 23 | 26 Jun 23 | 09 Oct 23 | 16 Oct 23 | 17 Jun 24 | 24 Jun 24 | 07 Oct 24 | 14 Oct 24 |
|           |           |           |           | 01 Jul 24 | 08 Jul 24 |           |           |

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# Puglia & Basilicata

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,195 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,995 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Trulli houses, Alberobello

Known as 'the heel of Italy', the region of Puglia offers some of the country's most remote coastline and countryside, dotted with ancient sites and whitewashed towns. The neighbouring Basilicata region is a rustic area with both historic centres and fine beaches. Over the centuries, both regions have been influenced by ancient Greek, Roman and Norman rule, which is noticeable in the varied architecture and historic remains that you will see on this tour.

Rupestrian churches and the Crypt of the Original Sin with its magnificent frescoes. (B, D)

### Day 3: Castel del Monte • Trani

Embark on a full-day excursion with a visit to Castel del Monte. Built in the 13th century, this octagonal fortress is isolated on a hill 540 metres above sea level and a masterpiece of medieval architecture. Continue to Trani, a whitewashed port of Jewish origin, famous for its exquisite cathedral as well as its sweet Moscato wine. (B)

### Day 4: Alberobello • Martina Franca • Locorotondo

Drive through the Itria Valley to Alberobello. You arrive for a morning tour of this UNESCO-listed town, famous for its traditional conical *trulli* dwellings. In the afternoon, visit Martina Franca, a small town with elegant palaces and monumental churches, typical of baroque architecture. Visit the hamlet of Locorotondo and enjoy tastings of local produce among the *trulli* houses. (B)

### Day 5: Bari • Polignano a Mare

This morning, visit Bari, the capital of Puglia. Explore the old town quarter including St Sabin Cathedral and St Nicholas Basilica. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion to the charming seaside town of Polignano a Mare. (B)

### Day 6: Ostuni • Lecce

Today, travel south to Lecce via Ostuni for a tour of the cathedral and a visit to a *masseria* (fortified farmhouse) for olive oil tastings. Continue to Lecce for a short city tour, including entrance to the cathedral. Stay at the **Risorgimento Resort** for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 7: Galatina • Otranto • Lecce

Spend the morning exploring Galatina, renowned for its exquisite church of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria with its medieval frescoes. Continue to Otranto, a town of Greek

## Weather Lecce

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 13 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 27 | 30 | 30 | 27 | 22 | 17 | 14 |
| B | 6  | 6  | 7  | 10 | 13 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 7  |
| C | 81 | 65 | 73 | 43 | 32 | 22 | 16 | 31 | 57 | 87 | 90 | 82 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay in a 5-star boutique hotel in Lecce
- ❖ Wine, cheese and olive oil tasting
- ❖ View the exquisite frescoes of the Crypt of the Original Sin in Matera
- ❖ Explore the renowned *trulli* houses of Alberobello
- ❖ Enjoy an aperitif at a private *palazzo* in Lecce

### Day 1: Fly to Bari • Fasano

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bari and transfer to Fasano. Stay at the **Casale Del Murgesse** for 5 nights. (D)

### Day 2: Altamura • Matera

This morning, drive to Altamura to visit the celebrated Romanesque cathedral. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Matera. The Sassi district is divided into two parts: the Sasso Caveoso and the Sasso Barisano, each with countless churches and their own distinctive features. Your tour includes a visit to Casa Grotta, a typical Sassi dwelling, the



Matera

origin situated on the site of ancient Hydrus. Return to Lecce to visit the 14th-century Palazzo Morisco. Enjoy an aperitif in the gardens overlooking the Roman theatre. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

**Day 8: Fly to London**

Transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Fasano and Lecce, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/) make-an-enquiry

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: PUB

**Group tour**

Low season from £2,195  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,295  
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £425

**Private tour**

From £5,995

Single supplement from £425

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **10 May 23, 04 Oct 23**

**British Airways flight upgrades**

Club Europe from £175 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 May 23 | 17 May 23 | 06 Sep 23 | 13 Sep 23 | 08 May 24 | 15 May 24 | 04 Sep 24 | 11 Sep 24 |
| 07 Jun 23 | 14 Jun 23 | 20 Sep 23 | 27 Sep 23 | 05 Jun 24 | 12 Jun 24 | 18 Sep 24 | 25 Sep 24 |
| 28 Jun 23 | 05 Jul 23 | 04 Oct 23 | 11 Oct 23 | 26 Jun 24 | 03 Jul 24 | 02 Oct 24 | 09 Oct 24 |

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# Splendours of Andalucía

**Duration** • 7 days & 6 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,295 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 6 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Court of Lions in the Alhambra, Granada

## Weather

### Seville

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 16 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 27 | 31 | 35 | 35 | 32 | 26 | 20 | 16 |
| B | 6  | 7  | 8  | 10 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 9  | 6  |
| C | 78 | 68 | 61 | 54 | 34 | 17 | 1  | 5  | 21 | 61 | 89 | 90 |

### Córdoba

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 14 | 16 | 19 | 21 | 26 | 31 | 36 | 35 | 31 | 24 | 18 | 14 |
| B | 4  | 5  | 6  | 8  | 11 | 15 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 7  | 4  |
| C | 68 | 68 | 62 | 54 | 36 | 21 | 4  | 5  | 23 | 62 | 82 | 79 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Andalucía is one of Spain's most scenic regions, strewn with superb Hispano-Moorish architecture. As well as including two of Spain's greatest sites – the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba – this tour explores some of Andalucía's prettiest countryside and towns.

Ronda, which sits astride the El Tajo gorge. Visit the bullring before continuing to Seville where you will have a taverns and market tour with a local food expert before continuing to Seville. Overnight at the Exe Macarena. (B)

### Day 3: Seville

Full-day tour of Seville with local guide. Explore Seville's cathedral, which is the largest in Europe and Christopher Columbus' burial place, as well as Giralda and Alcazar. In the late afternoon head to Córdoba to stay at the Hotel Conquistador for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 4: Carmona • Córdoba

Half-day tour of Córdoba with local guide to include the beautiful Mezquita Mosque and synagogue. There is an optional afternoon visit to Medina Azahara. (B)

### Day 5: Córdoba

Morning at leisure. Evening transfer to Granada for 2 nights at Abades Recogidas. (B)

### Day 6: Granada

Half-day tour of Granada, including the Alhambra Palace. Built by the Moors in the 13th and 14th centuries, it consists of a spectacular complex of buildings and courtyards, as well as the celebrated Generalife gardens. (B)

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Taverns and market tour with a local food expert in Seville**
- ❖ **Tours of Seville's Alcázar, the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba**
- ❖ **Visit Seville's cathedral, the largest in Europe and burial place of Christopher Columbus**

### Day 1: Fly to Malaga

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Malaga with British Airways. Transfer to the Eurostars Malaga or Ilunion Malaga for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: Ronda • Seville

Morning drive to Seville. En route, stop at



La Giralda and cathedral of Seville

**Day 7: Granada • Fly to London**

Breakfast in hotel. Morning at leisure and transfer to Malaga airport. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

**Tour + Malaga**

3 days & 2 nights from £295

Stay an additional 2 nights in Malaga at the Eurostars Malaga and explore the historic centre of this coastal resort town. Return transfer to Malaga airport is included.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: ALA

**Group tour**

Low season from £1,395  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,695  
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £365

**Private travel**

From £4,295  
Guide price months: May – Jun

Single supplement from £365

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **02 Jun 23, 22 Sep 23, 31 May 24, 20 Sep 24**

**British Airways flights upgrade**

Club Europe from £105 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

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**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 05 May 23 | 11 May 23 | 07 Jul 23 | 13 Jul 23 | 03 May 24 | 09 May 24 | 05 Jul 24 | 11 Jul 24 |
| 02 Jun 23 | 08 Jun 23 | 01 Sep 23 | 07 Sep 23 | 31 May 24 | 06 Jun 24 | 30 Aug 24 | 05 Sep 24 |
| 16 Jun 23 | 22 Jun 23 | 22 Sep 23 | 28 Sep 23 | 14 Jun 24 | 20 Jun 24 | 20 Sep 24 | 26 Sep 24 |

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# Extremadura & the Heart of Spain

NEW TOUR

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,690 (incl. flights)

## Group Tour

### This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size (max 18 people)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Ancient Roman aqueduct on Plaza del Azoguejo, Segovia

Beyond Spain's well-trodden tourist trail lies Extremadura, an unsung province full of surprises. On this tour, experience some of the best-preserved historic cities in the country along with delicious local delicacies. You also take in the three UNESCO-listed cities of Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo.

stay at the **Hotel Abba Fonseca** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

#### Day 3: Salamanca • Cáceres

Half-day walking tour of Salamanca's historic city centre including Plaza Mayor, one of the best examples of baroque architecture in Spain; the cathedral; and the University Building, which is the oldest in the Hispanic world, founded in 1134. Time at leisure before transferring to Cáceres. Stay at **Gran Hotel Don Manuel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

#### Day 4: Cáceres • Mérida

Half-day walking tour of Cáceres, one of the most charming cities in Extremadura. Explore a maze of narrow, cobbled streets that twist and turn amongst ancient palaces, mansions, arches and churches. From the defence walls enjoy views of the turrets, spires and gargoyles that have watched over the city for almost a millennium. In the evening, drive to Mérida and stay at the **Hotel Velada** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

#### Day 5: Rural Extremadura

Full-day gastronomy tour to discover some of Extremadura's best-known delicacies. The first stop is the Iberian Ham Museum in Monesterio to learn about the history of this mouth-watering cured meat. Continue to a cellar and drying house to learn about the drying process before enjoying a tasting of the ham with cheese and two wines. Lunch in Aracena, a typical whitewashed village. Evening visit to the Aracena caves to view their extraordinary rock formations and underground lagoons. Return to Mérida. (B, L)

### Weather

#### Madrid

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 10 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 32 | 27 | 20 | 14 | 10 |
| B | 1  | 2  | 4  | 6  | 9  | 14 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 9  | 4  | 2  |
| C | 45 | 44 | 36 | 45 | 42 | 28 | 11 | 12 | 27 | 48 | 55 | 47 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Iberian ham, cheese & wine tasting at a cellar door**
- ❖ **Visit to the Iberian Ham Museum in Monesterio**
- ❖ **Explore the Aracena caves in neighbouring Andalucía**
- ❖ **Admire Mérida's Roman ruins, the most impressive outside of Italy**

#### Day 1: Fly to Madrid

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Madrid with British Airways. Transfer to the **Hotel Catalonia Atocha** (or similar) for 1 night. (N)

#### Day 2: Madrid • Segovia • Avila • Salamanca

Travel from Madrid to Salamanca via the UNESCO World Heritage cities of Segovia and Avila. Walking tour of Segovia including the first-century Roman aqueduct. Continue to Avila, one of the oldest cities in Spain. Take a walking tour around the 14-metre-high walls that date back to the 11th century. Transfer to Salamanca and



Toledo

#### Day 6: Mérida • Toledo

The capital of Extremadura, Mérida was also formerly the capital of the Roman province of Lusitania. See the extensive Roman ruins, which are some of the most impressive in all of Spain, including the Roman amphitheatre. Transfer to Guadalupe, a historic village with cobbled streets and traditional homes. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Monastery of Santa Maria de Guadalupe. Continue to Toledo and stay at the **Eurostars Toledo** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

#### Day 7: Toledo

Full day to explore this historic city, formerly the capital of Spain and a city where Jews, Christians and Muslims coexisted peacefully, forming a unique culture. Morning tour of the main sights including the 13th-century gothic cathedral, Alcázar and Santa Maria La Blanca Synagogue, followed by time at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport, approximately one hour from Toledo, and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Madrid or Toledo, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each destination en route by a local tour escort.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

#### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: EHS

##### Group tour

Low season from £1,995  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,095  
Guide price months: May & Jun

Single supplement from £375

##### Private travel

From £5,690  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £375

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **22 Jun 23, 20 Jun 24**

#### British Airways flights upgrade

Club Europe from £110 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

#### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 11 May 23 | 18 May 23 | 07 Sep 23 | 14 Sep 23 | 09 May 24 | 16 May 24 | 05 Sep 24 | 12 Sep 24 |
| 08 Jun 23 | 15 Jun 23 | 28 Sep 23 | 05 Oct 23 | 06 Jun 24 | 13 Jun 24 | 26 Sep 24 | 03 Oct 24 |
| 22 Jun 23 | 29 Jun 23 |           |           | 20 Jun 24 | 27 Jun 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Colours of Portugal

NEW TOUR

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,595 (incl. flights)

## Group Tour

### This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with TAP Air Portugal
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Coimbra University, Coimbra

### Weather Lisbon

|   | J   | F   | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N   | D   |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| A | 15  | 16  | 18 | 19 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 23 | 18  | 15  |
| B | 8   | 9   | 10 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 11  | 9   |
| C | 109 | 110 | 68 | 64 | 39 | 21 | 4  | 5  | 26 | 80 | 111 | 106 |

### Porto

|   | J   | F   | M   | A   | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O   | N   | D   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| A | 14  | 14  | 16  | 18  | 20 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 21  | 17  | 14  |
| B | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 10 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 12  | 8   | 6   |
| C | 168 | 167 | 112 | 108 | 86 | 53 | 15 | 20 | 62 | 129 | 146 | 171 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Discover the old-fashioned charm of Portugal on this eight-day tour from Lisbon to Porto. Along the way, explore stylish seaside resorts; historic regional centres including Coimbra and Guimarães; and the picturesque, terraced hillsides of the Douro valley, where port – the world-renowned fortified wine – is produced.

cobbled streets of the old town. Afternoon at leisure. Evening *fado* music performance with dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Sintra • Nazare • Coimbra

Morning visit to the UNESCO-listed parish of Sintra and Pena Palace – once the summer residence of King Ferdinand II. Visit a local bakery for an introduction to making *pastel de nata* tarts. Continue to the seaside town of Nazare, Portugal's surf capital, where you enjoy lunch at leisure and watch the waves rolling in. Continue to Coimbra to stay at the Hotel Mondego for 1 night. (B)

#### Day 4: Coimbra • Aveiro • Porto

Half-day tour of Coimbra, Portugal's oldest and most prestigious university. Tour the campus including the baroque Biblioteca Joanina, one of the most ornate libraries in the world. En route to Porto, stop in the city of Aveiro – famous for its canals and colourful boats. Continue to Porto to stay at the Catalonia Porto for 4 nights. (B)

#### Day 5: Porto

Half-day tour of Porto, the country's second city. Highlights include the decorative Chapel of the Souls, São Bento Railway Station with its blue *azulejo* tiles, and the UNESCO-listed waterfront in Ribeira. Free afternoon before a visit to the Burmester wine cellars for a tour and tasting. (B)

#### Day 6: Douro Valley

Full day tour of the stunning Douro Valley, famous for its steep, terraced vineyards

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Traditional *fado* music performance with dinner in Lisbon**
- ❖ **Exclusive tour of the 13th-century Coimbra University, including the baroque library, considered one of the world's most beautiful**
- ❖ **Have a go at making your own *pastel de nata* – the iconic Portuguese tart – in a traditional bakery**

#### Day 1: Fly to Lisbon

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lisbon with TAP Air Portugal. Transfer to the Hotel Sana Metropolitan (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

#### Day 2: Lisbon

Half-day tour of Lisbon, Portugal's colourful capital, including a visit to the highly ornate Jerónimos Monastery, Belém Tower, and



Porto

carved into mountains. Visit two *quintas* (wine estates) for wine tasting, vineyard tours and lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a relaxing boat tour on the Douro to admire the region from the water. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Braga • Guimarães

Full-day tour exploring Portugal's northern region. As well as Braga – Portugal's third largest city – and UNESCO-listed Guimarães, visit the lesser-known town of Ponte de Lima and the striking church of Santa Lucia in Vina do Castelo, which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. (B)

#### Day 8: Fly to London

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning at leisure and transfer to Porto airport. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Spotlight on the Azores

7 days & 6 nights from £1,595

From Porto, fly to the remote Portuguese island chain of the Azores, joining a new tour of this lesser-visited region famed for its rich history and volcanic beauty.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Private & tailor-made travel:** this itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits

you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: PFJ

#### Group tour

Low season from £1,995  
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,095  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £545

#### Private travel

From £5,595  
Guide price months: May – Jun

Single supplement from £545

#### TAP Air Portugal flights upgrade

Executive Class from £185 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 19 May 23 | 26 May 23 | 08 Sep 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 07 Jun 24 | 14 Jun 24 | 20 Sep 24 | 27 Sep 24 |
| 09 Jun 23 | 16 Jun 23 | 22 Sep 23 | 29 Sep 23 | 28 Jun 24 | 05 Jul 24 |           |           |
| 30 Jun 23 | 07 Jul 23 | 17 May 24 | 24 May 24 | 06 Sep 24 | 13 Sep 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Albania: Land of the Eagle

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Small-group tour** • From £1,195 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £1,945 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on all departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Ancient theatre, Butrint

Known as the 'Cradle of the Balkans', Albania is home to a wealth of natural and historic sites. Beyond its lively capital, Tirana, lies spectacular mountain and coastal scenery as well as pretty Ottoman-era towns like Gjirokaštër and Kruja. It is also home to many important Greek and Roman ruins, including Butrint and Apollonia. Embark on a tour that reveals the best of this oft-overlooked corner of the Mediterranean.

Roman site in Albania, Apollonia, where the nephew of Julius Caesar once studied. Continue to Vlorë to visit Muradie Mosque and the headquarters of Albania's first independent government. Finish the day at the scenic Llogara National Park. Stay at **Llogara Village** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

### Day 4: Butrint

Depart for the ancient city of Butrint, travelling along the spectacular Albanian Riviera. The town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the country's most important archaeological museum. After lunch in a recommended restaurant, transfer to Gjirokaštër for check-in at **Hotel Fantasy** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 5: Gjirokaštër

Spend the morning touring Gjirokaštër, famous for its Ottoman architecture, grand fortress and being the birthplace of notorious dictator, Enver Hoxha. Visit Hoxha's place of birth and learn more about Albania's recent history. In the afternoon, head out into the countryside to a traditional sheep farm for lunch with a local family. Return to Gjirokaštër in time for dinner. (B, L)

### Day 6: Berat

After breakfast, depart for Berat – another UNESCO-listed town – where you visit the Onufri Museum and the town castle. Berat castle is of particular interest as people still live within its walls in traditional houses. In the afternoon, meet a local family and learn how to prepare raki and traditional coffee. Stay overnight in Berat at **Hotel Onufri** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

### Day 7: Durrës • Skanderbeg winery

Transfer to Durrës, one of Albania's oldest towns and the site of the first and perhaps most important of the country's Greek colonies. In the afternoon, visit the award-

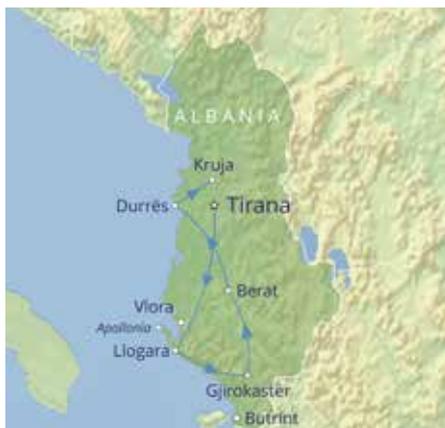
## Weather Tirana

|   | J   | F   | M   | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O   | N   | D   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| A | 11  | 12  | 15  | 18 | 23 | 27 | 30 | 30 | 27 | 21  | 16  | 12  |
| B | 2   | 2   | 4   | 8  | 12 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 10  | 6   | 3   |
| C | 127 | 115 | 109 | 97 | 82 | 59 | 37 | 47 | 78 | 108 | 160 | 143 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Lunch with a local sheep herder**
- ❖ **Wine and brandy tasting at Skanderbeg**
- ❖ **Visit one of Europe's most unusual art galleries, BunkArt**
- ❖ **Explore the architectural legacies of the Ottomans and communist era**

### Day 1: Fly to Tirana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tirana with British Airways. Transfer and stay at the **Hotel Opera** (or similar) for 2 nights. Enjoy a welcome drink at **Komiteti-Kafe Museum**. (N)

### Day 2: Tirana

This morning, visit the National Historical Museum, followed by **BunkArt** – an anti-nuclear bunker built under the city, that is now a museum and modern art gallery. Afterwards, visit **Bektashi World Centre**, a Dervish sect that fuses elements of Shia and Sufi Islam. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Apollonia • Vlorë • Llogara

En route to Vlorë, visit the most important



View of castle and bazaar, Kruja

winning Skanderbeg winery and brandy producer, famous throughout the Balkans. After, drive to Kruja, the hometown of Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero. Stay at the **Hotel Panorama** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

#### Day 8: Kruja • Fly to London

Kruja was the centre of Albanian resistance – led by local feudal lord, Skanderbeg – against the Ottomans. Visit the museum dedicated to Skanderbeg's life, as well as Kruja's centuries-old Bazaar, before returning to Tirana Airport. Fly to London or continue to your extension destination. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Montenegro

3 days & 2 nights from £595

Situated between Croatia and Albania, Montenegro is home to some of the Adriatic's most picturesque scenery, with coastal fjords and walled medieval towns. Stay 2 nights in the coastal resort of Budva and take an optional visit to the UNESCO-listed town of Kotor.

#### Day 9: Budva

Travel from Kruja to Budva in Montenegro and stay 2 nights at the **Grand Avala Hotel** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 10: Tour Budva & Kotor

This morning, tour Budva, including its attractive old town, before an afternoon excursion to

the UNESCO-listed town of Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval cities on the Adriatic. View the ancient city walls, the Cathedral of St Tryphon and Church of St Nicholas. (B)

#### Day 11: Fly to London

Following a morning at leisure, transfer to Dubrovnik airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: ALE

#### Group tour

Low season from £1,195  
Guide price month: May

High season from £1,245  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £200

#### Private travel

Low season from £1,945  
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,195  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £200

#### ★ No single supplement on all group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on all departures in 2023 and 2024 are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply).

#### British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £85 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 05 May 23 | 13 May 23 | 01 Sep 23 | 09 Sep 23 | 03 May 24 | 11 May 24 | 30 Aug 24 | 07 Sep 24 |
| 02 Jun 23 | 10 Jun 23 | 22 Sep 23 | 30 Sep 23 | 31 May 24 | 08 Jun 24 | 20 Sep 24 | 28 Sep 24 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# The Heart of Ancient Greece

**Duration** • 12 days & 11 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,590 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with Aegean Air or easyJet
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Ruins of ancient Olympia

Considered the birthplace of Western civilisation, Greece's influence still resonates today in the fields of architecture, science, engineering and philosophy. Incorporating the classical sites of Olympia, Delphi, Mycenae and Epidauros, this tour also visits the extraordinary rock formations of the Meteora region and the man-made marvels of the Corinth Canal.

the museum. Leave Athens and visit the Corinth Canal. Continue to Nafplion, with a stop at a local winery for a tasting. Stay at the **Hotel Amalia** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

### Day 3: Nafplion • Mycenae • Epidauros

Drive to Mycenae, the seat of King Agamemnon, who led the Greek armies against Troy. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls and the Royal Tombs. After lunch, depart for Nafplion, a picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff. Continue to Epidauros to visit the fourth-century theatre. Return to Nafplion. (B)

### Day 4: Nafplion • Monemvasia

Travel to Monemvasia, a medieval fortress-town. Take a walking tour including the castle, perimeter walls, old mansions and churches, connected by narrow cobbled lanes. Time at leisure before dinner in the castle. Stay at **Kinsterna Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

### Day 5: Sparta • Kalamata

This morning travel to Sparta, the land of King Leonidas and the legendary Spartan soldiers. Continue to Mystras and visit the remains of the castle and old town. Visit the olive oil museum and learn about the history and culture of the olive and its production in Greece. Stay at the **Filoxenia Hotel** (or similar) in Kalamata for 1 night. (B, D)

### Day 6: Kalamata • Olympia

Depart for Olympia, visiting an olive oil farm en route. Stay overnight in Olympia at the **Europa Hotel** (or similar). (B)

## Weather Athens

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 12 | 13 | 15 | 19 | 24 | 29 | 32 | 31 | 28 | 22 | 18 | 14 |
| B | 5  | 6  | 7  | 10 | 14 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 18 | 14 | 10 | 7  |
| C | 63 | 54 | 50 | 31 | 23 | 12 | 6  | 6  | 13 | 55 | 64 | 80 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Wine tasting in Nafplion
- ❖ Visit the little-known medieval town of Monemvasia
- ❖ Olive oil museum and tasting in Mystras
- ❖ Join a truffle hunt in Meteora

### Day 1: Fly to Athens

Morning flight from London (regional connections available) to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to the **Electra Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: Athens • Corinth • Nafplion

Morning tour of Athens, including Syntagma Square, Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium. Finish at the Acropolis to view the Parthenon and visit



Holy Trinity monastery, Meteora

#### Day 7: Olympia • Delphi

Visit the archaeological site of Olympia including the museum, stadium and Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus. Continue to Delphi. Stay 2 nights at the **Amalia Hotel** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 8: Delphi

A full day to enjoy the archaeological site and museum at Delphi, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Visit the Athenian Treasury, the Temple of Apollo and the museum containing masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture. (B)

#### Day 9: Kalambaka

Travel to Kalambaka and visit the Natural History Museum of Meteora and Mushroom Museum. Take part in a demonstration of truffle hunting with dogs, followed by a snack of mushroom and truffle pasta. Stay at the **Divani Meteora Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Kalambaka

Full-day visit to the remarkable Meteora monasteries, built high on rocky outcrops. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Mount Olympus • Athens

Depart from Kalambaka and transfer to the Archaeological Park of Dion, a sacred city of the Macedonians at the foot of Mount Olympus. The long route back to Athens passes through the striking Plain of Thessaly, with its bucolic panoramas, and the Vale of Tempe. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Athens' ancient

Plaka district. Stay at the **Electra Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Fly to London

Transfer to Athens airport and fly to London. (B)

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: GRD

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,395  
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,695  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £1,195

#### Private tour

Low season from £5,590  
Guide price month: May

High season from £5,790  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £1,195

#### Aegean Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £545 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 05 May 23 | 16 May 23 | 07 Jul 23 | 18 Jul 23 | 03 May 24 | 14 May 24 | 05 Jul 24 | 16 Jul 24 |
| 26 May 23 | 06 Jun 23 | 01 Sep 23 | 12 Sep 23 | 24 May 24 | 04 Jun 24 | 30 Aug 24 | 10 Sep 24 |
| 16 Jun 23 | 27 Jun 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 26 Sep 23 | 14 Jun 24 | 25 Jun 24 | 13 Sep 24 | 24 Sep 24 |

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# The Wonders of Ancient Crete

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,695 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,790 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink & farewell dinner



Ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos, Crete

As a strategic gateway to the eastern Mediterranean, Crete has been ruled by a number of great powers, from the Minoans, one of Europe's first civilisations, to the Byzantine, Roman and Ottoman empires. This tour explores Crete's scenic and cultural highlights, including the Palace of Knossos, an incomparable monument of ancient Minoan society.

Arkadi. Continue to the Museum of Ancient Eleftherna with its impressive collection of artefacts from Greece, Cyprus and Egypt. Meet a beekeeper for an introduction to beehives and their cultivation. (B)

### Day 4: Phaestos • Matala • Heraklion

Drive across the island to the Messara plain and visit Phaestos, the second Minoan palace. Continue to Matala, a pretty seaside town, and enjoy a swim or relax on the beach. Drive to Heraklion, stopping en route at the archaeological site of Gortys. Stay 4 nights at the **Aquila Atlantis Hotel** (or similar). (B)

### Day 5: Knossos • Wine tasting

Morning drive to the ancient Minoan Palace of Knossos, the centre of Europe's first civilisation. According to myth, it was home to King Minos and site of the legend of Theseus slaying the Minotaur in the labyrinth. Then drive into the Pediados region south of Heraklion, Crete's most famous wine-producing area. Visit a wine estate for an introduction to Cretan wine, with tasting and a traditional lunch. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 6: Kera • Spinalonga • Heraklion

Visit the Church of Panagia Kera to view the finest Byzantine frescoes in Crete. Continue to Elounda and take a boat to Spinalonga. Formerly a leper colony, this fortified island has been imprinted by Greek, Ottoman, Byzantine and Venetian occupation. Return to Heraklion via the port town of Agios Nikolaos. (B)

### Day 7: Heraklion

Morning at leisure to relax by the pool or explore Heraklion's old town. Afternoon guided visit to the Heraklion Archaeological Museum with its collection of Minoan treasure. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

## ✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Beekeeping experience and honey tasting**
- ❖ **Visits to the archaeological sites of Knossos and Eleftherna**
- ❖ **Wine tasting with a traditional Cretan lunch**
- ❖ **Boat trip to the isle of Spinalonga, once home to a leper colony**

## Weather Heraklion

|   | J   | F   | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 14  | 14  | 15 | 19 | 23 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 25 | 22 | 19 | 15  |
| B | 7   | 8   | 8  | 11 | 14 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 9   |
| C | 153 | 118 | 90 | 38 | 20 | 8  | 3  | 1  | 23 | 95 | 83 | 122 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



### Day 1: Fly to Heraklion • Rethymno

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Heraklion with British Airways. Transfer to **Theartemis Palace** in Rethymno (or similar) for 3 nights. Welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: Aptaera • Chania

Morning visit to the ancient site of Aptaera. Continue to the town of Chania with its Venetian harbour. Also make a poignant visit to the Allied Cemetery, containing second world war burials. Continue to Rethymno for a guided city walk. (B)

### Day 3: Arkadi • Eleftherna • Rethymno

This morning, visit the fortified monastery of



Old port of Chania, Crete

#### Day 8: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight to London with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

#### Tour + Santorini

4 days & 3 nights from £1,095

The island of Santorini sits on the edge of a giant volcanic caldera that erupted some 3,600 years ago, tearing the existing island apart and leaving behind a large lagoon. Many of the island's villages offer spectacular views of the caldera's steep cliffs and the lagoon. The island is known for its striking sunsets and its unusual black and red beaches. Stay 3 nights at the **El Greco Hotel**, transfers included.

#### Tour + Mykonos

4 days & 3 nights from £695

Mykonos is part of the Cyclades islands and is arguably one of the most beautiful islands in Greece. In addition to its superb beaches, other sites of interest include its iconic windmills, the district of Little Venice in Mykonos Town and the church of Panagia Paraportiani. Stay 3 nights at the **Petasos Beach Hotel**, transfers included.

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#### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: CRH

##### Group tour

Low season from £1,695  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,795  
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £395

##### Private tour

Low season from £3,790  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £3,990  
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £395

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **12 May 23, 06 Oct 23, 10 May 24, 04 Oct 24**

##### British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £195 return

##### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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#### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
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| 12 May 23 | 19 May 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 22 Sep 23 | 10 May 24 | 17 May 24 | 13 Sep 24 | 20 Sep 24 |
| 09 Jun 23 | 16 Jun 23 | 06 Oct 23 | 13 Oct 23 | 07 Jun 24 | 14 Jun 24 | 04 Oct 24 | 11 Oct 24 |
| 01 Sep 23 | 08 Sep 23 |           |           | 30 Aug 24 | 06 Sep 24 |           |           |

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# Classical Turkey

**Duration** • 9 days & 8 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extension, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Flights with Turkish Airlines
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink



Travertine pools and terraces, Pamukkale

## Weather Istanbul

|   | J   | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 8   | 9  | 11 | 16 | 21 | 25 | 27 | 27 | 24 | 19 | 15 | 11  |
| B | 2   | 3  | 4  | 7  | 12 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 8  | 5   |
| C | 110 | 75 | 72 | 50 | 35 | 28 | 25 | 35 | 43 | 76 | 97 | 126 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Turkey has played a major role in the history of the Mediterranean world. Due to its strategic location straddling two continents, it has been a crucial crossroads and staging post on the trade routes between East and West. This tour combines the country's many natural wonders and man-made marvels, including the striking architecture of Hagia Sofia and the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, the remarkable classical sites of Troy, Aphrodisias and Ephesus, and the ancient hot springs of Pamukkale.

could accommodate 100,000 spectators. Afternoon visit to the Basilica Cistern, a marvel of Byzantine engineering located underneath the city, and finish at the Egyptian Bazaar. (B)

### Day 3: Istanbul

Morning tour of Topkapi Palace, formerly the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans. Tour the Grand Bazaar, Istanbul's legendary covered market, and enjoy a traditional Turkish coffee. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Canakkale

Morning drive to Canakkale. Tour of the Gallipoli battlefield, scene of the aborted Allied invasion of 1915. Visit Cape Helles, Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove. Stay at the Kolin Hotel for 1 night. (B, D)

### Day 5: Troy • Pergamon • Izmir

Drive from Canakkale to Izmir, stopping en route to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Troy. Continue to Pergamon for a tour of the historic town, including visits to the Acropolis, the Asclepion and the Red Basilica. Transfer to the Key Hotel for 1 night. (B)

### Day 6: Hierapolis • Pamukkale • Laodicea

Morning drive to the ruins of Hierapolis and the travertine terraces, and the hot springs at Pamukkale. Continue to Laodicea, where the ruins of one of the seven Biblical churches of Asia remain. Stay overnight at the Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale. (B, D)

### Day 7: Aphrodisias • Kusadasi

Drive to Aphrodisias. Visit the Temple of Aphrodite and the most complete

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Visit the shop where Turkish delight was invented**
- ❖ **Turkish coffee tasting experience**
- ❖ **Wine tasting in a historically Greek village**

### Day 1: Fly to Istanbul

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines. Transfer to the Levni Hotel for 3 nights. Meeting and welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: Istanbul

Morning tour of Istanbul including Hagia Sofia, built as a church by Emperor Justinian in the sixth century; the Blue Mosque, with its exquisite blue tiles; and the remains of the Hippodrome, which at its height



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

amphitheatre to have survived from the ancient world. Drive on to the village of Sirince, with its authentic Graeco-Mediterranean architecture of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses. Enjoy wine tasting at a nearby vineyard. Continue to Kusadasi and stay 2 nights at La Vista Boutique Hotel Kusadasi. (B)

#### Day 8: Ephesus

Morning tour of Ephesus, once the capital of Roman Asia Minor. See the remains of the Temple of Artemis, one of the original 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World', as well as the main site with its fabled Library of Celsus. Continue to the house of the Virgin Mary. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the hillside town of Priene and the ancient Ionian ports of the Menderes Valley. (B)

#### Day 9: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Istanbul. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Istanbul and Kusadasi, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers. Alternative pre- and post-tour extensions are also available for Cappadocia, Edirne, Bursa and Ankara. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: CLT

#### Group tour

Low season from £1,395  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,645  
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £495

#### Private tour

From £2,995  
Guide price months: Apr & Oct

Single supplement from £495

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **13 May 23, 16 Sep 23, 13 Apr 24, 05 Oct 24**

#### Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £675 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 15 Apr 23 | 23 Apr 23 | 02 Sep 23 | 10 Sep 23 | 11 May 24 | 19 May 24 | 14 Sep 24 | 22 Sep 24 |
| 13 May 23 | 21 May 23 | 16 Sep 23 | 24 Sep 23 | 01 Jun 24 | 09 Jun 24 | 05 Oct 24 | 13 Oct 24 |
| 03 Jun 23 | 11 Jun 23 | 07 Oct 23 | 15 Oct 23 | 22 Jun 24 | 30 Jun 24 |           |           |
| 24 Jun 23 | 02 Jul 23 | 13 Apr 24 | 21 Apr 24 | 31 Aug 24 | 08 Sep 24 |           |           |

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# Discover Eastern Europe

The countries of Eastern Europe are home to alluring medieval cities, beautiful scenery and a living heritage of folklore and deep-rooted traditions. Yet, despite their proximity, they display incredible diversity and individuality. The Baltic States offer charming historic old towns; and Romania is home to fortified Saxon churches, medieval castles and traditional rural villages.

Further east, across the Black Sea, lie the Caucasus nations of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region where Christianity first flourished and where fire was worshipped millennia before.



Old Town's Ratslaukums Square, Riga, Latvia

## The Baltic States

Historic cities of Tallinn, Riga & Vilnius •  
Tranquil coastal resorts

The three countries that make up the Baltic States – Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia – each have their own cultural identity and highlights. Estonia looks to its Nordic cousins in Finland and has a distinctly Scandinavian feel. Latvia's capital, Riga, has a large Russian minority and an industrial port which gives it a distinctive Russian feel. While the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, to the south, is more Germanic, with its routes historically linked to Poland and Germany.

The small size of these countries, combined with their excellent transport links, makes the region an easy and rewarding three-centre break.

## The Southern Caucasus

Ancient monasteries • Viticulture • Silk Road history

The Southern Caucasus is where Asia and Europe collide – both physically and culturally – in the most dramatic of fashions. The region is smaller than the UK yet home to three highly diverse countries. In oil-rich Azerbaijan, you can find intriguing remnants of fire worship that pre-date the arrival of Islam, such as the Fire Temple of Baku and its eternal flame. Georgia's rolling landscape is home to an ancient viticulture – it was here that wine was first produced some 4,000 years ago.

Armenia is one of the world's oldest Christian nations, reflected by picturesque hilltop churches and cave monasteries dating back to late antiquity.



Alaverdi Monastery, Kakheti region, Georgia

## Romania

Burgher houses of Sighisoara • Painted monasteries of Gura Humorului

Many people associate Romania with Transylvania and the legend of Dracula, but the country offers a wealth of other attractions. The capital, Bucharest, is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards and belle époque buildings. The town of Sighisoara is the most enchanting in Transylvania with its medieval buildings, gilded roofs and twisted clock tower.

To the north, Southern Bucovina's painted monasteries are undoubtedly among the greatest artistic monuments of Europe, dating back to the 15th century. Although some of the frescoes have been damaged by centuries of rain and wind, most of the vivid colours have been well preserved. The town of Gura Humorului is an ideal base for exploring the region.



Sighisoara, Romania

## Danube Delta, Romania

UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve • Superb birdwatching

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1991, the Danube Delta is where the 2,800-kilometre-long Danube River flows into the Black Sea. Due to its lack of tides and relatively low depths of water, the area has turned into the world's third largest biosphere with over 1,000 species of plants, 3,600 species of animals and 360 species of birds, which migrate here from Europe, Asia and Africa. The delta is also renowned for pelican watching.

The best way to view the wealth of flora and fauna is by small river craft, which allows for easy access. Depending upon your particular interests, the average stay is between two to three days, staying in the villages of Uzlina, Murighiol or Beştepe.



Pelicans, Danube Delta

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Romania: The Transylvanian Properties of the Prince of Wales

7 days & 6 nights  
from £2,595 (incl. flights)  
Category • Superior

The Prince of Wales purchased his first Transylvanian property in 2006 – an 18th-century Saxon house in the village of Viscri – and another in 2010 in the village of Zalănpatak. The surrounding countryside offers various activities such as botanical excursions, hiking and horse riding.

##### Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly to Bucharest and transfer to the Athenee Palace Hilton for 2 nights. (N)

##### Day 2: Bucharest

Spend the morning touring Bucharest. View the Old Princely Court, the Royal Palace and visit the Palace of Parliament, which is



Count Kálnoky Manor, Zalănpatak

the third largest building in the world. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

##### Day 3: Zalănpatak

Drive to Transylvania, and spend the afternoon at leisure. Stay 3 nights at Count Kálnoky Manor in Zalănpatak village. (B, D)

##### Day 4: Brasov • Bran

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing, visiting the

medieval town of Brasov to view the Piața Sfatului, one of the country's finest baroque squares, with a 15th-century town hall. Visit the Black Church, the largest gothic church between Vienna and Istanbul, which has a collection of more than 300 Ottoman rugs. See St Nicholas' Church and visit Romania's first school. Continue to Bran Castle. (B, D)

##### Day 5: Zalănpatak

Spend the day at leisure. (B, D)

##### Day 6: Bucharest

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon, drive to Bucharest. Overnight at the Athenee Palace Hilton. (B)

##### Day 7: Fly to the UK

Transfer to the airport and fly home. (B)

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# Timeless Romania

**Duration** • 10 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,695 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 13 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

## Weather Bucharest

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 1  | 4  | 10 | 18 | 24 | 27 | 29 | 29 | 25 | 18 | 10 | 4  |
| B | -6 | -3 | 0  | 6  | 11 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 6  | 2  | -3 |
| C | 41 | 39 | 39 | 46 | 70 | 77 | 58 | 59 | 44 | 32 | 51 | 45 |

## Sighisoara

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 0  | 3  | 10 | 16 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 21 | 16 | 8  | 2  |
| B | -9 | -6 | -2 | 3  | 8  | 11 | 12 | 11 | 8  | 3  | -1 | -6 |
| C | 32 | 27 | 29 | 51 | 77 | 96 | 89 | 69 | 45 | 38 | 36 | 34 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Sucevita monastery, Gura Humorului

With its folkloric heritage, picturesque villages and wonderful natural scenery, Romania is fascinating to explore. This tour reveals the country's highlights, including Transylvania's fortified Saxon churches; Bucovina's exquisite painted monasteries, dramatic castles and palaces; medieval towns and the beautiful Carpathian Mountains.

## ✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Spend a full day exploring northern Romania's painted monasteries
- ❖ Visit the royal palaces of Peles and Pelisor
- ❖ Dine in a local family home
- ❖ Visit the sublime Turda Salt Mine

### Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bucharest with British Airways. Transfer to **Novotel Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome drink. (N)

### Day 2: Bucharest • Sibiu

Tour Bucharest, known as the 'Paris of the East' due to its boulevards and belle epoque buildings. View the Old Princely Court and the

Royal Palace. Transfer to Sibiu, staying at **Hotel Continental Forum** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 3: Sibiu • Sibiel

This morning, tour Sibiu's old town followed by time at leisure or a visit to the Brukenthal Museum. In the evening, visit the picturesque village of Sibiel. Enjoy dinner in a local family home, including a meat-and-cabbage rolls cooking demonstration. Return to Sibiu. (B, D)

### Day 4: Sibiu • Turda Salt Mine • Sighisoara

Transfer to Sighisoara via the salt mine at Turda. This is one of the largest salt mines in the world, dating back to the 11th century. A highlight is the 112-metre-high great hall; its superb acoustics have even made it a popular concert venue. Continue to Sighisoara, staying at the **Hotel Central Park** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

### Day 5: Sighisoara • Targu Mures • Gura Humorului

This morning, tour the UNESCO-listed town of Sighisoara, a beautifully preserved medieval settlement. The city walls encircle cobbled streets lined with colourful 16th-century Burgher houses. Visits include the citadel, the Church on the Hill and the clock tower. Travel north to Gura Humorului via Targu Mures, a Hungarian stronghold. Stay 2 nights at the **Best Western Bucovina** (or similar) and enjoy a traditional dinner and dance show. (B, D)

### Day 6: Gura Humorului

Tour the area's remarkable painted monasteries, considered to be among Europe's greatest artistic monuments and awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. (B, D)

### Day 7: Agapia • Lacu Rosu • Brasov

Head south to Brasov, via the Agapia monastery, a Romanian Orthodox nunnery dating back to 1649. Continue to Lacu Rosu for lunch and on to Brasov. You've free time in the late afternoon to enjoy the city. Stay at the **Hotel Aro Palace** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 8: Brasov • Bran Castle • Sinaia

Take a short drive through the beautiful Transylvanian countryside to Bran Castle, which is famously associated with Dracula, the legendary character from Bram Stoker's gothic novel. Enjoy a tour and coffee stop. Drive to Sinaia to visit the palaces of Peles and Pelisor, the former royal residences of King Carol I, another beautifully restored UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Brasov. (B)

### Day 9: Brasov • Bucharest

This morning, tour the medieval town of Brasov and view the Piata Sfatului, one of the finest baroque squares in the country. Visit the Black Church with its collection of more than



Peles Castle, Sinaia

300 Ottoman rugs. See St Nicholas Church and explore Romania's first school. Return to Bucharest and stay overnight at the **Novotel Hotel** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 10: Bucharest • Fly to London

Visit the Palace of Parliament, this morning – the third largest building in the world. Early afternoon, transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Bucharest or the Danube Delta. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

#### Tour + Danube Delta

3 days & 2 nights from £730

The UNESCO-listed Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve is one of the world's largest wetlands and is a migration hub for birds travelling to and from Mongolia, Siberia, India, Africa and China. Explore the delta's waterways and spot an amazing array of birdlife.

#### Day 10: Danube Delta

Travel to Bestepe and stay at the **Hotel Wels**, situated beside the delta, for 2 nights. (B)

#### Day 11: Danube Delta

Morning and afternoon excursions along the delta's waterways and lakes. (B)

#### Day 12: Bucharest

Travel back to Bucharest in the morning, transfer to the airport and fly to London. (B)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* **Rail experience:** On departures marked with an asterisk, Day 4 will include a ride on the *Mocanita* steam train, a narrow-gauge railway used for transporting cargo in the early 20th century.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk) make-an-enquiry

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: ROA

#### Group tour

Low season from £1,695  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,895  
Guide price months: May – Jun, Sep

Single supplement from £425

#### Private tour

From £2,995  
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £425

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **23 Jun 23, 01 Sep 23, 21 Jun 24, 06 Sep 24**

#### British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £95 return

#### Regional air connections

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 12 May 23 | 21 May 23 | 01 Sep 23 | 10 Sep 23 | 07 Jun 24 | 16 Jun 24 | 30 Aug 24 | 08 Sep 24 |
| 23 Jun 23 | 02 Jul 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 24 Sep 23 | 21 Jun 24 | 30 Jun 24 | 06 Sep 24 | 15 Sep 24 |
| 21 Jul 23 | 30 Jul 23 | 06 Oct 23 | 15 Oct 23 | 19 Jul 24 | 28 Jul 24 | 20 Sep 24 | 29 Sep 24 |
| 04 Aug 23 | 13 Aug 23 | 10 May 24 | 19 May 24 | 02 Aug 24 | 11 Aug 24 | 04 Oct 24 | 13 Oct 24 |

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# Journey through the Baltic States

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local guides in each destination
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 2 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink

## Weather

### Riga

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | -2 | -2 | 3  | 10 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 16 | 11 | 4  | 0  |
| B | -8 | -7 | -4 | 1  | 6  | 10 | 12 | 12 | 8  | 4  | 0  | -5 |
| C | 36 | 27 | 32 | 41 | 48 | 58 | 77 | 76 | 73 | 61 | 61 | 49 |

### Vilnius

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | -3 | -2 | 3  | 11 | 18 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 16 | 10 | 4  | -1 |
| B | -9 | -8 | -4 | 1  | 7  | 11 | 12 | 11 | 8  | 3  | -1 | -6 |
| C | 40 | 35 | 38 | 46 | 59 | 75 | 77 | 72 | 65 | 51 | 56 | 53 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



The Three Brothers, historical medieval buildings in Riga, Latvia

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania may be small, but they are confident, outward-looking nations, each with their own identity and distinct culture, yet proudly European. The countries' rich and colourful histories can be best appreciated in their capital cities, which all possess beautiful architecture, while the surrounding countryside features lakes, forests and wetlands, dotted with manor houses, medieval castles and splendid rococo churches.

district of Kalamaja. There is also an optional afternoon visit to Rocca al Mare open-air museum. Your following day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Castles & Parnu • Riga, Latvia

Drive to Riga in Latvia, stopping en route at the 13th-century ruins of Sigulda Castle, Turaida Castle in the Gauja Valley and the beachside town of Parnu. Enjoy a lunch of traditional Latvian food. Stay 2 nights at the **Opera Hotel Riga** (or similar). (B, L)

### Day 5: Riga

This morning, tour Riga, the Baltics' largest capital. The city's extensive history has left a legacy of fine architecture, including art nouveau. Highlights include visits to the cathedral with an organ recital to hear the impressive acoustics of its Romanesque dome, the castle, St Peter's Church, and the House of Blackheads. Visit Riga Central Market and try some traditional Latvian delicacies. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 6: Rundale Palace • The Hill of Crosses • Vilnius, Lithuania

Journey over the border from Latvia to Lithuania via Rundale Palace and the Hill of Crosses, a place of national pilgrimage. After lunch continue to Vilnius and stay 2 nights at the **Vilnia Hotel** (or similar). (B, L)

### Day 7: Vilnius

Your morning walking tour of Vilnius includes visits to Cathedral Square, the Gate of Dawn, St Casimir's Church, the Holy Spirit Church, the KGB Museum, Gediminas' Tower and the art district of 'Uzupis'. Spend the afternoon at leisure, or go on an optional visit to Trakai Island Castle. (B)

### Day 8: Fly to London via Riga

Transfer to the airport this morning and fly to London with airBaltic. (B)

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Stay in centrally located, characterful 4-star hotels**
- ❖ **Visit Riga Central Market and lunch on traditional Latvian food**
- ❖ **Discover the baroque and art nouveau architecture of the Baltic capitals**

### Day 1: Fly to Tallinn, Estonia

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Tallinn with easyJet. Transfer to the **L'Ermitage Hotel** (or similar) for a welcome drink and 3-night stay. (N)

### Days 2 & 3: Tallinn

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Tallinn, one of northern Europe's best-preserved medieval towns. Founded in the early 13th century, Tallinn has been influenced by periods of Danish, German, Swedish and Russian control. Highlights include the gothic town hall and square, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Toompea Castle, seat of Estonia's parliament, and visits to Balti Jaama market and the bohemian



Old town, Tallinn, Estonia

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Tallinn and Vilnius, and include 2 nights' accommodation with arrival or departure transfers.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Direct flights:** Low-cost airlines including Ryanair and Wizz Air offer direct flights from across the UK to Tallinn and back from Vilnius. Please speak to your travel consultant if you would prefer to use one of these options.

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each destination by a local tour guide.

**Accessibility:** Due to their layout and narrow, often cobbled streets, the cities of the Baltic states are best explored on foot. The tour is not recommended for those with limited mobility.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](https://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: BAL

### Group tour

Low season from £1,395  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £1,495  
Guide price months: May – Jun, Sep

Single supplement from £325

### Private tour

From £3,495  
Guide price months: Oct

Single supplement from £325

### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **28 May 23, 13 Aug 23, 26 May 24, 11 Aug 24**

### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 28 May 23 | 04 Jun 23 | 03 Sep 23 | 10 Sep 23 | 09 Jun 24 | 16 Jun 24 | 08 Sep 24 | 15 Sep 24 |
| 11 Jun 23 | 18 Jun 23 | 17 Sep 23 | 24 Sep 23 | 07 Jul 24 | 14 Jul 24 | 15 Sep 24 | 22 Sep 24 |
| 09 Jul 23 | 16 Jul 23 | 01 Oct 23 | 08 Oct 23 | 11 Aug 24 | 18 Aug 24 |           |           |
| 13 Aug 23 | 20 Aug 23 | 26 May 24 | 02 Jun 24 | 01 Sep 24 | 08 Sep 24 |           |           |

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# Across the Southern Caucasus

**Duration** • 14 days & 13 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,495 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome drink & farewell dinner



Khan Palace, Sheki, Azerbaijan

Take an exciting journey across all three states of the southern Caucasus. Beginning in the oil-rich Muslim nation of Azerbaijan on the shores of the Caspian Sea, you will travel through Georgia, famous for its ancient monasteries and viticulture, and finish in the small, proud nation of Armenia, one of the oldest Christian countries in the world.

### Day 4: Shaki • Kvareli • Telavi, Georgia

Tour Shaki, scenically set in the Caucasus foothills, including its 18th-century palace. Cross the border into Georgia for a vineyard lunch and wine tasting. Continue to Telavi via the Gremi monastery. Overnight at **Chateau Mere** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Telavi • Signaghi • Tbilisi

Morning visit to Telavi market. Meet a *qvevri* master, who will demonstrate how these large earthenware wine-keeping jars are made. Sample local wine and 'fire-water' brandy before lunch at Tsinandali wine estate. This afternoon, tour the hilltop town of Signaghi. Drive to Tbilisi and stay at the **Shota@Rustaveli Boutique Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 6: Tbilisi

Tour the Georgian capital, including the Old Town, with its beautiful Orthodox churches, mosque, synagogue and sulphur baths. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### Day 7: Gori • Uplistsikhe • Kazbegi

Visit the sixth-century Jvari Monastery, then continue to Gori, birthplace of Josef Stalin. See the museum, his private train, and the house where he was born. Travel to Kazbegi via the cave city of Uplistsikhe, set on the path of the Silk Road. Overnight at **Hotel Porta Caucasia** (or similar). (B, D)

### Day 8: Gergeti • Tbilisi

Excursion on foot to the picturesque, 14th-century church of Gergeti Trinity. Return to Tbilisi for time at leisure. (B)

### Day 9: Yerevan, Armenia

Cross the Armenian border and continue to the UNESCO-listed Haghpat monastery, a masterpiece of Armenian architecture. Stay 4 nights at **Tufenkian Historic Hotel**, just off Yerevan's Republic Square. (B)

## Weather Baku

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
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| A | 7  | 6  | 10 | 17 | 22 | 27 | 30 | 30 | 26 | 19 | 14 | 9  |
| B | 1  | 1  | 3  | 8  | 13 | 18 | 22 | 21 | 18 | 12 | 8  | 3  |
| C | 23 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 13 | 9  | 2  | 7  | 17 | 31 | 31 | 26 |

## Yerevan

|   | J   | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | -1  | 1  | 9  | 16 | 21 | 26 | 30 | 30 | 26 | 18 | 10 | 3  |
| B | -10 | -8 | -2 | 4  | 8  | 12 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 4  | -1 | -6 |
| C | 15  | 21 | 29 | 45 | 65 | 52 | 31 | 23 | 19 | 32 | 22 | 15 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Visit beautiful Khan Palace in Azerbaijan
- ❖ Taste Georgian wine and brandy
- ❖ Attend a performance of Armenian spiritual music
- ❖ Join a masterclass in making *arishta*, traditional Armenian pasta

### Day 1: Fly to Baku, Azerbaijan

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Baku, via Istanbul, with Turkish Airlines. Transfer to **Midtown Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Gobustan • Baku • Absheron

Admire Gobustan's 20,000-year-old rock carvings. Return to Baku for a sightseeing tour, before an excursion to Absheron to see the Ateshgah Fire Temple and Yanar Dagh fire. (B)

### Day 3: Shemahka • Kish • Shaki

Visit the Yeddi Gumbez mausoleum in Shemahka. Continue to Shaki, stopping en route at a sixth-century Albanian church. Overnight at **Sheki Saray** (or similar). (B, L, D)



Gergeti Trinity Church, Kazbegi, Georgia

#### Day 10: Ejmiatsin • Zvartnots

Visit Ejmiatsin Cathedral, founded in 303AD and still the official residence of the Catholic Church in Armenia. Continue to the seventh-century Zvartnots temple. Have lunch in the village of Parakar and take part in a cooking lesson, learning how to make *arishhta* (traditional Armenian pasta) and sweet *sudzukh*. (B, L)

#### Day 11: Yerevan

Tour Yerevan, one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Visit the city's museum of ancient manuscripts, and the genocide memorial complex. (B)

#### Day 12: Khor Virap • Noravank • Yerevan

Travel to Khor Virap monastery, where Armenia's patron saint, Gregory the Illuminator, was imprisoned. Savour views of the Ararat Mountain, then continue to Noravank monastery, dramatically situated within a gorge. Visit the wine-producing village of Areni for lunch. Return to Yerevan. Enjoy a farewell dinner with folk music at an Armenian restaurant. (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Garni • Geghard • Sevan • Dilijan

Visit Garni, Armenia's only surviving Hellenistic temple, then enjoy a performance of spiritual music. Admire the basalt formations of Garni Gorge, before continuing to the fourth-century, mountain-carved monastery of Geghard. Enjoy lunch with a local family and a *lavash* bread-making lesson, then visit two 10th-century monasteries. Drive to Dilijan and overnight at the Best Western Paradise (or similar). (B, L)

#### Day 14: Dilijan • Goshavank • Tbilisi

Morning stroll in Dilijan followed by a visit to Goshavank Monastery and its green and pleasant surrounds. Drive to Tbilisi Airport for your flight home. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Baku or Yerevan. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: AZA

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,495  
Guide price months: Apr & Oct

High season from £2,595  
Guide price months: May - Sep

Single supplement from £625

#### Private tour

From £3,495  
Guide price months: Apr & Oct

Single supplement from £625

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **13 May 23, 24 Jun 23, 11 May 24, 22 Jun 24**

#### Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £985

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 29 Apr 23 | 12 May 23 | 09 Sep 23 | 22 Sep 23 | 11 May 24 | 24 May 24 | 28 Sep 24 | 11 Oct 24 |
| 13 May 23 | 26 May 23 | 30 Sep 23 | 13 Oct 23 | 22 Jun 24 | 05 Jul 24 | 12 Oct 24 | 25 Oct 24 |
| 24 Jun 23 | 07 Jul 23 | 14 Oct 23 | 27 Oct 23 | 31 Aug 24 | 13 Sep 24 |           |           |
| 02 Sep 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 27 Apr 24 | 10 May 24 | 07 Sep 24 | 20 Sep 24 |           |           |

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# Discover Egypt

Egypt has been a magnet for cultural travellers since the 19th century. Today, anyone with a keen interest in ancient history will be just as enthralled by a country that is blessed with an extraordinary number of spectacular archaeological sites.

After a stay in Cairo, many visitors take a relaxing multi-night Nile cruise, as most of the country's historic sites are spread along the river's banks. Cruises usually depart from Aswan or Luxor, and there is a wide variety of cruising vessels available; the larger boats have up to 60 cabins, while the smallest and most intimate vessel, the *dahabea*, is powered by sails and has just six cabins.



Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza

## Cairo

[Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza • Ancient Khan el-Khalili souk](#)

No visit to Egypt would be complete without a stay in its capital, Cairo. On its east side stands the evidence of 2,000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic and Jewish culture. On its west side lies the ancient Egyptian city of Memphis (Giza), capital of the old kingdom, the Great Sphinx and the Pyramids.

Among the city's many attractions are the ancient Khan el-Khalili souk, the towering citadel, and the many mosques, minarets and tombs of the old city. The fascinating Egyptian Museum is home to more than 120,000 ancient artefacts, including Tutankhamun's burial mask. The new, and highly anticipated, Grand Egyptian Museum is opening in 2022.

## Luxor

[East Bank temples of Karnak & Luxor • Valley of the Kings & Queens on the West Bank](#)

Luxor is a modern city with ancient monuments nearby, including two large temple complexes. The Karnak temples are among the most historically significant in Egypt, while in the heart of the new town lies the smaller Luxor (Thebes) Temple.

Across the Nile on the West Bank is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. This area, the necropolis, includes the world-renowned Valley of the Kings. Thousands of elaborately decorated tombs are found here, the most significant of which were built for the pharaohs. The Valley of the Queens is an equally important but lesser-frequented archaeological site.



The Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, Luxor



Feluccas on the Nile, Aswan

## Aswan

Temple of Philae • Nubian Museum • Sail on a traditional *felucca*

Aswan is situated in southern Egypt and the main sight here is the Temple of Philae. Located on Agilkia Island between Aswan's two dams, the temple is one of the most photogenic sites on the Nile. The original location of the temple meant that it was often flooded, so in the 1960s a UNESCO rescue project moved the entire complex to its safer present-day setting.

The Nubian Museum houses an excellent collection of artefacts from the nomadic tribes of southern Egypt, which have now been displaced due to the construction of the dam in the 20th century. Don't miss the chance to take a leisurely *felucca* (traditional wooden sailboat) trip on the river.

## Abu Simbel

See the colossal Temple of Ramses II • Day excursion from Aswan

The Temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel is one of the most impressive monuments in Egypt. Built into a rocky hillside, the site's four statues are around 20 metres high and remain as awesome today as they would have been at the time of their construction 3,000 years ago. Due to the construction of the High Dam at Aswan, the temple was moved between 1964 and 1968 to its new picturesque location. Next to the Temple of Ramses II is the smaller temple of Nefertari, dedicated to the wife of Ramses II.

Many visitors choose to reach the site by air, as a day trip from Aswan. Due to flight restrictions, the maximum duration of your visit cannot exceed one hour.



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Egyptian Grand Tour Nile Cruise

11 days & 10 nights  
from £2,995 (incl. flights)  
Category • Superior

This comprehensive tour is ideal for those wishing to see Egypt's greatest sites in style. Begin with a few days in Cairo to explore the sites before embarking on cruises on both the Nile and Lake Nasser.

##### Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly to Cairo and transfer to the Four Seasons at The First Residence for 2 nights. (N)

##### Day 2: Cairo

Full-day tour of the Egyptian Museum, citadel and bazaar. (B)

##### Day 3: Fly to Luxor

Transfer to Cairo airport for an early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival, transfer

to the Mövenpick MS *Royal Lily* for a 4-night cruise. Afternoon visit to the East Bank to see the temples of Luxor and Karnak. (B, L, D)

##### Day 4: Luxor

Morning visit to the Valley of the Kings and Queens, and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut on the West Bank, before sailing to Edfu via Esna lock. (B, L, D)

##### Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

Morning visit to the Temple of Horus. Afternoon cruise to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris, then cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

##### Day 6: Aswan

Morning visits to the Aswan High Dam, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae. Afternoon *felucca* trip on the Nile. (B, L, D)

##### Day 7: Fly to Abu Simbel

Transfer to Aswan airport for the short flight to Abu Simbel. On arrival, board MS *Prince Abbas* for a 3-night cruise on Lake Nasser. Visit the impressive Abu Simbel temple complex, and return in the evening for a sound and light show. (B, L, D)

##### Day 8: Sail to Qasr Ibrim

Visit the Temple of Amada, an 18th-dynasty temple, the rock-cut Temple of Derr and the Tomb of Penout. (B, L, D)

##### Day 9: Wadi El Sebua

Morning visit to the Temple of Wadi El Sebua. Afternoon cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

##### Day 10: Aswan • Fly to Cairo • Giza

Disembark in the morning and visit the Temples of Kalabsha. Fly to Cairo and transfer to the InterContinental Citystars for 1 night. Tour of Giza to see the Pyramids and Sphinx. (B)

##### Day 11: Fly home

Early morning transfer to Cairo airport for your flight home. (B)

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# Egypt: Ancient Wonders of Cairo & the Nile

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,495 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Guaranteed to run with a minimum of 4 passengers
- ❖ Direct international flights with Egyptair
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local Egyptologists
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome dinner on Day 2
- ❖ Full-board accommodation on 4-night cruise
- ❖ Optional upgrade to Main Deck cabin from £75 per person



Felucca by the Temple of Philae, Aswan

Explore the wonders of Egypt via the River Nile on this exceptional tour. After visiting the Egyptian Museum, fly to ancient Aswan, where Agatha Christie wrote *Death on the Nile*. Here you board one of the country's premier luxury vessels, the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer*, for a four-night, five-star cruise to Luxor. Finish with a flourish, at the iconic pyramids of Giza. Throughout your journey, an expert Egyptologist is on hand to regale you with tales of pharaohs and a pantheon of exotic gods. You depart with a deeper insight into this fascinating corner of the world.

After check-in and lunch, ride a traditional *felucca* sailboat around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens and the Agha Khan Mausoleum (weather permitting). This evening, attend a welcome reception and programme overview. Enjoy Egyptian wine and beer with canapés, followed by a gourmet dinner. A folklore show and Whirling Dervish performance follow (subject to confirmation). (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Agilkia Island • Kom Ombo

After breakfast, take a short motorboat ride to see the Philae Temple on Agilkia Island. Next, it's on to the quarries which supplied much of the granite used to build the pyramids. Here you see the Unfinished Obelisk. Back aboard, partake in an Egyptian cookery lesson, then visit the Temple of Kom Ombo – dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek. This evening, enjoy a lavish buffet of local specialities, and traditional music and dancing. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Edfu • Esna

This morning, explore the extraordinary Temple of Horus. Despite being built by the Greeks, this impressive structure is the largest and most complete preserved Pharaonic temple in Egypt. Return to your boat in time for lunch and continue cruising to Esna. This afternoon, your Egyptologist guides you round the Graeco-Roman Temple of Khnum in Esna. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner on board. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Luxor

Start the day exploring the imposing Temple of Luxor alongside your Egyptologist. Continue to the Temple of Karnak, and – this afternoon – the Valley of the Kings. You have the chance to visit at least one tomb in the Valley of the Queens, and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Returning to the Nile, pass the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in ancient times for their haunting 'voices' at dawn. Return to your vessel for afternoon tea. This evening, enjoy a farewell gala dinner, with white-gloved waiters serving gourmet cuisine. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Giza • Cairo

Fly to Cairo this morning, dropping off your luggage at the **Kempinski Nile Hotel** (or similar). After lunch at leisure, visit Giza's iconic pyramid complex. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the last standing of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, as well as the oldest – built over 4,500 years ago. Nearby, the enigmatic Sphinx guards King Khafre's enormous funerary monument. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

### Day 8: Fly to the UK

Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your direct flight back to London. (B)

## Weather Cairo

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| B | 8  | 9  | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 13 | 10 |
| C | 5  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3  | 4  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Learn about archaeological excavations during a private lecture aboard the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer***
- ❖ **Tour ancient temples alongside expert Egyptologists**
- ❖ **Ride a traditional *felucca* sailboat around Elephantine Island**

### Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Cairo with Egyptair. Transfer to the **Kempinski Nile Hotel** for a 2-night stay. (N)

### Day 2: Cairo

Today you will visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East, and home to number of Pharaonic antiquities. Tonight, enjoy a welcome buffet dinner with wine. (B, D)

### Day 3: Aswan

Fly to Aswan this morning to begin your 4-night Nile cruise aboard the *Sanctuary Nile Adventurer* (Nile Deck Cabin)\* (or similar).



Temple of Karnak, Luxor



### Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

This 32-cabin vessel affords guests a luxurious standard of cruise on the world's longest river. Interiors blend the contemporary and the traditional, with nods to Egyptian heritage such as Cairene rugs and Arabian patterns. All cabins are air-conditioned and boast Nile views. The extensive teak-floored sundeck includes private cabanas around the pool area – the perfect spot for relaxing while taking in the scenery. Gourmet cuisine, sightseeing excursions, on-board entertainment and expert Egyptologists elevate your cruise experience. The Sanctuary Nile Adventurer offers a choice of three- and four-night cruises, expertly designed to take in the best of the ancient sites along the river.

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extension available in Alexandria for 4 nights from £1,160 per person. Post-tour extension available in Luxor for 2 nights from £400 per person, or a 4-night cruise on beautiful Lake Nasser from £1,050 per person.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*The 16 September 2023 departure dates will operate using the Sanctuary Sun Boat IV

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**Note:** Itinerary is subject to change on the opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: EGT

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,495  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,695  
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £995

#### Private travel

Low season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £2,995  
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £995

#### Egyptair flight upgrades

Business Class from £745 return

#### Regional air connections

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 22 Jan 23 | 29 Jan 23 | 08 Sep 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 14 Jan 24 | 21 Jan 24 | 13 May 24 | 20 May 24 |
| 19 Mar 23 | 26 Mar 23 | 16 Sep 23 | 23 Sep 23 | 18 Mar 24 | 25 Mar 24 | 08 Sep 24 | 15 Sep 24 |
| 20 Apr 23 | 27 Apr 23 | 19 Nov 23 | 26 Nov 23 | 03 Apr 24 | 10 Apr 24 | 16 Sep 24 | 23 Sep 24 |
| 14 May 23 | 21 May 23 | 05 Dec 23 | 12 Dec 23 | 27 Apr 24 | 04 May 24 | 27 Nov 24 | 04 Dec 24 |
| 22 May 23 | 29 May 23 |           |           | 05 May 24 | 12 May 24 |           |           |

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# Discover Morocco

Get lost in the labyrinthine souks of Marrakech – the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes – and stay in a boutique riad; go on a cultural exploration of Morocco's imperial past, from the ruins of Roman Volubilis to the medieval alleyways of Fez and the modern boulevards of Rabat; venture into the wild, trekking the valleys and peaks of the Atlas Mountains and camping beneath the stars in the Sahara Desert; or simply relax in coastal towns such as Essaouira or Agadir.

All this is just a short flight from the UK, making it an ideal destination if you are looking for a complete change of scene without the trouble of a long-haul flight.



Market stalls in the old medina, Marrakech

## Marrakech

Walled medieval city • Buzzing Djemaa el Fna square • Stay in a traditional riad

Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Atlas Mountains, Marrakech's walled medina is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with medieval buildings. The skyline is dominated by the Koutoubia minaret, built in the 12th century and part of a large mosque complex. At the heart of the city, the famous Djemaa el Fna market square is a frenzy of colour and activity, akin to a carnival.

Riads provide comfortable, often luxurious accommodation in converted, traditional Moroccan houses. Due to the architecture and design of some riads, rooms may have small windows facing the interior public areas.

## Rabat

Modern capital & ancient port • Roman ruins at Chellah • Cliff-top kasbah

The capital of Morocco, modern Rabat is a planned city of wide boulevards, handsome public buildings and landscaped gardens on the Atlantic coastal plain, at the mouth of the Bou Regreg River. Behind this modern facade is a long history, traces of which can still be seen.

The river port was first colonised by the Carthaginians and then by the Romans. Evidence of their rule remains at Chellah, or Sala Colonia, where a complex of ancient ruins sits on the riverside. The tranquil alleys of the Kasbah des Oudaias are also well worth a visit to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and for superb views of the river and ocean.



Rabat



Ourika Valley and High Atlas Mountains in the background



Bab Mansour Gate and El Hedime Place, Meknes



Erg Chebbi, Sahara Desert

## The Atlas Mountains

Scenic hikes • Fertile Ourika Valley • Lavish stays in converted kasbahs

The highest range in North Africa, the High Atlas has many fertile valleys, snow-covered peaks, rivers and waterfalls. About an hour's drive from Marrakech, the area can be visited on a day trip or as part of a longer itinerary.

The lush Ourika Valley makes another excellent day trip from Marrakech, with olive groves, citrus tree orchards, willows and poplar trees covering the slopes. Accommodation is in luxurious converted kasbahs or more basic local houses.

## Fez & Meknes

Medieval atmosphere of Fez • Meknes, imperial capital of Moulay Ismail

Home to one of the oldest universities in the world, Fez is considered to be the intellectual capital and most imperial of Morocco's cities, famed for its labyrinthine souks. The tanneries are a major highlight; you can watch the centuries-old process of treating cowhide in huge vats of dye.

To the west of Fez, Meknes is a prosperous provincial town, cut in two by the river valley of the Oued Boufekrane, with varied and busy souks in its medina.

## The Sahara Desert & Surrounds

Stay in a luxury desert camp • Explore the dramatic dunes by camel or 4x4

The start of the Sahara is marked by the five-kilometre wide and 50-kilometre long band of sand dunes called Erg Chebbi, with the small Berber village of Merzouga located on the fringe. The sand dunes here rise as high as 350 metres. Explore the otherworldly desert landscapes by camel or in a 4x4 vehicle, and make sure to spend a night under canvas here so you can see the colours of the sunset and sunrise over the sands.

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Historic Cities & Culinary Delights of Morocco

8 days & 7 nights  
from £2,595 (incl. flights)  
Category • Standard

Discover the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez and Marrakech. Take part in cookery classes and learn the recipes and techniques that define Moroccan cuisine.

##### Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

Transfer to the Novotel Casablanca for 1 night. (N)

##### Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat • Fez

Take a morning tour of Casablanca then continue to Rabat, where you will have time at leisure to see Oudayas garden, Hassan

Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. After lunch, depart for Fez and stay 2 nights at the Palais D'Hôtes. (B)

##### Day 3: Fez

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon tour of Fez, visiting the medieval medina and exploring the famous souks and tanneries. (B, L)

##### Day 4: Marrakech

Fly to Marrakech and stay at the Riad Ilayka for 2 nights. (B)

##### Day 5: Marrakech

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon sightseeing tour visiting the Saadian Tombs, Menara gardens, Koutoubia Mosque, and Bahia Palace. Continue to the souks and Djemaa el Fna square. Optional evening dinner and folklore show. (B, L)

##### Day 6: Essaouira

Travel to Essaouira, where you will visit the ramparts of Skala, the seaport and the

medina. Enjoy an afternoon cooking class at a local riad. Stay at the Riad Al Madina for 1 night. (B, D)

##### Day 7: Casablanca

This morning drive to Casablanca. Dinner at Rick's Café, a restaurant designed to recreate the famous bar from the film *Casablanca*. Stay at the Barcelo Casablanca for 1 night. (B)

##### Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Casablanca airport and fly home. (B)

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# Moroccan Explorer: Imperial Cities to Desert

**Duration** • 11 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,595 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways\*
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



The Decumanus Maximus with the Hercules Works House and the Triumphal Arch, Volubilis

**Weather Marrakech**

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| A | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 27 | 31 | 36 | 36 | 32 | 27 | 22 | 19 |
| B | 6  | 8  | 9  | 11 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 6  |
| C | 32 | 35 | 31 | 29 | 14 | 4  | 1  | 2  | 6  | 22 | 38 | 35 |

**Rabat**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 24 | 21 | 18  |
| B | 8  | 8  | 9  | 11 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 11 | 8   |
| C | 82 | 75 | 61 | 59 | 26 | 7  | -  | 1  | 7  | 45 | 99 | 104 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)  
 B: Minimum average temperature (°C)  
 C: Average rainfall (mm)



Explore the imperial cities of Fez, Rabat, Meknes and Marrakech, all former or current capitals of Morocco and known for their architecture and vibrant souks. Along the way, travel through diverse landscapes, from the Atlantic coast through fertile plains to the Sahara.

Stay for 1 night at Riad Dar El Kebira or Dar El Kebira Salam (or similar). (B, D)

**Day 3: Chefchaouen**

Travel by road to the blue-walled town of Chefchaouen, perched beneath the rugged Rif Mountains. Take a walking tour to discover the kasbah with its charming garden, then continue to the cobbled main square, Outa-el-Hammam, and admire the 15th-century Grand Mosque with its distinctive octagonal minaret. Stay overnight at Dar Echchaouen (or similar). (B)

**Day 4: Volubilis • Meknes • Fez**

Morning at leisure in Chefchaouen's medina. Continue to Fez, stopping en route at the Roman ruins of Volubilis, which mark the westward extent of the Roman Empire, and the UNESCO-listed site of Meknes, now one of the quieter imperial cities but once the heart of the Moroccan sultanate. Spend 2 nights at the Palais Ommeyad & Spa (or similar). (B, D)

**Day 5: Fez**

Full-day tour of Fez, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities. Visit the Bou Inania madrasa, the Nejjarine fountain, the souk, tanneries and medina. Visit a communal bakery and join a tasting tour through the medina. (B, D)

**Day 6: Erfoud**

Travel to Erfoud on the edge of the Sahara Desert, through the high plains between the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountain ranges. Stop en route at Ifrane village for a walking tour. Continue to Erfoud and stay 2 nights at Palais du Desert & Spa (or similar). (B, D)

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ Explore the atmospheric Roman ruins of Volubilis and the town of Meknes
- ❖ Walking tour of Chefchaouen's medina
- ❖ Drink mint tea with a local nomad family and watch the sun set over the desert dunes
- ❖ Sample local food at the medina in Fez

**Day 1: Fly to Marrakech**

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Marrakech with British Airways\*. Transfer to Le Meridien (or similar) for an overnight stay. (N)

**Day 2: Marrakech • Rabat**

After breakfast, you will travel to Rabat. Afternoon tour of the city including the Royal Palace and the 12th-century Hassan Tower with its mausoleum, followed by a mint tea in the Andalucian gardens at Oudaya Kasbah.



Gate of the royal palace, Fez

#### Day 7: Erg Chebbi

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, journey into the Sahara in 4x4 vehicles. Stop for a refreshing mint drink with a local nomad family and see the sun set over the dunes before returning to your hotel this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Ouarzazate

Travel west to Ouarzazate with a photo stop at Todra Gorge, an impressive orange-coloured canyon. Take a panoramic tour of Ouarzazate and stay overnight at Ksar Ighnda (or similar). (B, D)

#### Day 9: Ait Benhaddou • Marrakech

Depart for the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou, a superb example of traditional Moroccan earthen architecture. Scenes from the films *Gladiator*, *Prince of Persia* and *The Jewel of the Nile* were shot here. Arrive in Marrakech and visit the beautiful Jardin Majorelle to see the exotic plants before continuing to **Le Meridien** (or similar), where you stay for 2 nights. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Marrakech

Full-day city tour of Marrakech. Highlights include the lavish Moroccan architecture of Bahia Palace, the walls of the former El Badi Palace, Koutoubia mosque and the bustling souks. Finish in Djemaa el Fna market square, a swirling carnival of musicians, fire eaters, storytellers and snake charmers. Farewell meal at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London, with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Accommodation:** Rooms of the same standard can vary within riads. To remain cool, rooms may also have limited natural light.

**\* Note:** March & May 2023 departures will operate with Royal Air Maroc or Easyjet.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: DEZ

#### Group tour

Low season from £1,995  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,295  
Guide price months: Mar & Sep

Single supplement from £395

#### Private tour

Low season from £2,595  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Apr

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **07 Mar 24, 27 Sep 24**

#### British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £175 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 03 Mar 23 | 13 Mar 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 25 Sep 23 | 07 Mar 24 | 18 Mar 24 | 27 Sep 24 | 07 Oct 24 |
| 10 Mar 23 | 20 Mar 23 | 29 Sep 23 | 09 Oct 23 | 26 Apr 24 | 06 May 24 | 04 Oct 24 | 14 Oct 24 |
| 28 Apr 23 | 08 May 23 | 06 Oct 23 | 16 Oct 23 | 17 May 24 | 27 May 24 |           |           |
| 19 May 23 | 29 May 23 | 29 Feb 24 | 09 Mar 24 | 13 Sep 24 | 23 Sep 24 |           |           |

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# Discover Jordan

Jordan is a kingdom packed with history and culture, full of Roman cities, Crusader castles and biblical sites. There are also some unmissable natural sites, from its beautiful nature reserves and the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum to the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea and the glittering Red Sea.

Whether it's culture, cuisine, natural wonders or relaxation you're seeking, you'll find it all here. Amman, the capital, is the starting point for most, its modern buildings blending with the remnants of ancient civilisations. Jordan's modest size means that many of its sites can be easily combined, and it pairs well with Israel, Egypt or Lebanon for a longer holiday.



The Monastery, Petra

## Petra

[Nabataean capital](#) • [UNESCO archaeological site](#)

No exploration of Jordan would be complete without visiting the ancient site of Petra. Founded in about the sixth century BC as the capital city of the Nabataean civilisation, the site has since been settled by the Romans, Crusaders and the Byzantine Empire, all of whom left churches, fortifications and monuments.

The walk through the 1,600-metre-long Siq, a natural corridor through the rock, only three metres wide in places and ending in front of the Treasury, provides one of the most memorable moments in Middle East travel. There are also various walks throughout the site that reveal hundreds of smaller buildings and tombs.

## Jerash

[Roman ruins](#) • [Christian churches](#) & [mosaics](#)

North of Amman, the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash is widely regarded as the best-preserved city of the Decapolis, a confederation of ten Roman cities dating from the first century AD. As you approach the ruins, the imposing triumphal arch comes into view, built to honour the arrival of Emperor Hadrian in 129AD.

Beyond the arch, continuing excavation work has revealed two theatres, a forum, temples dedicated to Zeus and Artemis, a hippodrome, a long colonnaded street known as the Cardo and an almost complete circuit of city walls. From 350AD, a large Christian community lived here. They left their mark in the various churches and mosaic floors that remain.



Jerash



Wadi Rum

## Wadi Rum

Otherworldly desert scenery • Luxury desert camps

The spectacular desert scenery of Wadi Rum is made up of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains, rising out of white and pink coloured sands. Home to the many exploits of TE Lawrence during the 1917-1918 Arab Revolt, Wadi Rum was used for the desert shots of the films *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Martian*, instalments of the Star Wars franchise, and the live action remake of Disney's *Aladdin*.

Wadi Rum can be explored by 4x4 or camel, and a night camping allows you to witness the stunning sunrises and sunsets over the dunes, and the moonlike landscape of the desert. The inky black skies of cool desert nights, filled with shooting stars and glimpses of the Milky Way, offers a stark contrast to the intense sun during the day.

## The Dead Sea

Float in the salty, mineral-rich waters • Luxury spa resorts

Situated 400 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on the surface of the Earth. 75km long and ranging from 6km to 16km wide, the salt lake is fed mainly by the Jordan River. There is no outlet for the water, so it becomes trapped and evaporates, leaving behind salts and minerals. The high salt content makes any significant plant and animal life impossible, and thus gives it its name.

The mineral-rich waters are reputed to bring natural health benefits, and the high concentration of salt makes the water exceptionally buoyant. Less than an hour from the airport in Amman, and with several luxurious spa resorts, it's an ideal place to relax at the end of a trip or to stop for a night after visiting Petra.



Dead Sea

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Jordan Adventure

10 days & 9 nights  
from £2,895 (incl. flights)  
Category • Superior

Discover Jordan's diverse landscapes by exploring the ancient rock-hewn city of Petra, hiking through Dana Biosphere Reserve and relaxing on the shores of the Dead Sea.

##### Day 1: Fly to Amman

On arrival, transfer to the InterContinental Amman for 2 nights. (N)

##### Day 2: Amman

Morning walking tour of Amman. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

##### Day 3: Jerash • Dana Biosphere Reserve

Morning tour of Jerash with a local guide. Head south along the King's Highway, visiting

Madaba and Mount Nebo. The day ends in Dana, a protected nature reserve established in 1989 and covering 320 sq km of rugged and beautiful landscape. Overnight at **Dana Guest House**. (B, D)

##### Day 4: Feynan

Follow the constantly changing scenery of the 15-kilometre Wadi Dana Trail to Feynan, arriving in time for a sunset hike. Stay overnight at Feynan Ecolodge. (B, L, D)

##### Day 5: Petra

Morning drive to Petra. On arrival, visit 'Little Petra'. Stay at the **Petra Guest House** for 3 nights. (B)

##### Day 6: Petra

Full-day guided tour of the rose-red city, with its network of temples and tombs. (B)

##### Day 7: Petra

A chance to spend a second day in Petra to discover more of the fascinating sights in your own time and at your own pace. (B)

##### Day 8: Wadi Rum

Drive to the stunning sandstone and

granite valley known as Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the rough terrain. Stay overnight at **Sun City Camp**, where you can spend a night under canvas or out in the open beneath thousands of stars. (B, D)

##### Day 9: Dead Sea

Morning departure from Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea. En route, visit the 12th-century crusader castle of Shobak or Kerak. Overnight at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

##### Day 10: Fly home

Transfer to Amman and fly home. (B)

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# Splendours of Jordan

**Duration** • 8 days & 7 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,795 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,275 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 18 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

## Weather Amman

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 11 | 13 | 16 | 21 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 25 | 19 | 13 |
| B | 3  | 3  | 5  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 8  | 4  |
| C | 76 | 66 | 61 | 20 | 4  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 8  | 32 | 65 |

## Dead Sea

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 20 | 22 | 26 | 31 | 35 | 38 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 34 | 29 | 22 |
| B | 10 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 21 | 16 | 12 |
| C | 28 | 18 | 16 | 5  | 2  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 2  | 15 | 26 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



The Temple of Hercules, Amman Citadel

This tour reveals the best of Jordan's cultural heritage and desert-bound landscapes. Visit hallowed Mount Nebo, where the Bible says Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land. Tour the classical city of Jerash, famed for its Roman ruins. Explore the Nabataean city of Petra, staying just a stone's throw from its rock-hewn complex; and stop by lesser-visited 'Little Petra' (Siq al-Barid). Your tour ends with a drive across Wadi Rum's shifting sands, and a resort stay beside the Dead Sea's stark-still, mineral-rich waters.

Amman is built on seven hills (*jebels*) and your ascension to its hilltop citadel rewards you with panoramic views. Here you also see the ancient ruins of the Temple of Hercules, and the fascinating National Archaeological Museum. The highlight of downtown Amman is the restored Roman theatre, a remnant of the days of the city of Philadelphia. Built into the side of a hill, the theatre dates back to the second century AD and has a capacity for 6,000 people. In the afternoon, tour the well-preserved Graeco-Roman city of Jerash, hidden for centuries in sand. (B, L, D)

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Spend two full days exploring Petra and visit the remote ruins at 'Little Petra'**
- ❖ **Take a 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes of Wadi Rum**
- ❖ **Time at leisure to enjoy the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea**
- ❖ **Visit the Biblical site of Mount Nebo**

### Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines. Transfer to the **Intercontinental Amman** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Amman • Jerash

Morning tour of Amman, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world.

### Day 3: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, visiting Madaba, home to a Byzantine mosaic map of the region; the Biblical site of Mount Nebo, where Moses is reputed to be buried and where he first saw the Holy Land; and the crusader castle of Shobak. Continue to the historic city of Petra and stay 3 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort Petra**, situated at the entrance to the site. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Petra

Take a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed site of Petra, the rose-red city rediscovered by Johann Ludwig Burckhardt in 1812. More than 2,000 years ago, Petra was used as a temporary refuge by nomadic Nabataeans. Starting with only a few caves, they carved the sandstone to create this spectacular fortress city, which became the capital of their desert kingdom. (B, D)

### Day 5: Petra

Return to the main site for more exploration with your guide. Optional evening visit to Petra



The Treasury, Petra

by candlelight; approximately 1,800 candles light the way down the Siq, their glow picking out various points of interest. (B, D)

**Day 6: Little Petra • Wadi Rum • Dead Sea**

Morning visit to Al Beidha and 'Little Petra' (Siq al-Barid), before driving to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Afternoon transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

**Day 7: Dead Sea**

Day at leisure. Optional morning excursion to the baptism site of Jesus in Bethany, on the banks of the River Jordan. (B)

**Day 8: Fly to London**

Transfer to the airport and fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Accessibility:** This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: SPJ

**Group tour**

Low season from £1,795  
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,095  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £495

**Private tour**

Low season from £2,275  
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,575  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £495

**★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **11 Feb 24, 17 Mar 24, 28 Apr 24, 01 Sep 24, 06 Oct 24**

**Crown Class flight upgrades**

Crown Class from £965 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

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**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out (Sun) | Rtn (Sun) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 12 Feb 23 | 19 Feb 23 | 21 May 23 | 28 May 23 | 11 Feb 24 | 18 Feb 24 | 19 May 24 | 26 May 24 |
| 19 Feb 23 | 26 Feb 23 | 28 May 23 | 04 Jun 23 | 18 Feb 24 | 25 Feb 24 | 26 May 24 | 02 May 24 |
| 26 Feb 23 | 05 Mar 23 | 03 Sep 23 | 10 Sep 23 | 25 Feb 24 | 03 Mar 24 | 01 Sep 24 | 08 Sep 24 |
| 05 Mar 23 | 12 Mar 23 | 10 Sep 23 | 17 Sep 23 | 03 Mar 24 | 10 Mar 24 | 08 Sep 24 | 15 Sep 24 |
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| 23 Apr 23 | 30 Apr 23 | 22 Oct 23 | 29 Oct 23 | 21 Apr 24 | 28 Apr 24 | 20 Oct 24 | 27 Oct 24 |
| 30 Apr 23 | 07 May 23 | 29 Oct 23 | 05 Nov 23 | 28 Apr 24 | 05 May 24 | 27 Oct 24 | 03 Nov 24 |
| 07 May 23 | 14 May 23 | 05 Nov 23 | 12 Nov 23 | 05 May 24 | 12 May 24 | 03 Nov 24 | 10 Nov 24 |

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# Jordan tour variations & extensions



Wadi Rum desert



Marina, Aqaba



Church of All Nations, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

## Tour variation: Desert Adventure

8 days & 7 nights from £375  
Variation starts on Day 6 of tour

Explore the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum with an extended drive into the wilderness for a night under canvas. The dramatic colours of the sandstone mountains are truly spectacular at sunrise and sunset, while the clear night sky reveals innumerable stars.

### Day 6: Wadi Rum

Transfer with the group to Wadi Rum. Leave the group and take a 5-hour 4x4 tour into the heart of the desert, passing spectacular rock formations. Overnight stay at **Sun City Camp\***. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Dead Sea

Transfer to the shores of the Dead Sea and stay 1 night at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport with the rest of the group. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

\* **Note:** Please be aware that the desert camp does provide en-suite bathrooms. However, there are limited facilities due to the location.

## Tour + the Red Sea & Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £635

Visit the shores of the Red Sea and Dead Sea, both ideal places to unwind at the end of your tour. The Red Sea has clean, sandy beaches and clear waters with an array of marine life, while the salty, still waters of the Dead Sea are rich in nutrients.

### Day 6: Aqaba

Following your 4x4 excursion in Wadi Rum, leave the group and transfer by road to Aqaba. Stay 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay**. Facilities include multiple swimming pools, a spa and a private beach area. (B)

### Day 7: Aqaba

Day at leisure. Relax at your hotel, visit the beach, take the shuttle into town or swim in the nearby warm waters of the Red Sea.

### Day 8: Dead Sea

Morning transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay for 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

### Day 9: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. (B)

### Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

## Tour + Jerusalem

4 days & 3 nights from £1,595

Discover sacred monuments and over 3,000 years of history in the fascinating city of Jerusalem. Significant to Christians, Jews and Muslims alike, the city offers a fascinating mix of synagogues, churches, mosques, minarets and shrines.

### Day 8: Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross the border into Israel. Continue on the 50-kilometre drive to Jerusalem. Stay at the **Dan Boutique Hotel** for 3 nights. (B)

### Day 9: Jerusalem

Full-day tour exploring the ancient city. Highlights include the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view over the city, and a stop at Mount Zion to visit King David's tomb and the room of the Last Supper. (B)

### Day 10: Jerusalem

Day at leisure. Visit the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed; or visit the ancient fortifications of Masada. (B)

### Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport. Fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways\*. (B)

\* **Note:** Your outbound flight to Jordan on Day 1 will also need to be with British Airways rather than Royal Jordanian.



Mövenpick Resort &amp; Spa Dead Sea

## Tour + the Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £315

The salty waters of the Dead Sea have been popular with travellers for many centuries. Extend your stay to enjoy the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea and the expansive spa facilities at your hotel.

### Days 8 & 9: Dead Sea

Stay for a further 2 nights at the **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

### Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

# Discover Israel & the OPT

Stretching along the eastern Mediterranean coastline and pushing down to touch the tip of the Red Sea, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) pack many layers of history into a relatively small area. It's a land full of powerful stories, which are brought to life in the ancient remains and biblical sites scattered throughout.

From the dynamic modern city of Tel Aviv with its vibrant nightlife, street cafes and Mediterranean beaches, venture north to the biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee, the old Crusader stronghold of Acre and the terraced gardens of Baha'i Shrine in Haifa. To the south lies the Dead Sea, the desert fortress of Masada, and the beach resort of Eilat on the Red Sea coast. However, the jewel in the crown has to be the ancient city of Jerusalem, with a history stretching back more than 3,000 years.

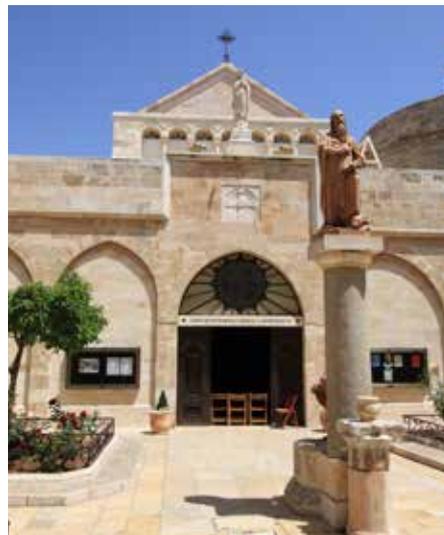


Western Wall, Jerusalem

## Jerusalem

Temples, churches & historical sites •  
Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial

Situated in the Judean Hills, the strategic importance of this city has made it a much-fought-over prize. Many rulers have left their mark in the form of synagogues, churches, mosques, minarets and shrines. With monuments sacred to all three major monotheistic religions, the city is of significant importance for Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. Outside the walls of the old city, the Yad Vashem centre is Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

## Bethlehem

Church of the Nativity, supposed birthplace  
of Jesus

Just south of Jerusalem lies the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, home to one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world, the Church of the Nativity. Inside, the Grotto of the Nativity is thought to be the actual cave where Jesus was born, the spot indicated by a 14-point star. The church itself is the focal point of Manger Square, a major gathering point for worshippers at Christmas, and just outside Bethlehem the Shepherds' Fields can be visited.



Ancient port and marina of Acre

## The North Coast & the Sea of Galilee

Crusader fortifications in Acre • Baha'i  
terraced gardens in Haifa

The Mediterranean city of Haifa is home to the resplendent gold-domed Baha'i Shrine and Persian Gardens. Further north, the walled city of Acre has 12th-century Crusader remains. In the town of Nazareth, where Mary learned from the angel Gabriel that she was to have a child, visit the Church of Joseph and the Basilica of the Annunciation. Biblical sites around the Sea of Galilee include Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes; and the Mount of Beatitudes.

# Treasures of Israel

**Duration** • 10 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Ancient fortifications, Masada

Combine the ancient biblical cities of Jerusalem, Nazareth and Acre with cosmopolitan Tel Aviv, while discovering ancient ruins in coastal Caesarea, Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and Masada above the Dead Sea.

Mount. Continue to Capernaum and see ruins of a fifth-century synagogue and the early octagonal church built around the house of St Peter. Stay at the Kibbutz Degania Bet (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

## Weather

### Nazareth

|   | J   | F   | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 15  | 16  | 19 | 23 | 27 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 27 | 23 | 17  |
| B | 7   | 8   | 9  | 12 | 15 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 12 | 9   |
| C | 140 | 103 | 76 | 34 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 26 | 74 | 139 |

### Jerusalem

|   | J   | F   | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 13  | 15  | 17 | 22 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 20 | 15  |
| B | 5   | 5   | 7  | 10 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 6   |
| C | 136 | 111 | 88 | 27 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 19 | 60 | 111 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Spend two full days exploring Jerusalem
- ❖ Stay in a kibbutz for two nights
- ❖ Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites at Masada and Acre
- ❖ Float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea

### Day 1: Fly to Tel Aviv

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Ben Gurion airport with British Airways. Transfer to the Cinema Hotel (or similar) in Tel Aviv for 2 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Tel Aviv • Jaffa

Explore Jaffa's ancient port and modern Tel Aviv. Visit Neve Tzedek, the oldest neighbourhood in Tel Aviv and the bustling Carmel Market. Continue to Rothschild Boulevard and view Independence Hall, where David Ben-Gurion famously declared the independence of the modern State of Israel. (B)

### Day 3: Nazareth • Kibbutz Degania Bet • Sea of Galilee

Travel north to Nazareth and visit the imposing Church of the Annunciation. Take a tour of a kibbutz then visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the

### Day 4: Banias Spring • Mount Bental

Visit the impressive Banias Waterfall and the archaeological remains of Caesarea Philippi at Banias Spring, at the foot of Mount Hermon. Take a tasting tour at an award-winning winery. Continue to Mount Bental for stunning views of the Golan and a visit to the Syrian bunkers. (B, D)

### Day 5: Acre • Caesarea • Tel Aviv

Visit the Old City of Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with stunning Crusader remains. En route to Caesarea, stop at Yemin Orde, a safe haven and home for Holocaust orphans. Visit Caesarea National Park to see the large Roman amphitheatre and the historic port. Continue to Jerusalem for a 5-night stay at the Lady Stern Hotel (or similar). (B)

### Day 6: Jerusalem (Old City)

Take a guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall, among other sites. (B)

### Day 7: Jerusalem (New City)

Take a guided tour of the New City of Jerusalem. Visit the Israel Museum, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls; Knesset, the building of the Israeli parliament; and the Yad Vashem Holocaust monument. Continue to Mahane Yehuda market. (B)

### Day 8: Masada • Dead Sea • Qumran

Travel through the desert to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Masada and its mountain-top ruins. Continue to the Dead Sea for a dip in the mineral-rich waters. Then visit Qumran, one of the most significant



Damascus Gate and the old city of Jerusalem

archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. (B)

#### Day 9: Jerusalem

Day at leisure to explore the city further or take an optional excursion to Bethlehem. (B)

#### Day 10: Fly to London

Transfer to Ben Gurion airport and fly to London with British Airways. (B)

**Meal Basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: TOY

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,895  
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £895

#### British Airways Flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £205 return  
Club World from £895 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sat) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 02 Mar 23 | 11 Mar 23 | 31 Aug 23 | 09 Sep 23 | 01 Mar 24 | 10 Mar 24 | 30 Aug 24 | 08 Sep 24 |
| 16 Mar 23 | 25 Mar 23 | 12 Oct 23 | 21 Oct 23 | 15 Mar 24 | 24 Mar 24 | 11 Oct 24 | 20 Oct 24 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# The Wonders of Jordan & Jerusalem

**Duration** • 11 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,895 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Dome of the Rock and Western Wall, Jerusalem

city of Jerash, once buried in sand for centuries, before travelling back to Amman. (B, L)

### Day 3: Amman

Morning at leisure. Afternoon city tour including the Jordan Museum, where exhibits include the 'Ain Ghazal statues, believed to be some of the oldest known human sculptures. This evening enjoy a traditional Jordanian meal with a local family. (B, D)

### Day 4: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, stopping en route at Madaba, Mount Nebo and the crusader castle at Shobak before arriving at Petra. Lunch will be taken in a converted house near to Madaba. Stay 2 nights at **Mövenpick Resort Petra**. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight. (B, L)

### Day 5: Petra

Enjoy a guided tour of Petra, the unique ancient Nabataean city that has been carved into the red rock face. (B)

### Day 6: Dead Sea

Morning at leisure or optional 4x4 excursion into the desert at Wadi Rum (payable locally). Transfer to the Dead Sea this afternoon and stay 2 nights at **Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

### Day 7: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional excursion to the baptism site at Bethany, where it is believed that John the Baptist baptised Jesus. (B)

### Day 8: Jericho • Jerusalem

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross the border into Israel. Continue to Jerusalem, stopping en route for a tour at Jericho, thought to be the oldest city in the world. Stay 3 nights at the **Harmony Hotel** or **Arthur Hotel**. (B)

### Day 9: Jerusalem • Bethlehem

This morning take a half-day tour of the Old City of Jerusalem to see the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the room of the Last Supper. This afternoon visit Bethlehem, known as the site of the nativity; your visit here will include the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. (B)

### Day 10: Jerusalem

A day at leisure, with a chance to visit the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, or Masada, King Herod's rock fortress (payable locally). (B)

### Day 11: Tel Aviv • Fly to London

Travel to Tel Aviv and visit Jaffa, one of the world's oldest ports. Later, transfer to the

## Weather

### Amman, Jordan

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 11 | 13 | 16 | 21 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 25 | 19 | 13 |
| B | 3  | 3  | 5  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 8  | 4  |
| C | 76 | 66 | 61 | 20 | 4  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 8  | 32 | 65 |

### Jerusalem, Israel

|   | J   | F   | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 13  | 15  | 17 | 22 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 20 | 15  |
| B | 5   | 5   | 7  | 10 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 6   |
| C | 136 | 111 | 88 | 27 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 19 | 60 | 111 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



This tour combines the Biblical sites of Jerusalem and Bethlehem with the cultural and scenic highlights of Jordan. Sample authentic local cuisine and take time to relax at a spa resort on the shores of the Dead Sea.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Discover impressive ancient ruins at Umm Qais and Jerash**
- ❖ **Sample traditional Jordanian food with a local family**
- ❖ **Explore the Old City of Jerusalem including the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre**
- ❖ **Visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, believed to be the birthplace of Jesus**

### Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with British Airways. Transfer to the **InterContinental Amman** for 3 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Amman • Umm Qais • Jerash

This morning travel to Umm Qais to see the ruins of the Decapolis city of Gadara, set in the hills above the Jordan Valley. Continue to Jerash for a lunch cooked by women from a local village. Tour the ruins of the ancient Roman



Ancient ruins of Jerash, Jordan

airport and fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways. (B)

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extensions are available in Amman and post-tour extensions are available in Jerusalem, which would include accommodation and private transfers. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Accessibility:** This tour involves walking over rough terrain. At Petra, visiting the monastery and the High Place of Sacrifice requires a steep climb.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: JAJ

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,895  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,995  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £865

#### Private tour

Low season from £4,495  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,595  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £865

#### British Airways flight upgrades

Club World from £695 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 13 Mar 23 | 23 Mar 23 |
| 20 Mar 23 | 30 Mar 23 |
| 01 May 23 | 11 May 23 |

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 11 Sep 23 | 21 Sep 23 |
| 09 Oct 23 | 19 Oct 23 |
| 23 Oct 23 | 02 Nov 23 |

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 11 Mar 24 | 21 Mar 24 |
| 18 Mar 24 | 28 Mar 24 |
| 06 May 24 | 16 May 24 |

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 09 Sep 24 | 19 Sep 24 |
| 07 Oct 24 | 17 Oct 24 |
| 21 Oct 24 | 31 Oct 24 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Oman: An Arabian Odyssey

**Duration** • 9 days & 8 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,695 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,395 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation\*
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees

## Weather Nizwa

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 23 | 24 | 28 | 33 | 38 | 39 | 38 | 36 | 35 | 33 | 28 | 24 |
| B | 12 | 13 | 16 | 21 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 16 | 13 |
| C | 16 | 26 | 21 | 19 | 10 | 4  | 5  | 8  | 1  | 1  | 6  | 10 |

## Muscat

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 25 | 26 | 29 | 34 | 39 | 40 | 38 | 36 | 36 | 34 | 30 | 26 |
| B | 16 | 17 | 20 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 20 | 18 |
| C | 22 | 27 | 15 | 11 | 5  | 1  | 2  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 5  | 10 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Muscat

Visit the key cultural and scenic sights of Oman including magnificent forts and palaces, the rolling dunes of Sharqiya Sands, Oman's highest mountains and picturesque coastal fishing villages. Discover the warmth of the Omani people and travel between the contrasting landscapes of the desert, sea and mountains.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Spend a night under the desert sky in Sharqiya Sands**
- ❖ **Travel in 4x4 vehicles from Day 4**
- ❖ **Watch endangered green turtles nesting on the beach**
- ❖ **Visit a traditional Omani home and see local artisans at work**

### Day 1: Fly to Muscat

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Muscat with Oman Air. Transfer to the Park Inn for a 3-night stay. (N)

### Day 2: Muscat

Morning visit to the spectacular Grand Mosque<sup>1</sup>, followed by a tour of the city, including a visit to the Bait Al Zubair Museum,

the sultan's palace and the forts of Al Jalali and Mirani. Continue to the magnificent Royal Opera House, the largest in the Middle East. Remainder of afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 3: Muscat & surrounds

This morning, visit the Barka fish market to see local life and a view of the Barka fort. Continue by road to Nakhal hot springs where a picnic lunch is served. Early afternoon visit to Bait Al Ghasham House before returning to Muscat. Optional twilight *dhow* cruise. (B, L)

### Day 4: Wadi Shab • Qalhat • Ras Al Jinz

Drive south by 4x4 along the coast from Muscat to Sur, passing the fishing village of Quriyat, and Wadi Shab, a palm-fringed lagoon. Check in at your hotel, then make an evening visit to the green turtle nesting site at Ras Al Jinz beach. Stay overnight at the **Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve Hotel** (or similar). (B)

### Day 5: Sharqiya Sands

Take a scenic drive through the eastern Hajar Mountains to Sharqiya Sands. Stop at Wadi Bani Khalid, a picturesque river valley, before continuing to Sharqiya Sands, home to the Bedouin people. Stay overnight at **Arabian Oryx Camp** (or similar)\*. (B, D)

### Day 6: Nizwa

Early departure for Nizwa, stopping en route at the bustling Sinaw livestock market. Proceed to the Wadi Al Madeen checkpoint, which leads to the high peaks of Jabal Akhdar, with spectacular views. Stay 2 nights at **The Sama Hotel, Jabal Akhdar** (or similar)\*. (B, D)

### Day 7: Nizwa & surrounds

Morning visit to the impressive new souk, then visit the massive Nizwa Fort, which dominates the town. Drive past the date plantations in Al Hamra village and visit a traditional Omani house at Bait Al Safah. After lunch, continue to Bahla to visit a pottery maker and watch mud vessels being made. Continue to Jabal Shams, Oman's highest peak, stopping en route at Wadi Ghul and Wadi Nakher farming villages before returning to Nizwa. (B, D)

### Day 8: Bahla fort • Muscat

Leave for Muscat. En route, visit Bahla Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before driving through the Sumail Gap to Muscat. Arrive back in Muscat in the late afternoon. Stay overnight at the **Park Inn** (or similar). (B)

### Day 9: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Muscat to London with Oman Air. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.



Nizwa

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Salalah

3 days & 2 nights from £975

Relax in the semi-tropical province of Dhofar. Stay in the capital, Salalah, visit some of the cultural sites around the city and unwind amid the palm trees and coconut groves.

#### Day 9: Fly to Salalah

Morning flight to Salalah (flying time approx. 1 hour). Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

#### Day 10: Salalah & surrounds

Local visits to Taqah, the province's second town, the ancient port of Khor Rouri and picturesque Mirbat. (B)

#### Day 11: Fly to London via Muscat

Morning flight to Muscat. Afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

### Tour + luxury Muscat stay

3 days & 2 nights from £375

Extend your tour with a relaxing stay at one of Muscat's best hotels, positioned on the Gulf of Oman with the Hajar Mountains as a backdrop.

#### Day 9: Muscat

This morning, take a private transfer to **The Chedi Muscat** for a 2-night stay. (B)

#### Day 10: Muscat

Day at leisure. Dine at one of six on-site restaurants, enjoy treatments at the Balinese spa or cool down in one of three swimming pools. (B)

#### Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to Muscat airport for an afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**\* Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, with the exception of Sharqiya Sands and Nizwa, where the accommodation should be considered more basic. Transport is by air-conditioned minibus and by 4x4 vehicle from Day 4 onwards.

**† Grand Mosque visit:** Both men and women visiting the mosque must be fully covered. Women must also cover their head with a scarf.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: OAO

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,695  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,895  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £695

#### Private tour

Year round from £3,395

Single supplement from £695

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **14 Mar 23, 12 Sep 23, 03 Oct 23, 12 Mar 24, 10 Sep 24, 01 Oct 24**

#### Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £3,145 return  
First Class from £7,895 return

#### Regional air connections

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Tue) | Rtn (Wed) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 14 Feb 23 | 22 Feb 23 | 26 Sep 23 | 04 Oct 23 | 27 Feb 24 | 06 Mar 24 | 01 Oct 24 | 09 Oct 24 |
| 28 Feb 23 | 08 Mar 23 | 03 Oct 23 | 11 Oct 23 | 05 Mar 24 | 13 Mar 24 | 08 Oct 24 | 16 Oct 24 |
| 07 Mar 23 | 15 Mar 23 | 10 Oct 23 | 18 Oct 23 | 12 Mar 24 | 20 Mar 24 | 15 Oct 24 | 23 Oct 24 |
| 14 Mar 23 | 22 Mar 23 | 17 Oct 23 | 25 Oct 23 | 10 Sep 24 | 18 Sep 24 |           |           |
| 12 Sep 23 | 20 Sep 23 | 13 Feb 24 | 21 Feb 24 | 24 Sep 24 | 02 Oct 24 |           |           |

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# Discover Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is home to a fascinating blend of arid desert, open steppe, lush oases and fertile river valleys. It is, however, the ancient history and culture that makes this the most alluring destination in Central Asia.

Set on the ancient Silk Road, for centuries Uzbekistan was besieged by waves of traders, nomads and conquerors. The architectural legacy that remains is awe-inspiring. Visit intricately decorated mosques, madrasas and mausoleums, as well as immense palaces and fortresses in Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva – once some of the most powerful cities in the world. In the capital, Tashkent, the more recent remnants of Soviet rule are equally fascinating.



Registan Square, Samarkand

## Samarkand

Magnificent architecture of Registan Square • Ulugbek observatory

Samarkand is one of the world's oldest cities and has seen periods of power and decline throughout its 2,700-year history. It was destroyed by Alexander the Great, the Arabs, Genghis Khan and many other conquerors, but rose again each time. In the 14th century, when Timur made Samarkand his capital, it became one of the most powerful cities in the world.

Samarkand was also an influential scientific centre. Among the many scholars here was Ulugbek, Timur's grandson and the ruler of Samarkand. His observatory, built in the 1400s, was a model for the two famous Indian observatories of the 18th century in Jaipur and Delhi.

## Tashkent

Part modern capital, part traditional Uzbek town • Colossal monuments & colourful local life

Although little remains of Tashkent's history, there has been a settlement on this site, where the western outreaches of the Tien Shen Mountains meet the Kyzylkum Desert, since at least the first century BC. In 1966, it was devastated by an earthquake, which allowed the Soviet designers free reign to rebuild the city with lots of open spaces but a lack of interesting architecture.

Visit the old city quarter, which partially escaped the planning and redesign of the city. Some of the principal attractions include the Kukeldash mosque, Barak Khan madrasa, Tillya Sheikh mosque, Kaffal Shashi mausoleum and the Chorsu bazaar.



Kukeldash Madrasa, Tashkent

## Bukhara

Kalyan minaret • The Ark, an imposing fortress

Lord Curzon described Bukhara as “the most interesting city in the world”. The city offers an amazing array of monuments covering 1,000 years of history, including the renowned Kalyan minaret. It is 47 metres tall and was probably the tallest structure in Central Asia when built by Arslan Khan in 1127. The oldest monument in Bukhara is the Ismail Samani mausoleum, built in the early 10th century for the founder of the Samanid dynasty. It was partially buried during Genghis Khan's visit, and so escaped his attentions.

No visit to Bukhara is complete without a tour of the Ark, an imposing fortress that was continuously occupied from the fifth century until the 1920s.



The Ark, Bukhara

## Khiva & Urgench

Remarkably well-preserved ‘museum city’ of Khiva with enormous city walls

The ancient city of Khiva lies around 450km north-west of Bukhara. Another of the Silk Road cities, Khiva has been extensively restored and is in effect a giant open-air museum. Many of the mosques and madrasas located within the old city are no longer in use, but instead contain numerous displays and collections. The old city is surrounded by an 18th-century mud-brick wall and has four main entrance gates.

Urgench is the capital of the Khorazm province, wedged between the Amu Darya River and the Turkmen border, and is mainly used by travellers as a transport hub for Khiva, which is around 40km away.



Itchan Kala, Khiva

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Central Asia Explorer

14 days & 12 nights  
from £3,595 (incl. flights)  
Category • Discovery

Explore two of Central Asia's contrasting countries; discover Silk Road history in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, and experience the nomadic culture and green open spaces of Kyrgyzstan.

#### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Fly overnight to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city. (N)

#### Days 3 & 4: Samarkand

Drive to Samarkand and explore the city, including Registan Square. Stay at **Emir Khan Hotel** for 2 nights. The next day, continue your exploration on a full-day city tour. (B) (B, D)

#### Days 5 & 6: Bukhara

Travel to Bukhara and visit the silk market,

the Jewish Quarter and Poi-Kalyan complex. Sample a range of herbal teas in the old part of the city. Stay 2 nights at **Maliika Bukhara**. Continue your exploration the following day. (B, D) (B)

#### Day 7: Tashkent

Morning at leisure. Take the **Afrosiyob** train to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

#### Day 8: Fly to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Fly to Bishkek, via Almaty, and transfer to the **Plaza Hotel** for a 2-night stay. (B)

#### Day 9: Ala Archa National Park • Bishkek

Drive south to Ala Archa National Park, which offers a range of walking options from gentle strolls to more strenuous hikes. Return to Bishkek for a city tour. (B)

#### Day 10: Burana Tower • Issyk-Kul lake

Visit the Burana Tower and its surrounding ruins, an important Silk Road trading post. See the Bronze Age petroglyphs at Cholpon-Ata. Overnight at **Karven Issyk-Kul Hotel**. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Karakol

Drive to Karakol and visit the museum

dedicated to the Russian explorer Nikolai Przewalsky. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Amir**. (B)

#### Day 12: Djety-Oguz

Walk through Djety-Oguz Gorge, with its impressive red-rock formations and spruce forests. See a golden eagle hunting show and join a Uighur family to learn how to cook traditional dishes. (B)

#### Day 13: Bokonbaevo • Bishkek

Short walk at Fairy Tale Canyon then continue to Bokonbaevo village. Visit a local handicraft centre before driving to Bishkek and staying overnight at the **Plaza Hotel**. (B)

#### Day 14: Fly home

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly home. (B)

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# Uzbekistan: Heart of Central Asia

**Duration** • 12 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Discovery

**Small-group tour** • From £2,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 18 people (max 20)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at all hotels

## Weather

### Tashkent

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 6  | 8  | 15 | 22 | 28 | 34 | 36 | 34 | 29 | 21 | 14 | 9  |
| B | -3 | -1 | 4  | 10 | 14 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 13 | 8  | 4  | 0  |
| C | 60 | 57 | 79 | 73 | 47 | 11 | 7  | 2  | 6  | 44 | 56 | 60 |

### Samarkand

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 6  | 8  | 13 | 21 | 26 | 32 | 34 | 32 | 28 | 21 | 14 | 9  |
| B | -4 | -2 | 3  | 9  | 13 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 6  | 2  | -1 |
| C | 39 | 35 | 59 | 62 | 34 | 4  | 3  | 1  | 3  | 21 | 22 | 35 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Kalan Mosque, Bukhara

Set on the Silk Road, Uzbekistan has played host to waves of conquerors and nomads. See the legacy they left behind in the towering fortresses of Khiva and Bukhara, and the Islamic architecture of Samarkand. The remnants of more recent Soviet history are evident in the capital city, Tashkent.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Comprehensive tours of the mosques, madrasas and mausoleums of Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand**
- ❖ **Learn how to make traditional Uzbekistan cuisine with a cooking demonstration**
- ❖ **Excursion to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Turco-Mongol conqueror Timur**

### Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

### Day 2: Tashkent

Arrive and transfer to the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA Tashkent** (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city, stopping at Amir Timur Square and the Kukeldash mosque and madrasa. (D)

### Day 3: Fly to Urgench • Khiva

Transfer to the airport and take a 1-hour morning flight to Urgench. Visit the ancient fortresses of Ayaz Kala and Toprak Kala before an afternoon drive to Khiva via Ulli Khovli. Stay 2 nights at the **Malika Kheivak Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of Khiva, including Kunya Ark, Islam Khoja minaret, Tash Havli Palace and a local bakery. (B, D)

### Day 5: Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours) through the Kyzylkum Desert, stopping at the Amudaryo River for photos. Stay at the **Labi Rud Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Bukhara

City tour of Bukhara, including visits to Chor Minor mosque, the Poi-Kaylan complex, the surviving trade domes and Lyab-i-Hauz complex, once the city's principal source of water. This evening enjoy dinner and a cooking demonstration. (B, D)

### Day 7: Bukhara

After breakfast, continue your tour of Bukhara, including visits to the imposing fortress known as 'The Ark', located on the site of a 2,000-year-old fortress; the Summer Palace; and the Samanid mausoleum, built in the early 10th century with a facade incorporating Zoroastrian symbols. (B)

### Day 8: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Timur, and visit the summer palace, mosques and mausoleums. Continue to Samarkand for 3 nights at the **Emir Khan Hotel** or the **Dilimah** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, including visits to Registan Square, the Ulugbek observatory, Afrosiab Museum, Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, and the Bibi Khanum mosque. (B)

### Day 10: Samarkand

Continue your tour of Samarkand. Visit Gur Emir mausoleum, which marks the final resting place of several members of the Timurid dynasty, including Timur himself. Other visits include Nodir Divan Begi madrasa,



Tilya-Kori Madrasah on Registan square, Samarkand

Hazrat Khizr mosque and the Khodja Doniyor mausoleum. After lunch, stop at a silk carpet factory before returning to your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Tashkent

Morning at leisure in Samarkand. This afternoon, drive to Tashkent with a stop en route at a small market and Tamerlane Iron Gate. Transfer to the **Lumiere Hotel & SPA Tashkent** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport. Fly from Tashkent to London with Uzbekistan Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Discovery tour:** Cox & Kings uses the best available accommodation in Uzbekistan. However, outside Tashkent the standard is relatively simple. This tour involves some long drives and walking over rough terrain.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: UZB

### Group tour

Low season from £2,395  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,495  
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £475

### Private tour

From £3,495  
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £475

### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **17 Mar 23, 19 May 23, 22 Sep 23, 29 Mar 24, 26 Apr 24, 30 Aug 24, 27 Sep 24**

### Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,195 return

### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
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For untamed landscapes on a truly grand scale, South America is perhaps unparalleled – the thundering cataracts of the Iguazú Falls, the soaring peaks and glaciers of Patagonia, vast swathes of rainforest in the Amazon basin, and the otherworldly vistas of the Atacama Desert in Chile. Peru is home to one of the world's most astounding archaeological sites, Machu Picchu, while the stark volcanic outcrops of the Galapagos Islands are inhabited by some of the world's most remarkable – and photogenic – wildlife.

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Our Latin America collection includes thrilling multi-country tours that can be taken privately or as part of a small group, and we can arrange adventurous tailor-made itineraries that will take you well off the beaten track.

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# Discover Peru

Peru offers a compelling combination of stunning scenery, colourful local culture and fascinating history. It contains many unforgettable sights, from colonial cities and pre-Columbian remains to soaring mountain ranges, deep canyons, blue lakes and the Amazon river and rainforest.

Peru is a place where the Inca culture is very much present in the wonderfully preserved ancient sites, the Quechua language and the colourful weavings of the Andean people. Nowadays, the country is also known for its incredible flavours and is fast becoming a foodie destination.



Machu Picchu

## Machu Picchu, Cuzco & the Sacred Valley

Impressive Inca ruins • Colonial architecture

A true wonder of the world, the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu has well-preserved terraces, temples and dwellings and a spectacular natural setting. Situated on top of a mountain, it can only be reached by train from Cuzco or the Sacred Valley, a bus up a serpentine road, or via a guided trek. Hikes on nearby trails offer fantastic bird's-eye vistas.

Once a capital of the Inca empire, the charming city of Cuzco is home to colonial houses, fascinating museums and enticing *novoandina* restaurants. Highlights include the main square, the cathedral with valuable art masterpieces and Koricanca – the 'Temple of the Sun'. Overlooking the city, the ceremonial centre of Sacsayhuamán has enormous stones fitted with incredible precision. The nearby Sacred Valley is set against the backdrop of the Andes and dotted with interesting sites such as the circular terraces of Moray, the dazzling Maras salt pans and the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo.

## Lake Titicaca

Striking altiplano scenery • Floating islands

One of the world's highest navigable lakes, the serene Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Bolivia and Peru. Its dark-blue waters are home to indigenous communities and islands such as the floating Uros, made entirely from totora reed. Take a boat and see spectacular lake panoramas, golden-brown reed houses and rafts, and the colourfully dressed locals. It is also possible to visit the stone burial towers of Sillustani or Taquile Island, where fishermen and weavers maintain their ancient trades. The Sun and Moon islands, on the Bolivian side of the lake, can also be included as a day trip or as an overnight stay en route to La Paz.



Uros islands, Lake Titicaca



Arequipa

## Arequipa & Colca Canyon

Colonial churches & convents • Inca ice maidens • Andean Condor spotting

Set beneath the snow-capped volcano of El Misti, Arequipa – the 'White City' – has fine colonial-era architecture and many old and interesting churches built of sillar, a pearly-white volcanic stone. Highlights include the Santa Catalina Convent, a walled monastery with beautiful courtyards and colourful buildings; and a small, fascinating museum displaying the 500-year-old bodies of Inca sacrifices found frozen on nearby mountain summits.

Colca is an ideal stop on the way to Lake Titicaca and an area of outstanding natural beauty, with huge patchworks of pre-Inca terracing and unspoilt Andean villages lying on both sides of the dramatic canyon. Relax in thermal springs and spot majestic Andean condors at very close range from several scenic lookouts.



Casa de Aliaga, Lima

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Classic Peru

11 days & 9 nights

Standard from £2,595 (incl. flights)

Superior from £2,795 (incl. flights)

**This introductory tour of Peru takes in the country's most celebrated sights.**

#### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly to Lima with British Airways. Stay 2 nights and take a city tour, including the colonial centre and Huaca Pucllana. (N)



Aqua Nera Amazon boat

## Peruvian Amazon

Diverse wildlife • Rainforest lodges • Superior & luxury cruises

Some of the most biologically diverse and pristine areas of the Amazon basin lie in Peru. The sprawling carpet of rainforest stretches into the horizon with meandering coffee-coloured rivers weaving their way through. Giant ceiba trees emerge from the tree canopy and an incredible variety of wildlife hides beneath.

Explore the jungle from a comfortable eco-lodge in the south near Puerto Maldonado, accessible by air from both Lima and Cuzco. Take guided walks and boat trips and spot tiny lizards, colourful frogs, howler monkeys, black caimans, giant river otters, toucans and macaws. Alternatively, watch the Amazon world pass by on a three-, four- or seven-night cruise from Iquitos in the north; discover the outstanding array of flora and fauna, and visit small riverside communities.

## Lima & the Coast

Excellent museums • Mysterious Nazca Lines

Modern Lima has a large colonial heritage including the San Francisco Monastery, famous for its catacombs; and Casa de Aliaga, the city's oldest colonial mansion. Treasures of various pre-Hispanic cultures are housed in excellent museums such as the Larco, and highly recognised restaurants offer gourmet Peruvian cuisine. South, at Paracas take a scenic overflight and discover the mysterious Nazca Lines etched into the dry desert, or a boat trip to see Peruvian boobies, cormorants and Humboldt penguins.

## Experiences in Peru

### Luxury trains

Trains are a highlight of travel in Peru. For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, spend one or two nights traversing the Andes aboard the *Belmond Andean Explorer*, South America's only luxury sleeper train. Alternatively, take a scenic 10-hour day trip between Cuzco and Lake Titicaca on the stylish *Titicaca* train. The *Belmond Hiram Bingham* reflects the sumptuous luxury of the 1920s Pullman era and transports visitors in style to Machu Picchu.

### Local markets & communities

The picturesque villages of the Sacred Valley are home to Incan descendants wearing traditional attire and visits to communities such as Huilloc provide further insight into local culture. Outstanding textiles are still woven with techniques unchanged for centuries, and potatoes, guinea pigs and colourful ponchos are bartered at lively markets such as Pisac and Chinchero.

### Inti Raymi festival

The most important Inca celebration in honour of Inti, the Sun god, coincides with the winter solstice. The present-day festivities, held on 24 June, include a spectacular re-enactment starting at Koricancha. Hundreds of Inca descendants in colourful finery, accompanied by music and dancing, wind in a procession to the main plaza of Cuzco, before continuing to Sacsayhuaman for the climax of the ritual ceremony.

### Off-the-beaten-track Peru

Northern Peru hides the remains of numerous ancient civilisations, including the Moche and Chimu cultures. Discover adobe pyramids near Chiclayo and colonial Trujillo, the colourful El Brujo murals and fascinating cliff-top funerary sites at Revash and Karajia. Take a cable car to the spectacular walled city of Kuelap, explore little-known Gocta Falls or relax on the desert coast around Máncora, known for some of the best beaches and Pacific retreats.

### Days 8 & 9: Puno

Cross the altiplano by road or train to Puno and stay for 2 nights. Visit Lake Titicaca and the Uros reed islands. (B, L)

### Days 10 & 11: Fly home

Fly home, via Lima, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

### Tailor-made travel

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# Train to Machu Picchu

**Duration** • 16 days & 14 nights  
**Category** • Superior & Luxury

**Small-group tour** • From £3,595 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,295 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Inti Raymi† & Easter departures



*Belmond Andean Explorer*

Machu Picchu is perhaps the most breathtaking archaeological site in the world. Yet Peru also offers a wealth of other magnificent ancient, colonial and scenic sights. Staying in good hotels with great character and with some free time to relax, this tour reveals Peru's many wonders, including Cuzco and Arequipa, the Colca Canyon, Lake Titicaca and, of course, Machu Picchu.

## ✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay overnight at Machu Picchu
- ❖ Visit the oldest private colonial mansion in Lima
- ❖ Spot majestic condors in Colca Canyon
- ❖ Scenic train journey across the altiplano and overnight aboard the luxury *Belmond Andean Explorer*

## Weather Cuzco

|   | J   | F   | M   | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
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| B | 4   | 4   | 4   | 3  | 0  | -2 | -2 | -1 | 1  | 3  | 3  | 4   |
| C | 153 | 136 | 120 | 46 | 8  | 2  | 4  | 8  | 23 | 40 | 68 | 116 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with BA and stay for 2 nights at the *Casa Andina Premium Miraflores / Belmond Miraflores Park\**. Take a morning city tour, including Casa Aliaga, the oldest colonial mansion in Lima, and the architectural masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. (N) (B)

### Day 3: Fly to Arequipa

Fly over the Andes to Arequipa, a city of white buildings and colonnaded plazas, surrounded by ice-capped volcanoes. Transfer to the *Costa del Sol Wyndham* for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 4: Arequipa

Full-day city tour, including the beautiful Santa Catalina convent, which dates from the 16th century, and the Juanita Mummy Museum. (B, L)

### Day 5: Colca Canyon

Drive into the Andes towards Colca Canyon (approx 4 hours, partly on unpaved roads, with

stops en route). The scenery is breathtaking, with the terraces of the Colca Valley and herds of llamas scattered around. Overnight at *Belmond Las Casitas*. (B, L)

### Days 6 & 7: Lake Titicaca

Early morning excursion to Condor's Cross, to see magnificent condors flying over the canyon. Visit the town of Maca, famed for its pre-Columbian textiles, and continue by road to Puno and Lake Titicaca (approx 6 hours). Stay 2 nights at the *GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca* on the shore of the lake and take a full-day tour of the floating Uros reed islands and Taquile Island. (B, L)

### Day 8: Luxury train to Cuzco

Take the stylish *Belmond Andean Explorer* train to Cuzco. Relax over lunch or with a pisco sour in the observation car as you pass through gentle rolling Andean plains where vicuñas and alpacas may be seen. Dinner and overnight on board (bunk bed cabin). Upgrade to a twin-bedded cabin from £115 per person. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Chinchero • Sacred Valley

Disembark the train and travel by road to the indigenous village of Chinchero to see its Inca terraces and a traditional weaving demonstration. Continue to the Sacred Valley and stay 2 nights at *Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley / Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba\**. (B, L)

### Day 10: Sacred Valley

Half-day visit to the Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo, an astounding feat of construction and ingenuity. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 11: Machu Picchu

Drive to Ollanta and take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu. Tour the spectacular ruins and stay overnight at the *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel / Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel\**. (B, L, D\*)

### Day 12: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase ticket at time of booking). Return to Cuzco by rail and transfer to the *Casa Andina Premium Cuzco* or *Palacio del Inca, a Luxury Collection Hotel\** for 3 nights. (B)

### Days 13 & 14: Cuzco

Half-day tour of the Inca capital including the San Blas district, the cathedral and the extraordinary Temple of the Sun at Koricancha. Day 14 is at leisure, or take an optional excursion to the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, Awanacancha llama farm or the ruins of Sacsayhuaman. (B)



Machu Picchu

**Days 15 & 16: Fly to London via Lima**  
Fly to London via Lima with British Airways, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

**Tour + Peruvian Rainforest**  
4 days & 2 nights from £395

The Peruvian Amazon has remarkable biodiversity and the area around Puerto Maldonado provides an excellent opportunity to explore the rainforest, rivers and Sandoval Lake, habitats for macaws, black caimans, giant otters and monkeys.

**Days 15 & 16: Fly to Puerto Maldonado**  
Fly to Puerto Maldonado and transfer by motorised canoe to the **Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion** for 2 nights (individual bungalow). Upgrade to **Reserva Amazonica** (Superior river-view bungalow) from £225 per person. Take shared guided walks and boat trips and explore the Inkaterra hanging bridges that allow you to observe the incredible rainforest from the treetops. (B, L, D)

**Days 17 & 18: Fly to Lima and on to London with British Airways** (B) (N)

**Tour + Nazca & Paracas**  
4 days & 2 nights from £795

Travel south of Lima to Paracas (3.5 hours) and stay for 2 nights at **Aranwa Paracas** or **La Hacienda Bahia** on the bay, or upgrade to **Hotel Paracas**, a **Luxury Collection Resort** from £105. Take a 90-minute overflight from Pisco to see the mysterious drawings of the Nazca Lines, left by pre-Inca civilisations and a cruise to the Ballestas Islands, home to an incredible concentration of sea birds including Peruvian boobies.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

† **Inti Raymi festival**  
The 14 June 2023 departure coincides with the

Inti Raymi festival and has a modified itinerary. It includes a 2-night stay at Colca, the scenic Titicaca train day journey, and a full day of ceremonial celebrations in honour of the Sun god (see page 95 and enquire for details).

\* **Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Luxury tour departures feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks and a special six-course tasting 'Flavours of the Andes' dinner at **Sumaq Machu Picchu**. Please visit our website for details of the hotels included.

**Itinerary:** The order of the itinerary allows gradual adjustment to the altitude, while taking

in the major sights of Peru. There are some early morning starts and long drives. Currently all departures will fly to Peru via Madrid.

**Optional upgrades:** On Day 11, upgrade to **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge** from £325, subject to availability. On day 12 of the superior departure it is possible to upgrade to the **Palacio del Inca**, a **Luxury Collection Hotel** from £145 per person.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk) make-an-enquiry

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

### Superior group tour

Low season from £3,595  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,795  
Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement from £895

### Luxury group tour

High season from £4,295  
Guide price months: May-Oct

Single supplement from £1,495

### Superior private tour

Low season from £4,295  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £4,395  
Guide price months: May-Sep

Single supplement on request

### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £295 return  
Club World from £1,195 return

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability. **Please visit our website for all 2024 departure dates.**

## Superior group tour departure dates for 2023-24

Tour code: TMP

| Out (Wed) | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Wed)  | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Wed) | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Wed) | Rtn (Thu) |
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## Luxury group tour departure dates for 2023

Tour code: TML

| Out (Wed) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 May 23 | 25 May 23 | 05 Jul 23 | 20 Jul 23 | 06 Sep 23 | 21 Sep 23 | 04 Oct 23 | 19 Oct 23 |
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# Treasures of Peru

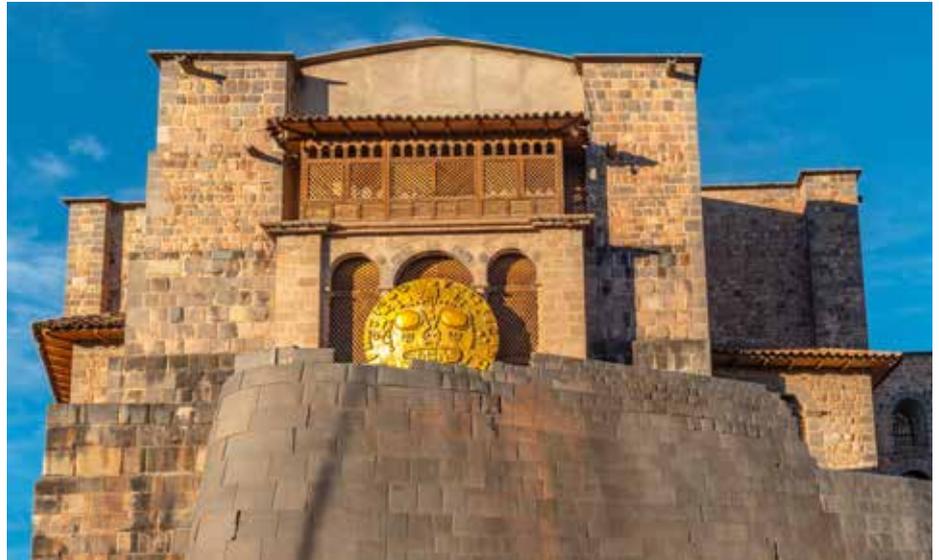
**Duration** • 11 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Solo group tour** • From £3,195 (incl. flights)

**Solo Travellers**

## This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Koricancha, Cuzco

This introductory tour of Peru includes the country's most celebrated sights. Starting in Lima, explore Peru's ancient, colonial and scenic wonders including Cuzco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Lake Titicaca and, of course, Machu Picchu, perhaps the most breathtaking archaeological site in the world.

### Day 4: Sacred Valley

In the morning, visit the colourful Pisac market and the Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo, an astounding feat of construction and ingenuity. Afternoon at leisure to relax or explore the beautiful surroundings. (B)

### Day 5: Machu Picchu

Transfer to Ollanta station and take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu. Enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu and stay overnight at El Mapi Hotel. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase ticket at time of booking). Return to Cuzco by train and transfer to **Los Portales** for 2 nights. This ancient Inca capital has beautiful colonial churches and mansions sitting alongside Inca remains. (B)

### Day 7: Cuzco

Morning guided tour of Cuzco, including the cathedral, the extraordinary Koricancha (the Temple of the Sun), and the fortress of Sacsayhuaman. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 8: Lake Titicaca

Travel by road to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca (approx 10 hours with stops)\*. Travel past small valley towns, cultivated terraces and high Andean peaks, with a chance to stop at archaeological sites along the way. Transfer to **José Antonio Hotel** for 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 9: Lake Titicaca

Visit the floating Uros reed islands and Taquile Island on a full-day tour with a home-cooked lunch prepared by a local family. In the

## Weather

### Lima

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| B | 18 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 16 |
| C | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Train ride through the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu**
- ❖ **Stay overnight at Machu Picchu**
- ❖ **Enjoy lunch in the house of a local family on Lake Titicaca**

### Day 1: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways. Transfer to **José Antonio Hotel** for a 2-night stay. (N)

### Day 2: Lima

This morning explore the colonial and modern highlights of Lima, including the Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Columbian site; and the historic masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

### Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Morning flight to Cuzco, set high in the Andes mountains. Transfer to the Sacred Valley with a wealth of Inca sites and great natural beauty. Stay for 2 nights at the **Andean Wings Valley** hotel. (B)



Uros reed islands, Lake Titicaca

evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Days 10 & 11: Fly to London via Lima**  
Transfer to Juliaca airport for a flight to Lima and on to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

**Peruvian Amazon + Tour**  
4 days & 3 nights from £1,095

Before the tour it is possible to explore the natural wonders of the Peruvian Amazon in the area around Puerto Maldonado. Stay in a jungle lodge and seek out toucans, black caimans, giant otters and monkeys.

### Day 1: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways and overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel. (N)

### Days 2 & 3: Fly to The Amazon

Fly to Puerto Maldonado and take a boat to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion for 2 nights (individual bungalow). Explore the unique rainforest ecosystem on shared excursions provided by the lodge. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Fly to Lima

Return to Puerto Maldonado and fly to Lima to join the group. (B)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Solo Travellers group tours:** These small group tours have been specially created for single travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at [CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers)

**Itinerary:** The order of the itinerary is designed to allow gradual adjustment to the

altitude while taking in the key sights of Peru. Currently all departures will fly to Peru via Madrid.

**\*Optional rail journey:** On Day 8 it is possible to travel to Puno aboard the stylish *Titicaca* train. The journey takes just over 10 hours and does not include stops at archaeological sites. A three-course lunch and afternoon tea are served on board. The supplement to take the train is from £125.

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: PSG

### Group tour

From £3,195  
Guide price months: Apr-mid Oct

### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £295 return  
Club World from £1,195 return

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Wed) | Rtn (Sat) |
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| 26 Apr 23 | 06 May 23 | 04 Oct 23 | 14 Oct 23 | 29 May 24 | 08 Jun 24 | 04 Sep 24 | 14 Sep 24 |
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# Discover Ecuador & the Galapagos

Ecuador offers wonderful variety for the traveller, from Andean highlands with beautiful colonial cities, snow-capped volcanoes, historic haciendas and colourful, authentic markets to tropical Amazon rainforest, cloud forests rich in flora and fauna, and long stretches of Pacific coast frequented by humpback whales. Less than 1,000km west of the mainland lie the Galapagos Islands, whose natural wonders once inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. These remote volcanic outcrops consist of 13 major and 12 minor islands inhabited by unique species of animals, plants and marine life.



Middle of the World monument, Quito



Plate-billed toucan, Mindo Cloud Forest

## Quito

Colonial heritage • Middle of the World

The capital city of Quito lies in an Andean valley overlooked by the towering Pichincha Volcano. The historic old town provides an insight into the colonial history of Ecuador, with plazas and narrow streets filled with beautiful churches, monasteries and restored buildings. Meet local artisans and hat makers in their workshops or learn about Ecuador's finest chocolate. North of the city, visit the Middle of the World monument that marks the equatorial line. Alternatively, to the east is an ecological reserve with abundant birdlife, glacial topography and the steaming Papallacta thermal springs.



Quilotoa crater lake, Cotopaxi National Park

## Amazon & Cloud Forests

Amazonian communities • Exotic flora & fauna

The Ecuadorian Amazon can be explored on a superior river cruise or from a number of lodges, many only accessible by light aircraft or river. A wide variety of wildlife may be spotted in the rainforest, including monkeys, frogs, caimans, river dolphins and many parrot and parakeet species. Excursions include nature walks, boat rides, visits to local communities, clay licks and canopy walkways. The cloud forests of Mashpi and Mindo-Nambillo, not far from Quito, are other superb biodiversity destinations, with one of the largest concentrations of bird species in the world.

## Avenue of the Volcanoes

Cotopaxi National Park • Local markets & haciendas • Devil's Nose train

Fertile valleys, patchwork fields and snow-capped peaks form a chain south of Quito along the Avenue of the Volcanoes. Highlights include Cotopaxi National Park, home to the world's highest active volcano, the emerald-green Quilotoa crater lake and various small villages with colourful weekly markets. Further south is the lively trading town of Riobamba and the switchbacks of the Devil's Nose train.

## Experiences in Ecuador

### Otavalo market

The small town of Otavalo is a three-hour drive north of Quito and home to one of the largest outdoor indigenous markets in South America. Watch local Otavaleño people wearing distinctive blue clothing and browse through numerous stalls with brightly coloured hand-woven textiles and traditional handicrafts.

### Cuenca's colonial heritage

Considered the most beautiful city in Ecuador, Cuenca is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll along its cobbled streets and admire the red-roofed colonial houses, graceful iron balconies, flower-filled plazas and courtyards, the red-brick New Cathedral with its distinctive blue domes and other religious treasures.

### Traditional hacienda stay

Historic *haciendas* dotted throughout the countryside provide an authentic Ecuadorian experience. We recommend the family-run dairy farm Hacienda La Danesa, not far from Guayaquil; the beautiful restored Hacienda Zuleta; or the historic 17th-century La Cienega. Walk through manicured gardens and sample delicious traditional cuisine.

### Mashpi sustainable luxury

Luxurious Mashpi is designed to blend in with the cloud forest of its private reserve, home to an exceptionally high variety of flora and fauna, and provides an immersive experience with its floor-to-ceiling windows. Spot hummingbirds, beautiful orchids, bromeliads and butterflies, or take an exhilarating ride on the sky bike over the forest canopy.

# The Galapagos Islands

Unique & rare species • Close encounters with wildlife • Year-round destination

A visit to these remarkable isolated islands along the equator is regarded as one of the world's greatest travel experiences. The fascinating wildlife of the Galapagos has adapted to a unique environment of stark lava formations, cactus forests and lush highlands without influence from the mainland. As a result, the animals have never learned to fear humans, allowing for extraordinary close observation and endless photo opportunities. Spot endemic species such as the giant tortoise and the marine iguana, and abundant birdlife including blue-footed, red-footed and Nazca boobies, greater and magnificent frigate birds, flightless cormorants, waved albatrosses, Galapagos penguins, and Darwin's finches. Marine life is varied, ranging from Galapagos sea lions, fur seals, whales, dolphins and sharks, to colourful Sally Lightfoot crabs and tropical fish.

The Galapagos Islands are accessed from mainland Ecuador via the local airports on Baltra and San Cristóbal, and can be explored from an expedition cruise at sea, or from a land-based hotel or lodge.



Marine iguanas, Galapagos Islands



Endemic

## Small boats & catamarans

Accommodating up to 16 guests, the small yachts and catamarans have a more intimate atmosphere and are suited to those who prefer a more interactive cruise. These superior or luxury vessels offer comfortable cabins, some with private balconies, a bar-lounge, spacious sun deck, and inside and outside dining areas. Complimentary snorkelling equipment and kayaks are often provided.



Isabella II

## Medium-sized & large cruisers

The bigger boats accommodate from 40 up to 100 passengers and offer a greater stability at rougher seas, more spacious social areas and the most comprehensive range of facilities including observation lounges, a library and reading room, a separate dining room, fitness room and jacuzzis. Service is excellent and daily shore excursions are still provided in small groups with expert naturalist guides.



Giant tortoise, Galapagos Islands

## Galapagos by land

Four inhabited islands on the archipelago (Santa Cruz, Isabela, Floreana and San Cristóbal) offer a number of hotels and lodges for those who prefer to avoid long durations at sea. Experiences can be better tailored by choosing from a range of boat excursions or land-based activities. Scenic inter-island flights have led to increasingly popular island hopping, or multi-centred combinations.

## A suggested itinerary...

### Classic Ecuador

12 days & 9 nights  
from £4,995 (incl. flights)  
Category • Superior

Explore the highlights of mainland Ecuador and take a cruise to see the unique wildlife of the Galapagos Islands.

**Day 1: Fly to Quito via Amsterdam (N)**

**Days 2 & 3: Quito**

Morning arrival and transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay. Take a city tour. (B)

**Day 4: Cotopaxi • Riobamba**

Visit Cotopaxi National Park and continue south to Riobamba. Stay overnight. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Ingapirca • Cuenca**

Drive to Alausi. Ride the switchback train along the Devil's Nose (subject to operation) or visit a local Andean community. Continue by road via Ingapirca to Cuenca. Stay 2 nights. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Cuenca**

Explore the quaint streets of colonial Cuenca and nearby artisan villages. (B, L)

**Day 7: Cajas • Guayaquil**

Travel by road via Cajas National Park to Guayaquil and stay overnight. (B)

**Days 8-10: Fly to the Galapagos**

Fly to the Galapagos Islands for a 3-night cruise. (B, L, D)

**Days 11 & 12: Fly home via Guayaquil and Amsterdam (B) (N)**

**Extensions:** It is possible to extend your time in the Galapagos with a longer cruise or a stay at the Finch Bay Eco Hotel.

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# Discover Chile

Set between the majestic Andes and the rugged Pacific coast, Chile stretches from the desolate Atacama Desert in the north to the granite peaks, glacier fields and untamed wilderness of Patagonia in the south. In between these striking extremes, the country offers snow-capped volcanoes, crystal-clear lakes, winding fjords, ancient forests and verdant valleys dotted with vineyards. As well as this pristine and spectacular scenery, visitors can encounter indigenous communities, bustling city culture in Santiago and Valparaíso, friendly hosts and delicious fresh seafood. The remote and volcanic Easter Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean bears witness to a unique and mysterious Rapa Nui legacy.



Sky Costanera tower, Santiago

## Santiago & Surrounds

Eclectic culture • Colourful Valparaíso • World-renowned wines

The cosmopolitan capital of Chile is a buzzing metropolis set against the spectacular backdrop of the snow-capped Andes. Santiago's historical attractions, including the elaborately decorated cathedral and the outstanding Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, are complemented by leafy parks and lanes, bustling street cafés and increasingly sophisticated restaurants that all add to the city's vibrancy and charm.

The fertile valleys around Santiago are home to celebrated wineries, country traditions and exclusive winery estates. The bohemian former port of Valparaíso is within easy reach along the coast. Colourful houses and the cable-drawn funicular elevators, running along its steep hills, are reminders of its glorious past.

## The Atacama Desert

Altiplanic lagoons, salt lakes & geysers • Adobe villages

The Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on Earth, has truly one of the most extraordinary landscapes. The small village of San Pedro de Atacama is the base for exploring the area. At daybreak, watch El Tatio geysers spout steam and boiling water high into the air, feel the salt crack under your feet at the world's third-largest salt flat and see pink flamingos mirrored in intensely blue lagoons. Purple-shaded volcanoes, ancient petroglyphs carved in stone, adobe villages, thermal springs, magnificent sunsets over desolate sand dunes and clear desert nights all add to the appeal of this astonishing destination.



Atacama Desert



Guanaco, Torres del Paine

## Torres del Paine

Granite peaks & stunning glaciers • Patagonia wildlife • Nature walks & hikes

Stretching across southern Chile and Argentina, Patagonia is a land of rugged and untamed wilderness. The remote Torres del Paine National Park, a five-hour drive through the vast steppe from the southerly city of Punta Arenas, possesses the characteristic unspoilt landscape of this windswept region. The soaring granite towers and *cuernos* of the park are surrounded by shimmering lagoons and glaciers, dense forests and tumbling waterfalls. This strikingly beautiful area is home to a wealth of wildlife including guanacos, flightless rheas, condors and flamingos, and can be explored by boat, vehicle or on foot. Hiking opportunities range from easy nature walks to more arduous hikes.



Moai statues, Easter Island



Osorno Volcano and Puerto Varas

## Chilean Lake District

Snow-capped volcanoes, lakes & forests • Mapuche culture

Snow-capped volcanoes, rivers and deep blue lakes dominate the scenery of the Chilean Lake District. The southern region can be best explored from Puerto Varas, set on a lake with stunning views of the cones of the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. This charming German-influenced town is a starting point for one of the most spectacular Andean lake crossings into Argentina, as well as day trips to nearby national parks. Not far off the coast and reached by ferry, the distinctive island of Chiloé is known for its colourful stilt-houses and 16th-century wooden churches. The northern Lake District around Pucón is covered in araucaria and lenga forests and is home to indigenous Mapuche people.

## Easter Island

Giant stone statues • Polynesian culture

Officially part of Chile, the mysterious and remote Easter Island lies in the middle of the South Pacific, a five-hour flight from the mainland. This small volcanic rock is an extraordinary open-air museum of hundreds of *moai* (gigantic stone statues). Guided tours to ceremonial platforms and the quarry can be arranged, while the small village of Hanga Roa is easily explored on your own. We recommend stays of three or four nights due to the remote location and wealth of sites to visit.

## Experiences in Chile

### Boat ride on Lake Grey, Patagonia

Take a boat ride on Lake Grey and navigate past floating icebergs to the face of the monumental Grey Glacier, the largest in the Torres del Paine National Park. Reaching over 30 metres in height and extending as far as the eye can see, admire its sheer size by cruising in front of the cracked and fissured blue wall. Witness icy pinnacles calving off and floating away across the milky waters of the lake.

### Stargazing in northern Chile

Famed for its reliable weather and clear, unpolluted night skies, the dry Atacama Desert is a leading destination for astronomers and enthusiasts alike. Stargaze with expert guides for a glimpse of our planetary neighbours, the brightest stars in the Milky Way, and the glow of distant galaxies.

### Scenic self-drive trips

Self-drives in Chile offer flexibility and freedom to explore at your own pace. Discover highland lagoons and adobe villages along roads with little traffic in the north, or follow scenic lake shores and towering mountains in the south. The largely unpaved Carretera Austral in Patagonia offers one of the most challenging and rewarding self-drive journeys on the continent.

### Winelands experience

Set between the snow-capped Andes and the coast, Chile's wine country is home to renowned vineyards. Exclusive winery estates, some among the oldest in the country, offer relaxing stays in their colonial haciendas or boutique lodges. Visit on a day trip and sample some of the region's finest wines, or stay for two nights to best appreciate the beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Essence of Chile

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £4,695 (incl. flights)

\*Luxury from £6,995 (incl. flights)

**Starting and ending in the cosmopolitan city of Santiago, this tour explores Chile's extraordinary landscapes from the driest desert on Earth to the wilds of Patagonia, with time to relax at a winery estate.**

#### Days 1-3: Fly to Santiago

Fly direct to Santiago for 2 nights at the Pullman Santiago El Bosque / Casa Bueras\*

with time to explore the city. (B)

#### Days 4-6: Fly to Calama • Atacama

Fly to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at the Altiplanico / Tierra Atacama\*. Tour the stark desert including the Atacama salt lake. (B)

#### Days 7 & 8: Fly to Santiago • Winelands

Fly to Santiago and transfer to the Maipo or Casablanca Valley for 2 nights at Las Mojadas de Pirque Hotel or the colonial La Casona Matetic\*. Sample fine wines and unwind in tranquil surroundings. (B)

#### Day 9: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas via Santiago and transfer to Puerto Natales. Overnight at Hotel Costaustralis. Luxury itinerary travels directly to Torres del Paine\*. (B)

#### Days 10 & 11: Torres del Paine

Travel to Torres del Paine and stay for 2 nights at Lago Grey / 3 nights at Tierra Patagonia\*. Discover the dramatic scenery of this outstanding national park with emerald lakes and granite peaks. (B)

#### Days 12-14: Fly to Santiago

Drive to Punta Arenas and fly to Santiago for a final night before flying home. (B) (N)

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# Splendours of Chile

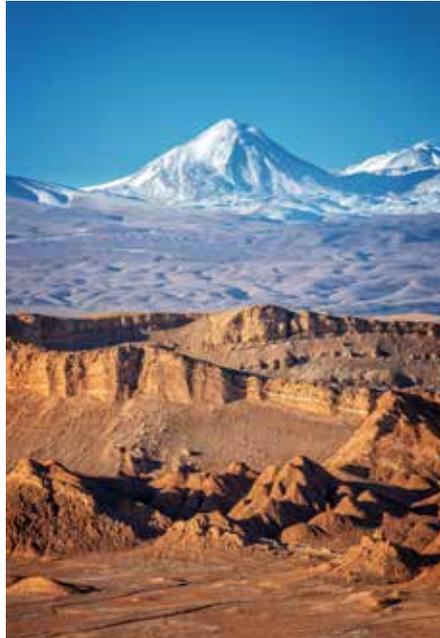
**Duration** • 15 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,795 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts & 3 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports
- ❖ Christmas departure



Atacama Desert

Chile is an extraordinarily beautiful country, encompassing just about every type of landscape on Earth, from the arid desert of the north, through verdant lakes and pastures to the soaring peaks and glaciers of Patagonia. This expansive tour explores Chile's spectacular desert, mountain scenery and Patagonian wilderness, and allows time to discover some fascinating Chilean traditions.

## Weather

### San Pedro de Atacama

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| B | 10 | 10 | 9  | 6  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 4  | 6  | 8  | 9  |
| C | 38 | 27 | 18 | 5  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4  | 3  | 8  | 17 |

### Punta Arenas

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
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| B | 6  | 6  | 5  | 3  | 1  | 0  | -1 | 0  | 1  | 3  | 4  | 6  |
| C | 38 | 32 | 44 | 45 | 45 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 30 | 26 | 31 | 35 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Watch the sun set over the Atacama Desert**
- ❖ **Take a private boat trip on Lake Todos los Santos**
- ❖ **Stay inside the park at Torres del Paine**
- ❖ **Visit a traditional Patagonian ranch**

### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Santiago via São Paulo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Santiago, via São Paulo, with LATAM Airlines. Morning arrival and transfer to the Pullman Santiago El Bosque for 2 nights. (N)

### Day 3: Santiago

Morning tour of Santiago, including the cathedral, the historic main square, the central market and Sky Costanera, the tallest building

in South America, for views across the city and the Andes beyond. Afternoon drive into the countryside to the Undurraga vineyard for a tour and wine tasting. (B)

### Day 4: Fly to Calama • San Pedro de Atacama

Early morning flight to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at the **Hotel Altiplanico** (or similar). Afternoon excursion to the Valley of the Moon to see the mesmerising change of colours at sunset. (B)

### Days 5 & 6: Atacama Desert

Full-day journey into the spectacular desert landscape. Visit the Atacama salt flats, where pink flamingos may be seen, and stop at the small village of Toconao, with its white volcanic stone buildings. Continue to a traditional farm for lunch and visit Tebinquinche lagoon. Day 6 is at leisure or take an optional excursion to El Tatio geysers, the hot springs or the 17th-century fortress of Pukara de Quitor. (B)

### Days 7 & 8: Fly to Lake District via Santiago

Fly to Puerto Montt via Santiago and transfer to the town of Puerto Varas for 2 nights at **Cabaña del Lago Hotel**, set on the lake. In the morning visit Petrohué Falls and take a boat trip on Lake Todos los Santos. Afternoon drive up the lower reaches of the Osorno Volcano for views of the surrounding mountains. (B)

### Day 9: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas and continue to Puerto Natales, set amid jagged peaks and the glassy waters of Last Hope Sound. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Costaustralis** (fjord-view room). (B)

### Day 10: Torres del Paine

Drive across the wilds of Patagonia to Torres del Paine National Park. Full-day tour taking in the dramatic scenery of granite peaks, emerald lakes, waterfalls and ancient lenga forests. There is also the opportunity to meet the local rangers and learn about their work in the park. Stay at **Hotel Lago Grey** for 2 nights (upgrade to a superior room with views of the glacier from £45 per person). (B, L)

### Day 11: Torres del Paine

Morning shared boat excursion on Lake Grey for an up-close view of its striking bright-blue glacier. Afternoon at leisure or optional tours. (B)

### Day 12: Punta Arenas

Drive to Punta Arenas, visiting a traditional Patagonian estancia en route. Discover how people live in this remote region and enjoy a typical *quincho* barbecue. Afternoon short tour of Punta Arenas, situated on the Magellan Strait, and overnight stay at **Cabo de Hornos Hotel**. (B, L)



Torres del Paine

### Day 13: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago for a final night at the **Pullman Santiago El Bosque**. (B)

### Days 14 & 15: Fly to London via São Paulo

Morning at leisure or optional tour of the Pre-Columbian Museum before your overnight flight to London, via São Paulo, with LATAM Airlines, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Easter Island

6 days & 4 nights from £1,295

A visit to Easter Island is an extraordinary experience, with 600 or so *moai* statues scattered around the island, dramatically set against the dark waters of the Pacific Ocean, a reminder of the civilisation that once thrived and faded on these shores.

### Days 14-16: Fly to Easter Island

Fly to Easter Island and stay 3 nights at the **Taha Tai Hotel** or similar, overlooking the ocean. Your stay is inclusive of one and a half day excursions including various moai platforms, the quarry at Rano Raraku and Anakena beach, the site of the island's first settlement, Rano Kao Volcano and the ceremonial village of Orongo. (B)

### Day 17: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago and overnight at the **Pullman Santiago El Bosque**. (B)

**Days 18 & 19: Fly to London via São Paulo, with LATAM Airlines**. (B) (N)

**National park fee:** Easter Island National Park fee is not included and is payable locally.

### Tour + Australis Cruise & Buenos Aires

8 days & 6 nights from £2,495

Discover the extraordinary beauty of Patagonia aboard the *Stella* or *Ventus Australis*. Travel across great seas to Ushuaia in Argentina and explore the sparkling glaciers, dramatic scenery and wildlife of the southernmost part of the world, including Cape Horn. Finish with two nights in Buenos Aires.

**Winelands / Valparaíso extensions:** It is also possible to relax for a few nights after the main tour at a winery hotel or in Valparaíso.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Optional British Airways flights:** It is possible to add an extra night at **Pullman Santiago El Bosque** at the end of the tour and fly to and from Santiago direct with British Airways. Please enquire for supplements.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: SOC

### Group tour

High season from £3,795  
Guide price months: Jan-Feb, Oct-Dec

Single supplement from £995

### Private tour

Low season from £4,495  
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,595  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

### LATAM Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,695 return

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow or Manchester

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# Discover Argentina

Argentina is a diverse country of stunning natural beauty, from tropical rainforests and thundering waterfalls, to the great wilderness of Patagonia where immense glaciers seemingly stretch to the end of the world. Its vast territory encompasses high desert plateau, multicoloured canyons, pristine lakes, grassy plains and snow-capped mountain ranges. Southern right whales, sea lions and Magellanic penguins abound at Peninsula Valdés, and the pristine Iberá wetlands of the north-east are a birdwatcher's paradise. Discover Jesuit and pre-Inca ruins, colonial towns, traditional cattle ranches, and stylish cities. Argentina's passionate people and superb food and wine add to the appeal of this alluring country.



La Boca, Buenos Aires

## Buenos Aires

Grand avenues & opulent architecture •  
Bustling cultural life & history

This sophisticated and energetic capital combines European heritage with Latin charms and is one of the world's most captivating cities. Marvel at the grand Colon Theatre and the government's pink palace, the Casa Rosada. Visit the exclusive Recoleta neighbourhood to see its opulent belle époque architecture and cemetery, where Eva Peron is buried, and stroll among the colourful houses of La Boca. Add a visit to the unrivalled collection of the Latin American Art Museum or the intriguing underground tunnels of El Zanjón. Stays of three nights are recommended, to allow time to wander around the wide boulevards and catch the city at its best.

## Iguazú Falls

Thunderous Devil's Throat • Speedboat to the foot of the falls

The Iguazú Falls, one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders, are located on the border of Argentina and Brazil. The plunging waters of the Iguazú River burst into 275 separate cataracts through the lush vegetation. The majority of the falls lie on the Argentinian side, where several walkways allow visitors to approach the thundering waters from above and below. An eco-train provides easy access to the Devil's Throat, the highest and most spectacular of the falls. The panoramic views from the Brazilian side reveal the full scale of this extraordinary sight and exhilarating boat trips on the river below get even closer to the base of the cataracts.



Iguazú Falls



Perito Moreno Glacier



Lake District, Bariloche

## Experiences in Argentina

### Andean lakes crossing

This scenic full-day trip, one of the most spectacular in South America, starts on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in Bariloche, traverses the Andes via a series of boat and road journeys and ends in Puerto Varas in Chile, or vice versa. Cross shimmering lakes, wind along mountain roads and catch a view of Osorno Volcano's perfect cone.

### Mendoza wine country escapes

The highly regarded bodegas around Mendoza are home to small boutique hotels and luxurious estates that offer sublime winelands escapes. Discover premium wines at on-site tastings, sample delicious gourmet cuisine, unwind by the pool or indulge in signature wine therapies. Alternatively, soak up the full panorama of the vineyards and the Andes beyond while exploring on foot or by bicycle.

### Visit an estancia

Ranging from working cattle ranches to elegant country estates, Argentina's traditional *estancias* are dotted throughout the country. Day trips can be arranged to enjoy a delicious Argentinian barbecue or see legendary *gauchos* (local cowboys) display their fabled skills, while longer stays offer opportunities to relax and get a first-hand insight into local culture and traditions.

### Wildlife viewing at Iberá wetlands

The second-largest wetlands in South America are home to abundant and varied wildlife including capybaras, caimans, otters, marsh deer, howler monkeys, giant anteaters, anaconda and more than 350 bird species. Explore pristine lakes, streams and floating islands from remote eco-ranches such as Rincon del Socorro or the luxurious Puerto Valle hotel.

## Patagonia

Great wilderness • Awe-inspiring glaciers

Patagonia encompasses endless wild and windswept expanses, towering mountains and giant glaciers that sweep down to turquoise lakes. Guanacos, condors and rheas can be spotted in the barren landscape of this vast region that stretches to Tierra del Fuego at the foot of the continent. Rich marine life abounds at Peninsula Valdés on the Atlantic coast. Near El Calafate, the immense Perito Moreno Glacier is an awe-inspiring spectacle of ever-changing shades and thunderous breaking ice, while the striking granite massif of El Chaltén provides excellent hiking opportunities.



Quebrada de las Conchas, Salta region

## The Lake District

Forest-clad mountains & lakes • Boat trips

The Lake District is a beautiful region of pristine forests, deep-blue lakes, rivers and snow-capped mountains. Relaxing stays to enjoy the fresh air and stunning scenery can be combined with a wide range of outdoor activities such as kayaking, gentle walks or hikes. The alpine-style lakeside town of Bariloche is the main centre for exploring the parks and a starting point for stunning boat trips deep through the lakes all the way to Chile. To the north, there is a scenic route through seven different lakes to San Martin de los Andes and in the south the famous Ruta 40 stretches all the way to Patagonia.

## Salta & the North-West

Picturesque colonial towns • Striking scenery

Once part of the Inca empire, Argentina's north-west is a region of striking natural scenery and deep-rooted traditions. The high altiplano, or *puna*, gives way to arid foothills dotted with giant cacti, rugged colourful canyons and shimmering white salt flats. The city of Salta has beautifully preserved colonial architecture, while traditional adobe villages such as Purmamarca, Cachi and Molinos have changed little since colonial times. Further south Cafayate, home to high altitude vineyards, can be reached via a scenic drive past impressive rock formations.

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Classic Argentina

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £3,295 (incl. flights)

\*Boutique from £3,695 (incl. flights)

**This journey combines some of the most fascinating parts of the country, travelling from the sub-tropical north to the wild landscapes of the south.**

#### Days 1-4: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and stay for 3 nights at the Intersur Recoleta or the characterful Legado Mitico\*. Take in the city's many sights and an optional ferry ride across the River

Plate to Colonia in Uruguay. (B)

#### Days 5 & 6: Fly to Iguazú

Morning flight to Iguazú. Discover the falls and the surrounding jungle. Stay 2 nights at Mercure Iguazú or Puerto Bemberg / Awasi Iguazú\*. (B)

#### Days 7 & 8: Fly to El Calafate via Buenos Aires

Fly to El Calafate and transfer to Kosten Aike / Esplendor Hotel\* for 2 nights and take a cruise in front of the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier. (B)

#### Days 9-11: Fly to Mendoza

Fly to Mendoza, spectacularly set at the foothills of the Andes, and stay in a city hotel or an exclusive wine estate\*. Take a tour of renowned bodegas (local wineries) or relax in beautiful surroundings. (B)

#### Days 12-14: Fly home

Return to Buenos Aires for a final night. Fly home with British Airways, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

Alternatively, on Day 9 fly to Bariloche and spend the last 3 nights relaxing amid lakes and mountains.

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# Patagonia: Untouched Wilderness

**Duration** • 16 days & 13 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £4,495 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,795 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts & 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees\*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Perito Moreno Glacier

Patagonia is one of the world's great wilderness areas and its culture is intertwined with that of the European pioneers and *gauchos* (traditional horsemen). This fascinating journey through four national parks in Argentina and Chile reveals the distinct cultures and landscapes of this remote part of the world.

### Day 5: Bariloche

Half-day tour of Bariloche's scenic surroundings, including Moreno Lake, Angostura River and Campanario Hill. (B)

### Day 6: Puerto Varas

Full-day shared journey by coach and boat across the Lake District to Chile. Travel across lakes and mountains, past waterfalls and forests, to the lakeside town of Puerto Varas, with views of the Osorno Volcano on clear days. Transfer to the **Cabaña del Lago Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas and transfer to Puerto Natales. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Costaustralis**, overlooking the waters of Last Hope Sound. (B)

### Day 8: Torres del Paine

Full-day tour of Torres del Paine National Park. This remote area encompasses mountains, glaciers and lakes, and is a habitat for guanacos, condors and native flightless rheas. Visit Salto Grande waterfall, Lake Nordenskjöld, Lake Pehoe and Lake Grey. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Lago Grey** (upgrade to a superior room with glacier view from £45 per person). (B, L)

### Day 9: Torres del Paine

Morning walk in the national park, close to Lake Sarmiento and the Amarga lagoon for another view of the Paine massif. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 10: El Calafate

Drive across the border to El Calafate in Argentina. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Kosten Aike**. (B)

### Day 11: Perito Moreno

Full-day tour of the stunning Perito Moreno

## Weather Ushuaia

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 12 | 12 | 11 | 8  | 5  | 3  | 3  | 4  | 7  | 9  | 10 | 12 |
| B | 4  | 4  | 2  | 1  | -1 | -3 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| C | 44 | 49 | 56 | 54 | 49 | 49 | 38 | 44 | 40 | 36 | 38 | 45 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Scenic Andean lake crossing
- ❖ Tour stunning Perito Moreno Glacier
- ❖ Stay within the park at Torres del Paine
- ❖ Cruise along the Beagle Channel

### Day 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Buenos Aires with British Airways. (N)

### Day 2: Buenos Aires

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 2 nights. Afternoon at leisure to explore the streets of Buenos Aires on foot. (N)

### Day 3: Buenos Aires

Morning tour of Buenos Aires, discovering its blend of European cultures and grand architecture. (B)

### Day 4: Fly to Bariloche

Fly to Bariloche on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Transfer to **Hotel NH Edelweiss** for 2 nights. (B)



Beagle Channel, Ushuaia

Glacier. At 5km wide, it is a magnificent sight. See the glacier from the observation platforms and take a cruise on the lake in front of the ice wall. (B)

#### Day 12: Fly to Ushuaia

Fly to Ushuaia, the world's most southerly city. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Los Acebos** (or similar), with panoramic views over the bay. (B)

#### Day 13: Beagle Channel • Tierra del Fuego

Morning cruise on the Beagle Channel. Afternoon visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park. (B)

#### Day 14: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 1 night. Optional evening dinner and tango show at La Ventana. (B)

#### Days 15 & 16: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London with British Airways, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Iguazú

4 days & 2 nights from £595

Extend your holiday with a visit to the magnificent Iguazú Falls, situated on the border of Argentina and Brazil. Explore the countless cataracts on both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides.

#### Day 15: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazu

Transfer to the airport and fly to Iguazú. Half-

day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls before transferring to the **Gran Meliá Iguazú** for a stay of 2 nights inside the park. Upgrade to a falls-view room from £125 per person. (B)

#### Day 16: Iguazú

Day at leisure to explore the spectacular falls from your hotel for a different perspective. (B)

#### Days 17 & 18: Fly to London via Rio

Transfer to the airport and fly to Rio or Sao Paulo to connect with a British Airways flight to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* **Park fees:** Iguazú / Iguazu National Park fees are not included in the extension.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: PAT

### Group tour

Low season from £4,495  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £4,595  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec

Single supplement from £995

### Private tour

Low season from £4,795  
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,895  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £395 return  
Club World prices on request

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Sat) | Rtn (Sun) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 21 Jan 23 | 05 Feb 23 | 21 Oct 23 | 05 Nov 23 | 03 Feb 24 | 18 Feb 24 | 09 Nov 24 | 24 Nov 24 |
| 11 Feb 23 | 26 Feb 23 | 04 Nov 23 | 19 Nov 23 | 02 Mar 24 | 17 Mar 24 | 21 Dec 24 | 05 Jan 25 |
| 04 Mar 23 | 19 Mar 23 | 20 Jan 24 | 04 Feb 24 | 26 Oct 24 | 10 Nov 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Wonders of the New World

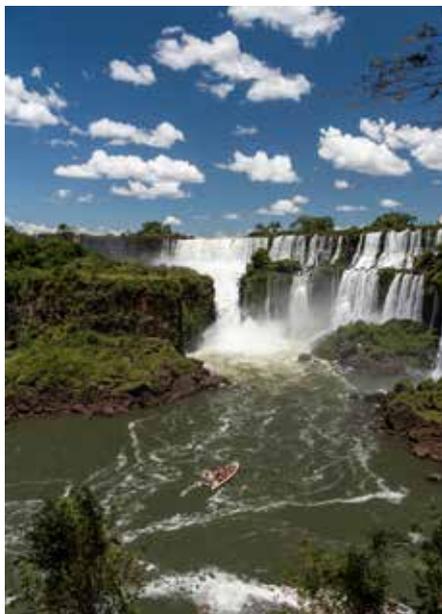
**Duration** • 11 days & 8 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,495 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,695 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 20)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 8 breakfasts
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees\*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Iguazú Falls

Offering an outstanding introduction to Argentina and Brazil, this journey combines the elegance of Buenos Aires with exotic and flamboyant Rio de Janeiro. The tour also visits the awe-inspiring waterfalls of Iguazú – shrouded in their own mist, they thunder amid tropical jungle and stretch for kilometres along the border.

## Weather

### Buenos Aires

|   | J   | F   | M   | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O   | N   | D  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 29  | 28  | 26  | 22 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 22  | 25  | 28 |
| B | 20  | 19  | 17  | 14 | 10 | 8  | 7  | 8  | 10 | 13  | 15  | 18 |
| C | 107 | 102 | 121 | 96 | 76 | 62 | 62 | 67 | 69 | 111 | 101 | 92 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Stay inside Iguazú National Park and see the falls at dawn or sunset**
- ❖ **Visit colourful Caminito and Recoleta Cemetery**
- ❖ **Take in spectacular views and the carioca atmosphere from your luxury hotel in Rio de Janeiro**

### Day 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

Evening flight from London (regional connections available) to Buenos Aires with British Airways. (N)

### Day 2: Buenos Aires

Morning arrival. Transfer to the Alvear Art Hotel for 3 nights. (N)

### Day 3: Buenos Aires

Half-day tour of Buenos Aires, including the Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron is buried, and La Boca district, birthplace of the tango. (B)

### Day 4: Buenos Aires

At leisure or optional full-day trip to an estancia in the Pampas countryside. (B)

### Days 5 & 6: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazu

Fly to the Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú**, with a privileged location inside the national park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £125). Tour the Brazilian side of these magnificent cataracts with time at leisure to explore the Argentinian side, including the Devil's Throat, at your own pace. Experience the falls at dawn or sunset, when the park is closed to other visitors. (B)

### Day 7: Fly to Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio and transfer to the **Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana** (deluxe city/partial ocean view room) for 3 nights\*. Upgrade to a deluxe ocean front room from £115. (B)

### Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Morning visit to Corcovado Mountain and the statue of Christ the Redeemer. In the afternoon, visit Sugar Loaf Mountain by cable car. (B)

### Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

Day at leisure. Optional excursions include the Tijuca rainforest, a visit to the botanical gardens or a Brazilian food tour. (B)

### Days 10 & 11: Fly to London

At leisure (use of a day room at your hotel from £85 per person). Evening transfer to the airport for the flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Búzios beach

5 days & 3 nights from £525

Stay 3 or 4 nights at **Vila da Santa/Casas Brancas** in the beach resort of Búzios (approx. 2.5 hours from Rio de Janeiro) and enjoy its numerous sandy beaches, clear waters, chic shops and restaurants.

### Patagonia + tour

5 days & 3 nights from £945

Visit one of the most striking highlights of Patagonia for a magnificent glacier experience and discover the desolate beauty of this remote region. Fly to Buenos Aires for 1 night and then join the *Splendours of South America* group at El Calafate (see pages 116-117).



Corcovado & Sugar Loaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro

**Santiago & Mendoza + tour**  
6 days & 4 nights from £1,195

Combine a visit to cosmopolitan Santiago with Argentina's wine capital of Mendoza, an attractive city of parks and avenues. Both cities sit at the foot of the Andes.

**Days 1-3: Fly to Santiago**

Fly overnight to Santiago with British Airways and stay for 2 nights at the **Pullman Santiago El Bosque**. Half-day tour of the city, including the historic centre. Optional visit to a local winery or bohemian Valparaíso. (B)

**Days 4 & 5: Mendoza**

Fly to Mendoza and stay at the **Mendoza Park Hyatt** for 2 nights. Take a morning city tour and visit the surrounding wineries in the afternoon. (B)

**Day 6: Fly to Buenos Aires**

Fly to Buenos Aires and join the group. (B)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each destination en route by a local tour guide.

**Itinerary combinations:** To combine this tour with Santiago and Chilean Patagonia, please see our *Splendours of South America* tour on pages 116-117.

The flight to Buenos Aires is currently via Sao Paulo.

\* **Park fees:** Entry fees at the Iguazú / Iguazu National Parks are not included.

† **Rio de Janeiro:** The 1 Feb 2024 departures includes 3 days/2 nights in Rio due to Carnival.

If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

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you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: WNW

**Group tour**

Low season from £2,495  
Guide price month: late Nov

High season from £2,595  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement from £625

**Private tour**

Low season from £2,695  
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,795  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct Nov

Single supplement on request

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **27 Apr 23, 21 Sep 23, 25 Apr 24, 19 Sep 24**

**British Airways flight upgrades**

World Traveller Plus from £395 return  
Club World prices on request

**Regional air connections**

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) | Out (Thu)  | Rtn (Sun) | Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) | Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) |
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| 26 Jan 23 | 05 Feb 23 | 19 Oct 23  | 29 Oct 23 | 15 Feb 24 | 25 Feb 24 | 24 Oct 24 | 03 Nov 24 |
| 02 Mar 23 | 12 Mar 23 | 02 Nov 23  | 12 Nov 23 | 29 Feb 24 | 10 Mar 24 | 07 Nov 24 | 17 Nov 24 |
| 16 Mar 23 | 26 Mar 23 | 16 Nov 23  | 26 Nov 23 | 14 Mar 24 | 24 Mar 24 | 21 Nov 24 | 01 Dec 24 |
| 27 Apr 23 | 07 May 23 | 30 Nov 23  | 10 Dec 23 | 25 Apr 24 | 05 May 24 | 05 Dec 24 | 15 Dec 24 |
| 21 Sep 23 | 01 Oct 23 | *01 Feb 24 | 10 Feb 24 | 19 Sep 24 | 29 Sep 24 |           |           |

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# Discover Brazil

The largest country in South America, Brazil is an amazing blend of landscapes and cultures. Its natural wonders range from the mighty Amazon River and the world's largest rainforest to wild waterfalls, flat-topped mountains, expansive grasslands, immense dunes, unspoilt tropical beaches and an astonishing variety of flora and fauna. A number of beautiful historic towns have well-preserved colonial houses and baroque churches, while the capital, Brasilia, is a striking feat of urban design. Brazil is full of vivid colours, exotic rhythms and an incredible diversity of people, all unified by a vigorous and contagious lust for life.



Rio de Janeiro

## Rio de Janeiro

Spectacular city backdrop • World-renowned beaches • Unrivalled Carnival

Stunningly beautiful and vibrant, Rio is home to legendary beaches, spectacular bays, tropical forest, samba, football, unrivalled carnival parades and lively *carriocas* (Rio's residents). The celebrated landmarks of Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountain provide breathtaking views over the city's magical backdrop. In the old centre, historic alleys and colonial buildings coexist with neoclassical and modern architecture, revealing intriguing stories from Rio's past. The sweeping beaches of Ipanema, Leblon and Copacabana are perfect for relaxing.



Toucans, Amazon



Jaguar, Pantanal

## The Pantanal

Premier wildlife destination • Birdwatching & jaguar spotting

A visit to the world's largest wetland is a stunning wildlife experience. The Pantanal is a mosaic of lakes, rivers, savannas, seasonal streams and forests supporting a great biological diversity. Lazing capybaras, sun basking caimans, iguanas, tapirs, giant anteaters, whooping howler monkeys and over 650 bird species are all easier to spot here due to the lack of dense vegetation. There is a chance for a privileged view of the elusive jaguar too. Stays in comfortable lodges can be arranged, accessed via Campo Grande in the south or Cuiabá in the north.

## The Amazon

Rainforest sounds & sights • Jungle lodges & river cruises

The world's largest tropical rainforest covers almost half of Brazil. Mighty yellow-brown waters cut through thick jungle, home to a spectacular biodiversity of flora and fauna. The majority of wildlife is hidden in the canopy, but common sightings include caimans, monkeys, toucans and pink river dolphins. Explore from a jungle lodge or on a river cruise from Manaus.

## Experiences in Brazil

### Helicopter ride over Iguaçu

A thrilling 10-minute overflight provides a unique bird's-eye view of the entire park and the magnificent tumbling waterfalls that make up Iguaçu. Enjoy panoramic vistas of one of the world's greatest natural wonders, the surrounding forest stretching for miles and the immense river that meanders through it.

### Bahian folklore show, Salvador

This stunning performance in delightful Pelourinho, the historic district of Salvador, is an unforgettable insight into Afro-Brazilian religion, music and dance. Explosive drumming, exhilarating swirling samba, sacred dances and dramatic *capoeira* (martial art-dance) often bring audiences to their feet.

### Brazil beach stays

Brazil's vast coastline of more than 7,000km offers thousands of stunning beaches and islands. These range from the golden sands of the Buzios peninsula, not far from Rio, to the endless palm-fringed stretches of Bahia and the tropical north. Unwind at a sophisticated beach resort or an idyllic hideaway retreat.

### Remote north-east explorations

Located just below the equator, Brazil's far north-east provides superb off-the-beaten-track experiences. Explore little-known secrets on a 4x4 journey and discover lush tropical deltas with untouched wildlife, unspoilt fishing villages and the stunning Lençóis Maranhenses with sweeping white dunes and turquoise freshwater lagoons.

# Discover Colombia

This beguiling country, largely untouched by mass tourism, stretches from high Andean peaks and the lush Amazon basin to Caribbean and Pacific coastlines. It offers an intriguing mix of diverse landscapes, colonial heritage and modernity. Discover exciting cultural hubs and well-preserved colonial gems, explore traces of ancient civilisations, visit a coffee plantation, search for wildlife in pristine rainforests, relax on tropical beaches or go whale watching on the Pacific coast. The Colombians are warm and most welcoming, quick to dispel any negative stereotype that may linger from their past.



Villa de Leyva



Cartagena

## Bogotá & Surrounds

Vibrant city • Gold Museum • Colonial Villa de Leyva

Bogotá, Colombia's fascinating capital, is home to the superb Gold Museum, with the world's most complete collection of ancient gold artefacts. The historic Candelaria district has colonial heritage and a cable car climbs up the Monserrat hill for panoramic views of the city. To the north, near the town of Zipaquirá, an amazing cathedral is built inside an old salt mine, while a three-hour drive away the beautifully preserved colonial town of Villa de Leyva has cobbled streets lined with crimson bougainvillea and whitewashed houses.



Coffee plantations

## Cartagena & the Caribbean

Beautiful fortified town • Characterful colonial hotels • Turquoise seas

The colourful Caribbean port of Cartagena is a true colonial gem best explored on foot. The UNESCO-protected walled city enchants visitors with well-preserved Spanish fortifications, historic convents, beautiful churches, winding alleyways, stunning mansions with overhanging flower-filled balconies and small attractive plazas. Stay in a restored colonial house and take a day trip to Rosario Islands. Alternatively, venture further north to Tayrona National Park or fly to the laid-back island of Providencia, near the coast of Nicaragua.

## Coffee Country

Fertile hillsides • Traditional villages

The lush countryside of Colombia's coffee region is dotted with a plethora of small plantations and picturesque villages. Relax in a delightful *hacienda* (converted country house) and learn about centennial traditions of coffee growing. Native wax palm trees, the tallest in the world, grow in the verdant Cocora Valley, while the cloud forest of Los Nevados National Park is home to orchids and hummingbirds.

## Experiences in Colombia

### Medellín social transformation tour

Medellín, once a troubled city, has blossomed into a shining example of social transformation and urban regeneration. Visit innovative projects in once marginalised neighbourhoods, take in some of the graffiti art at Comuna 13 or join in a cookery class with people from the local community.

### San Agustín archaeological treasures

The San Agustín archaeological park, in Colombia's south-west, has the largest collection of megalithic sculptures in South America. This amazing array of imposing statues (many of anthropomorphic figures and up to four metres tall), stone slabs and burial chambers was created by a mysterious pre-Columbian culture.

### Los Llanos luxury tented camp

Explore the tropical savannas of Los Llanos from the exclusive Corocora tented camp, set within a remote private reserve. Journey across the grasslands on horseback or by foot in search of capybaras, anacondas, giant anteaters, howler monkeys and a bewildering array of birds, or help local cowboys herd cattle.

### Eco-chic Caribbean stays

Stay in eco-chic properties at or near the beautiful and rugged Tayrona National Park, where the lush Sierra Nevada mountains meet the Caribbean Sea. Enjoy pristine palm-fringed beaches set in deep bays or take nature hikes through the untouched rainforest, home to spider monkeys and numerous birds.

# Treasures of Colombia

**Duration** • 13 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Small-group tour** • From £2,695 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,295 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with Avianca
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 11 breakfasts & 2 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Cocora Valley

Travel from Andean peaks to tropical Caribbean coastlines, passing through the mountain capital of Bogotá, picturesque Villa de Leyva, fertile coffee country, vibrant Medellín and the colonial port of Cartagena, one of South America's most beautiful towns.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Visit the superb Gold Museum in Bogotá
- ❖ Stay at a colonial-style *hacienda* in coffee country
- ❖ Gain insight into the cultural and social transformation of Medellín
- ❖ Soak up the atmosphere of colourful Cartagena on a walking tour

## Weather

### Cartagena

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J  | A   | S   | O   | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 31 | 31 | 31 | 32 | 32  | 32  | 32 | 32  | 32  | 31  | 31  | 31 |
| B | 23 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 25  | 25  | 25 | 25  | 25  | 24  | 24  | 23 |
| C | 8  | 2  | 6  | 34 | 102 | 110 | 97 | 130 | 140 | 218 | 129 | 35 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



### Day 1: Fly to Bogotá

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Bogotá with Avianca. (N)

### Day 2: Villa de Leyva

Early morning arrival and transfer by road to Villa de Leyva, one of Colombia's finest colonial towns. En route, stop at Tunja and Boyacá bridge, the site of the turning point in Colombia's struggle for independence. Stay 2 nights at the *Posada de San Antonio*. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Villa de Leyva

Full-day tour of this beautiful town of cobbled streets lined with whitewashed houses. Visit the nearby 120-million-year-old kronosaurus fossil and the Dominican convent. (B)

### Day 4: Bogotá

Transfer by road back to Bogotá, stopping at Zipaquirá en route to see the remarkable salt cathedral, built inside an old salt mine. Stay at the *Novotel Bogotá Parque 93* for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 5: Bogotá

Morning walking tour of historic La Candelaria district, see Botero's art collection and visit the Gold Museum, featuring one of the world's most complete collections of ancient gold artefacts. Afternoon at leisure or optional cable car ride to Monserrat hill for panoramic views. (B)

### Day 6: Fly to Pereira

Fly to Pereira in the coffee region, declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. Visit a local coffee farm to learn about the growing and production of high quality coffee beans. Afternoon at leisure and stay for 2 nights at the *Hacienda San José*, an old colonial-style house with delightful gardens. (B)

### Day 7: Coffee region

Today explore the verdant Cocora Valley, famous for its wax palm trees – the tallest in the world. Take a ride in a typical Jeep, walk into the cloud forest and visit the traditional villages of Filandia and Salento. (B, L)

### Day 8: Medellín

Travel by road to Medellín (journey time approximately 7 hours), stopping at a scenic lookout for views over the Cauca River. Stay for 2 nights at the *Hotel Poblado Plaza*. (B)

### Day 9: Medellín

A full-day tour to learn about the cultural and social transformation of the city. Visit the hillside Comuna 13 to see its street art and outdoor escalators, and take lunch with a cooking demonstration at Las Berracas, a community project empowering local women. Continue to the centre to see the curved sculptures by local artist Fernando Botero and onto Cerro Nutibara hill for panoramic views. (B, L)

### Days 10 & 11: Fly to Cartagena

Transfer to the airport and fly to the beautiful Caribbean city of Cartagena. Stay at the *Hotel Santa Catalina* for 2 nights. Discover the old town on a walking tour, visit the impregnable Spanish fort, San Felipe and the charming neighbourhood of Getsemani, and see San Pedro Claver church with its fine stained-glass windows. (B)

### Days 12 & 13: Fly to London via Bogotá

Morning at leisure or an optional visit to the national aviary. Overnight flight to London via Bogotá with Avianca. (B) (N)



Cartagena

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + San Agustín

4 days & 2 nights from £695

Travel to the south and explore the elaborate pre-Columbian ceremonial sites of San Agustín including huge carved stones, burial tombs and impressive statues.

### Day 12: Fly to Pitalito via Bogotá • San Agustín

Morning flight to Bogotá and on to Pitalito. Transfer by road (approximately 1 hour) to the small town of San Agustín and stay at **Akawanka Lodge** for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 13: San Agustín

Full-day tour to San Agustín Archaeological Park and the Magdalena River. Visit the small museum, explore the enormous stone statuary and see the Fuente de Lavapatás site, a religious monument carved in the stone bed of a stream. (B)

### Days 14 & 15: Fly to London via Bogotá

Return to Pitalito and fly to Bogotá to connect to an overnight flight to London with Avianca. (B) (N)

### Tour + Caribbean beach stay

5 days & 3 nights from £595

Extend your journey on the rugged, unspoilt palm-fringed beaches of Tayrona National Park or surrounds, where the lush Sierra Nevada mountains meet the turquoise Caribbean Sea.

### Days 12-14: Tayrona National Park

Transfer by road (approximately 5 hours)

to Tayrona for a 3-night stay in or near the national park. Days at leisure on the coast or take optional excursions. (B)

### Days 15 & 16: Fly to London via Bogotá

Transfer to the Santa Marta airport for a flight to Bogotá and on to London. (B) (N)

Alternatively take a 40-minute boat trip and stay at the luxurious **Sofitel Barú Casablanca Beach Resort**, situated just off the coast of Cartagena.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is lead in each destination en route by a local tour guide.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: TCO

### Group tour

From £2,695  
Guide price months: Feb-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement from £495

### Private tour

Low season from £3,295  
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £3,395  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement on request

### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **18 Mar 23, 02 Sep 23, 16 Mar 24, 31 Aug 24**

### Avianca flight upgrades

Business Class prices on request

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Sat) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 04 Feb 23 | 16 Feb 23 | 02 Sep 23 | 14 Sep 23 | 03 Feb 24 | 15 Feb 24 | 31 Aug 24 | 12 Sep 24 |
| 18 Mar 23 | 30 Mar 23 | 04 Nov 23 | 16 Nov 23 | 16 Mar 24 | 28 Mar 24 | 02 Nov 24 | 14 Nov 24 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Splendours of South America

**Duration** • 18 days & 15 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £4,295 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,695 (incl. flights)

**Group Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 15 breakfasts & 1 lunch
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees\*
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Perito Moreno glacier, Argentina

Explore the celebrated highlights of Brazil, Chile and Argentina, combining spectacular natural wonders with some of South America's most exciting cities. Start in the foothills of the Andes, discover the extraordinary landscapes of Patagonia and finish in style on a world-famous beach in Rio.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **Privileged stay close to the dramatic Iguazú Falls**
- ❖ **Discover Patagonia's celebrated sights on both sides of the Andes**
- ❖ **Soak up the Latin culture of Buenos Aires and vibrant Rio de Janeiro**
- ❖ **Luxury stay on legendary Copacabana beach**

**Weather**

**El Calafate**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 16 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 5  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 8  | 11 | 13 | 15 |
| B | 5  | 5  | 3  | 1  | -2 | -4 | -5 | -3 | -2 | 0  | 3  | 4  |
| C | 42 | 40 | 51 | 50 | 48 | 47 | 46 | 44 | 39 | 36 | 36 | 42 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



**Day 1: Fly to Santiago, Chile**

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Santiago with British Airways. (N)

**Day 2: Santiago**

Arrive and transfer to the Pullman Santiago El Bosque for a 2-night stay. Optional afternoon visit to a nearby winery. (N)

**Day 3: Santiago**

Morning city tour including the historic centre, San Cristobal hill and the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

**Day 4: Fly to Punta Arenas • Patagonia**

Fly to Punta Arenas for a short tour and views of the Strait of Magellan. Continue through the

vast wilderness to Puerto Natales. Overnight at Hotel Costaustralis (fjord-view room). (B)

**Day 5: Torres del Paine**

Full-day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park to see its peaks, glacier lakes and Patagonian wildlife. Stay 2 nights at Hotel Lago Grey (upgrade to a superior room with glacier view from £45 per person). (B, L)

**Day 6: Torres del Paine**

Morning walk in the national park, close to Lake Sarmiento and Amarga lagoon. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions in the park. (B)

**Day 7: El Calafate, Argentina**

Cross the border to El Calafate in Argentina and stay 2 nights at the Hotel Kosten Aike. (B)

**Day 8: Perito Moreno Glacier**

Full-day tour of Perito Moreno Glacier. Optional boat trip in front of the gigantic glacier wall. (B)

**Day 9: Fly to Buenos Aires**

Fly to Buenos Aires and transfer to the Alvear Art Hotel for 3 nights. (B)

**Days 10 & 11: Buenos Aires**

Half-day tour of the elegant capital city and the colourful La Boca district. Day 11 is at leisure or take optional excursion to an estancia in the Pampas or Colonia in Uruguay. (B)

**Days 12 & 13: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazu**

Fly to Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the Gran Meliá Iguazú inside the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £125). Guided visit of the Brazilian side of these striking cataracts and time at leisure to explore the various walkways on the Argentinian side at your own pace. The cascades can be experienced while the park is closed to other visitors. (B)

**Day 14: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Fly to Rio, set on a natural bay and surrounded by mountains. Stay at the luxury Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana (deluxe city/partial ocean view room) on the iconic beach for 3 nights<sup>†</sup>. Upgrade to a deluxe oceanfront room from £115. (B)

**Days 15 & 16: Rio de Janeiro**

Full-day city tour including Corcovado, the statue of Christ the Redeemer and a cable car ride up Sugar Loaf Mountain. Day 16 at leisure or optional excursions including a visit to the old centre of Rio or a 4x4 tour to Tijuca forest. (B)

**Days 17 & 18: Fly to London**

Overnight flight to London with British Airways. Please enquire for supplements for day room if required. Arrive in London the next day. (B) (N)



Iguaçu Falls, Brazil

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**Lodge,** taking local excursions including jungle walks, alligator spotting and a boat trip to see the Meeting of the Waters.

Carnival. If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Atacama Desert + tour

5 days & 3 nights from £1,095

Travel to the far north of Chile and the small oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama to explore the fascinating landscape of the Atacama Desert, the driest place on Earth.

### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago with British Airways. On arrival take a flight to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at the Altiplanico Hotel. (N)

### Days 3 & 4: Atacama

Full-day tour of the Atacama salt flat, the Andean desert village of Toconao and the Valley of the Moon. Time at leisure to explore the town or take optional excursions. (B)

### Day 5: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago and transfer to the hotel to join the rest of the group. (B)

### Tour + Búzios

5 days & 3 nights from £525

The beach resort of Búzios provides a relaxing stay at the end of your journey. Please refer to page 119 for further details.

### Tour + Amazon

5 days & 3 nights from £995

An immense network of rivers and forest, the Amazon is home to the greatest number of living plants and animal species in the world. Fly to Manaus and stay at the **Amazon Ecopark**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each destination by a local tour guide.

\* **Park Fees:** Entry fees at the Iguazú and Iguaçu National Parks are not included.

† **Rio de Janeiro:** The 25 Jan 2024 departure includes 3 days and 2 nights in Rio due to

**Itinerary:** This tour joins the *Wonders of the New World* tour from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro. The flight to Buenos Aires is currently via Sao Paulo.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: SPG

### Group tour

Low season from £4,295  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,295  
Guide price months: Jan-Feb, Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £1,195

### Private tour

Low season from £4,695  
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,795  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £595 return  
Club World from £2,995 return

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) | Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) | Out (Thu)  | Rtn (Sun) | Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 26 Jan 23 | 12 Feb 23 | 26 Oct 23 | 12 Nov 23 | †25 Jan 24 | 10 Feb 24 | 17 Oct 24 | 03 Nov 24 |
| 23 Feb 23 | 12 Mar 23 | 09 Nov 23 | 26 Nov 23 | 08 Feb 24  | 25 Feb 24 | 31 Oct 24 | 17 Nov 24 |
| 09 Mar 23 | 26 Mar 23 | 23 Nov 23 | 10 Dec 23 | 22 Feb 24  | 10 Mar 24 | 14 Nov 24 | 01 Dec 24 |
| 12 Oct 23 | 29 Oct 23 |           |           | 07 Mar 24  | 24 Mar 24 | 28 Nov 24 | 15 Dec 24 |

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# Grand Tour of South America

**Duration** • 17 days & 15 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £4,495 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,995 (incl. flights)

**Group Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 15 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees\*
- ❖ Porterage at airports and stations
- ❖ Easter departures†



Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro

This tour focuses on South America's cultural and natural highlights, revealing the continent's diversity, and passing from high Andean scenery down to the thundering Iguazú Falls. Stop in buzzing cities along the way including Bolivia's capital of La Paz, cosmopolitan Buenos Aires in Argentina and the exotic Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **A coast-to-coast, multi-country experience**
- ❖ **Overnight stays at Machu Picchu and inside Iguazú National Park**
- ❖ **Luxury sleeper train journey across the altiplano**
- ❖ **Visit the floating islands of Lake Titicaca and stay on its shore**
- ❖ **Upmarket beach hotel in Rio de Janeiro**

**Weather**  
**Cuzco**

|   | J   | F   | M   | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 17  | 17  | 17  | 18 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 18  |
| B | 4   | 4   | 4   | 3  | 0  | -2 | -2 | -1 | 1  | 3  | 3  | 4   |
| C | 153 | 136 | 120 | 46 | 8  | 2  | 4  | 8  | 23 | 40 | 68 | 116 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)  
 B: Minimum average temperature (°C)  
 C: Average rainfall (mm)



**Day 1: Fly to Lima, Peru**

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways. Transfer to the Casa Andina Premium Miraflores for 2 nights. (N)

**Day 2: Lima**

Morning tour of Lima, with a stop at the historic Cordano tavern for a local pisco sour. (B)

**Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley**

Fly to Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca empire. Transfer to the Sacred Valley, via the indigenous village of Chinchero and Ollantaytambo Inca fortress. Stay at the Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley for 1 night. (B)

**Day 4: Machu Picchu**

Take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu

and explore the spectacular Inca city. Stay at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo for 1 night. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Cuzco**

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase tickets at time of booking). In the afternoon, return to Cuzco by train and stay 2 nights at the Casa Andina Premium Cuzco. (B)

**Day 6: Cuzco**

Morning tour of Cuzco and San Blas. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions. (B)

**Day 7: Luxury train to Puno**

Take the *Belmond Andean Explorer* sleeper train across the altiplano (high plain) to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Enjoy majestic vistas from the stylish lounge car, stop by the archaeological site of Raqchi and watch the sunset at La Raya (the highest point of the route). Dinner and overnight on board (bunk bed cabin). Upgrade to a twin-bedded cabin from £115. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Lake Titicaca, Bolivia**

Wake up to see the sunrise over Lake Titicaca. Travel by road to Huatajata in Bolivia visiting Copacabana and its shrine en route. See the cultural exhibition at the Andean Roots Eco Village, discover how reed boats are constructed and meet a spiritual Kallwaya healer. Stay overnight at the Inca Utama on the shores of the lake and observe the southern constellations from the hotel's astronomical observatory. (B, L)

**Day 9: Uros Iruitos • La Paz**

Take a hydrofoil cruise to the Uros Iruitos floating reed islands and visit the Quewaya Sustainable Project. Continue overland to bustling La Paz for an afternoon tour of the city, including the Witches' Market and Moon Valley. Overnight at the Atix Hotel. (B)

**Days 10 & 11: Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Fly to Buenos Aires, a city of grand architecture and European influences. Transfer to the Alvear Art Hotel for 2 nights†. Take a morning city tour, including the cathedral, La Boca district and the Recoleta Cemetery. (B)

**Days 12 & 13: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazú**

Fly to Iguazú and stay for 2 nights at the Gran Meliá Iguazú within the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £125). Take a half-day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls for panoramic views and time at leisure to enjoy the various nearby walkways on the Argentinian side. (B)

**Day 14: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Fly to Rio, set among mountains, tropical forests



Machu Picchu, Peru

and golden beaches. Transfer to the **Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana** (deluxe city/partial ocean view room) for 2 nights. Upgrade to a deluxe ocean front room from £80. (B)

#### Day 15: Rio de Janeiro

Full-day tour of Rio de Janeiro, including Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountain. (B)

#### Days 16 & 17: Fly to London

At leisure or optional excursions (day room use from £85). Evening flight to London with British Airways, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Búzios Beach

5 days & 3 nights from £525

Relax at the end of your tour in the charming beach resort of Búzios, with first-class restaurants, chic shops and numerous sandy beaches with crystal-clear waters.

#### Days 17-19: Búzios

Transfer to Búzios (approximately 2.5 hours) and stay for 3 or 4 nights at **Vila da Santa** (Junior garden view room). Upgrade to a deluxe partial ocean view room from £160 or to **Casas Brancas** from £145. At leisure or optional excursions. (B)

#### Days 20-21: Fly to London

Transfer to Rio de Janeiro for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

**Galapagos pre-tour:** Take a pre-tour to the Galapagos Islands and discover their fascinating wildlife. The islands are best explored aboard an expedition cruiser and combined with a 2-night stay in Quito. Please enquire for details.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each destination by a local tour guide.

\***Park fees:** Entry fees at Iguazú and Iguazu National Parks are not included.

\***Buenos Aires:** Departures in 2024, and in March and April 2023, include 3 nights in Buenos Aires and an extra day.

\***Easter departures:** The 29 March 2023 and 27 March 2024 departures will spend Easter

Sunday in Buenos Aires and at Machu Picchu.

**Itinerary:** This tour includes some early morning starts and long days. The flight to Lima is currently via Madrid. Departures in 2024, and March and April 2023, are 18 days/16 nights.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: GTA

#### Group tour

Low season from £4,495  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £4,595  
Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement from £1,295

#### Private tour

Low season from £4,995  
Guide price months: Mar, Nov

High season from £5,295  
Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement on request

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £375 return  
Club World from £1,795 return

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Wed)  | Rtn (Sat) | Out (Wed) | Rtn (Fri) | Out (Wed)  | Rtn (Fri) | Out (Wed) | Rtn (Sat) |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| *29 Mar 23 | 15 Apr 23 | 07 Jun 23 | 23 Jun 23 | 04 Oct 23  | 20 Oct 23 | 10 Apr 24 | 27 Apr 24 |
| 12 Apr 23  | 29 Apr 23 | 19 Jul 23 | 04 Aug 23 | 11 Oct 23  | 27 Oct 23 | 24 Apr 24 | 11 May 24 |
| 26 Apr 23  | 13 May 23 | 30 Aug 23 | 15 Sep 23 | 18 Oct 23  | 03 Nov 23 | 08 May 24 | 25 May 24 |
| 10 May 23  | 26 May 23 | 13 Sep 24 | 29 Sep 23 | 01 Nov 23  | 17 Nov 23 | 22 May 24 | 08 Jun 24 |
| 24 May 23  | 09 Jun 23 | 27 Sep 23 | 13 Oct 23 | *27 Mar 24 | 13 Apr 24 | 12 Jun 24 | 29 Jun 24 |

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# Discover Mexico

Mexico has a vast and varied terrain, rich history and an extraordinary pre-Columbian legacy. Its Spanish past is best explored in the colonial towns and cities in the centre and north of the country, while stunning Mayan and Aztec sites and pyramids can be discovered across the Yucatan and the south. The spectacular natural scenery encompasses tropical rainforests, volcanoes, dramatic mountain canyons, desert coastlines, waterfalls and pristine white sand beaches. Carefully restored character hotels offer distinctive places to stay, further enriching the experience.



Teotihuacán



Oaxaca



Chichén Itzá

## Mexico City & Oaxaca

Superb anthropological museum • Ancient pyramids • Regional cuisine

The urban sprawl of Mexico City contains the country's finest art galleries and museums, alongside superb restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Visit the vast main plaza (Zócalo) and the impressive Museum of Anthropology, and venture north-east to the magnificent Sun and Moon pyramids of Teotihuacán. Oaxaca is one of the country's most beautiful colonial towns with baroque churches, cobbled streets and graceful arcades. In the surrounding valleys discover small indigenous villages and the ancient Zapotec sight of Monte Albán.



Agua Azul, Chiapas

## Yucatan Peninsula

Impressive Mayan ruins • Luxury colonial haciendas • Caribbean coastal retreats

The Yucatan Peninsula is covered in jungle and dotted with ancient ruins, while its white sand beaches are perfect for relaxation. Explore inland using the delightful colonial city of Mérida as a base, or stay in a beautifully converted rural hacienda. Discover the awe-inspiring pyramids and temples of Mayan sites such as Uxmal, Chichén Itzá and Coba or make a side-trip to the historic walled town of Campeche. Swim in a *cenote*, a unique freshwater sinkhole; visit Celestún coastal reserve with abundant birdlife; and little Holbox island.

## Chiapas

Indigenous communities • Stunning jungle • Mayan ruins • Rivers, canyons & waterfalls

The cool mountain highlands and lush rainforest of Chiapas are dotted with mysterious Mayan ruins like Palenque or remote Yaxchilán and Bonampak, with vividly coloured murals. Visit colonial San Cristóbal de las Casas and traditional Mayan communities, and marvel at the spectacular Sumidero Canyon or the beautiful waterfalls of Agua Azul and Misol-Ha.

## Experiences in Mexico

### Palenque Mayan ruins

The ruins of this magnificent ancient city are considered among the most spectacular in Mexico and feature fine Mayan architecture and painted stucco decorations in a stunning jungle setting. Wonder at the eight-storey Temple of the Inscriptions, and listen to the cries of howler monkeys echoing in the trees.

### Visit indigenous villages

The fascinating Tzotzil Mayan villages of Zinacantan and San Juan Chamula in Chiapas have a distinct identity. See local people proudly wearing traditional outfits with elaborate decoration and ribboned hats, and witness older pre-Hispanic customs mixed with Catholicism in various rituals.

### Copper Canyon train ride

The Chihuahua Pacific Railway (El Chepe) offers one of the most breathtaking train journeys in the world, travelling from the town of Chihuahua all the way to the coast, or vice versa, with stops at Divisadero and El Fuerte. Admire dramatic views of spectacular rugged and forested canyons, some deeper than the Grand Canyon.

### Mayan Riviera stay

The beautiful Mayan Riviera runs along the Caribbean coast south of Cancun and is blessed with white sandy beaches and turquoise seas. Relax at an intimate beachside resort and visit the cliff-top ruins of Tulum. Snorkel offshore from the world's largest reef or search for wildlife by boat in the Sian Ka'an Reserve.

# Discover Cuba

Cuba offers colourful heritage, intriguing history, a lush interior and glorious beaches, yet it is no ordinary Caribbean island. Classic American cars, rum and cigars, intoxicating Cuban music, crumbling colonial buildings and Che Guevara murals all add to the charm and character of this special destination. Private homes, some with original colonial artwork, open their doors as family-run *paladar* restaurants or *casas particulares* and provide an opportunity to experience the local culture. Tourist infrastructure in Cuba remains less developed and a flexible approach to travel is recommended.



Musician, Trinidad



Grand Theatre and vintage cars, Havana



Trinidad

## Havana

**Mysterious time-warp city • Faded grandeur  
• Famous seafront boulevard**

A former port of call for ships to the New World, Havana is built on a sweeping bay. The UNESCO-protected old city, *Havana Vieja*, is currently being restored to its former glory with beautiful baroque churches, palaces and convents lining its cobbled streets and squares. The state of decay of some of the colonial buildings only adds to the charm of this enigmatic city. Soak up the atmosphere strolling along the streets, visit one of many museums in converted colonial mansions, dance to salsa and rumba, or just relax with a mojito on your hotel's rooftop terrace.



Viñales Valley

## Trinidad & Surrounds

**Beautiful colonial town • Valley of the Sugar Mills • Che Guevara's memorial**

Colonial Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has pastel-coloured buildings and serene cobbled streets that seem frozen in time. Visit the Cantero Museum, an old merchant's home, and the local Casa de la Musica. Not far from town there are fine stretches of beach, ruins of the former sugar plantations and the verdant slopes of the Escambray Mountains. A trip to Trinidad is often combined with stops at French-influenced Cienfuegos; nearby Playa Giron, nestled on the infamous Bay of Pigs; and historic Santa Clara, site of the Che Guevara memorial.

## The Viñales Valley

**Peculiar limestone outcrops • Traditional rural life & tobacco plantations**

The fascinating landscape of this fertile valley is dotted with palm trees and peculiar *mogotes* (rounded limestone outcrops). There are countless caves and green plantations where tobacco growing has remained unchanged for centuries. In the nearby Sierra del Rosario, the eco resort of Las Terrazas offers another authentic glimpse into Cuba's rural life.

## Experiences in Cuba

### Classic American car ride

These lovingly maintained vintage vehicles from the 1940s and '50s roll up and down the streets of Havana. For a memorable experience, take a ride through the city and along the famous Malecón, Havana's oceanfront promenade that bustles with couples and fishermen.

### Music & cigars

A dazzling array of infectious music and iconic cigars are Cuba's most celebrated exports. Admire the expert skills of a cigar roller at a tobacco factory or catch a live performance of the extravagant Cabaret Parisien, the Buena Vista Social Club or the Legendarios del Guajirito in Havana.

### A taste of Revolution

Havana's Museum of the Revolution, housed in former dictator Batista's palace, is a perfect introduction to Cuba's contradictory history. The large Revolution Square has an oversized bronze silhouette of Ernesto 'Che' Guevara and the final resting place of the famous revolutionary in Santa Clara, as well as the museum dedicated to his life, are essential stops on any tour.

### Cuba's Cays

Cuba's northern coast is dotted with numerous small islands and cays, some connected to the mainland by long causeways. The less crowded Cayo Santa Maria, with long white swathes of sand, crystal-clear waters and offshore reefs teeming with marine life offer excellent opportunities to relax. We recommend the Melia Buenavista adults-only resort set on a peninsula away from other hotels.

# Highlights of Mexico

**Duration** • 14 Days & 12 Nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Small-group tour** • From £3,295  
**Private tour** • From £3,995

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts & 5 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Festival departures†



Day of the Dead celebrations

Discover the legacy of the Aztec, Mayan and Spanish empires on this outstanding tour of Mexico's finest sites. Explore magnificent pyramids and temples, colourful colonial cities with their indigenous influences, and the natural beauty of valleys, canyons, waterfalls and tropical rainforests.

capital of Monte Albán. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the ruins of Mitla. (B)

### Days 6 & 7: Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez • San Cristóbal de las Casas

Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez via Mexico city, and take a boat along the Grijalva River to the Sumidero canyon. Continue to San Cristóbal de las Casas for 2 nights at the **Hotel Diego de Mazariegos**. The following morning, tour this colonial town and nearby indigenous villages. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 8: Agua Azul waterfalls • Palenque

Drive from the cool highlands to the tropical lowlands and Palenque via the waterfalls of Agua Azul. Stay 1 night at the **Chan Kah Resort**. (B, L)

### Day 9: Palenque • Campeche

Morning tour of Palenque, one of the greatest Mayan sites. Afternoon drive to Campeche via the scenic Sabuncuy coast (5 hours). Overnight at the **Hotel Plaza Campeche**. (B, L)

### Day 10: Kabah • Uxmal • Mérida

In the morning, drive to the Palace of Masks at Kabah and then head to Uxmal for a tour of the Mayan ceremonial centre. In the afternoon continue to Mérida and stay at the **Casa del Balam** for 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 11: Mérida

Morning walking tour of the city. (B)

### Day 12: Chichén Itzá

Transfer to Chichén Itzá and tour the ancient Mayan city. Overnight at the **Hacienda Chichen**. (B)

### Days 13 & 14: Fly to London

Transfer to Cancun for a direct overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## ✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Boat ride through the Sumidero canyon**
- ❖ **Flights to indigenous villages and Mayan sites, reducing long road journeys**
- ❖ **Witness local traditions on festival departures including Easter and the Day of the Dead**

### Day 1: Fly to Mexico City

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Mexico City with British Airways. Transfer to the **Galeria Plaza Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Mexico City

Full-day city tour, including the Zócalo (main plaza), the murals of Diego Rivera, the National Cathedral and the Anthropological Museum. (B, L)

### Day 3: Teotihuacán

Morning visit to the historic Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Continue to the pyramids of Teotihuacán, dating back 2,000 years. (B, L)

### Day 4: Fly to Oaxaca

Fly to Oaxaca, a beautiful colonial city, and take an afternoon tour. Stay 2 nights at the **Parador San Miguel**. (B)

### Day 5: Monte Albán

Morning visit to the impressive ancient Zapotec

## Weather

### Oaxaca

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| B | 7  | 8  | 10 | 12 | 13 | 13  | 13 | 13  | 13  | 11 | 9  | 7  |
| C | 4  | 5  | 11 | 31 | 77 | 140 | 92 | 103 | 125 | 51 | 10 | 5  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Palenque

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Copper Canyon + tour

6 days & 5 nights from £1,295

Explore northern Mexico's vast Copper Canyon, one and a half times deeper than the Grand Canyon, and its spectacular landscapes. Fly to los Mochis or Chihuahua and take the Chepe train up the Sierra Madre mountains. Stay for 2 nights at **Hotel Posada Barrancas Mirador** with views over the canyon and, depending on train schedules, combine with overnight stays at El Fuerte, Los Mochis or Creel.

### Tour + Guatemala

8 days & 6 nights from £1,595

Fly to Guatemala and take in the country's highlights, including the classic Mayan site of Tikal in the Peten jungle, the indigenous Chichicastenango market and Lake Atitlan, before finishing at the beautiful colonial city of Antigua.

### Tour + Caribbean Coast

5 days & 3 nights from £625

Enjoy the turquoise waters and white sandy beaches of Mexico's Mayan Riviera on the Caribbean coast, south of Cancun.

### Days 13-15: To Mayan Riviera

Transfer to Cancun with the rest of the group and continue south along the coast. Spend 3 nights at the **Alea Tulum**, overlooking the Caribbean sea. At leisure to relax or take optional excursions to the magnificent pyramids of Tulum or the coastal channels of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. Alternatively, upgrade to the **Ana y José Hotel & Spa** from £175 per person. (B)

### Days 16 & 17: Fly to London

Transfer to Cancun for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

### † Festival departures:

The 5 April 2023 and 27 Mar 2024 tours coincide with the Semana Santa (Easter week) processions in Oaxaca, while the 29 October 2023 and 27 October 2024 departures coincide with the Day of the Dead celebrations, where families pay respect to the deceased with offerings such as flowers and food.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Accessibility:** Uneven terrain is covered during visits to the ruins.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: HOM

### Group tour

High season from £3,295  
Guide price months: Feb-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £545

### Private travel

Low season from £3,995  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £4,095  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **03 Mar 23, 29 Oct 23, 01 Mar 24, 27 Oct 24**

### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return  
Club World from £1,795 return

### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle or Manchester

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

## Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Fri)  | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Fri)  | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Fri)  | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Fri) | Rtn (Thu) |
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| 03 Feb 23  | 16 Feb 23 | †29 Oct 23 | 11 Nov 23 | 01 Mar 24  | 14 Mar 24 | 15 Nov 24 | 28 Nov 24 |
| 03 Mar 23  | 16 Mar 23 | 10 Nov 23  | 23 Nov 23 | †27 Mar 24 | 09 Apr 24 |           |           |
| †05 Apr 23 | 18 Apr 23 | 02 Feb 24  | 15 Feb 24 | †27 Oct 24 | 09 Nov 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Splendours of Cuba

**Duration** • 11 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Discovery

**Small-group tour** • From £2,495 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ Simple & Good Standard accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports
- ❖ Extended Oriente departures\*



Gran Teatro and vintage cars, Havana

Cuba is changing fast, so now is a great time to visit while its exotic and distinctive style remains. Discover faded colonial grandeur in Havana and Trinidad, delightful rolling countryside, tobacco and coffee plantations, the historical sites of the revolution and the ever-present rhythms of the son and mambo styles of music.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Take a ride in a classic American car and stroll around old Havana**
- ❖ **Dine at a privately run paladar in Trinidad**
- ❖ **Experience rural life at Las Terrazas community**
- ❖ **Gain an insight into the revolution at Che Guevara's Museum**

### Day 1: Fly to Havana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Havana via Madrid or Paris. Transfer to the SO Paseo del Prado La Habana for 2 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Havana

Morning walking tour of Old Havana with a stop at El Floridita, home of the daiquiri cocktail. Afternoon panoramic tour in a classic American car, visiting Revolution Square and a rum museum. (B, L)

### Day 3: Las Terrazas

In the morning, drive to Las Terrazas in the

western province of Pinar del Rio for a stay of 2 nights. Established as a sustainable environmental and development project, Las Terrazas provides an ideal introduction to Cuba's countryside life and landscapes. Visit the local community and the partially restored 19th-century coffee estate. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Viñales

Full-day tour of the beautiful Viñales Valley, its tobacco plantations and rounded limestone hills. Visit a cigar factory and take a boat ride through the Indian Cave. (B, L)

### Day 5: Peninsula de Zapata • Cienfuegos

Travel to Cienfuegos via the Peninsula de Zapata. Take a boat trip through the mangroves and drive past Playa Girón, site of the 1961 invasion. Continue to the small city of Cienfuegos, with its distinct French influence, for 1 night. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Cienfuegos • Trinidad

Morning tour of Cienfuegos, known as the 'Pearl of the South', and visit the Cienfuegos botanical gardens. Afternoon transfer to Trinidad for a 2-night stay in a *casa particular* in the heart of the old town. Dine this evening at a privately run *paladar* (small restaurant). (B, D)

### Day 7: Trinidad

Morning walking tour of the town, including the Romantic Museum or Cantero Museum and a visit to Casa de la Musica. Founded in 1514, Trinidad contains well-preserved colonial buildings with hardly a trace of 20th-century architecture. In the afternoon, drive to the Valley of the Sugar Mills, dotted with ruins of large former sugar plantations and visit the Manaca Iznaga watchtower, a reminder of Cuba's slave trade and colonisation. (B, L)

### Day 8: Santa Clara • Havana

Morning drive to Santa Clara, the site of the turning point in the Cuban revolution, and see Che Guevara's museum and mausoleum. After lunch, continue to Havana for 2 nights at the SO Paseo del Prado La Habana. Optional evening music performance. (B, L)

### Day 9: Havana

Day at leisure to stroll along Old Havana's cobbled streets or take optional visits to the Bellas Artes Museum, Hemingway's Museum or the Revolution Museum. (B)

### Days 10 & 11: Fly to London

Overnight flight to London via Madrid or Paris, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## Weather Trinidad

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| B | 19 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 21 | 20 |
| C | 25 | 39 | 39 | 42 | 159 | 204 | 154 | 169 | 208 | 162 | 57 | 24 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Trinidad

### \* Oriente departures

16 days & 14 nights from £2,895

On selected dates, the tour continues further through the interior to Santiago de Cuba and provides a rare glimpse into eastern Cuba's history, culture and mountain scenery.

#### Day 8: Trinidad

Day at leisure in Trinidad or take optional excursions.

#### Day 9: Camagüey

This morning drive to Camagüey (5-6 hours). Short tour of its winding streets built to deter pirate attacks, and stay overnight. (B)

#### Days 10 & 11: Holguin • Santiago de Cuba

Full-day journey to Santiago de Cuba for a 2-night stay, visiting Holguin and Castro's birthplace at Biran en route. Explore the island's first capital and birthplace of Afro-Cuban culture including the historical centre, El Morro fortress, and the Gran Piedra and the Sierra Maestra mountains. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Sancti Spiritus

Full-day journey to Sancti Spiritus for an overnight stay visiting El Cobre church, Cuba's most important shrine, and Bayamo en route. (B)

#### Days 13 & 14: Santa Clara • Havana

Take a short city tour and continue to historic Santa Clara for a visit and onto Havana for 2 nights at the SO Paseo del Prado La Habana hotel. (B)

#### Days 15 & 16: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Fly to London overnight via Madrid or Paris. (B) (N)

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Cayo Santa Maria

7 days & 5 nights from £395

After visiting Santa Clara on day 8 or day 13, continue to a white sandy cay off Cuba's north coast. Stay for 4 nights at the all-inclusive **Angsana Cayo Santa Maria** (or similar) or the first class **Meliá Buenavista** (upgrade to an ocean-view room from £45). Drive back to Havana for a final night before your flight to London via Madrid or Paris.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Accommodation:** This tour features a combination of simple, good standard and superior hotels, and *casas particulares*, which are simple, private, bed and breakfast-style accommodations that allow for an authentic insight into the Cuban way of life. Cuba combines increasing popularity with very limited good quality hotel options and the properties we use may vary from departure to departure. The specific accommodation for each departure as well as the exact order of your itinerary will be confirmed in your final travel documents.

**Travel in Cuba:** We recommend an extremely flexible approach to booking a holiday and travel in Cuba. The extended Oriente departures are better suited to the hardier traveller due to longer road drives.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: CUB / CUO

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,495  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,495  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement from £425

#### Private tour

Low season from £2,995  
Guide price month: May

High season from £3,095  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **19 Mar 23, 12 Nov 23, 17 Mar 24, 10 Nov 24**

#### Iberia flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,095 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

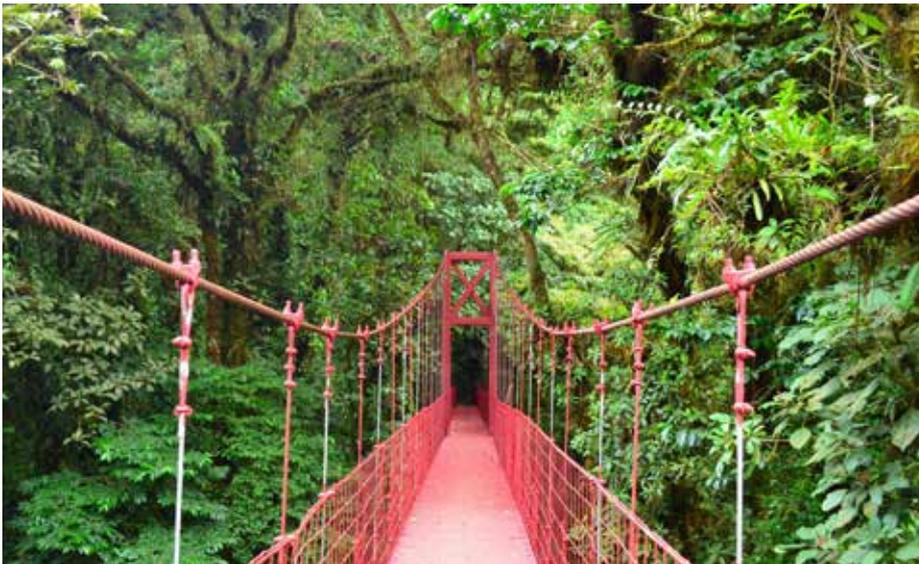
### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Sun)  | Rtn (Wed) |
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| 05 Feb 23  | 15 Feb 23 | *31 Oct 23 | 15 Nov 23 | 04 Feb 24  | 14 Feb 24 | *29 Oct 24 | 13 Nov 24 |
| *28 Feb 23 | 15 Mar 23 | 12 Nov 23  | 22 Nov 23 | 18 Feb 24  | 28 Feb 24 | 10 Nov 24  | 20 Nov 24 |
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# Discover Costa Rica

One of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth, Costa Rica is a nature lover's paradise. Its landscapes range from smouldering volcanoes, cloud forests and coffee plantations to pristine rainforests and beautiful beaches on the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. National parks and reserves protect more than a quarter of its territory and its incredible biodiversity, including thousands of colourful butterflies and more than 800 bird species. The country's relatively small size, combined with unspoilt beaches and tropical forests, provides opportunities for self-drive exploration, memorable family holidays and a perfect balance of adventure and relaxation.



Canopy walkway, Monteverde

## Monteverde & Cloud Forests

Quetzals & butterflies • Canopy walkways

Reached along unpaved roads, the mist-shrouded Monteverde cloud forest and the adjacent, but smaller, Santa Elena Reserve are home to a wealth of plant life and many species of butterflies, insects and birds, including resplendent quetzals. Hike along trails surrounded by hanging vines and flowering orchids or stroll through the treetops on canopy walkways – suspended bridges that bring you closer to the flora and fauna. Superb and quieter alternatives that attract fewer visitors than Monteverde are the 800-hectare reserve of Los Angeles cloud forest and the private reserve of El Silencio Lodge & Spa in the Central Valley.

## Tortuguero & the Caribbean

Boat trips along canals • Turtle watching

Tortuguero National Park is located on the northern Caribbean coast and is accessible only by boat or plane. We recommend travelling past banana plantations and then taking a boat through the network of waterways that penetrate the dense tropical forests, linking rivers and lagoons. Simple but comfortable lodges are located along the canal banks, well situated for easy forest hikes or boat trips to spot monkeys, sloths, caimans and toucans. Green turtles lay their eggs on the beaches here between July and September, while leatherbacks can be seen from March to June. The untamed coast further south has pristine tropical beaches and an easy-going ambience.



Tortuguero canals



Capucin monkeys, Manuel Antonio

## Manuel Antonio & Surrounds

Jungle-clad beaches • Superb wildlife viewing

The small and superb Manuel Antonio National Park has lush rainforest fringed by beautiful beaches and rocky headlands. Its wildlife includes white-faced capuchins, howler and squirrel monkeys, toucans, sloths and agoutis. Hotels on the forested cliffs enjoy panoramic ocean views and easy access to the beaches and are perfect for combining exploration and relaxation. The Carara National Park, to the north, is home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws.



Caño Negro wetlands



Tamarindo

## Tamarindo & the Nicoya Peninsula

Unspoilt beaches • Nesting turtles

The Nicoya Peninsula offers some of Costa Rica's finest beaches and one of the largest remaining areas of dry forest in Central America. The somewhat developed beach town of Tamarindo retains a laid-back atmosphere and it is possible to relax here, explore the mangroves by boat or take an excursion to see nesting leatherback turtles. The southern part of Nicoya is more remote and has secluded hideaways such as Punta Islita, perched on a hillside above a private beach.

## Arenal & the North

Active volcanoes • Hot springs • Caño Negro boat trip & birdlife

The impressive cone-shaped Arenal Volcano, until recently one of the region's most active, is surrounded by beautiful scenery. The majority of the hotels here are set in lush tropical gardens and provide excellent views. Attractions nearby include hot springs, canopy walkways in the treetops and boat trips along the Río Frío and the Caño Negro wetlands for superb birdwatching. To the north-west are the turquoise waters of Rio Celeste and the geothermal springs and boiling mud pools of Rincon de la Vieja National Park.

## Experiences in Costa Rica

### Turtle watching on the beach

Costa Rica is home to six species of turtles including leatherbacks, the largest sea turtles. During the nesting season, watch adults laying eggs and baby turtles making their way to the sea. There are sites both on the Caribbean side (Tortuguero) and the Pacific coast (Tamarindo and Ostional) offering good possibilities of a sighting.

### Birdwatching

More than 850 bird species, many of which are endemic, live in Costa Rica's varied habitats. Besides the cloud forests, the Osa peninsula and Caño Negro, waterfowl also thrive in the fresh and saltwater lagoons of the Palo Verde wetlands. The Sarapiquí rainforest around La Selva Biological Station contains more than half of the country's bird species, while the small, forested farming community of San Gerardo is home to trogons, hummingbirds, and striking quetzals.

### Natural hot springs

The natural thermal springs at the foot of the Arenal Volcano and Rincon de la Vieja National Park offer superb opportunities for a soak in soothing, mineral-rich natural pools of varying sizes and temperatures. The steaming hot springs are usually surrounded by lush vegetation, creating a truly idyllic place to unwind.

### Remote Osa Peninsula

This magnificent peninsula is covered in dense primary rainforest, and is home to Corcovado National Park, described by *National Geographic* as "the most biologically intense place on Earth". Stay in a rustic luxury lodge and spot a plethora of exotic creatures including monkeys, sloths, ocelots, anteaters, toucans, scarlet macaws and more. Offshore, palm-fringed Caño Island is home to beautiful sandy beaches and excellent snorkelling opportunities.

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Costa Rica Adventure

12 days & 10 nights

Guided from £2,845 (incl. flights)

Self-drive from £2,295 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

Take a self-drive or guided tour to explore the small natural paradise of Costa Rica. Discover tropical beaches, misty cloud forests and a wealth of wildlife with a partner or the whole family.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to San José

Fly from London to San José with British Airways. Stay for 2 nights. Visit the impressive Poas or Irazú Volcano. (N) (B)

#### Days 3 & 4: Arenal

Drive to Arenal for a 2-night stay. For a bird's-eye view of the rainforest, Arenal Volcano and lake, visit the Sky Adventure Park. Relax at Tabacon's natural hot springs and pools. (B)

#### Days 5 & 6: Monteverde

Drive to Monteverde for 2 nights. Explore the cloud forest reserve; spot wildlife from hanging canopy walkways and visit butterfly and hummingbird gardens. (B)

#### Days 7-10: Manuel Antonio or Nicoya

Continue to Manuel Antonio for a 4-night stay. Relax on the Pacific coast, visit the

national park or take an optional boat tour in search of dolphins. Alternatively, continue to the Nicoya Peninsula and upgrade to the luxurious Punta Islita. (B)

#### Days 11 & 12: San José • Fly home

Transfer to San José for an overnight direct flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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# Natural Splendours of Costa Rica

**Duration** • 11 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Small-group tour** • From £2,295 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Arenal volcano

Located between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, the small country of Costa Rica is one of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth. This journey explores some of the major national parks and the astonishing variety of wildlife and contrasting habitats found here, including rainforest, cloud forest, volcanoes, lakes and canals.

## Weather Monteverde

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| C | 130 | 67 | 46 | 53 | 255 | 342 | 302 | 340 | 383 | 423 | 262 | 184 |

## Tortuguero

|   | J   | F   | M   | A   | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D   |
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| A | 29  | 30  | 31  | 32  | 31  | 30  | 30  | 29  | 29  | 29  | 29  | 29  |
| B | 23  | 23  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 23  | 24  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 22  | 22  |
| C | 412 | 257 | 177 | 251 | 338 | 431 | 624 | 463 | 303 | 400 | 600 | 619 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **View the conical Arenal Volcano from your hotel**
- ❖ **Cruise the canals of Tortuguero and cross Lake Arenal by boat**
- ❖ **Explore forest canopies from the hanging bridges at Monteverde**
- ❖ **Take a boat trip through the Caño Negro wetlands**

### Days 1 & 2: Fly to San José

Fly from London (regional connections available) to San José with British Airways. Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza Corobici Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. In the morning, visit Poas or Irazú Volcano and see its impressive crater and surroundings. (N) (B)

### Days 3 & 4: Tortuguero

Shared overland transfer to Caño Blanco on the Caribbean coast. Cruise through the canals and backwaters that lead to Tortuguero, looking for birdlife, monkeys, sloths and other wildlife. Stay for 2 nights at **Mawamba Lodge** and enjoy a full day of shared local excursions. From July to September, an option is available to observe turtles nesting on the beach. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Arenal

Return to Caño Blanco by boat and drive to Arenal, visiting La Selva Biological Station en route. Learn about the scientific and conservation work of the researchers and take a short walk in the protected rainforest surroundings. Stay 2 nights at **Arenal Paraiso**, with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

### Day 6: Caño Negro

Full-day tour to Caño Negro, an important wetland habitat for a range of bird species. (B, L)

### Day 7: Lake Arenal • Monteverde

Shared boat across Lake Arenal, taking in the spectacular views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue to Monteverde for 2 nights at the **Fonda Vela Hotel**. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura Butterfly Garden & Walkways and explore the treetop canopy from its hanging bridges. (B)

### Day 8: Monteverde

Morning tour of the Monteverde cloud forest, a habitat for rare flora and fauna, such as the colourful quetzal bird. Afternoon visit to a typical family-run farm to learn about coffee and sugar cane production. (B, L)

### Day 9: Sarchí • San José

Return to San José via the town of Sarchí, home to traditional handicrafts and colourfully painted oxcarts, and final overnight. (B)

### Days 10 & 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Manuel Antonio

6 days & 4 nights from £595

The smallest of Costa Rica's national parks, Manuel Antonio is also one of the most visited due to the remarkable diversity of its wildlife. Its rainforest extends right down to the beautiful beaches where it is possible to spot monkeys, sloths and armadillos.

### Days 9-12: Manuel Antonio

Leave the group in Sarchí and drive to Manuel Antonio (3 hours). Stay 4 nights at the **Parador Resort & Spa** with panoramic views of the ocean, beach and jungle. Days at leisure or take optional excursions, such as rainforest walks and boat tours in search of dolphins. (B)



Resplendent quetzal, Monteverde

#### Days 13 & 14: Fly to London

Transfer to San José airport (approx 2.5 hours) for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

#### Tour + Tamarindo

6 days & 4 nights from £545

Tamarindo is situated in Guanacaste on the Pacific coast, with an abundance of sandy beaches. Nearby Playa Grande is one of Costa Rica's most important nesting sites for endangered leatherback turtles.

#### Days 9-11: Tamarindo

Drive from Monteverde to Tamarindo (approx 3-4 hours). Stay for 3 nights at the Wyndham Tamarindo with ocean views or upgrade to the boutique Cala Luna or the beachfront Capitán Suizo from £145. At leisure or optional turtle watching (Nov-Mar) or boat trips through the mangroves. (B)

#### Days 12-14: San José • London

Transfer to San José by road (4.5 hours) for a final night before your flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

#### Tour + Corcovado

5 days & 3 nights from £1,695

Fly to Palmar Sur and take a boat to Casa Corcovado Lodge for 3 nights on a full board basis. Take a local shared excursion to explore Corcovado National Park and its trails, and a boat trip to Caño Island.

#### Tour + San Gerardo de Dota

4 Days & 2 Nights from £425

Transfer to San Gerardo de Dota, a birdwatcher's paradise and home to more than 150 bird species including striking quetzals. Stay for 2 nights and go bird watching in the surrounding primary forest.

#### Tour + Panama

5 days & 3 nights from £895

Explore the colonial heritage of Panama City and travel along the Panama Canal, one of the wonders of modern engineering.

#### Days 9-11: Fly to Panama City

Return to San José and fly to Panama City for 3 nights at the Best Western Plus Panama Zen. Take a half-day transit on the Panama Canal and tour colonial Panama. Optional visit to the Miraflores canal locks or to Soberanía National Park for some excellent birding. (B)

#### Days 12-13: Fly to London via Madrid / Miami

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Standard tour:** All the lodges are comfortable but do not always have a wide range of facilities. The tour also includes some longer drives on unpaved roads. Flights in April are via Miami.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: NSR

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,295  
Guide price months: Nov

High season from £2,395  
Guide price months: Jan-Apr

Single supplement from £395

#### Private tour

Low season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Late Apr

High season from £2,895  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus prices on request  
Club World prices on request

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Sun) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 12 Jan 23 | 22 Jan 23 | 09 Mar 23 | 19 Mar 23 | 18 Jan 24 | 28 Jan 24 | 07 Mar 24 | 17 Mar 24 |
| 26 Jan 23 | 05 Feb 23 | 16 Mar 23 | 26 Mar 23 | 25 Jan 24 | 04 Feb 24 | 14 Mar 24 | 24 Mar 24 |
| 02 Feb 23 | 12 Feb 23 | 13 Apr 23 | 23 Apr 23 | 08 Feb 24 | 18 Feb 24 | 04 Apr 24 | 14 Apr 24 |
| 09 Feb 23 | 19 Feb 23 | 09 Nov 23 | 19 Nov 23 | 15 Feb 24 | 25 Feb 24 | 07 Nov 24 | 17 Nov 24 |
| 16 Feb 23 | 26 Feb 23 | 23 Nov 23 | 03 Dec 23 | 22 Feb 24 | 03 Mar 24 | 21 Nov 24 | 01 Dec 24 |
| 02 Mar 23 | 12 Mar 23 |           |           | 29 Feb 24 | 10 Mar 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Panama & Costa Rica Experience

**Duration** • 14 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Solo group tour** • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

**Solo Travellers**

## This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guide in each country
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Old Panama City

Small in size yet possessing a superb biodiversity, Costa Rica and Panama offer a wide variety of ecosystems including volcanoes, rainforest and cloud forest, lakes, lagoons and beaches. This tour visits the incredible Panama Canal and a selection of Costa Rica's most renowned national parks.

### Day 4: Fly to San José

Morning flight to San Jose and visit a coffee plantation on the slopes of the active Poas Volcano and, subject to volcanic activity, see its crater lake. Overnight at the **Crowne Plaza Corobici Hotel**. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Tortuguero

Travel by shared overland transfer to Caño Blanco on the Caribbean coast. Take a boat ride along the backwaters that lead to Tortuguero, looking for wildlife en route. Stay at **Pachira Lodge** for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Tortuguero

Full day of shared excursions exploring the tropical forest and waterways. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: La Selva Biological Station • Arenal

Return to Caño Blanco by boat and drive to Arenal. En route, visit La Selva Biological Station to learn about the scientific and conservation work of the researchers and take a short walk in the protected rainforest surroundings. Stay 2 nights at **Arenal Paraiso** with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

### Day 8: Arenal

Morning tour of the circuit of trails and suspension bridges, which allow an up-close view of the rainforest floor and treetop canopy. Optional evening visit to the hot springs. (B)

### Day 9: Monteverde

Drive along the shores of Lake Arenal, taking in the spectacular views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue through the green

## Weather

### San José, Costa Rica

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25  | 25  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 23 |
| B | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 16  | 16 |
| C | 6  | 7  | 9  | 56 | 261 | 296 | 205 | 282 | 372 | 343 | 155 | 36 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Walking tour of stunning Manuel Antonio National Park**
- ❖ **Cruise along the Panama Canal**
- ❖ **View Arenal Volcano from your hotel**
- ❖ **Cruise the canals of Tortuguero**

### Day 1: Fly to Panama City via Madrid

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City, via Madrid or Miami, with British Airways. Transfer to the **Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Panama City

Morning city tour including the ruins of old Panama and the historic colonial district. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 3: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the various locks of the Panama Canal. (B, L)



Poas Volcano, Costa Rica

mountains to Monteverde and stay 2 nights at **Monteverde Country Lodge**. (B)

#### Day 10: Monteverde

Morning tour of the Monteverde cloud forest, a habitat for rare flora and fauna such as the colourful quetzal bird. Afternoon at leisure or take one of the optional excursions on offer, including a visit to the Santa Elena Reserve. (B)

#### Day 11: Carara • Tarcoles

Drive to the central Pacific coast and visit Carara National Park, home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws. Continue to Tarcoles and stay for 2 nights at the **Villa Lapas Hotel** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 12: Manuel Antonio

Morning visit to Manuel Antonio for a walking tour of the national park, where the rainforest extends right down to the beautiful beaches. This small park is home to a surprising concentration of wildlife including sloths, iguanas, endangered squirrel monkeys and various colourful birds. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant near your hotel. (B, D)

#### Days 13 & 14: Fly to London

Transfer to San José and fly to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Solo Travellers group tours:** These small group tours have been specially created for single travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at [CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers)

**Standard tour:** All the lodges are comfortable, but do not always have a large range of facilities. This tour also includes some long drives on unpaved roads.

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each country by a local tour guide.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: CSG

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,895  
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £3,995  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £675 return  
Club World prices on request

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Wed) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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| 23 Feb 23 | 08 Mar 23 | 11 Jan 24 | 24 Jan 24 | 07 Mar 24 | 20 Mar 24 | 31 Oct 24 | 13 Nov 24 |
| 06 Apr 23 | 19 Apr 23 |           |           |           |           |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Splendours of Central America

**Duration** • 19 days & 17 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Small-group tour** • From £3,895 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,195 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guide in each country
- ❖ 17 breakfasts & 5 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Granada, Nicaragua

Take in the natural and cultural wonders of Central America, from tropical landscapes and volcanoes to colonial heritage and superb Mayan cities. Get an insight into the history of the civil war and colourful indigenous cultures, and learn about the amazing engineering feat that is the Panama Canal.

at the **Monteverde Country Lodge**. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura's hummingbird garden and hanging walkways. Next day visit the Monteverde cloud forest to see its rare flora and fauna and in the evening meet up with the family of one of the early local pioneers for a fascinating conversation. (B)

### Day 7: Granada, Nicaragua

Full-day journey across the border into Nicaragua to the city of Granada, overlooking Lake Nicaragua (approx 7-8 hours). Stay 2 nights at **Patio de Malinche Hotel** (or similar). (B)

### Day 8: Granada

Morning tour of the colonial city, including the Franciscan convent. Take a boat ride through the canals formed by the small islands in the lake, which is the tenth largest lake in the world. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions. (B)

### Day 9: Fly to San Salvador • Suchitoto

Transfer to Managua and fly to San Salvador. Continue to the charming town of Suchitoto for 1 night at **Casa 1800 Suchitoto**. (B)

### Day 10: Route of the Flowers

Explore the cobbled streets of Suchitoto, then transfer to the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, known as the 'Pompeii of the Americas'. Later, explore cloud forest trails and enjoy spectacular volcano views en route to the picturesque Route of the Flowers. Overnight at **Casa 1800 Ataco**. (B, L)

### Day 11: Copán, Honduras

This morning, visit the traditional artisan town of Ataco and stop at Santa Ana en route to Honduras (approximately 10 hours). Stay at the **Hotel Marina Copán** for 2 nights. (B, L)

### Day 12: Copán

In the morning, tour the fascinating Mayan ruins of Copán with its intricate and well-preserved sculptures. Optional afternoon tour to a bird sanctuary. (B)

### Day 13: Livingston, Guatemala

Cross into Guatemala and on to the Caribbean coast, visiting the impressive carved stelae at Quirigua en route (approx 6 hours). Take a 1.5-hour boat ride along the coast to the town of Livingston, with strong Garifuna culture. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Villa Caribe** (or similar). (B)

### Day 14: Flores

A morning walking tour of Livingston, before taking a boat trip along the lush gorges of the Dulce River to visit Bird Island and an indigenous community. Continue by road to the Flores area for a 2-night stay at the lakeside **Villa Maya**. (B)

## Weather

### Panama City

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D   |
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| A | 30 | 31 | 31 | 32 | 31  | 29  | 30  | 29  | 29  | 29  | 28  | 29  |
| B | 22 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 24  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 22  | 23  | 22  | 22  |
| C | 32 | 13 | 11 | 77 | 263 | 256 | 272 | 265 | 265 | 333 | 311 | 135 |

### Antigua, Guatemala

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| A | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 24  | 23  | 22  | 22  | 22  | 21  | 21 | 21 |
| B | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12  | 13  | 13  | 13  | 12  | 12  | 11 | 10 |
| C | 3  | 5  | 6  | 28 | 120 | 263 | 194 | 155 | 237 | 141 | 26 | 9  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## ✠ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Navigate through the locks of the Panama Canal**
- ❖ **Spot wildlife in the cloud forest and meet early pioneers at Monteverde**
- ❖ **Take a boat ride on Lake Nicaragua**
- ❖ **Explore colonial towns and fascinating Mayan ruins, including Tikal and Copán**

### Day 1: Fly to Panama City via the US

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City via the US. Transfer to the **Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

### Day 2: Panama City

Morning city tour, including the ruins of old Panama and the historic colonial district. (B)

### Day 3: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the various locks of the Panama Canal. (B, L)

### Day 4: Fly to San José, Costa Rica

Fly to Costa Rica's capital and visit a coffee plantation on the slopes of the active Poás Volcano. Overnight at **Hotel Presidente**. (B, L)

### Days 5 & 6: Monteverde

Transfer to Monteverde and stay for 2 nights



Tikal, Guatemala

#### Day 15: Tikal

Morning tour of Tikal, one of the most spectacular Mayan ruins, located in the heart of the jungle. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

#### Days 16 & 17: Fly to Guatemala City • Antigua

Early morning flight to Guatemala City and transfer to colonial Antigua for 2 nights at **Mesón de María**. Afternoon walking tour. Following day is at leisure or take optional excursions. (B)

#### Days 18 & 19: Fly to London via the US

Transfer to Guatemala City and fly to London via the US, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

### TOUR EXTENSIONS

#### Tour + Lake Atitlán

4 days & 2 nights from £545

Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Atitlán** on the shore of the sapphire-blue lake surrounded by hills and volcanoes. Take a boat trip to indigenous Mayan villages and visit the colourful Chichicastenango Market.

#### Tour + Belize beach

5 days & 3 nights from £995

Fly to Belize City, via Flores and on to Ambergris Caye for 3 nights at the **Portofino Hotel** (beach cabaña), or upgrade to **Victoria House Resort**

& **Spa** from £125 per person. Relax on white sandy beaches or swim in calm, turquoise Caribbean waters.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Locally escorted tour:** This tour is led in each country by an experienced local tour guide.

**Standard tour:** This tour includes some long road journeys and is based in 3- and 4-star hotels where rooms may vary. A flexible approach is recommended for travel in Central America.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: GCA

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,895  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,895  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement from £845

#### Private tour

Low season from £5,195  
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £5,295  
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

#### United Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £625 return  
Business Class prices on request

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request: United Airlines Houston or Newark to/from Manchester or Edinburgh

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

**Out (Wed) Rtn (Sun)**  
18 Jan 23 05 Feb 23  
15 Feb 23 05 Mar 23

**Out (Thu) Rtn (Mon)**  
08 Mar 23 26 Mar 23  
02 Nov 23 20 Nov 23

**Out (Thu) Rtn (Mon)**  
18 Jan 24 05 Feb 24  
15 Feb 24 04 Mar 24

**Out (Thu) Rtn (Mon)**  
07 Mar 24 25 Mar 24  
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# The Indian Subcontinent

Small-group tours • Tailor-made travel

India makes a strong claim to be the most exciting and rewarding travel destination in the world. From the exhilarating pace of life in its colourful and vibrant cities to its exquisite temples and superb scenery, visitors never leave disappointed.

History and culture, iconic sights, delectable food and changing landscapes – from the soaring Himalaya to crumbling desert forts, and from national parks to the tropical south – luxury holidays to India invariably feel like a visit to more than one country.

Enveloped in a palm-fringed coastline, Sri Lanka, the 'Land of Serendipity', revels in ancient ruins, incredible natural beauty and some of the continent's most enthralling wildlife. There are not many destinations where you can stay in a boutique hotel and receive first class service without breaking the bank, yet Sri Lanka offers a superb range of luxurious and characterful hotels at excellent value for money.

With eight of the world's highest mountains, Nepal is a walker's paradise and offers a melting pot of different cultures, while deeply spiritual Bhutan is known for its spectacular religious dance festivals and fortress-like monasteries which carpet the deep valleys and primeval forests.

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# Discover The Golden Triangle & Rajasthan

Imposing forts, lavish palaces, desert cities, tranquil lakes and captivating temples characterise Rajasthan and the Golden Triangle. It's a region that flaunts its regal past and parades all the brilliant colour and exoticism associated with the wealth of the fabled maharajas. Rajasthan lies largely within the Thar Desert, which – as part of the Silk Road – was once traversed by colourful caravans laden with spices, silk and precious stones. Here the great Rajput dynasties built mighty fortifications and beautiful cities such as Jaisalmer. Today, Rajasthan's arid countryside is peopled by Brahmin farmers and weavers, and Raika shepherds dressed in glorious costumes.



Taj Mahal, Agra

## Agra

[Sunrise at the Taj Mahal](#) • [Colonial walks & food tours](#) • [UNESCO-listed Fatehpur Sikri](#)

Agra is home to India's most celebrated attraction, the Taj Mahal, and the stupendous 16th-century Mughal-built Agra Fort, which encompasses the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Completed by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1653 in memory of his late wife, the Taj Mahal took 20 years to build; it is justifiably lauded as the world's greatest monument to love. Sunrise and sunset are magical times to visit.

Fatehpur Sikri occupies a rocky crest some 40km to the south-west of Agra. Once the imperial capital of Akbar the Great, the city's wonderfully preserved collection of monuments provides a remarkable insight into the daily life of the 16th-century Mughal court.

## Jaipur

[Balloon rides over Jaipur](#) • [Amber Fort by night](#)

Jaipur was founded in 1727, and UNESCO inscribed it on the list of World Heritage Sites in 2019. Popularly known as the 'Pink City' due to the colour of its stone buildings, Jaipur's prime attraction is the sprawling palace complex, still home to the current maharajah. It includes a fascinating museum of the maharajas' lavish possessions as well as the Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Jaipur is also a delight for those seeking traditional Indian crafts, including jewellery, silver and silk.

Just outside the city, Amber Fort exquisitely blends many Mughal influences in addition to traditional Rajput designs. The Sheesh Mahal, or 'mirror palace', with its ornate mirror mosaics, is undoubtedly a highlight.



Amber Fort, Jaipur



Courtyard doorway, Udaipur

## Udaipur

Rural cycle rides • High tea with the locals • Kumbhalgarh, the 'Great Wall of India'

Set on the shores of Lake Pichola, Udaipur is undeniably one of India's most romantic settings. As capital of the old Mewar state, it was the only Rajput stronghold to uphold its Hindu allegiance in the face of Muslim invasion. From the late 16th century, peace brought about an era of renaissance in the arts and encouraged the building of beautiful palaces and attractive gardens around the lake.

The surrounding area is dotted with treasures, including the 500-year-old Jain temples at Ranakpur and Kumbhalgarh. Known as the 'Great Wall of India', Kumbhalgarh is one of the finest examples of defensive fortification in Rajasthan, a site dominated by majestic watchtowers and exquisite stepwells, as well as thriving wildlife.

## Experiences in Rajasthan

### Food trail, Agra

On the streets of Agra, you'll find some of India's most delectable *chaats* (savoury snacks). Take part in a carefully curated *chaat-crawl*, visiting celebrated food stalls in a tour designed to deliver gastronomic satisfaction. This is a safe and hygienic way to sample the best of Indian street food.

### High tea in the desert, Jaisalmer

Drive out of Jaisalmer to the Great Thar desert for a camel ride across the dunes in time to catch the last rays of the setting sun. Find the perfect spot to watch the sun slowly sink over the rippling dunes. As you watch the sky and sand fuse in red, gold and orange hues, feast on an exquisite high tea. Gourmet delicacies are served alongside warming cups of perfectly brewed tea or coffee.

### Champagne sunset tour of Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur

As twilight descends on this historic fort, join the Mehrangarh Museum curator for a guided tour of the site's architectural highlights, artworks and richly decorated interiors. The rugged, impregnable walls and delicate palaces will come alive as you hear tales of sacrifice and extraordinary adventure.

### Cookery lesson and lunch, Udaipur

Meet a traditional Rajasthani family whose centuries-old recipes have been passed down through generations. The family delight in explaining how to prepare authentic dishes and will help you to make an exquisite meal which you can later enjoy. Learn more about the local culture and way of life in this immersive dining experience.

## Ranthambore

Bengal tigers & other wildlife • 300 bird species

Today an exemplar of tiger conservation, Ranthambore National Park was once the private hunting ground of royalty. It is named after the 10th-century, UNESCO-listed Ranthambore Fort, which lies within its boundaries. The park now covers an area of 400 sq km and is most famous for its growing Bengal tiger population, numbering more than 80 individuals. Ranthambore is also home to a large variety of other animals including sambar deer, chital, marsh crocodiles, sloth bears and leopards. There is much to draw birdwatchers, too, as it is a habitat for more than 300 species of bird.

The most comfortable time to visit Ranthambore is between October and March – the cooler, less humid months – though summer can promise more tiger sightings.



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore National Park

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Boutique Rajasthan

14 days & 12 nights  
from £4,295 (incl. flights)  
Category • Luxury

Take in Rajasthan's most captivating sights at a relaxed pace. Visit quaint local villages, unwind in spectacular wilderness locations and stay in luxury tented accommodation where leopards roam wild and free.

#### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Delhi

Transfer to The Claridges for a 2-night stay. (N)

#### Day 3: Explore Delhi's rarer sights

Visit Delhi's lesser-known sights, including the Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, the Stepwell of

Agrasen, the Birla Temple and the charming Hauz Khas neighbourhood. (B)

#### Days 4 & 5: Stay at Samode Palace

Travel to Samode for a 2-night stay at Samode Palace, a heritage fortress with spectacular views. Your second day is at leisure; explore the local village or perhaps visit the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. (B)

#### Days 6-8: Nimaj waterside camping

Travel to the town of Nimaj for 3 nights in luxury tented camps, perched on the dam of a reservoir at Raas Chhatrasagar. Activities include farm or village tours, sunrise birdwatching trips and visits to Jodhpur and Mehrangarh Fort. (B, L, D)

#### Days 9 & 10: Jawai wilderness camping

Transfer to Sujjan Jawai, a luxury eco-friendly camp, for a 2-night stay in the remote Rajasthani wilderness. Spend a full day on 4x4 safari in search of the leopards that roam this extraordinary landscape, and meet with

the friendly local shepherds who live here. (B, L, D)

#### Days 11 & 12: Devigarh

Travel to Devigarh, nestled in the Aravalli Hills, for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Raas. Unwind at your hotel, or explore Delwara's village, the temple complexes at Nathdwara and Eklingji, or the lakeside town of Udaipur and its magnificent City Palace. (B)

#### Days 13 & 14: Fly home via Delhi

In the evening, transfer to Udaipur and fly to Delhi. Overnight at JW Marriott hotel then fly home. (B)

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# Discover the Indian Himalaya

With dense forests, echoing ravines and vast panoramas of some of the highest peaks in the world, the Indian Himalaya possess an intense natural beauty and spirituality. Cultural variety abounds and nowhere is this more apparent than in the magnificent Sikh temple at Amritsar. Sacked by the Afghans in 1761, the shrine was rebuilt by Maharajah Ranjit Singh whose donation of the gold dome, gilded with 100kg of pure gold, earned the shrine its moniker, the Golden Temple. Every evening it is magically lit up for the Palki Sahib ceremony.



Toy train, Shimla



Buddhist Wheel of the Law, McLeod Ganj

## Shimla

Summer capital of the British Raj • Colourful markets • Mountain railway toy train

Set amid evergreen forests and snow-capped peaks, the hill station of Shimla was once the summer capital of the British Raj. Echoes of its colonial past can be seen along the main promenade. Here, half-timbered houses, churches and stately buildings including the Post Office and restored gothic Gaiety Theatre rub shoulders with the colourful market, Lakkar Bazaar. Shimla's ornate Viceregal Lodge, with its magnificent botanical gardens was the former residence of the British viceroy Lord Dufferin and remained the seat of colonial power during the summer months until the 1940s.



Kangra Fort, near Pragpur

## Dharamsala

Home of the Dalai Lama • Tibetan culture • Gentle walks in the foothills of the Himalaya

Once a hill station where the British escaped the summer heat of the plains, Dharamsala is renowned as the home of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile. McLeod Ganj lies at its centre, a charming Tibetan settlement with many interesting shops selling local crafts. It offers a wealth of activities from gentle walks to cookery classes, all set against the backdrop of the stunning Dhauladhar mountain range. The Norbulingka Institute preserves traditional Tibetan art and the nuns at Thomsaling nunnery are happy to explain the Tibetan Buddhist traditions which they follow.

## Kangra Valley

Himalayan scenery • Scenic mountain railway

The medieval village of Pragpur is an idyllic base from which to explore the breathtaking Kangra Valley. The surrounding countryside offers many opportunities for walks, bicycle rides and birdwatching. Local sights include the ruins of the regal Kangra Fort and the elaborate carvings of the Masroor rock-cut temples. The section of the local Kangra railway, between Baijnath and Nagrota, is the most scenic stretch of the line.

## Experiences in the Indian Himalaya

### Sunset Wagah ceremony, Amritsar

Each day at sunset, the border guards of India and Pakistan assemble for the border closing ceremony. Each army parades in an immaculately turned out display of synchronised marching and bellowed military commands. The ritual ends as the sun goes down, the flag of each country is lowered and the gates are slammed shut.

### Toy train to Shimla

Completed in 1903, the UNESCO-listed Kalka-to-Shimla toy train offers stupendous views of the Himalayan scenery as it winds its way steeply upwards on the narrow track. Built to transport the British from the heat of the summer plains to cooler climes, it passes through rugged mountains and pine forests. For the best views, sit on the right-hand side when travelling to Shimla.

### Spiritual tour of Haridwar

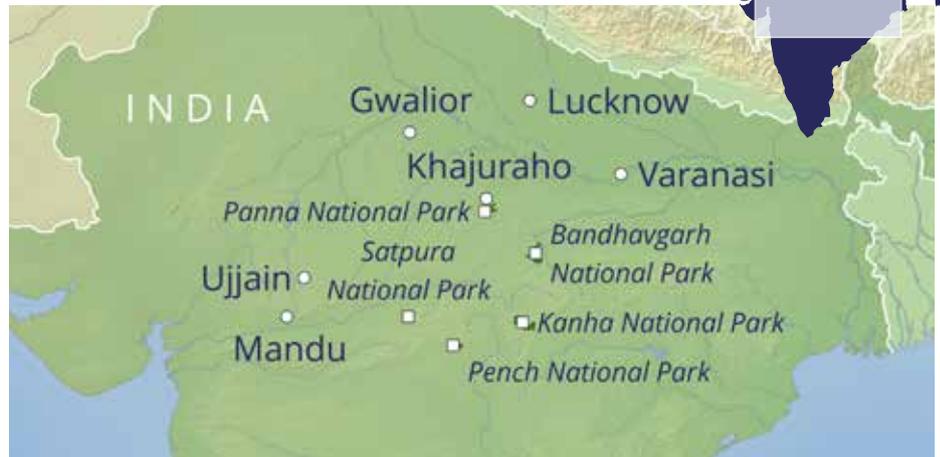
According to Hindu mythology, Haridwar is the holiest of all places and pilgrims arrive here daily to bathe in the sacred Ganges. A tour of the key temples culminates at the sacred Har-ki-Pauri *ghat* (waterfront steps) where thread ceremonies, holy dips and the evening *aarti* ritual take place to the accompaniment of music, chanting and the waft of incense carried on the wind.

### Picnic in the Kullu Valley, Manali

Spend a leisurely day in the spectacular valley of Manali, tucking into a delicious alfresco lunch surrounded by high peaks, pine forests, meadows and apple orchards. Take a walk through the picturesque scenery, passing quaint villages and old Kullu-style temples along the way.

# Discover the Central Plains

Together Lucknow, Varanasi and Khajuraho offer the diversity of experiences for which India is known. Distinct in character, they have been the backdrop to many significant events, including the Indian mutiny in Lucknow and Buddha's first sermon near Varanasi. The region is home to magnificent historical sites including the Bibi-ka-Maqbara, splendid forts and palaces at Mandu and Ahilya, holy cities such as Ujjain as well as fabulous cave paintings. To experience the country's rich wildlife, visit the state of Madhya Pradesh.



Varanasi

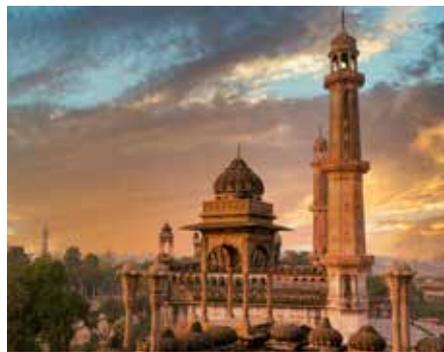
## Varanasi

Hindu centre of pilgrimage • Sacred Ganges River • Evening Ganga *aarti* ceremony

Set on the banks of the sacred Ganges, Varanasi is one of the oldest cities in the world and the holiest of all for devout Hindus. It is believed that bathing in the river will purge all sins and, for many Hindus, Varanasi is regarded as the place that provides salvation and enlightenment. An early morning boat ride or walk along the riverside *ghats* offers a glimpse of the city's spiritual significance, with pilgrims performing their ablutions and other rituals, funeral pyres blazing on the steps, incense wafting through the air and music chiming all around.



Leopard, Bandhavgarh National Park



Asafi Imambara, Lucknow

## Lucknow

Remnants of the Raj • Unique Indo-Persian culture • Distinct cuisine with a fusion of styles

Rudyard Kipling said in his novel *Kim* that "there is no city – except Bombay, the queen of all – more beautiful in her garish style than Lucknow". The city rose to prominence during the 1857 Indian mutiny, when it saw fierce fighting between British and Indian forces. The Raj era bequeathed Lucknow many fine colonial monuments, including the former Residency and La Martinière College. However, it was under the Muslim Nawabs of Oudh (Awadh) in the 18th century that Lucknow reached its apogee as a political and cultural centre.

## Bandhavgarh National Park

High density of tigers • 250 bird species

Bandhavgarh has one of the highest densities of tigers in the country. Once the hunting preserve of the maharajahs of Rewa, the reserve's open terrain features large grassland meadows, which offer good chances of tiger sightings. The park is home to a variety of other mammals, including leopards, Indian bison, hyenas and wild dogs. It is estimated that 250 bird species can be found here, including migratory steppe eagles that arrive in winter.

## Experiences in Central India

### Indian Rebellion tour, Lucknow

Lucknow played a significant part in the Indian Rebellion that took place in northern India in 1857. On a specialist tour designed to develop an understanding of the siege, explore the key sites and follow the paths trodden by Sir Henry Havelock, Sir James Outram and Colin Campbell.

### Musical culture of Varanasi

Visit Kabir Chaura, a neighbourhood where the foundations of the Benaras Gharana musical movement were laid. Workshops showcase the multiple styles of Banarasi music, different ragas, Indian classical instruments and the musical history of Varanasi including the birth of Benaras Gharana.

### Sleep under the stars in Pench

Emulate the farmers who slept under the stars to protect their crops by spending the night in a *machaan* (a four-poster bed set on a platform). Lit by lanterns, you can marvel at the overhead stars and passing animals and birds in a truly unique wilderness experience.

### Gwalior Fort

The eighth-century Gwalior Fort was described by the Mughal emperor Babur as "the pearl in the necklace of the forts of Hind". Today, the splendour of Gwalior lives on in the fort as well as in the Jai Vilas Palace, featuring exquisitely carved temples and resounding with the melodies of Tansen's ragas – the renowned musician whose tomb makes for a worthwhile visit.

# The Golden Triangle & Shimla

**Duration** • 13 days & 11 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with Virgin Atlantic
- ❖ Express train travel in air-conditioned executive class
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Ride first class on Shimla's toy train
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 11 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Free day in Jaipur & Shimla for independent exploration



Shimla

Experience a taste of India on this outstanding introductory tour of the country's most celebrated sights. Exploring the Golden Triangle, this journey combines imperial Delhi with the legendary Taj Mahal at Agra and a three-night stay in the princely city of Jaipur, culminating in the beautiful hill station of Shimla.

### Day 3: New Delhi • Agra

Tour of New Delhi, including a drive past India Gate and the former viceregal residence. Continue to the tomb of the Mughal emperor Humayun and the Qutb Minar tower. Drive to Agra and stay at the **Trident Agra** for 2 nights. (B, D)

### Day 4: Agra

Sunrise visit to the spectacular Taj Mahal before exploring the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah and Agra Fort. Visit Mehtab Bagh ('Moonlight Garden'), for sunset over the Taj Mahal. (B, D)

### Day 5: Fatehpur Sikri • Jaipur

Continue to Jaipur via the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri and Abhaneri stepwell. En route, enjoy lunch at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace. Stay 3 nights at **Ramgarh Lodge**, a maharajah's former hunting lodge. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Jaipur

Morning visit to Amber Fort and the Anokhi Museum. Afternoon visit to the striking City Palace, home of the present maharajah and the curious Jantar Mantar observatory. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jaipur

A day at leisure to relax. Explore Jaipur's many bazaars or choose from the range of optional activities including a sunrise balloon ride†. (B, D)

### Day 8: Shahpura • Delhi

Travel to Shahpura for lunch at the opulent 300-year-old palace, then visit an NGO and enjoy a village walk. Continue to Delhi for an overnight stay at the **Taj Palace**. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Shimla

Take the morning train to Kalka followed by the narrow-gauge 'toy train' to Shimla, passing through stunning mountains. Stay 3 nights at the **Oberoi Cecil** in Shimla, the British

## Weather

### Agra

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J   | A   | S   | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| A | 22 | 25 | 32 | 38 | 41 | 41 | 35  | 33  | 34  | 34 | 29 | 24 |
| B | 8  | 10 | 16 | 22 | 26 | 28 | 27  | 26  | 25  | 19 | 13 | 8  |
| C | 12 | 11 | 10 | 6  | 13 | 52 | 205 | 270 | 125 | 22 | 5  | 6  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Explore Jaipur while staying in a maharajah's former hunting lodge**
- ❖ **Watch the sun set over the Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh gardens**
- ❖ **Ride the 'British Jewel of the Orient', the toy train to Shimla in a first-class carriage**
- ❖ **Rural Rajasthan village walk and lunch**
- ❖ **Half-board throughout**
- ❖ **Dine with views over Old Delhi**

### Day 1: Fly to Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

### Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the **Taj Palace** for 1 night. Leisurely afternoon tour visiting the Jama Masjid mosque and exploring the labyrinthine streets of Old Delhi by cycle rickshaw. In the early evening, dine at Haveli Dharampura and take in views of the Red Fort and Jama Masjid from its upper terrace. (D)



Taj Mahal, Agra

summer capital during the Raj era. Upgrade to a Premier Valley View room from £180 per person for 3 nights. (B, L\*, D)

#### Day 10: Shimla

Explore the historic mall and listen to the stories behind its many colonial buildings while making your way to the Vice Regal Lodge. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Shimla

Day at leisure. Option to explore Shimla on a nature walk from the house where Rudyard Kipling wrote *Plain Tales from the Hills* to the gallery of a Shimla painter. Alternatively, enjoy afternoon tea at the Oberoi Wildflower Hall or visit the princely state of Dhamsi to spend the day with the noble family, birdwatching and enjoying their stories over lunch.<sup>†</sup> (B, D)

#### Day 12: Delhi

Drive to Chandigarh and connect with the midday train to Delhi. Stay overnight at the Taj Palace. (B, L\*, D)

#### Day 13: Fly to London

Fly to London with Virgin Atlantic. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, L\*: Packed lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Amritsar extension

3 days & 2 nights from £445

Spend time in Amritsar, staying at the 5-star **Taj Swarna Hotel**, to visit the sacred Golden Temple and observe the elaborate retreat ceremony at Wagah on the India-Pakistan border. See page 138 for more information.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**† Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional charge. Please speak to one of our expert travel consultants.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: IGT

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,395  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,495  
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £795

#### Private tour

Low season from £2,995  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,095  
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £795

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **20 Jan 23, 27 Oct 23, 24 Nov 23, 02 Feb 24, 22 Mar 24, 04 Oct 24, 15 Nov 24**

#### Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £360 return  
Upper Class from £2,565 return

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Fri) | Rtn (Wed) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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| 03 Feb 23 | 15 Feb 23 | 27 Oct 23 | 08 Nov 23 | 23 Feb 24 | 06 Mar 24 | 18 Oct 24 | 30 Oct 24 |
| 17 Feb 23 | 01 Mar 23 | 10 Nov 23 | 22 Nov 23 | 01 Mar 24 | 13 Mar 24 | 25 Oct 24 | 06 Nov 24 |
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# Passage through Rajasthan

**Duration** • 16 days & 14 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,595 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,095 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Internal flights in India
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ 2 included 4x4 safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ All entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Balanced pace



Thar Desert

The princely state of Rajasthan is India at its colourful best. Following a tour of the imperial sights of Mumbai (Bombay), travel through the heart of Rajasthan exploring magnificent forts and ornate palaces, finishing at the astounding Taj Mahal.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Dine on typical Mewari cuisine on the terrace of a historic fort
- ❖ Take a scenic rail ride through rural Rajasthan
- ❖ Enjoy two 4x4 safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- ❖ Watch the sun set behind the sand dunes of the Great Thar Desert
- ❖ Stay in grand forts and palaces

### Day 1: Fly to Mumbai

Direct flight from London (regional connections available) to Mumbai (Bombay) with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

### Day 2: Mumbai

Arrive and transfer to the Trident Nariman Point for 1 night. Afternoon sightseeing in Mumbai visiting the imposing Gateway of India, colourful Chor Bazaar, Dhobi Ghat and Victoria Terminus. (N)

### Day 3: Fly to Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur. Stay for 2 nights at Fateh Niwas

**Palace.** Enjoy dinner at Ambrai restaurant overlooking Lake Pichola. (B, D)

### Day 4: Udaipur

Sightseeing in Udaipur visiting the City Palace, miniature painting studios and Jagdish temple. Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Pichola. Evening cultural performance at Bagore-ki-Haveli. (B)

### Day 5: Ranakpur • Deogarh

Travel to Deogarh, visiting the magnificent Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Spend 2 nights at **Deogarh Mahal**, a former palace and now a superb heritage hotel. Late afternoon village walk. (B)

### Day 6: Deogarh

Day at leisure or choose from a range of optional activities, including a 4x4 safari to local villages, a gentle walk with a picnic, or an Indian cooking class. This evening, dine on typical Mewari cuisine on the hotel terrace. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jodhpur

Take a scenic 1.5-hour rural train ride from Khamil Ghat to Phulad. The train chugs through tunnels and past waterfalls in an area that inspired Rudyard Kipling's story *The Man Who Would Be King*. Continue by road to Jodhpur for 2 nights at **Ajit Bhawan Palace**, a heritage palace. (B)

### Day 8: Jodhpur

Visit Jaswant Thada and continue to the formidable Mehrangarh Fort. Take a heritage walk through the streets dotted with temples and bazaars and learn more about the 'Blue City' Brahmins. (B)

### Day 9: Bikaner

Drive to Bikaner in the heart of the Thar Desert for an overnight stay at the magnificent **Narendra Bhawan**, a grand residence that was home to the last reigning maharajah of Bikaner. Late afternoon, embark on a 4x4 safari into the desert to witness the spectacular sunset over the dunes accompanied by Indian high tea. (B)

### Day 10: Bikaner • Jaipur

Visit Junagarh Fort and walk through the old city. Later, drive to the royal city of Jaipur. En route, visit the town of Fatehpur and its 'open-air gallery' of beautiful *havelis*. Transfer to **Trident Hotel Jaipur** for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

### Day 11: Jaipur

Start the day with a visit to the 16th-century Amber Fort. Spend the rest of the day exploring the royal city of Jaipur, including the City Palace, Jantar Mantar observatory and colourful bazaars. (B, D)

## Weather Jaipur

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| B | 7  | 10 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 27 | 25  | 24  | 23 | 19 | 13 | 8  |
| C | 6  | 10 | 5  | 4  | 18 | 51 | 213 | 227 | 80 | 12 | 8  | 3  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Lake Pichola, Udaipur

**Day 12: Ranthambore National Park**  
Travel to Ranthambore for 2 nights at **Dev Vilas**. Afternoon safari<sup>†</sup> in Ranthambore. (B, D)

**Day 13: Ranthambore National Park**  
Early morning safari<sup>†</sup> in search of Bengal tigers. Afternoon at leisure or visit Ranthambore Fort and the NGO-supported Dastkar foundation, where local women produce handicrafts.\* (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Fatehpur Sikri • Agra**  
Morning drive to Agra, visiting the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri en route and stopping at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace for lunch. Overnight at the **Trident Hotel Agra**. (B, L)

**Day 15: Agra • Delhi**  
Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. Visit Agra Fort before departing for Delhi and an overnight stay at **Vivanta New Delhi Dwarka**. (B)

**Day 16: Fly to London**  
Transfer to the airport for the Virgin Atlantic flight to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Delhi extension

1 day & 1 night from £185

Stay an additional night in Delhi and take a half-day tour of New Delhi including Humayun's tomb and the magnificent Qutab Minar.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* **Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional cost.

<sup>†</sup> **Ranthambore safaris:** All our safaris are by 4x4 and not canter (open-top buses).

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High season from £2,695  
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £895

#### Private tour

Low season from £3,095  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,195  
Guide price months: Jan – Feb

Single supplement from £895

#### Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £360 return  
Upper Class from £2,265 return

#### Regional air connections

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# The Grand Tour of India

**Duration** • 17 days & 15 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,295 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights in India with 20kg luggage allowance
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 15 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 4 dinners
- ❖ All entrance fees & sightseeing
- ❖ 2 included wildlife safaris by 4x4
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Festival departures



Kingfisher, Ranthambore National Park

Explore the diverse cultural influences that have created the fascinating heritage of India. This tour encompasses holy cities, the resplendent Taj Mahal, Jodhpur's blue-washed houses, and the beautiful lakes and palaces of Udaipur. Go in search of the elusive Royal Bengal tiger and extend your journey in the idyllic backwaters of Kerala.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Evening Palki Sahib ceremony at the Golden Temple in Amritsar**
- ❖ **Explore Varanasi's hidden alleys and markets**
- ❖ **Dine in a regal palace**
- ❖ **Take part in Holi celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace, Udaipur**
- ❖ **Stay in a former fort to explore rural Rajasthan**

### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Amritsar via Delhi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amritsar, via Delhi, with British Airways. Transfer to **Taj Swarna** for 2 nights. Optional evening visit to the Golden Temple for the auspicious Palki Sahib night ceremony. (N)

### Day 3: Amritsar • Wagah

Morning visit to the Golden Temple and its vast community kitchen (*langar*). Weave your way through Qila Ahluwalia, a fort replete with colonial architectural features, before arriving at the Jalebiwala Chowk with its *jalebi* shop selling delicious sticky sweets. Late afternoon visit to Wagah, for the unmissable Changing of the Guard ceremony. (B)

### Day 4: Fly to Varanasi via Delhi

Morning flight to Varanasi for an overnight

stay at the **Taj Ganges**. This evening, visit the Dasaswamedh *ghats* (stepped wharfs) to witness the magical *arti* ceremony from a boat on the Ganges. On the 24 November 2023 and 12 November 2024 departures, enjoy the Dev Diwali celebrations, when the steps of the ghats are lit with more than a million earthen lamps. (B)

### Day 5: Varanasi • Fly to Delhi

Early morning boat ride on the Ganges. Walking tour of Varanasi's hidden alleys, *paan* bazaar, craftsmen colony and the spice, jewellery and flower markets. Take an evening flight to Delhi for a 2-night stay at **Vivanta New Delhi Dwarka**. (B)

### Day 6: Old & New Delhi

Morning tour of Old Delhi including a drive past the Red Fort, visit to the Jama Masjid mosque, and walking tour. Afternoon tour of New Delhi including a drive past India Gate and the viceregal residence, before visiting Qutb Minar and the tomb of Mughal Emperor, Humayun. (B)

### Day 7: Agra

Take the *Gatimaan Express* train to Agra for an overnight stay at **Trident Agra**. Afternoon visit to the huge Agra Fort. (B)

### Day 8: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

Visit the Taj Mahal in the golden hour of sunrise. Drive to Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted 16th-century sandstone city. Continue to Bharatpur for lunch at the regal Laxmi Vilas Palace before a train ride to Sawai Madhopur. Transfer to **Dev Vilas** for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Ranthambore

Early morning and late afternoon wildlife viewing on a 4x4 safari. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Jaipur

Morning drive to Jaipur to stay at the **Trident Jaipur** for 2 nights. Afternoon at leisure. Evening *arti* ceremony at a local Hindu temple. (B)

### Day 11: Jaipur

Morning tour of the ancient palace of Amber Fort. Afternoon visit to the City Palace and Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. (B)

### Day 12: Jodhpur • Rohet

Drive to Jodhpur. Visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort and wander through the streets of blue-washed Brahmin houses. Stay at **Rohet Garh**, a family-run former fort, for 2 nights. (B, D)

### Day 13: Bishnoi tribal villages

Day at leisure. Optional 4x4 safari to visit the Bishnoi tribal village.\* (B, D)

## Weather Varanasi

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J   | A   | S   | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| A | 24 | 27 | 33 | 39 | 41 | 40 | 34  | 33  | 34  | 33 | 30 | 25 |
| B | 9  | 12 | 16 | 22 | 26 | 27 | 26  | 26  | 25  | 21 | 14 | 10 |
| C | 19 | 12 | 9  | 4  | 13 | 97 | 296 | 290 | 209 | 36 | 11 | 4  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Holy man, Varanasi

#### Day 14: Ranakpur • Udaipur

Drive to the lake city of Udaipur, visiting the exquisite Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Stay at the **Trident Udaipur** for 2-nights. (B)

#### Day 15: Udaipur

Morning tour of the City Palace and a miniature painting studio. Afternoon at leisure. Evening Bagore-ki-Haveli cultural show. Holi festival departures will witness the celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace. (B)

#### Day 16: Fly to Delhi

Transfer to the airport and fly to Delhi for an overnight stay at the **Vivanta New Delhi Dwarka**. (B)

#### Day 17: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a direct flight to London with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Kerala

5 days & 4 nights from £695

Complete your Indian adventure by exploring the colourful, scenic and laid-back state of Kerala, which offers a palpable contrast to the north of the country.

#### Days 16 & 17: Fly to Kochi

Fly to Kochi. Drive to the backwater region of Kerala for a 2-night stay at **Rhythm Kumarakom** (poolside cottage). Next day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 18: Kochi

Enjoy a backwaters cruise before travelling to Kochi for a 2-night stay at **Fragrant Nature Kochi**. (B)

#### Day 19: Kochi

Explore the highlights of the enchanting port city of Kochi. (B)

#### Day 20: Fly home

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to London, via Dubai, with Emirates. (B)

## FESTIVAL DEPARTURES

\*The 21 February 2023 and 10 March 2024 departures are timed to coincide with the colourful Holika Dahan festival, which will be celebrated in Udaipur with a visit to the celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace.

†The 24 November 2023 and 12 November 2024 departures will include the enchanting Dev Diwali 'Festival of Lights' celebrations in Varanasi.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\***Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional cost.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: GNI

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,295  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £3,595  
Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £895

#### Private tour

Low season from £3,895  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £4,195  
Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £895

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **10 Feb 23, 20 Oct 23, 24 Nov 23, 02 Feb 24, 01 Mar 24, 18 Oct 24, 22 Nov 24**

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £195 return  
Club World from £2,095 return

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Fri)  | Rtn (Sun) |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 03 Feb 23  | 19 Feb 23 | 20 Oct 23  | 05 Nov 23 | 02 Feb 24  | 18 Feb 24 | 18 Oct 24  | 03 Nov 24 |
| 10 Feb 23  | 26 Feb 23 | 27 Oct 23  | 12 Nov 23 | 09 Feb 24  | 25 Feb 24 | 25 Oct 24  | 10 Nov 24 |
| *21 Feb 23 | 09 Mar 23 | 03 Nov 23  | 19 Nov 23 | 16 Feb 24  | 03 Mar 24 | 01 Nov 24  | 17 Nov 24 |
| 03 Mar 23  | 19 Mar 23 | 10 Nov 23  | 26 Nov 23 | 01 Mar 24  | 17 Mar 24 | †12 Nov 24 | 28 Nov 24 |
| 10 Mar 23  | 26 Mar 23 | 17 Nov 23  | 03 Dec 23 | *10 Mar 24 | 26 Mar 24 | 22 Nov 24  | 08 Dec 24 |
| 13 Oct 23  | 29 Oct 23 | †24 Nov 23 | 10 Dec 23 | 11 Oct 24  | 27 Oct 24 |            |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Exotic India

**Duration** • 14 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Solo group tour** • From £3,395 (incl. flights)

**Solo Travellers**

## This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with Virgin Atlantic
- ❖ Internal flights in India with 20kg luggage allowance
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 11 dinners
- ❖ 2 included 4x4 safaris in Ranthambore
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore National Park

Starting from India's historic capital, Delhi, this journey for solo travellers continues to Agra to see the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Search for elusive Bengal tigers in Ranthambore National Park and marvel at the majestic forts and grand palaces of Rajasthan's princely cities, including Jaipur and Udaipur, in the company of like-minded travellers.

### Day 4: Agra

Drive to Agra. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Agra Fort. Stay overnight at the Taj Convention Centre. (B, D)

### Day 5: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

Early morning sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. After breakfast, drive to the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. Enjoy lunch at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace. Continue to the railway station and transfer to Sawai Madhopur for 2 nights at Dev Vilas. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Ranthambore

Early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives by 4x4 in search of Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Jaipur

Drive to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. Stay 2 nights at the wonderful heritage hotel, **Shahpura House**. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

### Day 8: Jaipur

This morning, visit the ancient Amber Fort and then the City Palace, home of the present maharajah. (B, D)

### Day 9: Pushkar • Deogarh

Morning departure for Deogarh visiting Pushkar and its temples and markets en route. Stay 2 nights at the **Deogarh Mahal**, a former palace and now a superb heritage hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Evening cookery demonstration. (B, D)

### Day 10: Deogarh

Take a scenic ride on Deogarh's metre-gauge train passing waterfalls, lush landscapes and rural life. Optional afternoon 4x4 safari visiting local Bishnoi tribal villages dotted throughout the surrounding countryside.\* (B, D)

### Day 11: Ranakpur • Udaipur

Drive to Udaipur, arguably Rajasthan's most picturesque city. Visit the Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Stay 2 nights at **Fateh Niwas**. (B, D)

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ See the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the President's Palace
- ❖ Stay in a traditional *haveli* in Jaipur
- ❖ Take a scenic ride on Deogarh's metre-gauge train
- ❖ Enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking Lake Fateh Sagar

### Day 1: Fly to Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

### Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the **Taj Palace** for 2 nights. Late afternoon tour of Old Delhi exploring Chandni Chowk by cycle rickshaw. Welcome dinner at the Haveli Dharampura in Old Delhi, with views towards the Red Fort and Jama Masjid. (D)

### Day 3: Delhi

Morning visit to the President's Palace in New Delhi for the Changing of the Guard ceremony. Continue to the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and the Qutb Minar tower. Afternoon at leisure – perhaps explore one of Delhi's many markets or simply relax at your hotel. (B, D)

## Weather Delhi

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J   | A   | S   | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| A | 21 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 39 | 39 | 35  | 33  | 34  | 33 | 28 | 23 |
| B | 7  | 10 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 28 | 27  | 26  | 24  | 19 | 13 | 8  |
| C | 19 | 15 | 15 | 8  | 17 | 53 | 220 | 257 | 126 | 24 | 5  | 8  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Hawa Mahal palace (Palace of the Winds), Jaipur

### Day 12: Udaipur

Enjoy a guided tour of Udaipur including City Palace, the Jagdish Temple and the Garden of the Maid's Honour. End the tour with a cruise on the lake. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking Lake Fateh Sagar. (B, D)

### Day 13: Fly to Delhi

Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight from Udaipur to Delhi for an overnight stay at Vivanta New Delhi, Dwarka. (B)

### Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for the Virgin Atlantic flight to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Goa extension

5 days & 4 nights from £895

Finish your tour with a 4-night beach extension staying at the **Beleza by the Beach** in the former Portuguese colony of Goa, with its long, idyllic beaches lined with palm trees.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Solo Travellers group tours:** These small-group tours have been specially created for solo travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of

like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at [CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers)

**\*Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional cost.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: XOT

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,395  
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £3,495  
Guide price months: Feb – Mar

#### Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £595 return  
Upper Class from £4,045 return

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Wed) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 26 Jan 23 | 08 Feb 23 | 02 Nov 23 | 15 Nov 23 | 08 Feb 24 | 21 Feb 24 | 31 Oct 24 | 13 Nov 24 |
| 09 Feb 23 | 22 Feb 23 | 16 Nov 23 | 29 Nov 23 | 22 Feb 24 | 06 Mar 24 | 14 Nov 24 | 27 Nov 24 |
| 02 Mar 23 | 15 Mar 23 | 25 Jan 24 | 07 Feb 24 | 29 Feb 24 | 13 Mar 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Journey through the Himalayan Foothills

**Duration** • 13 days & 11 nights  
**Category** • Standard

**Small-group tour** • From £2,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with Virgin Atlantic
- ❖ Internal flights in India
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Travel outside Delhi by Toyota Crysta & Tempo Traveller
- ❖ Express rail travel in air-conditioned executive class
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Pragra

## Weather Shimla

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J   | J   | A   | S   | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| A | 11 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 25 | 26  | 23  | 22  | 22  | 21 | 17 | 13 |
| B | 2  | 3  | 7  | 12 | 15 | 17  | 16  | 16  | 14  | 12 | 7  | 4  |
| C | 78 | 70 | 74 | 50 | 66 | 170 | 410 | 334 | 190 | 38 | 16 | 41 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Prayer wheels, McLeod Ganj

Travel to the holy city of Amritsar and McLeod Ganj, home to the Tibetan government-in-exile. Continue through the foothills of the Himalaya to Shimla. Along the way, appreciate the cultural diversity of the region through its temples, monasteries and museums.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Join a guided heritage walk through Amritsar**
- ❖ **Ride on the Kangra Mountain Railway and the toy train to Solan**
- ❖ **Visit a local family in Dharamsala**
- ❖ **Take a gentle sunset walk through Gaddi villages**

### Day 1: Fly to Amritsar via Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Amritsar, via Delhi, with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

### Day 2: Amritsar

On arrival, transfer to the **Hyatt Amritsar** for a 2-night stay. Evening visit to the Golden Temple for the auspicious Palki Sahib ceremony to witness the evening *kirtan* (devotional prayers). The temple is profusely lit and the lights are

beautifully reflected in large water tanks surrounding the sanctum. (N)

### Day 3: Amritsar • Wagah

Morning visit to the Golden Temple and its vast community kitchen (*langar*). Take a guided heritage walk passing the Gurudwara Saragarhi, dedicated to the heroism of the 21 soldiers of the 36th Sikhs Battalion who lost their lives in 1897 as they defended their posts against Afghan soldiers. Weave your way through Qila Ahluwalia, a fort replete with colonial architectural features, before arriving at the Jalebiwala Chowk with its *jalebi* shop selling delicious sticky sweets. Late afternoon visit to Wagah, situated on the border with Pakistan, for the unmissable Changing of the Guard ceremony. (B)

### Day 4: McLeod Ganj

Travel by road to McLeod Ganj in Dharamsala. McLeod Ganj is home to the Dalai Lama and is the centre of Little Tibet. This afternoon, visit His Holiness the Dalai Lama's monastery, Tsuglag Khang. Continue with a tour of McLeod Ganj, visiting the handicrafts centre and local markets. Stay 2 nights at the **Fortune Park Moksha**. (B)

### Day 5: Dharamsala

After breakfast, visit the Norbulingka Institute, dedicated to the preservation of Tibetan culture, and the Thosamling Nunnery. Visit a local family to see the regional Gaddi dress. Later, take a gentle walk through traditional Gaddi settlements to Naddi village, enjoying spectacular views of the Dhauladhar mountain range as the sun sets. (B)

### Day 6: Kangra Fort • Palampur

Drive to Kangra to visit its impressive fort and the Bajreshwari Temple. Continue to Palampur for an overnight stay at **Taragarh Palace**. Afternoon visit to Tashijong monastery. (B, D)

### Day 7: Pragra via Kangra Mountain Railway

Today drive to Baijnath to board the Kangra Mountain Railway for the 1.5-hour scenic ride to Nagrota. Afterwards, visit the rock-cut temples at Masroor. These monolithic temples date back to the eighth century and have the moniker 'The Himalayan Pyramid'. Travel to Pragra for a 2-night stay at **The Judge's Court**, a delightful old manor house, converted into a hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8: Pragra

Day at leisure, with opportunities for relaxed walks in the surrounding villages, or visit the temples at Jwalamukhi and Chintpurni. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Shimla

Full-day drive through the Himalayan foothills to the former British hill station of Shimla.



Shimla

On arrival, check in for 3 nights at the **Oberoi Cecil** or upgrade to the **Oberoi Wildflower Hall** (Deluxe Garden View room) from £295pp . (B, D)

#### Day 10: Shimla

Full-day tour of Shimla, including the Viceregal Lodge, Himachal State Museum and the Gaiety Theatre. Later in the day, enjoy some time at leisure to stroll along the Mall and the Ridge. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Shimla

Travel on a first-class carriage on the **Himalayan Queen** 'toy train' from Shimla to Kandaghat (2 hours 15 minutes) to enjoy the beautiful Himalayan scenery. This narrow-gauge railway is considered one of the finest engineering feats in India. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Delhi

Travel by road to Chandigarh (3 hours) to take the midday train to Delhi. Overnight at the **Oberoi Maidens**. (B)

#### Day 13: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for your flight home with Virgin Atlantic. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Haridwar & Corbett extension

5 days & 4 nights from £865

Extend your tour with a visit to the sacred town of Haridwar, then continue to the picturesque Corbett National Park, a renowned tiger reserve.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Itinerary:** The order of the visits may change due to national holidays and museum opening times.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry).

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: HTT

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,395  
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,495  
Guide price months: Mar – Apr

Single supplement from £625

#### Private tour

Low season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,895  
Guide price months: Mar – Apr

Single supplement from £625

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **26 Sep 23, 14 Nov 23, 06 Feb 24, 02 Apr 24, 24 Sep 24**

#### Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £595 return  
Upper Class from £4,045 return

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Tue) | Rtn (Sun) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 21 Feb 23 | 05 Mar 23 | 03 Oct 23 | 15 Oct 23 | 20 Feb 24 | 03 Mar 24 | 01 Oct 24 | 13 Oct 24 |
| 07 Mar 23 | 19 Mar 23 | 17 Oct 23 | 29 Oct 23 | 05 Mar 24 | 17 Mar 24 | 15 Oct 24 | 27 Oct 24 |
| 21 Mar 23 | 02 Apr 23 | 31 Oct 23 | 12 Nov 23 | 19 Mar 24 | 31 Mar 24 | 29 Oct 24 | 10 Nov 24 |
| 04 Apr 23 | 16 Apr 23 | 14 Nov 23 | 26 Nov 23 | 02 Apr 24 | 14 Apr 24 | 12 Nov 24 | 24 Nov 24 |
| 26 Sep 23 | 08 Oct 23 | 06 Feb 24 | 18 Feb 24 | 24 Sep 24 | 06 Oct 24 |           |           |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Discover South India

The south of India is an eclectic region combining beautiful scenery and spectacular temples. Kerala is a tiny state rich in natural beauty with plantations growing many of the exotic spices indigenous to India. It is no less renowned for its wealth of festivals. Across the Western Ghats lies Tamil Nadu, a state which has been at the heart of southern India's religious development and is scattered with ornate temples, ruined forts and colonial monuments. The Deccan Plateau makes up most of the central part of southern India. During the medieval age, a number of India's greatest dynasties grew within this region, when the maharajahs of Mysore constructed many exquisite royal palaces and gardens.



Chinese fishing nets, Kochi

## Kochi

*Eclectic architecture • Spice trade history*

Overlooking the Arabian Sea and once a strategic port on the spice route, Kochi (Cochin), is an enchanting blend of east meets west. Scratch beneath the surface and it is so much more than the main sights of Mattancherry Palace, the synagogue and the 16th-century St Francis Church.

Take a sunset cruise to see fishermen work the Chinese fishing nets. Head off by rickshaw or on foot through the labyrinthine streets to explore the local markets; wander along Gujarati Street with its sweet and fruit stalls, discover the amazing collection of cotton items on Marine Drive, and visit the International Pepper Exchange – the only place in the world where pepper is the exchange currency.

## The Keralan Backwaters

*Cruise narrow canals & lakes • Abundant birdlife*

A rural, riverine expanse of verdant coconut groves and paddy fields, the Keralan backwaters are one of India's most enchanting areas and can be explored on a traditional *kettuvallam* (converted rice boat). Today, while the historic character of these boats has been preserved, the rice barges have been adapted to offer a unique journey along the waterways.

An overnight stay offers a magical insight into the lifestyle of rural Kerala. Get a glimpse into the lives of Malayalees: children playing hide and seek between coconut trees, fishermen going about their daily lives, and the mouth-watering aroma of *naadan* (authentic) homely food in the air.



Houseboat on the backwaters of Kerala

# Madurai

Ancient & bustling city • Meenakshi Temple

Madurai is an ancient city set on the banks of the Vaigai River in Tamil Nadu. Legend has it that a few drops of nectar fell from Shiva's locks onto the city, giving rise to its name, which is thought to derive from an old Tamil word for 'sweetness'. The cultural focal point of Madurai is its main temple, the Meenakshi-Sundareshwarar. One of India's liveliest temples, it serves as a significant place of Hindu pilgrimage and is covered in a profusion of brightly coloured stucco figures.



Meenakshi Temple, Madurai



Rickshaws in Puducherry

# Puducherry

French legacy • Colonial-era mansions

The charming seaside town of Puducherry (Pondicherry) is a former French enclave south of Chennai. The French relinquished control in 1954, yet the unusual mixture of French and Tamil traditions remains. The French influence is especially evident in many of the town's grand colonial-era mansions, tree-lined boulevards, numerous restaurants and chic boutiques. Other sites of interest include the Sri Aurobindo Ashram; the Government Park; and the Gandhi memorial.

# Mysore

Ornate architecture • Exquisite temples of Somnathpur

Mysore is the former capital of an important princely state. Magnificent palaces and royal gardens offer a glimpse of its past grandeur. The ornate Mysore Palace, designed by Henry Irwin, is embellished with murals. Its 100,000 light bulbs are illuminated over weekends and public holidays for an ethereal air. Mysore is also an excellent base to visit the island citadel of Srirangapatna and the intricate temples of Somnathpur.



Keshava Temple, Somnathpur

## A suggested itinerary...

### Highlights of Kerala

14 days & 12 nights  
from £2,495 (incl. flights)  
Category • Superior

**A striking contrast to other regions of India, Kerala is the ultimate destination for relaxation. Explore the highlights of the state before a three-night stay on the golden sands of the Kerala coastline.**

**Day 1: Fly to Kochi (N)**

**Day 2: Kochi**

Arrive and transfer to the Eighth Bastion for 2 nights. Remainder of the day is at leisure. (N)

**Day 3: Kochi**

Visit the highlights of this enchanting port, taking in architectural styles that reveal Arab, Jewish and European influences. Later, visit

the Kathakali dance studio. (B)

**Day 4: Munnar**

Travel to Munnar and stay 2 nights at the Windermere Estate in the hill country. (B, D)

**Day 5: Munnar**

Guided walk through Windermere Estate, taking in the impressive mountain scenery and extraordinary flora and fauna. (B, D)

**Day 6: Thekkady**

Morning drive through the Western Ghats to Thekkady. The region is home to moist deciduous forests and marshy grasslands, offering excellent opportunities to spot birds and other wildlife as well as tropical plant life. Stay 2 nights at Spice Village. (B)

**Day 7: Thekkady • Periyar**

Morning walking tour of a plantation to learn about the cultivation, growth and processing of spices. This afternoon, head to Periyar National Park for a guided forest walk. (B)

**Day 8: The backwaters**

Drive to the backwater region of Kerala. Stay

2 nights at the Coconut Lagoon. (B)

**Day 9: The backwaters**

Morning at leisure. Afternoon backwaters cruise in a traditional *shikara* boat through narrow canals. (B)

**Day 10: Overnight on a houseboat**

Board a private *kettuvallam*, a traditional Kerala houseboat. (B, L, D)

**Days 11-13: Mararikulam**

Enjoy the relaxed local culture and sandy beaches of Mararikulam, staying for 3 nights at the Marari Beach Resort. (B)

**Day 14: Fly home (B)**

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# Treasures of Southern India

**Duration** • 14 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,395 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Kerala's backwaters



Traditional Thali meal

The delicate scent of spices, the sound of temple bells and a rich tapestry of ancient arts and craft all characterise Tamil Nadu and Kerala. This journey travels through hill stations, tropical backwaters and temple-laden towns while staying in some of the region's very best hotels.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Stay in the heart of the French Quarter in Puducherry (Pondicherry)
- ❖ Explore Tamil Nadu's rich artistic and creative side
- ❖ Visit Meenakshi Temple for the night ceremony
- ❖ Spend two nights relaxing in the Kerala backwaters staying in a poolside cottage
- ❖ Enjoy a wealth of culinary fare

## Weather Madurai

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 30 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 32 | 32  | 32  | 32  | 31  | 30  | 29 |
| B | 22 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 24  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 23  | 22 |
| C | 16 | 19 | 22 | 63 | 54 | 87 | 130 | 140 | 111 | 192 | 141 | 71 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



### Day 1: Fly to Chennai

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Chennai (Madras) with British Airways. (N)

### Day 2: Chennai

On arrival, transfer to the Taj Connemara for 1 night (early check-in available). Time at leisure before an afternoon tour of the city followed by free time at Marina Beach. (B)

### Day 3: Mahabalipuram • Puducherry

Morning walking tour of Mylapore, a town that predates Chennai by 2,000 years. Continue to Puducherry (Pondicherry), visiting the World Heritage-listed shore temples at Mahabalipuram en route. Stay 2 nights at the Palais de Mahé located in the heart of the French Quarter. (B)

### Day 4: Puducherry

Morning visit to a rural village, organised by Mohanam Cultural Centre. Watch the villagers involved in traditional crafts such as stone carving, ceramics and terracotta work. Afternoon guided walk through Puducherry; stop by the Aurobindo ashram, stroll to the lively Tamil quarters and experience Hindu faith at the Ganesh temple in the evening. (B)

### Day 5: Chidambaram • Kumbakonam

Witness the daily rituals at Chidambaram Temple and the art of Kalamkari, which uses plant-based dyes to create intricate artwork, before driving through scenic countryside to Kumbakonam for 2 nights at the Mantra Koodam. In the early evening, try your hand at pottery and enjoy an interactive culinary demonstration, led by expert chefs. (B, D)

### Day 6: Kumbakonam

Sunrise visit to the local market. After breakfast, discover the crafts and culture of Tamil Nadu. Observe master foundrymen produce extraordinarily detailed bronze-cast statues and see the process of *pattu* silk weaving, using wooden handlooms. You will also visit the Darasuram Temple, renowned for its delicate stone sculptures and the Vedic School which dates back 140 years. Afternoon at leisure to explore the countryside on foot. (B, D)

### Day 7: Tanjore • Chettinad

Drive to Chettinad, stopping at Brihadeeswarar Temple in Tanjore en route. Continue to the art gallery and Saraswathi Mahal Library at the Tanjore Palace. Arrive in Chettinad for an overnight stay at Chidambara Vilas. This evening, enjoy a superb culinary experience. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Madurai

This morning, explore the village market, stopping for a traditional cup of tea before visiting some of the impressive mansions. Travel to Madurai. Evening visit to the illuminated Meenakshi Temple and Hall of a Thousand Pillars for the night ceremony. Overnight stay at the Heritage Madurai. (B)

### Day 9: Munnar

Travel to the hill country around Munnar for an overnight stay at Fragrant Nature. After lunch in a tea planter's bungalow, visit the Suryanelli tea factory to enjoy a guided tour, tea tasting and a gentle stroll through the tea plantation. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Kumarakom

Morning at leisure or visit the Srishti Welfare Centre, where differently-abled children and young adults are supported in education and to create sustainable livelihoods. Travel



Tea plantations, Munnar

to Kumarakom for 2 nights at the **Rhythm Kumarakom** (Poolside Cottage). Upgrade to a Lakefront Luxury Villa with plunge pool from £105 per person for 2 nights. (B, D)

**Day 11: Kumarakom**

Day at leisure to enjoy the beautiful surrounds or explore village life in the backwaters.\* (B, D)

**Day 12: Kochi**

Morning cruise aboard a *shikara* (wooden boat) through the backwaters before driving to Kochi (Cochin). Visit the Mattancherry Palace and enjoy an evening Kathakali dance performance. Stay 2 nights at **Eighth Bastion**. (B)

**Day 13: Kochi**

Morning sightseeing tour of Kochi including the Chinese fishing nets and the 16th-century St Francis Church. Explore hidden Kochi including Jew Town and *dhobi wallah*, a wash-house where a sea of white hotel linen is slathered on the washing stones. Afternoon at leisure to further explore the streets and their array of local markets. (B)

**Day 14: Fly to London via Mumbai**

Fly home via Mumbai with British Airways. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

**Tour + Coonoor & Mysore**

5 days & 4 nights from £965

Travel to Ooty to explore the erstwhile British summer capital and to ride the scenic Blue Mountain Railway. Continue to Mysore, the home of India's largest palace.

**Day 14: Coonoor**

Drive to Coonoor this morning and stay 2 nights at the **Gateway Coonoor**. (B)

**Day 15: Ooty**

Enjoy the scenic narrow-gauge train trip to Ooty aboard the *Blue Mountain Railway*. Afternoon tour of Ooty's botanical gardens. (B)

**Day 16: Mysore**

Travel to Mysore and visit the impressive Nandi Bull and the magnificent maharajah's palace. Overnight at **Radisson Mysore**. (B)

**Day 17: Srirangapatna • Bengaluru**

Travel by road to Bengaluru (Bangalore) visiting Srirangapatna en route. Overnight at the **Taj Bangalore**. (B)

**Day 18: Fly to London via Mumbai**

Fly to London, via Mumbai, with British Airways. (B)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\* **Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional cost.

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**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: CMK

**Group tour**

Low season from £2,395  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,495  
Guide price months: Feb

Single supplement from £995

**Private tour**

Low season from £2,995  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,095  
Guide price months: Feb

Single supplement from £995

**British Airways flight upgrades**

World Traveller Plus from £295 return  
Club World from £2,195 return

**Regional air connections**

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out (Sun) | Rtn (Sat) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 15 Jan 23 | 28 Jan 23 | 29 Oct 23 | 11 Nov 23 | 21 Jan 24 | 03 Feb 24 | 27 Oct 24 | 09 Nov 24 |
| 22 Jan 23 | 04 Feb 23 | 05 Nov 23 | 18 Nov 23 | 04 Feb 24 | 17 Feb 24 | 03 Nov 24 | 16 Nov 24 |
| 19 Feb 23 | 04 Mar 23 | 12 Nov 23 | 25 Nov 23 | 18 Feb 24 | 02 Mar 24 | 10 Nov 24 | 23 Nov 24 |
| 05 Mar 23 | 18 Mar 23 | 19 Nov 23 | 02 Dec 23 | 03 Mar 24 | 16 Mar 24 | 17 Nov 24 | 30 Nov 24 |
| 22 Oct 23 | 04 Nov 23 | 14 Jan 24 | 27 Jan 24 | 20 Oct 24 | 02 Nov 24 |           |           |

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# Passage through Kerala

**Duration** • 14 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,295 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with Emirates
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Included safari & national park fees
- ❖ Balanced pace



Tiger, Nagarhole National Park

This tour takes in the beautiful sights and tranquil landscapes of south India including the immense Maharajah's Palace in Mysore, the wildlife of Nagarhole National Park, the lush beauty of Wayanad, a rail ride through the Nilgiri Mountains and a cruise along the peaceful backwaters of Kochi.

India's most powerful 18th-century rulers. Evening food tour of Mysore's celebrated gastronomical delights including Mysore *masala dosa*. (B)

### Day 4: Mysore • Somnathpur

Walking tour visiting some of Mysore's architectural wonders. Tour the Maharajah's Palace, which combines Hindu and Saracenic architecture. Afternoon visit to the Keshava temple at Somnathpur. Return to the Maharajah's Palace this evening to see it illuminated by over 100,000 light bulbs. (B)

### Day 5: Nagarhole National Park

Travel to Kabini for an overnight stay at the **Serai Kabini** (waterfront verandah room). The predator density of Nagarhole park is one of the highest in Asia and includes tigers, leopards and wild dogs. Afternoon boat safari in search of the park's endemic wildlife. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Nagarhole National Park • Wayanad

Early morning 4x4 safari. Travel to Wayanad for 2 nights at **Wayanad Wild**. Wayanad is an area of outstanding natural beauty with tropical forests, valleys, waterfalls and sprawling plantations. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Wayanad

Morning at leisure. Enjoy an interactive Kerala cooking class and lunch. Take part in a guided nature walk following elephant trails. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Coonoor

Leisurely drive to the hill station of Coonoor. Enjoy lunch on the terrace of the Taj Savoy. Afternoon tour of the botanical gardens in Ooty, filled with more than 1,000 varieties of plants, shrubs and trees. Continue to Coonoor for 2 nights at the **Gateway Coonoor IHCL SeleQtions**. (B, L)

### Day 9: Coonoor • Ooty

Drive to Ooty and ride the *Blue Mountain Railway* to Coonoor. The scenic narrow-gauge railway runs across plains, plantations and the verdant hills of the Nilgiri Mountains. Visit a planter's house for afternoon tea and a walk through the tea plantation. (B)

### Day 10: Kochi

Travel to Coimbatore and enjoy lunch before boarding the train to Ernakulam. Transfer to the **Eighth Bastion**, located in the heart of Fort Kochi for 2 nights. Remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the local area. (B, L)

### Day 11: Kochi

Visit some of the highlights of this enchanting port, taking in the architectural styles that reveal Arab, Jewish and European influences.

## Weather Kochi

|   | J  | F  | M  | A   | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 31 | 32 | 32 | 32  | 31  | 29  | 28  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  | 31 |
| B | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  | 25  | 24  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 22 |
| C | 6  | 24 | 37 | 107 | 284 | 752 | 848 | 514 | 316 | 310 | 155 | 42 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ See Mysore Palace illuminated by 100,000 lights
- ❖ Join a culinary tour of Mysore
- ❖ Take afternoon tea at a planter's house
- ❖ Ride the scenic *Blue Mountain Railway*
- ❖ Embark on a boat and 4x4 safari in Nagarhole National Park

### Day 1: Fly to Bengaluru via Dubai

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bengaluru (Bangalore) with Emirates, via Dubai. (N)

### Day 2: Bengaluru

On arrival, check in for an overnight stay at the **The Park Bangalore**. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour tracing Bangalore's captivating history. (N)

### Day 3: Srirangapatna • Mysore

Travel to Mysore for 2 nights at the **Radisson**. En route, stop at the island fortress of Srirangapatna, the former capital of south



Navigating Kerala's backwaters by *shikara* boat

View the remarkable, cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Portuguese-built Mattancherry Palace, the Church of St Francis and the world's oldest active Jewish synagogue in historic Jew Town. Wander through markets and visit the vibrant Dhobi Ghats. Later, visit the Kathakali dance studio to see a traditional performance. (B)

#### Day 12: The backwaters

Drive to the backwater region of Kerala this morning. En route, enjoy a backwater cruise by *shikara* boat through narrow canals. This cruise explores the picturesque waterways, revealing boats carrying loads of coir, copra and cashews and, along the water's edge, numerous churches and markets. Stay for 2 nights at the **Coconut Lagoon**. (B)

#### Day 13: The backwaters

Day at leisure. Optional village life experience or visit to Phillip Kutty farmhouse with lunch.\* (B)

#### Day 14: Fly to London via Dubai

Morning transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Dubai, with Emirates. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Marari Beach Resort extension

4 days & 3 nights from £595

Mararikulam is a beautiful stretch of beach between Kochi and Alleppey. Stay 3 nights at the **Marari Beach Resort**, a village-style hotel with accommodation in individual thatched cottages and deluxe pool villas.

### Rice barge tour variation

14 days & 12 nights from £225

In a variation to the main tour, instead of taking a *shikara* ride on Day 12, relax on a full-day cruise through the backwaters, followed by a night aboard a traditional rice barge. Traditional Kerala cuisine is served on board and, just before sunset, the boat drops anchor for the night.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* **Optional activities:** These are at an extra cost, which is payable locally.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: PKR

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,995  
Guide price months: Feb; Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £995

#### Private tour

Low season from £3,295  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,495  
Guide price months: Feb; Oct – Nov

Single supplement from £995

#### Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £3,345 return  
First Class from £6,525 return

#### Regional air connections

Prices on request: Emirates to/from Birmingham, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester or Stansted

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Thu) | Rtn (Wed) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 12 Jan 23 | 25 Jan 23 | 19 Oct 23 | 01 Nov 23 | 01 Feb 24 | 14 Feb 24 | 14 Mar 24 | 27 Mar 24 |
| 02 Feb 23 | 15 Feb 23 | 02 Nov 23 | 15 Nov 23 | 08 Feb 24 | 21 Feb 24 | 17 Oct 24 | 30 Oct 24 |
| 09 Feb 23 | 22 Feb 23 | 09 Nov 23 | 22 Nov 23 | 15 Feb 24 | 28 Feb 24 | 31 Oct 24 | 13 Nov 24 |
| 23 Feb 23 | 08 Mar 23 | 11 Jan 24 | 24 Jan 24 | 22 Feb 24 | 06 Mar 24 | 07 Nov 24 | 20 Nov 24 |
| 02 Mar 23 | 15 Mar 23 | 25 Jan 24 | 07 Feb 24 | 29 Feb 24 | 13 Mar 24 |           |           |

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# Bhutan: The Dragon Kingdom

**Duration** • 12 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Discovery

**Small-group tour** • From £3,895 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights with Qatar Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Farewell dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at airports & stations
- ❖ Bhutanese visa included
- ❖ Festival departures: Paro, Thimphu, Punakha & Black-Necked Crane



Traditional masked dancer

The remote Kingdom of Bhutan, with its fascinating cultural heritage and beautiful mountain scenery, was off limits to tourists until 1974. Today, the country continues to preserve its age-old traditions, as revealed in this tour, which travels through western Bhutan visiting the forts, monasteries and markets of the 'Dragon Kingdom'.

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Witness Bhutan's colourful festivals
- ❖ Bhutanese cooking class
- ❖ Explore Kathmandu's medieval centre
- ❖ Meet with local monks
- ❖ Dinner with a local family

## Weather Thimphu

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| A | 7  | 8  | 12 | 14 | 16  | 18  | 18  | 18  | 17  | 15 | 12 | 9  |
| B | -7 | -5 | -  | 3  | 6   | 9   | 10  | 10  | 8   | 3  | -2 | -5 |
| C | 8  | 9  | 34 | 79 | 180 | 411 | 529 | 391 | 247 | 81 | 11 | 5  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



### Day 1: Fly to Kathmandu

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Kathmandu, via Doha, with Qatar Airways. (N)

### Day 2: Kathmandu

Afternoon arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to the **Hotel Himalaya** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

### Day 3: Kathmandu

Morning tour of Kathmandu. Afternoon visit to the temple at Pashupatinath and Bodhnath. (B)

### Day 4: Fly to Paro • Thimphu

Morning flight to Paro. Drive to Thimphu. Afternoon tour including the Tashichho Dzong. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Kisa** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Thimphu

Morning sightseeing in Thimphu, including the National Memorial Chorten, Simply Bhutan, Buddha Point and the Textile Museum.

Afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening with a local family. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Punakha

Travel to Punakha via the stunning Dochula Pass. Visit a traditional farmhouse for an authentic village experience. Stay 2 nights at the **Meri Puensum** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Punakha

Morning tour of Punakha, including the Punakha Dzong, a 17th-century fortress. This afternoon, visit the Nalanda Buddhist Institute to meet with Buddhist monks. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Paro

Drive to Paro and stay 2 nights at the **Village Lodge** (or similar). Afternoon visit to Ta Dzong, now the national museum. Later, enjoy a cooking class in spicy Bhutanese cuisine. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang ('Tiger's Nest'), a monastery perched on a rocky ledge. The return walk takes about 5 hours. Afternoon visit to Rinpung Dzong. Later try your hand at Bhutan's national sport – archery. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Fly to Kathmandu

Morning flight to Kathmandu. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Himalaya** (or similar). Farewell dinner at Brick Café. (B, D)

### Day 11: Fly to London via Doha

Day at leisure with late hotel check-out. This evening fly from Kathmandu to London, via Doha, with Qatar Airways. (B)

### Day 12: London

Early morning arrival in London. (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## TOUR EXTENSIONS

### Tour + Gangtey & Bumthang

4 days & 4 nights from £1,895

This extension starts on Day 8 of the tour and diverts via Gangtey, taking in spectacular scenery and the beautiful Phobjikha valley.

### Day 8: Gangtey

Drive through picturesque Himalayan scenery to Gangtey. Enjoy an excursion to a local village. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Dewachen** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Gangtey

After breakfast, visit Gangtey Goempa



Tiger's Nest monastery, Paro

(monastery) before enjoying an easy walking trail through the Phobjikha valley with its lush forests and meadows. Visit a local community school. After lunch, explore the Phobjikha valley, the winter home of the black-necked cranes. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Bumthang

Proceed to Bumthang, one of the most spectacular valleys in Bhutan. Stay at the **Village Lodge** (or similar) for 2 nights.

#### Day 11: Bumthang

Visits to Kurje lhakhang, Jambay lhakhang, the ancient Buddhist wall paintings at Tamshing lhakhang, and Jakar Dzong. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Paro

Travel to Paro. Stay 2 nights at the **Village Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang ('Tiger's Nest') monastery. The round trip takes about 5 hours. Afternoon visit to Rinpung Dzong, and Ta Dzong, now the national museum. Later, enjoy a cooking class in spicy Bhutanese cuisine. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: Fly to Kathmandu

Morning flight to Kathmandu. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Himalaya** (or similar). (B)

#### Day 15: Fly to London via Doha

Day at leisure. This evening fly from Kathmandu to London, via Doha, with Qatar Airways. (B)

#### Day 16: London

Early morning arrival in London. (N)

#### Tsechus (festivals)

The 16 Feb 2023 departure coincides with the Punakha *tsechu*; the 18 Mar 2023 departure coincides with the Paro *tsechu* (slightly different itinerary to allow more time in Paro – please ask your travel consultant for details); and the 12 Sep 2023 departure coincides with the

Thimphu *tsechu*. The 1 Nov 2023 departure and extension visits the Black-Necked Crane festival.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Discovery tour:** Hotel standards in Bhutan range from first class in Paro (available at a supplement on private travel only) to reasonably comfortable in western Bhutan. The tour involves some long drives.

**Tour variations:** Due to changes to seasonal schedules and opening times, there are minor itinerary variations for certain festival departure dates. Please check with your Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023

Tour code: BHU

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,895  
Guide price months: Feb

High season from £3,995  
Guide price months: Mar, Sep

Single supplement from £325

#### Private travel

Low season from £4,495  
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £4,695  
Guide price months: Mar, Sep

Single supplement from £325

#### Qatar Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £3,125 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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# Discover Sri Lanka

For a relatively small island, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) has remarkable cultural and geographical diversity: rolling green hills carpeted with tea plantations, ruins of ancient capital cities, wildlife reserves that display an incredible biodiversity, all wrapped up within a stunning coastline.

Colombo, the capital, offers a wealth of interesting attractions, including the National Museum, the Pettah Bazaar and colonial buildings beautifully restored from the Dutch, Portuguese and British eras. Food is also a highlight in Colombo, where you can dine at one of the eateries in the Old Dutch Hospital or be adventurous and try some of the delicious street food.



Temple of the Tooth, Kandy

## Kandy

Temple of the Tooth • Royal Botanical Gardens • British Garrison Cemetery

Kandy, once an impregnable fortress, was the capital of the last Sinhalese kingdom. Today, it is Sri Lanka's cultural centre and home to the country's holiest site, the Temple of the Tooth, said to contain the tooth relic of Buddha. The temple is set on the shores of a beautiful lake in the midst of town. Just a short walk from the temple is the British Garrison Cemetery, established in 1817 for the British nationals who died in Ceylon. Kandy is also known for its quaint old quarter, cultural performances and interesting museums. The Victoria Golf Club, one of the most scenic golf courses in Asia, and the exotic Peradeniya botanical gardens are just a short drive away.

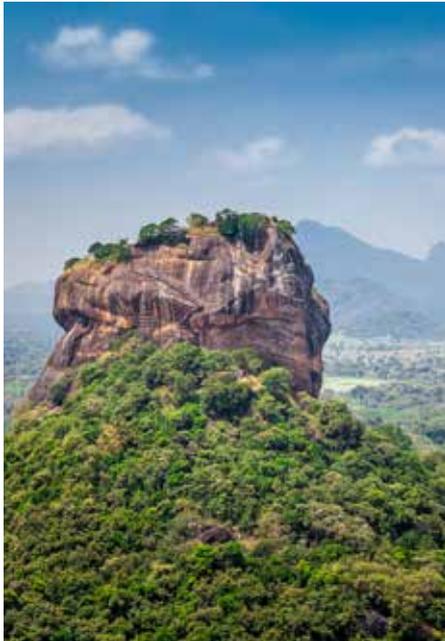
## The Hill Country

Tea estates • Rural train rides • Horton Plains

A rural train ride links Kandy with Sri Lanka's captivating hill country. The scenery is spectacular, as are the glimpses of rural life and the experience of sharing this journey with the locals who use these trains daily. The hill country offers visitors an idyllic mix of misty mountains, colonial hill stations, lush tea plantations and tumbling waterfalls, as well as the attractive villages of Nuwara Eliya, Ella and Hatton. The region is also the setting for the natural wonders of the Horton Plains. A walk of 9.5km loops around the plateau passing 'World's End', a stunning escarpment from which to view the tea plantations in the valley below and, on a clear day, the 2,130-metre-high Adam's Peak.



Tea plantation, Sri Lanka



Lion rock, Sigiriya

## Coastal Sri Lanka

Galle Fort • Palm-fringed beaches • Year-round destination

The main attraction of the south-west coast is historic Galle and its 17th-century Portuguese fort, which encloses a 36-hectare site complete with grand mansions, narrow streets and art galleries with the Handunugoda tea estate just a short drive away. Along the coast are numerous villages displaying the region's cultural heritage and miles of pristine beaches. Mirissa is a top whale watching spot, while Tangalle's palm-fringed coves are a 20-minute drive from the cave temples at Mulkirigala.

Further east, Hambantota is an ideal base for exploring the nearby national parks of Bundela and Yala as well as the temples at Kataragama. The distinct north-east coast, with the shallow waters of Passikudah, traditional fishing villages and coral reefs, is best visited from April to September.

## Cultural Triangle

Cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka • Elephant gathering • Cave temples

The ancient cities of Anuradhapura, Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa, as well as the cave temples at Dambulla, make up Sri Lanka's famed Cultural Triangle. This picturesque region is home to many UNESCO-listed sites and is an ideal base from which to discover Sri Lanka's cultural and religious history full of lost cities, ruined palaces and centuries-old frescoes.

At the heart of the Cultural Triangle lies the fifth-century Sigiriya rock fortress, accessible via a winding cliff-face staircase. Dambulla's Buddhist temple complex is home to an impressive collection of statues, including a 15-metre-long reclining Buddha. For those who want to combine culture with wildlife from July to August, Minneriya National Park and its impressive gathering of Asiatic elephants can be visited alongside Polonnaruwa.



Stilt fisherman

## Experiences in Sri Lanka



### Culinary Ceylon, Colombo

Delve deep into the roots of Sri Lankan cuisine with a delicious seven-course dining experience. Your host will guide you through the origins of each course. Try a variety of Sri Lankan favourites including *hoppers* (a type of pancake), *kottu* (shredded bread with vegetables, meat and spices) and *lamprais* (curry wrapped in banana leaves).



### Rural train ride, Hill Country

Enjoy a leisurely train ride in Sri Lanka's serene Hill Country. Travel along at just 30km per hour, passing tea plantations, waterfalls and mountain creeks before gradually creeping up into the clouds. The scenery is spectacular, as are the glimpses of rural life and the experience of sharing this journey with the locals who use these trains daily.

### A suggested itinerary...

#### Exotic Sri Lanka

15 days & 13 nights  
from £3,395 (incl. flights)  
Category • Luxury

Explore Sri Lanka's wealth of cultural and natural treasures whilst staying in some of the country's most luxurious and intimate properties.

#### Days 1 & 2: Fly to Colombo

Stay at The Wallawwa for 1 night. (N)

#### Day 3: Anuradhapura

Transfer to Ulagalla Resort for 2 nights.

Remainder of day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 4: Anuradhapura

Explore the city of Anuradhapura. For 1,400 years this was Sri Lanka's capital and contains

fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. (B)

#### Day 5: Sigiriya • Kandy

Drive to the ruined city of Sigiriya with its impressive palace-fortress. Continue to Kandy and stay 3 nights at Kandy House. (B)

#### Days 6 & 7: Kandy

Visit the Temple of the Tooth, which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha, and the Peradeniya botanical gardens. Following day at leisure to relax or explore Kandy. (B)

#### Day 8: Koslanda

Early morning drive to Koslanda via a tea plantation. Stay 2 nights at Living Heritage Koslanda, featuring its own tea plantation. (B)

#### Day 9: Koslanda

Day at leisure. Relax or enjoy optional experiences including cooking classes, and hikes to the nearby waterfall forest walks. (B)

#### Day 10: Tangalle

Drive to Tangalle on the southern coast and stay 2 nights at The Last House or Coco

Tangalle. Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Tangalle

Day at leisure. You may wish to relax on the beach or book yourself a spa treatment. (B)

#### Days 12 & 13: Galle

Drive to Galle and stay 2 nights at Kahanda Kanda. Afternoon guided tour. Following day at leisure to explore Galle. (B)

#### Day 14: Colombo

Transfer to Colombo and stay overnight at Maniumpathy. Afternoon guided walking tour of Colombo. (B)

#### Day 15: Fly home (B)

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# Sri Lanka: The Enchanted Island

**Duration** • 14 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,195 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with Sri Lankan Airlines
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts
- ❖ Upgrade to half-board in Dambulla, Kandy & Ahungalla (7 nights) for £95
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Wildlife safari & national park entrance fees



Asian elephant, Yala National Park

The island nation of Sri Lanka has a wealth of cultural, archaeological and natural treasures. This comprehensive tour visits both the popular and some of the lesser-known sites in northern, central and southern Sri Lanka.

## Weather Colombo

|   | J  | F  | M   | A   | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D   |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| A | 31 | 31 | 32  | 32  | 31  | 30  | 30  | 30  | 30  | 30  | 30  | 30  |
| B | 22 | 23 | 24  | 24  | 25  | 25  | 25  | 25  | 25  | 24  | 23  | 22  |
| C | 55 | 74 | 136 | 250 | 382 | 186 | 124 | 116 | 236 | 371 | 306 | 166 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Visit the impressive Dambulla caves and Sigiriya rock fortress
- ❖ Witness a puja ceremony at the Temple of the Tooth
- ❖ Stay in an authentic converted tea factory
- ❖ Finish the tour with relaxation on the beach

### Day 1: Fly to Colombo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Colombo with Sri Lankan Airlines. (N)

### Day 2: Colombo

Afternoon arrival and transfer to the Cinnamon

Lakeside for 1 night. Enjoy afternoon tea at the iconic Galle Face Hotel. (N)

### Day 3: Dambulla

In the morning, transfer to Dambulla. Stay 3 nights at the **Heritage Kandalama**. (B)

### Day 4: Anuradhapura • Mihintale

Drive to the ancient Anuradhapura. This city was Sri Lanka's capital for 1,400 years and contains fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. Afternoon visit to Mihintale, the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. (B)

### Day 5: Sigiriya • Polonnaruwa

Morning visit to the rock-fortress town of Sigiriya. Continue to the 11th-century capital of Polonnaruwa. (B)

### Day 6: Dambulla • Kandy

Morning visit to Dambulla, home to Asia's most impressive cave temples. Continue to the beautiful hill station of Kandy and stay 2 nights at the **Earls Regency**. Afternoon city tour. This evening, take time to watch a traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth for the evening *puja*. (B)

### Day 7: Kandy

Kandy is set on the shores of a beautiful man-made lake and the area abounds with rich and varied plant life. Morning visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 8: Nuwara Eliya

Early morning drive to Nuwara Eliya hill station via a tea plantation. Situated at 2,000 metres above sea level, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at the **Heritage Tea Factory** for 2 nights. (B)

### Day 9: Horton Plains

Early morning visit to Horton Plains, situated on Sri Lanka's highest plateau (this excursion involves a 2.5-hour walk\*). Horton Plains is inhabited by large populations of monkeys and sambar deer. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 10: Ella • Yala

Transfer to Ella; the view through the Ella Gap – a break in the hills – is one of the finest in Sri Lanka. Visit the Rawana Ella Falls and impressive Buduruwagala statues before continuing to Yala. Stay 2 nights at **Cinnamon Wild**. (B)

### Day 11: Yala

Morning wildlife safari in Yala National Park. Covering 1,300 sq km, the park encompasses a diversity of jungle habitats, including scrub, brackish lagoons and riverside locations.



Sigiriya

Creatures that may be seen include elephants, leopards, sloth bears, spotted deer, sambar deer, wild pigs, jackals, marsh crocodiles and a great variety of birdlife. (B)

**Days 12 & 13: Galle • Ahungalla**

Drive to Ahungalla, stopping for a visit to the Elephant Transit home and a tour of Galle Fort. Stay 2 nights at **Heritage Ahungalla** or upgrade to the **Taj Bentota Resort & Spa** (Superior Charm Seaview room) from £85. Following day at leisure. (B)

**Day 14: Fly to London**

Transfer to Colombo and fly to London with Sri Lankan Airlines. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

**Maldives extension**

5 days & 4 nights from £2,495

The Maldivian archipelago of 1,190 islands stretches across the Indian Ocean. These tropical hideaways offer pure relaxation in exquisite surroundings. This extension price is based on a short flight from Colombo to Malé and a seaplane to the charming **Fushifaru**, which offers an idyllic stay on a beautiful island surrounded by verdant foliage and a tropical house-reef. A selection of our preferred Maldives properties can be found on our website.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**\* Accessibility:** Due to high altitude and uneven terrain, the Horton Plains walk requires a good level of fitness. Visits to certain ancient monuments in the Cultural Triangle require quite a bit of step climbing. In some cases, this is in excess of 1,800 steps and in other

instances somewhere between 800 and 1,200 steps.

**Private & tailored travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: CET

**Group tour**

Low season from £1,995  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,095  
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £525

**Private tour**

Low season from £2,195  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,295  
Guide price months: Feb

Single supplement from £525

**Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades**

Business Class from £2,225 return

**Regional air connections**

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**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out (Tue) | Rtn (Mon) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 Jan 23 | 23 Jan 23 | 28 Feb 23 | 13 Mar 23 | 09 Jan 24 | 22 Jan 24 | 27 Feb 24 | 11 Mar 24 |
| 24 Jan 23 | 06 Feb 23 | 17 Oct 23 | 30 Oct 23 | 23 Jan 24 | 05 Feb 24 | 15 Oct 24 | 28 Oct 24 |
| 07 Feb 23 | 20 Feb 23 | 14 Nov 23 | 27 Nov 23 | 06 Feb 24 | 19 Feb 24 | 12 Nov 24 | 25 Nov 24 |
| 21 Feb 23 | 06 Mar 23 |           |           | 20 Feb 24 | 04 Mar 24 |           |           |

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# Splendours of Sri Lanka

**Duration** • 14 days & 12 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Solo group tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

**Solo Travellers**

## This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Twin / double rooms for single use
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights with Sri Lankan Airlines
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 10 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Wildlife safaris & national park entrance fees



Leopard, Wilpattu National Park

This introductory tour combines the Cultural Triangle's ancient cities with scenic hill country, man-made marvels and abundant wildlife. Finish the tour with a relaxing two-night stay on a palm-fringed beach.

### Day 5: Anuradhapura

Drive to the ancient city of Anuradhapura. For 1,400 years, this city was the capital of Sri Lanka and contains fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

### Day 6: Habarana

Transfer to Habarana. Stay 2 nights at the **Cinnamon Lodge**. Afternoon cookery lesson. (B)

### Day 7: Sigiriya • Polonnaruwa

Morning visit to the UNESCO-listed rock fortress town of Sigiriya. Continue to the 11th-century medieval capital of Polonnaruwa. (B)

### Day 8: Dambulla • Kandy

Morning visit to Dambulla, home to Asia's most impressive cave temples. Continue to the beautiful hill station of Kandy and stay 2 nights at the **Cinnamon Citadel**. Afternoon sightseeing tour. In the evening, watch a traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth for the evening *puja* ceremony. (B, D)

### Day 9: Kandy

Kandy is set on the shores of a beautiful man-made lake and the area abounds in rich and varied plant life. Morning visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens. Afternoon at leisure to explore Kandy's markets. (B, D)

### Day 10: Nuwara Eliya

Morning drive to the hill station of Nuwara Eliya via a tea plantation. Situated at 2,000 metres, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at **The Blackpool** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Three safaris in Wilpattu in search of wild elephants and leopards**
- ❖ **Join a Sri Lankan cookery lesson**
- ❖ **End your tour with a two-night luxury beach stay**

### Day 1: Fly to Colombo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Colombo with Sri Lankan Airlines. (N)

### Day 2: Chilaw

Arrive and transfer to the **Anantaya** hotel for 1 night. Welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Anuradhapura

Drive to Anuradhapura via Wilpattu National Park. Afternoon wildlife safari in search of leopards and sloth bears. Stay 3 nights at the **Forest Rock Garden Resort**. (B, D)

### Day 4: Wilpattu National Park • Anuradhapura

Full-day safari in Wilpattu National Park. (B, L, D)

## Weather Colombo

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Sacred quadrangle, Polonnaruwa

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Early morning visit to Horton Plains, situated on Sri Lanka's highest plateau (this excursion involves a 2.5-hour walk\*). Horton Plains is inhabited by large populations of monkeys and sambars. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Wadduwa

Drive to Wadduwa. Stay 2 nights at the **Blue Water Hotel**, a luxury hotel with breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Wadduwa

Day at leisure. Farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to Colombo and fly to London with Sri Lankan Airlines. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Solo Travellers group tours:** These small-group tours have been specially created for solo travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard

and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at [CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers)

\* **Accessibility:** Due to high altitude and uneven terrain, the Horton Plains walk requires a good level of fitness. Visits to certain ancient monuments in the Cultural Triangle require

steep climbing, including ascending more than 1,800 steps in one instance.

**Tour variations:** Due to changes to seasonal schedules and opening times, there are minor itinerary variations for certain departure dates. Please check with your Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: SCN

#### Group tour

Low season from £2,795  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,995  
Guide price months: Jan – Mar

#### Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,225 return

#### Regional air connections

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Wed) | Rtn (Tue) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 25 Jan 23 | 07 Feb 23 | 01 Mar 23 | 14 Mar 23 | 24 Jan 24 | 06 Feb 24 | 28 Feb 24 | 12 Mar 24 |
| 01 Feb 23 | 14 Feb 23 | 15 Nov 23 | 28 Nov 23 | 31 Jan 24 | 13 Feb 24 | 13 Nov 24 | 26 Nov 24 |

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# Discover Japan

Japan is a country like no other, at once futuristic and high tech but also with a strong sense of tradition and exceptional natural beauty. Cities that set the trend for the modern world rub side by side with timeworn temples and gardens, snowy volcanic peaks, valleys of spring cherry blossom, remote mountains and subtropical islands.

Experience the modern buzz of Tokyo, discover the imperial past of Kyoto, retreat to a Buddhist temple on Mount Koya, see the snow monkeys in Yudanaka, or take part in a traditional tea ceremony. High-speed rail links mean that you can discover much of the diversity of this country in comfort.



Shibuya crossing, Tokyo

## Tokyo

Neon cityscapes • World-class restaurants • Ancient temples, palaces & gardens

One of the largest and most densely populated cities in the world, Tokyo merits several days' exploration. A good starting point is the Asakusa Kannon temple (Sensoji), the city's largest Buddhist temple and a popular meeting place for locals. Nearby is Nakamise-dori, one of Japan's oldest shopping streets, where you'll find crafts and tempting street food. The East Gardens of the Imperial Palace are open to the public, where paths wind through manicured lawns and waterlilies top pretty ponds. The displays of the Tokyo National Museum could take up a full day, while the districts of Ginza, Shibuya and Shinjuku are lined with video screens and gleaming department stores – the classic vision of Tokyo by night.

## Kyoto

Zen gardens, pavilions & temples • Geisha district • Arashiyama bamboo grove

The nation's capital from the eighth century until the Meiji Restoration in 1868, Kyoto is known today as the cultural heart of Japan. Historical treasures here include Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion), covered entirely in glittering gold leaf; and Nijo Castle. Other highlights include Sanjusangendo Hall, known as the 'Temple of 1,001 Images of Buddha'; and the Fushimi Inari shrine, with its long arcades of vermilion *torii* (shrine gates). Gion, Kyoto's geisha district, is an area of hushed narrow lanes and hidden alleys where you may come across geisha going between appointments. Arashiyama, to the west, is an area of wooded hills, lakes and towering bamboo groves, and is especially beautiful in cherry blossom season.



Kiyomizu-dera Temple during cherry blossom season, Kyoto

## Hiroshima

Visit the A-Bomb Museum & Peace Memorial Park • Carp Castle

Hiroshima needs no introduction, as the first city on Earth to be hit by an atomic bomb, although these days it is a young and prospering city. The A-Bomb Museum & Peace Memorial Park was built by the people of the city to symbolise their wishes for everlasting peace. It encompasses the Peace Memorial Museum, the Memorial Cenotaph and the Flame of Peace. The city's castle, sometimes called Carp Castle, was originally constructed in 1589. Much of it was dismantled following the Meiji Restoration, leaving only the *donjon* (castle keep), the main gates and turrets.



Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park



Mount Fuji and Lake Ashi, Hakone National Park

## Hakone National Park

Hakone Open-Air Museum • Lake cruises, museums & hot springs

Located 100km south-west of Tokyo, Hakone National Park is a picturesque landscape of lakes, valleys and volcanoes. The park can be visited on a day trip from Tokyo, while an overnight stay allows more time for exploration. Attractions include the Hakone Tozan mountain railway, numerous hot springs that provide thermal waters to many of the bath houses and *ryokans* in the region, and scenic cruises across Lake Ashi to Hakone Botanical Garden. A cable-car ride up Mount Komagatake offers superb views of Mount Fuji.



Kenroku-en garden, Kanazawa

## Kanazawa

The beautiful garden of Kenroku-en • Nagamachi district, home of the samurai

Kanazawa, on the west coast of Honshu island, grew in importance from the 15th century, when the Ikko and Maeda clans chose the town for their headquarters and it came to rival Kyoto and Edo (Tokyo) in cultural significance. The Nagamachi district at the foot of Kanazawa Castle is where the samurai (a military nobility) used to reside, and it retains a historic atmosphere with its remaining samurai mansions, earthen walls, narrow lanes and canal. Kanazawa is also notable for Kenroku-en, considered one of Japan's most beautiful gardens.

## Experiences in Japan

### Tea ceremony, Kyoto

Experience an audience with a *maiko* (apprentice geisha), who will entertain you with dances and some traditional games over afternoon tea. With a translator on hand to assist, this experience is an opportunity to gain an understanding of this fascinating and highly ritualised tradition.

### Sumo stable visit, Tokyo

A visit to a sumo stable to see *asageiko* (morning training) provides an insight into the lives of sumo wrestlers and the dedication that's required to excel in this sport. We can also arrange for you to attend one of the large annual tournaments held in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Nagoya and Osaka.

### Small-group food tours in Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima & Osaka

Discover where locals eat on an escorted tour to a range of restaurants, teahouses, bars and street stalls. Each city has its own specialities, and these tours are a wonderful opportunity to try them for yourself and gain an understanding of the importance of food to Japanese culture.



## Ryokans of Japan

The origins of *ryokan*, traditional Japanese inns, can be traced back to the Nara period (710–784AD) as rest houses for travellers, with a tradition of good food and hospitality that continues today. Guestrooms are often simply decorated, featuring tatami straw mats and futon bedding, and a traditional multi-course *kaiseki* dinner is usually included. Many have *onsen* (hot spring) facilities, with shared or private hot spring baths. Some *ryokan* are located in the older, more traditional areas of towns, while others are set within stunning natural landscapes.

# Japan's Cultural Treasures

**Duration** • 12 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £5,995 (incl. flights)

**Group Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ❖ Small group size – average 15 people (max 24)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts & 4 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Bullet train travel
- ❖ Cherry blossom season departures



Gasshō-zukuri houses, Shirakawago

**Weather**

**Tokyo**

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| A | 10 | 10 | 13 | 19  | 23  | 25  | 29  | 31  | 27  | 21  | 17 | 12 |
| B | 0  | 1  | 4  | 9   | 14  | 18  | 22  | 24  | 20  | 14  | 8  | 3  |
| C | 43 | 58 | 94 | 119 | 132 | 181 | 128 | 147 | 181 | 158 | 84 | 44 |

**Kyoto**

|   | J  | F  | M   | A   | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| A | 6  | 6  | 10  | 17  | 22  | 25  | 29  | 30  | 26  | 20  | 14 | 8  |
| B | -2 | -1 | 1   | 7   | 12  | 16  | 21  | 22  | 17  | 11  | 5  | 0  |
| C | 78 | 83 | 111 | 134 | 142 | 228 | 214 | 126 | 181 | 111 | 78 | 65 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Discover the cultural heritage of Japan on this exciting journey through the country's main island of Honshu. Begin with an exploration of Tokyo and the nearby Hakone National Park, visit the tranquil Kenroku-en garden and the castle of Kanazawa before exploring the imperial city of Kyoto, with its many temples and shrines. Experience the sombre modern history of Hiroshima, then visit the picturesque island of Miyajima with its celebrated *torii* gate. Finish with a visit to Himeji, famed for its castle and gardens, before flying home from Tokyo.

cruise on Lake Ashi and a ride on the Mount Komagatake Ropeway (cable car). (B, L)

**Day 4: Tokyo**

Full-day tour visiting Asakusa Kannon temple, Tokyo National Museum, the Imperial East Garden and the peaceful Meiji shrine. Lunch will be a *kushiage* meal of fried meat and vegetables. (B, L)

**Day 5: Kanazawa**

Morning departure by *shinkansen* (bullet train) to Kanazawa. Visit Kanazawa castle park, Kenroku-en garden and the Nomura Samurai House. Stay 2 nights at the **Crowne Plaza ANA Kanazawa** (or similar). (B, L)

**Day 6: Kanazawa • Shirakawago**

Morning visit to the Higashichaya District, full of teahouses and craft shops, and Omicho market. Afternoon excursion to Shirakawago to see the UNESCO-listed *gasshō-zukuri* houses, notable for their unique architectural style. (B)

**Days 7 & 8: Kyoto**

Travel by express train to Kyoto. Visits include Nijo Castle, a walking tour of Nishiki market to browse the numerous food stalls, and the WAK cultural centre, housed in a wooden townhouse known as a *machiya*, for a cooking class and a traditional tea ceremony experience. The following day is at leisure to explore Kyoto at your own pace. Stay 2 nights at the **New Miyako Hotel** (or similar). (B)

**Day 9: Kyoto • Hiroshima**

Morning visit to Kinkakuji temple (Golden Pavilion), then Ryoanji temple, famous for its Zen rock garden. Afternoon tour of the historic city of Nara, then continue to Osaka to catch the bullet train south to Hiroshima. Stay 2 nights at the **Granvia Hiroshima / Sheraton Hiroshima** (or similar). (B)

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **Traditional tea ceremony experience and cooking class in Kyoto**
- ❖ **Visit Shirakawago to see the UNESCO-listed *gasshō-zukuri* houses**
- ❖ **Tour the Nomura Samurai House historic home and garden**
- ❖ **Try your hand at Bonsai tree shaping in Tokyo**

**Day 1: Fly to Tokyo**

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tokyo Haneda airport with British Airways / Japan Airlines. (N)

**Day 2: Tokyo**

Arrive and transfer to the **Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa** (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

**Day 3: Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park**

Full-day excursion to the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park for views of Mount Fuji, a



Karamon main gate to Ninomaru Palace at Nijo Castle, Kyoto

#### Day 10: Miyajima island • Hiroshima

Take the ferry to Miyajima island to visit the Itsukushima shrine and see the *torii* gate. Return to the mainland and take the train back to the city to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Memorial Museum. (B)

#### Day 11: Himeji • Tokyo

Board a bullet train for the journey north to Himeji city. Take a tour of Himeji Castle, which, unlike most castles in Japan, is still in its original form and is arguably the finest example of medieval castle architecture in the country. Afterwards, take a stroll in the Koko-en gardens, which consist of nine separate, walled gardens with ponds, waterfalls and a tea ceremony house. Travel by train on to Tokyo, and stay at the **Royal Park Haneda** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and board a flight back to London, arriving later the same day. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## FESTIVAL DEPARTURES

#### Cherry blossom season

*Hanami*, literally meaning 'flower viewing', is the traditional Japanese custom of enjoying the blossoming cherry trees from March to early May, and specifically in Tokyo and Kyoto in early April. Cherry blossom can be seen on many of the excursions on the March and April departures.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Accommodation:** Please note that in Japan room sizes can be significantly smaller than in Europe.

**Itinerary:** Excursions on days 3 and 4 may be switched, subject to local conditions. Please note that travellers will need to pack an overnight bag for days 5–6 and 9–10, as main luggage will be transferred separately between hotels.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, but note that the cost of travelling on a private basis rather than as part of a group is significantly higher in Japan than in most countries. This is because of the very high costs of private guides and vehicles. To reduce costs, a similar itinerary can be booked using public transport and some self-guided excursions. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: JCT

#### Group tour

Low season from £5,995  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £6,295  
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £1,695

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller from £475 return  
Club World from £2,195 return

#### Japan Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy From £585  
Business Class From £3,295

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Fri) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 20 Mar 23 | 31 Mar 23 |
| 27 Mar 23 | 07 Apr 23 |
| 03 Apr 23 | 14 Apr 23 |

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Fri) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 02 Oct 23 | 13 Oct 23 |
| 06 Nov 23 | 17 Nov 23 |
| 18 Mar 24 | 29 Mar 24 |

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Fri) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 25 Mar 24 | 05 Apr 24 |
| 01 Apr 24 | 12 Apr 24 |
| 08 Apr 24 | 19 Apr 24 |

| Out (Mon) | Rtn (Fri) |
|-----------|-----------|
| 07 Oct 24 | 18 Oct 24 |
| 04 Nov 24 | 15 Nov 24 |

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# Discover South-East Asia

Intertwined along the eastern edge of the Indochinese peninsula, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are fascinating destinations, all with a colonial legacy yet each with a distinctive history, culture and landscape.

Explore karst landscapes, stepped paddies, historic towns, glorious beaches and the languid Mekong Delta in Vietnam. Cambodia is home to the temples of Angkor, the magnificent legacy of the Khmer empire, as well as lush jungle and beautiful coastline. For many years, Laos was over-shadowed by its neighbours. Today, it is still a laid-back country while the Buddhist culture lends its people a delightful charm.



Street market vendors, Hanoi

## Hanoi, Vietnam

Colonial buildings • Lively markets & street food

The Vietnamese capital is a mix of tree-lined avenues, maze-like backstreets and fine colonial buildings from the era of French rule. Visitors to the city can see various sites connected with the life of the former revolutionary and political leader, Ho Chi Minh. Also of interest are the 900-year-old Temple of Literature, Vietnam's principal Confucian sanctuary; the Museum of Ethnology, which details the history and culture of Vietnam's many ethnic minority groups; and Hoan Kiem Lake, which encompasses Jade Island and the Ngoc Son Temple. The city has a lively street food scene – be sure to try a bowl of *pho*, a warming broth with noodles and slices of chicken or beef flavoured with chilli, fresh herbs and lime.

## Cruising in the Gulf of Tonkin

Towering limestone karsts • Range of vessels including traditional Vietnamese junks

In northern Vietnam, the Gulf of Tonkin encompasses the three bays of Halong, Lan Ha and Bai Tu Long. Bai Tu Long Bay occupies the far north of the region, Halong Bay is the most well-known and busiest area, while Lan Ha is a quieter, less-visited bay and includes the large island of Cat Ba.

The geography of all three areas features a number of small islands, beaches, floating villages and spectacular limestone karst formations. Easily reached from Hanoi via a two-to three-hour drive, an overnight cruise here is the best way to get the most from your visit.



Lan Ha Bay



Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia

## The Angkor Temples, Cambodia

Magnificent temples, carvings & jungle • Explore with an expert private guide

These magnificent temples are protected within the Angkor Archaeological Park, just a 20-minute drive from Siem Reap. The monuments belong to the classic period of Khmer art and civilisation. They were created by a succession of Khmer kings who presided over an empire that dominated the region from 800AD to 1430AD, reaching its peak in the 12th century. From the 15th century the temples were abandoned and forgotten; the French naturalist Henri Mouhot is attributed with their rediscovery in 1861.

Highlights include the walled and moated royal city of Angkor Thom, the giant stone faces of Bayon and the huge three-tiered pyramid of Angkor Wat. At least two full days are recommended to get the most from the site, allowing time to visit some of the outer temples such as Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Prasat Kravan or Pre Rup.



Wat Mai temple, Luang Prabang

## Luang Prabang, Laos

Buddhist temples & colonial architecture • Observe the ancient ritual of alms-giving

The former royal capital of Luang Prabang is considered to be the best-preserved historic town in South-East Asia, with a UNESCO-protected old town district that encompasses a distinctive combination of Buddhist temples, French colonial architecture and historic Laotian buildings. The town has a beautiful setting, founded on a peninsula formed by the Mekong and the Nam Khan rivers against a backdrop of verdant mountains.

With numerous quiet temples to visit and back streets to wander, the town rewards a leisurely stay, but the National Palace Museum, and Wat Mai, the city's largest temple, are the highlights.



Hoi An, Vietnam

## Hoi An, Vietnam

Charming coastal resort • Distinct Chinese architecture

The ancient Vietnamese town of Hoi An is located 30km south of Danang on the banks of the Thu Bon River. Occupied by many early western traders, Hoi An was one of the major trading centres of South-East Asia in the 16th century. This laid-back town has a distinct Chinese atmosphere with low, tile-roofed houses and narrow streets; the original structure of some of these streets remains almost intact.

Hoi An is known for being a culinary hotspot and is an excellent place to learn about Vietnamese cuisine. Speak to one of our Far East specialists about arranging a food tour or a cooking class here.



Jayavarman

## Mekong River Cruising

Range of cruise ships & itineraries • Visit remote communities & islands

A cruise is a comfortable way to explore far-flung reaches of the Mekong River and its delta. Shore excursions take you to areas otherwise inaccessible, including small riverside communities, enabling you to discover the daily life of people living along this great river. Most cruises operate on seven-night itineraries between Vietnam and Cambodia, while three- and four-night cruises between Laos and Thailand are also available.

Excursions are escorted by local guides who can share their knowledge about life on the river. Vessels stop at riverside villages, which often specialise in a particular trade or craft such as pottery, silk weaving or fish farming.

# Spirit of Vietnam

**Duration** • 13 days & 10 nights  
**Category** • Superior & Luxury

**Small-group tour** • From £2,595 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights)

**Group Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation options
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Direct international & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome dinner
- ❖ Day at leisure in Hoi An

**Weather**

**Hanoi**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| A | 20 | 20 | 23 | 27 | 32  | 33  | 33  | 32  | 31  | 29  | 25 | 22 |
| B | 14 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 25  | 26  | 26  | 26  | 25  | 22  | 19 | 15 |
| C | 22 | 28 | 42 | 97 | 181 | 242 | 258 | 297 | 225 | 125 | 57 | 19 |

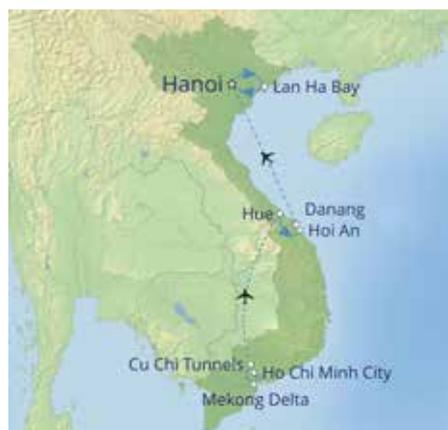
**Ho Chi Minh City**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 33  | 32  | 31  | 31  | 31  | 31  | 31  | 31 |
| B | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 23  | 23  | 22 |
| C | 15 | 8  | 23 | 63 | 183 | 261 | 257 | 249 | 270 | 255 | 156 | 65 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



East Gate to the Imperial City within the Citadel, Hue

Discover the varied sights, sounds and flavours of Vietnam, touring the fascinating cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), the Vietnam War-era Cu Chi tunnels and the historic pearls of Hue and Hoi An. A tour of the Mekong Delta and an overnight cruise amid the magical landscapes of Lan Ha Bay are also included.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **Tour of the Hanoi Military History Museum and meet a former NVA pilot**
- ❖ **Cruise in the less-visited Lan Ha Bay**
- ❖ **Meal at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty in Hue**
- ❖ **Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta's waterways**

**Day 1: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City**

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) direct to Ho Chi Minh City with Vietnam Airlines. (N)

**Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City**

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Grand Hotel / Caravelle Hotel\*** (or similar) for 2 nights. Afternoon city tour with visits to the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame cathedral, the War Remnants Museum and a former safe house used by the Viet Cong. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

**Day 3: Mekong Delta**

Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta,

including a trip to Cai Be, a boat ride exploring the smaller channels and walking in the countryside. (B, L)

**Day 4: Cu Chi tunnels**

Morning drive through the southern Vietnamese countryside and visit the Cu Chi tunnels. Continue to the airport for an afternoon flight to Hue. Stay at the **Pilgrimage Village / Azerai La Residence\*** for 2 nights. Dinner this evening will be at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. (B, D)

**Day 5: Hue**

Morning visit to Hue citadel, which encompasses the numerous pavilions, temples and courtyards of the former Imperial City, including the Purple Forbidden City. Continue to Thien Mu pagoda, then take a short cruise on the Perfume River back to the city centre. In the afternoon, visit the tombs of the Nguyen emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. (B)

**Day 6: Hue • Danang**

Morning drive over the spectacular Hai Van Pass (weather permitting) to Hue, visiting the Museum of Cham Sculpture in Danang en route. Afternoon at leisure. Stay 3 nights at the beachfront **Boutique Hoi An Resort**. The luxury category tour will stay at the **Hotel Royal Hoi An\***, within walking distance of the UNESCO-listed Hoi An Ancient Town. (B, L)

**Day 7: Hoi An**

Morning tour of the ruined temple of My Son. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise initiative with the purpose of developing sustainable programmes for street children. In the afternoon, take a walking tour of the former trading port of Hoi An, which has historic Chinese, Japanese and European influences. (B, L)

**Day 8: Hoi An**

Day at leisure. Optional classes at the Red Bridge cooking school (payable locally). (B)

**Day 9: Fly to Hanoi**

Fly to Hanoi and transfer to the **Mövenpick Hotel / Sofitel Legend Metropole\*** for a 2-night stay. Optional evening excursion to a water puppet show (payable locally). (B, D)

**Day 10: Hanoi**

Morning tour of the Museum of Ethnology, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son temple and the Temple of Literature. Afternoon visit to Ba Dinh Square, walk outside Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, then visit the residence and One Pillar Pagoda. Continue to the Military History Museum and then meet with former NVA pilot Nguyen Hong My. (B, L)



Lan Ha Bay

**Day 11: Cruise on Lan Ha Bay**

Cruise today in an area similar to Halong Bay but with far fewer visitors, known as Lan Ha Bay, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Stay overnight onboard the **Indochine / Heritage\***. (B, L, D)

**Days 12 & 13: Fly to London**

Morning cruise in Lan Ha Bay. Disembark and drive to Hanoi, where a hotel room is available for the rest of the day. Early evening transfer to the airport, then fly direct to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

**Tour + beach stay**

4 days & 3 nights

End your tour on one of Vietnam’s beautiful beaches. Choose from a range of 4- and 5-star options on the island of Phu Quoc, off the coast of southern Vietnam; a stay on the white sands of Nha Trang; or luxury villa accommodation at Six Senses Con Dao.

**Tour + Ankor Wat temples**

4 days & 3 nights from £595

After your visit to Vietnam, take the opportunity to discover the Angkor Wat temples in neighbouring Cambodia. Please ask about private extensions to visit this spectacular site, based on tailor-made touring arrangements with 4- and 5-star accommodation in Siem Reap. If you would prefer a group tour, then please see the ‘Grand Tour of Indochina’ itinerary on the following page, which visits both countries.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**\*Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4-star accommodation. Luxury tour departures will feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks. Prices are based on the standard room / cabin category, unless otherwise stated. Please visit

this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

**Superior group tour**

Low season from £2,595  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,695  
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £755

**Luxury group tour**

Low season from £3,195  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,295  
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £1,395

**Superior private tour**

Low season from £2,995  
Guide price months: Oct

High season from £3,195  
Guide price months: Feb

Single supplement on request

**★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **18 Feb 23, 11 Nov 23, 17 Feb 24, 09 Nov 24**

**Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades**

Premium Economy from £535 return  
Business Class from £2,035 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

**Superior group tour departure dates for 2023-24**

Tour code: SPV

| Out (Sat) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 07 Jan 23 | 19 Jan 23 | 14 Oct 23 | 26 Oct 23 | 06 Jan 24 | 18 Jan 24 | 12 Oct 24 | 24 Oct 24 |
| 18 Feb 23 | 02 Mar 23 | 11 Nov 23 | 23 Nov 23 | 17 Feb 24 | 29 Feb 24 | 09 Nov 24 | 21 Nov 24 |

**Luxury group tour departure dates for 2023**

Tour code: VLD

| Out (Sat) | Rtn (Thu) | Out (Sat) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 11 Feb 23 | 23 Feb 23 | 04 Nov 23 | 16 Nov 23 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour’s Dates & Prices grid.

# Grand Tour of Indochina

**Duration** • 17 days & 14 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,295 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £3,795 (incl. flights)

**Group Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners
- ❖ Day at leisure in Hoi An for independent exploration



Hoi An

**Weather**

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A | 32 | 32 | 34 | 34 | 34  | 33  | 32  | 32  | 31  | 31  | 30  | 30 |
| B | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  | 24  | 25  | 25  | 24  | 24  | 23  | 22 |
| C | 6  | 8  | 29 | 68 | 166 | 156 | 149 | 162 | 245 | 263 | 115 | 27 |

**Hanoi, Vietnam**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| A | 20 | 20 | 23 | 27 | 32  | 33  | 33  | 32  | 31  | 29  | 25 | 22 |
| B | 14 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 25  | 26  | 26  | 26  | 25  | 22  | 19 | 15 |
| C | 22 | 28 | 42 | 97 | 181 | 242 | 258 | 297 | 225 | 125 | 57 | 19 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)  
 B: Minimum average temperature (°C)  
 C: Average rainfall (mm)



Your grand Indochina journey begins in Vietnam, a rapidly developing and vibrant country. Explore the Mekong Delta, then visit the captivating kingdom of Cambodia, ending at the majestic temples of Angkor Wat.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **Cruise in the less-visited Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam**
- ❖ **Enjoy a meal in a restored royal home from the Nguyen dynasty era in Hue, Vietnam**
- ❖ **Sunset boat ride on Angkor Thom moat, Cambodia**
- ❖ **Farewell dinner in the Angkor Archaeological Park, Cambodia**

**Day 1: Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam**  
 Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Hanoi, with Vietnam Airlines. (N)

**Day 2: Hanoi**  
 Arrive and transfer to The Ann Hotel Hanoi (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (D)

**Day 3: Hanoi**  
 Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, One Pillar

Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, the Museum of Ethnology, Hoan Kiem lake and Ngoc Son temple. Lunch is at KOTO restaurant, an organisation that provides vocational training for underprivileged youths in Vietnam. In the evening there is the opportunity to see a water puppet show (payable locally). (B, L)

**Day 4: Cruise on Lan Ha Bay**  
 Today, cruise in an area similar to Halong Bay but with far fewer visitors, known as Lan Ha Bay, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Overnight accommodation on board the *Indochine*. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Fly to Danang • Hoi An**  
 Morning cruise around the karst limestone islands. Disembark in the late morning and drive to Hanoi airport for an evening flight to Danang. Transfer to the beachfront *Boutique Hoi An Resort* for a 3-night stay. (B)

**Day 6: Hoi An**  
 Morning walking tour of Hoi An. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise initiative with the aim of developing and operating sustainable programmes for street children. Afternoon at leisure, or join an optional excursion to the ruined temples of My Son (payable locally). (B, L)

**Day 7: Hoi An**  
 Day at leisure. Optional class at the Red Bridge cooking school (payable locally). (B)

**Day 8: Hue**  
 Morning drive over the spectacular Hai Van Pass



Angkor Wat, Siem Reap

to Hue (weather permitting), stopping at Cham Museum en route. Afternoon visit to the Tombs of the Nguyen emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Either lunch or dinner today will be at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. Stay 1 night at the **Pilgrimage Village**. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City**

Morning cyclo ride to the Imperial Citadel and the Purple Forbidden City, followed by a river cruise to Thien Mu pagoda. Transfer to the airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Stay 3 nights at the **Grand Hotel**. (B)

**Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City**

Morning drive through the countryside to the Cu Chi tunnels. Afternoon city tour, visiting the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. (B)

**Day 11: Mekong Delta**

Drive to Cai Be, and explore the Mekong Delta by boat and on foot. (B, L)

**Day 12: Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Fly to Phnom Penh and transfer to **La Rose Boutique Hotel & Spa** for a 2-night stay. (B)

**Day 13: Phnom Penh**

Morning visit to the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Afternoon tour of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Choeung Ek Killing Fields. (B, L)

**Day 14: Fly to Siem Reap**

Fly to Siem Reap and stay at **Tara Angkor Hotel** for 2 nights. Afternoon visit to the Angkor National Museum. (B)

**Day 15: Angkor temples**

Full-day tour of the temples. In the morning visit the magnificent Angkor Wat. Return to Siem Reap for lunch. In the afternoon explore

the Terrace of the Elephants, the Terrace of the Leper King and the Bayon temple. Farewell dinner at Khmer House at Srah Srang within the Angkor Archaeological Park. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Angkor temples**

Morning excursion to Banteay Srei temple and the small island temple of Neak Pean. Transfer to the airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

**Day 17: Fly to London**

Fly to London (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: LVX

**Group tour**

Low season from £3,295  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,495  
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £795

**Private tour**

Low season from £3,795  
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,995  
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £795

**Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades**

Premium Economy from £575 return  
Business Class from £2,295 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

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**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out (Tue) | Rtn (Thu) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 Jan 23 | 26 Jan 23 | 17 Oct 23 | 02 Nov 23 | 20 Feb 24 | 07 Mar 24 | 05 Nov 24 | 21 Nov 24 |
| 14 Feb 23 | 02 Mar 23 | 07 Nov 23 | 23 Nov 23 | 05 Mar 24 | 21 Mar 24 |           |           |
| 07 Mar 23 | 23 Mar 23 | 09 Jan 24 | 25 Jan 24 | 15 Oct 24 | 31 Oct 24 |           |           |

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# China: The Grand Tour

**Duration** • 16 days & 14 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,695 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,695 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 5 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ 3-night cruise on the Yangtze River from Chongqing to Yichang



Terracotta Warriors, Xian

This comprehensive tour of China visits the treasures of Beijing, the Terracotta Warriors at Xian, picturesque scenery between Guilin and Yangshuo, and the pandas at Chengdu. Cruise the Yangtze River between Chongqing and Yichang, before ending the tour in the dynamic city of Shanghai.

**Day 4: Great Wall**

Morning drive out of the city to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a quiet and dramatic section of the wall. (B, L)

**Day 5: Xian**

Morning visit to a *hutong* (narrow streets) area, then drive to the station to board a high-speed train to Xian and stay at the **Grand Noble Xian** for 2 nights. (B)

**Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xian**

Morning excursion to the Terracotta Warriors and the Tang Bo Art Museum, followed by a lesson in Chinese calligraphy. Afternoon visit to the Muslim quarter and Great Mosque. Optional evening excursion to enjoy a Tang dynasty music performance with dinner. (B, L)

**Day 7: Train to Chengdu**

Morning high-speed train journey to Chengdu, then transfer to the **Sheraton Lido** for 1 night. Afternoon visit to the Giant Panda Research Base. Optional evening excursion to enjoy a Sichuan opera performance. (B, L)

**Day 8: Fly to Guilin**

Fly to Guilin and overnight at the **Sheraton Guilin**. (B)

**Days 9 & 10: Yangshuo**

Morning cruise down the Li River, past a dramatic landscape of limestone peaks. Arrive in Yangshuo and stroll along busy West Street, then transfer to the **Yangshuo Resort** for a 2-night stay. Following day at leisure to enjoy the relaxed riverside atmosphere of Yangshuo. (B)

**Day 11: Chongqing**

Train journey to Chongqing, then transfer to the port to board the **Victoria Jenna** (or similar) for a 3-night cruise to Yichang. (B, D)

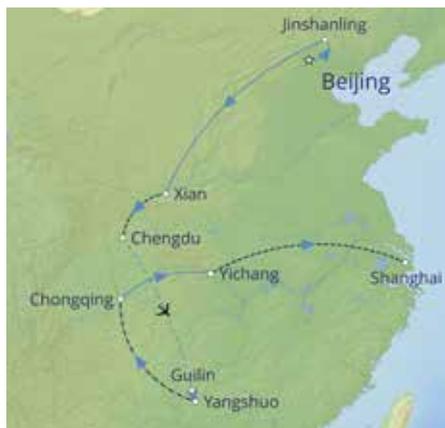
**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **Discover historic Beijing in the Liulichang district**
- ❖ **Visit the Terracotta Warriors and enjoy a cruise on the Yangtze River**
- ❖ **Tour the less-visited Jinshanling section of the Great Wall**
- ❖ **Tea tasting at the Huxinting Teahouse in Shanghai**
- ❖ **Private expert-led tour of the Shanghai Museum**

**Weather  
Beijing**

|   | J   | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J   | A   | S  | O  | N  | D  |
|---|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| A | 2   | 4  | 11 | 20 | 27 | 30 | 31  | 30  | 26 | 19 | 10 | 3  |
| B | -10 | -7 | -1 | 7  | 13 | 18 | 22  | 20  | 14 | 7  | -1 | -7 |
| C | 2   | 4  | 7  | 18 | 29 | 65 | 152 | 143 | 42 | 18 | 7  | 2  |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)  
B: Minimum average temperature (°C)  
C: Average rainfall (mm)



**Day 1: Fly to Beijing**

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) direct to Beijing with British Airways. (N)

**Day 2: Beijing**

Arrive and transfer to the **Novotel Peace Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. Afternoon visit to the Temple of Heaven. Welcome dinner at a Peking duck restaurant. (D)

**Day 3: Beijing**

Morning visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, then stroll through the historic Liulichang district. Optional evening visit to the state acrobatics show. (B, L)



Li River, Yangshuo, Guilin

**Days 12 & 13: Yangtze River cruise**

Cruise through the striking Three Gorges section of the Yangtze, an area of towering cliffs and twisting canyons. A range of shore excursions are available, with entertainment provided in the evenings. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Yichang • Train to Shanghai**

Disembark in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam, then take the train to Shanghai. Stay 2 nights at the **Central Hotel**. (B)

**Day 15: Shanghai**

Morning tour of Jade Buddha temple and Yu garden, followed by tea tasting at the Huxinting Teahouse. Afternoon tour of the Shanghai Museum with an expert guide, then end the day with a walk along the historic Bund. A farewell dinner will be held tonight. (B, D)

**Day 16: Fly to London**

Transfer to the airport and fly back to London. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**TOUR EXTENSIONS**

**Tour + Hong Kong**

5 days & 3 nights from £1,475

Fly from Shanghai direct to Hong Kong, and stay 3 nights at the **Hotel Icon**. Take a direct flight back to London.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Itinerary:** Excursions on days 12 and 13 may be switched, subject to local conditions.

**Accessibility:** This tour involves climbing steps and some long walks. A reasonable level of fitness is required. You may need to carry your luggage at train stations.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

**Superior group tour**

Low season from £3,695  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,995  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £995

**Superior private tour**

Low season from £4,695  
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,895  
Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement on request

**British Airways flight upgrades**

World Traveller Plus from £695 return  
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**Regional air connections**

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle or Belfast

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**Superior group tour departure dates for 2023-24**

Tour code: CGS

| Out (Fri) | Rtn (Sat) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 17 Mar 23 | 01 Apr 23 | 13 Oct 23 | 28 Oct 23 | 15 Mar 24 | 30 Mar 24 | 11 Oct 24 | 26 Oct 24 |
| 01 Sep 23 | 16 Sep 23 | 27 Oct 23 | 11 Nov 23 | 06 Sep 24 | 21 Sep 24 | 25 Oct 24 | 09 Nov 24 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Taiwan

## The Beautiful Island

**Duration** • 11 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £2,595 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

**This group tour features...**

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size – 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Taroko Gorge, Hualien

**Weather**

**Taipei**

|   | J   | F   | M   | A   | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O   | N  | D  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| A | 17  | 18  | 20  | 24  | 27  | 30  | 32  | 32  | 30  | 26  | 23 | 19 |
| B | 11  | 11  | 13  | 17  | 20  | 22  | 24  | 24  | 22  | 19  | 16 | 13 |
| C | 105 | 168 | 185 | 163 | 215 | 263 | 196 | 202 | 184 | 122 | 98 | 87 |

**Tainan**

|   | J  | F  | M  | A  | M   | J   | J   | A   | S   | O  | N  | D  |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| A | 24 | 24 | 26 | 29 | 31  | 31  | 32  | 32  | 32  | 30 | 28 | 25 |
| B | 13 | 13 | 16 | 19 | 22  | 24  | 24  | 24  | 23  | 21 | 17 | 14 |
| C | 30 | 45 | 56 | 72 | 172 | 360 | 419 | 440 | 164 | 50 | 33 | 29 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)  
 B: Minimum average temperature (°C)  
 C: Average rainfall (mm)



Early Portuguese sailors named Taiwan 'Ilha Formosa' ('Beautiful Island') because of its breathtaking scenery. On this tour, you experience the island nation's beauty first-hand, as well as its cultural highlights. The energetic capital, Taipei, is home to possibly the best collection of Chinese artefacts in the world, while Sun Moon Lake is an atmospheric and scenic place to stay. The countryside is perhaps the biggest surprise, with deep gorges, snow-capped mountains, hot springs and tea plantations.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**

- ❖ **Overnight at Fo Guang Shan monastery & join the monks for prayers**
- ❖ **Discover ancient Chinese treasures at the National Palace Museum**
- ❖ **Walk along nature trails in the stunning Taroko gorge**
- ❖ **Discover traditional Hakka culture at Beipu village**

**Day 1: Fly to Taipei**

Fly from London (regional connections available) direct to Taipei with China Airlines. (N)

**Day 2: Taipei**

Arrive and transfer to **The Howard Plaza** hotel (or similar) for 2 nights. A welcome dinner will be held this evening. (D)

**Day 3: Taipei**

Full-day tour of Taipei, including the National Palace Museum, Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, the Martyrs' Shrine and Longshan Temple. Optional evening visit to the Chinese opera. (B, L)

**Days 4 & 5: Sun Moon Lake**

Drive south to the village of Beipu, home to members of the Hakka ethnic minority group. See the traditional architecture and sample Hakka food, then continue to Sun Moon Lake for a 2-night stay at the **Einhan Hotel**. The following day, take a short boat excursion on the lake, then visit the Wenwu Temple and the Tse-en Pagoda. (B)

**Day 6: Alishan**

Drive to the Alishan Forest Park, one of the most spectacular mountainous regions of Taiwan. Afternoon walking tour of the park. Overnight at **Alishan House**. (B, D)

**Day 7: Tainan • Fo Guang Shan monastery**

Optional early morning ride on the Alishan Forest Railway to see the sunrise (weather permitting) from the summit of Mount Alishan. After breakfast, drive to the charming mountain township of Zhuqi, and take a stroll down historic Fenchihu Old Street. Continue to Tainan to visit Fort Anping and historic Yanping



Tse-en Pagoda and Sun Moon Lake

Street. Then proceed to Fo Guang Shan, the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan. Stay overnight at the **monastery guesthouse**. (B, D)

**Day 8: Kenting • Hualien**

Option to rise early and join the monks for morning prayers. Drive south to Kenting National Park, which protects an area of low-lying hills, limestone caves, forests and beaches. Explore the park on foot, then head north towards Taitung. Stay 1 night at the **Hotel Royal Chihpen**. (B)

**Day 9: Sightseeing in the East Coast National Scenic Area**

Drive north through the East Coast National Scenic Area towards Hualien, and stay 1 night at the **Fullon Hotel**. (B)

**Day 10: Taroko gorge • Taipei**

Morning tour of the remarkable Taroko gorge followed by a visit to the Eternal Spring shrine and the Swallow Grotto. Drive on to Taipei. Stay overnight at **The Howard Plaza hotel**. Options available to extend your stay in Taipei. (B)

**Day 11: Fly to London**

Fly direct to London with China Airlines. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**\*Fo Guang Shan monastery:** Overnight stays at the monastery are subject to availability. If an unscheduled event is being held at the monastery, a night at a nearby hotel will be provided instead.

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**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: TWP

**Group tour**

Low season from £2,595  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,695  
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £695

**China Airlines flight upgrades**

Premium Economy from £1,335 return  
Business Class from £2,525 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

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**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out (Fri) | Rtn (Mon) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 03 Mar 23 | 13 Mar 23 | 27 Oct 23 | 06 Nov 23 | 19 Apr 24 | 29 Apr 24 | 25 Oct 24 | 04 Nov 24 |
| 21 Apr 23 | 01 May 23 | 01 Mar 24 | 11 Mar 24 |           |           |           |           |

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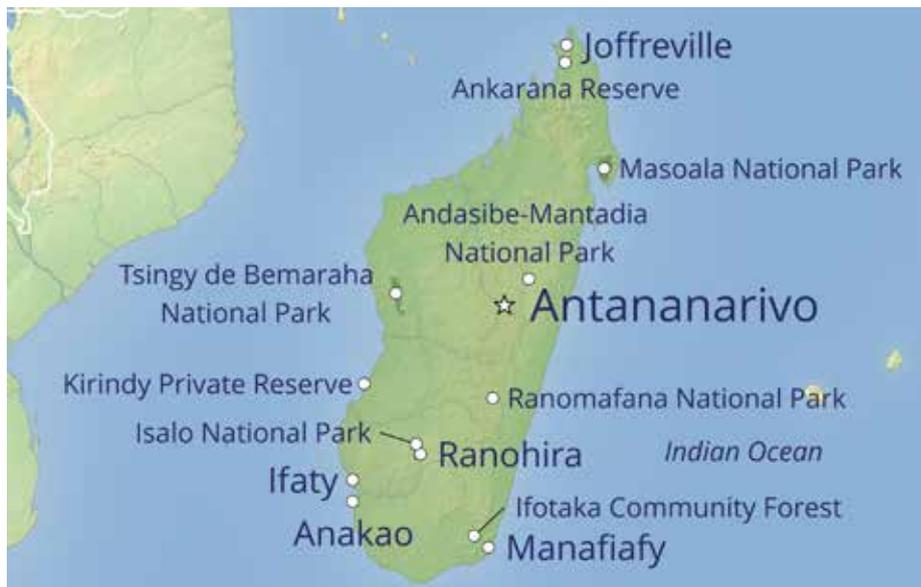
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# Discover Madagascar

Geographically isolated some 70 million years ago, Madagascar is a lost world of fauna and flora dating back to the era of the dinosaur. Earth's fourth largest island is home to 18 tribal cultures, five contrasting regions and hundreds of endemic species.

As you explore from desert to spiny rainforest to palm-fringed beach, you can expect to spot some of Madagascar's 100 species of lemur and 120 endemic bird species, as well as the likes of the technicoloured panther chameleon and the silky sifaka. In fact, everywhere you look in this naturalist's wonderland, there is something at which to marvel.



Antananarivo

## Antananarivo

Colourful capital city • Sacred Ambohimanga Palace

Forget any negative preconceptions about capital cities on mainland Africa. Antananarivo (known locally as Tana) offers a bustling blend of Afro-Asian culture and a friendly atmosphere that makes the city a must on any itinerary. The Rova (royal fort) sits atop the highest point, while below, jumbles of houses cover the steep slopes and mazes of narrow alleys and stairs crisscross the town.

For an insight into Malagasy life past and present, visit the Ambohimanga Palace, the burial site of former kings and queens, as well as the lively markets and craft stores. You can also enjoy a fun, informal lesson in traditional Malagasy cooking at the Tana Kitchen.

## Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

Home to indri lemurs • Untouched primary rainforest in Mantadia National Park

A scenic drive east from Antananarivo, the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park is split into two separate forested reserves: Analamazoatra and Mantadia. Analamazoatra is a small rainforest where the star attractions are the 11 lemur species, the best known being the indri. There are more than 100 bird species and many reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. Mantadia's primary rainforest is magical. Walking in the area can be strenuous and, due to the forest's size, spotting lemurs is not guaranteed. However, this forest offers excellent bird and reptile viewing, and serenity not always found in its smaller sister reserve.



Indri lemur, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

## Isalo National Park

Deep canyons & magical waterfalls •  
Elephant's foot bloom in September & October

One of Madagascar's prettiest parks, Isalo encompasses a huge sandstone massif interspersed with canyons, tapia forest, waterfalls and natural springs. Wildlife densities may be lower than in other parks, but both ring-tailed and red-fronted lemurs are often seen. There are 80 bird species (50 endemic) and more than 500 plant species – including elephant's foot, whose austral-spring bloom creates a sea of yellow. The dry climate ensures suitable conditions for walking year round, and trails cater for all abilities.



Isalo National Park



Golden bamboo lemur, Ranomafana National Park

## Ranomafana National Park

Beautiful montane rainforest • Home to rare  
golden bamboo & greater bamboo lemurs

Established in 1991, Ranomafana has quickly become a popular destination for wildlife viewing on foot. Steep slopes and elevations ranging between 600 and 1,400m allow for different forest types, from lowland to cloud. There are 12 lemur species in total here, the best known being the golden, greater and lesser eastern bamboo lemurs. Ranomafana is also noted for its 118 bird species, of which 36 are endemic. Amongst them are Henst's goshawks, rufous-headed ground-rollers, velvet asities and the crested ibis.

## Ifotaka Community Forest

Lemur spotting in rare gallery & spiny forest •  
Fascinating Antandroy tribal culture

The Ifotaka Community Forest is a reserve managed by the local Antandroy people. Wildlife activities range from spotting ring-tailed lemurs and Verreaux's sifakas in the deciduous gallery forests, to searching for white-footed sportive and mouse lemurs by night in the unique spiny forest. Cultural activities, focused on the Antandroy tribe, are exceptional. Spend a morning at the buzzing and authentic local market, or take a walk with an Antandroy guide into the sacred forests to find huge, individually decorated tombs.



Traditional Antandroy tribal tomb



Fossa

## Kirindy Private Reserve

Best place to see fossas • Home to Madame  
Berthe's mouse lemurs

Kirindy's dry deciduous forest is home to some extraordinary wildlife, not least the elusive fossa, a nocturnal feline that is the only natural hunter of Madagascar's lemurs. The best time to find them is at night during their mating season (October to December). Madame Berthe's lemurs are one of eight lemur species that can be found in the park and are the smallest primates in the world. Giant jumping rats – kangaroo-like rodents – are another rarity. Kirindy is best visited between October and January when rain-quenched vegetation draws animals out of hibernation.

# Madagascar Wildlife Adventure

**Duration** • 16 days & 13 nights  
**Category** • Discovery

**Small-group tour** • From £3,850 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,950 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3-star accommodation
- ❖ Small group size – average 9 people (max 16)
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 13 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Diademed sifaka, Mantadia National Park

Much of Madagascar's exotic flora and fauna is found nowhere else on Earth. This tour offers an opportunity to discover the island's extraordinary wildlife, natural history, stunning scenery, idyllic beaches and fascinating culture, which is based on a mix of Christianity and ancient spiritual beliefs. Your itinerary is well paced, allowing for a wildlife focus in Andasibe, Ranomafana and Isalo National Parks.

## Weather

### Antananarivo

|   | J   | F   | M   | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N   | D   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| A | 26  | 26  | 25  | 25 | 23 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 26  | 26  |
| B | 16  | 16  | 16  | 15 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 15  | 16  |
| C | 279 | 260 | 201 | 61 | 27 | 14 | 19 | 20 | 15 | 69 | 171 | 310 |

### Ifaty

|   | J   | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N  | D   |
|---|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 32  | 32 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  |
| B | 23  | 23 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 22  |
| C | 108 | 99 | 40 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 7  | 12 | 22 | 104 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Walk in Mantadia's primary rainforest
- ❖ Traditional sunset music performance in Isalo National Park
- ❖ Special 'chef's dinner' in Antananarivo
- ❖ Admire the iconic Baobab trees

### Day 1: Fly to Antananarivo via Addis Ababa

Take an overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Antananarivo, via Addis Ababa. (N)

### Day 2: Andasibe • Analamazaotra Reserve

Arrive early this afternoon and transfer to your hotel. After welcome drinks and dinner, take a night walk to Analamazaotra Reserve. Here you may spot nocturnal species, including mouse, greater dwarf and eastern woolly lemurs. Overnight at **Andasibe Hotel** (or similar). (D)

### Day 3: Andasibe • Vakona Private Reserve • Analamazaotra Reserve

Enjoy a morning walk in Andasibe, returning to the lodge for lunch. Visit Lemur Island in Vakona Private Reserve, an island sanctuary for lemurs, ahead of an afternoon walk in Andasibe. After dinner, embark on a night walk to the Analamazaotra Reserve. Overnight at **Andasibe Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Mantadia National Park (or Mitsinjo forest)

Spend the day walking through the primary forest of Mantadia National Park. This lush setting is home to the black-and-white ruffed lemur, the diademed sifaka, Parson's chameleon and a wide variety of frogs. Alternatively, for a less strenuous option, walk in Mitsinjo Reserve and plant an endemic tree as part of the area's reforestation project. Overnight at **Andasibe Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Antananarivo

Drive back to Antananarivo for an afternoon city tour, including the hills of the royal palaces and the botanical and zoological garden of Tsimbazaza. Enjoy a special chef's dinner in the evening. Overnight at **Le Royal Palissandre** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Antsahabe • Antsirabe

Drive to Antsahabe, a village typical of the Merina tribe. After lunch, continue to the spa town of Antsirabe for an afternoon tour. Antsirabe is a centre of the gem trade and home to hundreds of *pousse pousse* (rickshaws), a legacy of Chinese labour imported to work on the railways. Overnight at **Couleur Cafe Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Ambositra • Ranomafana

Continue south to Ambositra, known as Madagascar's handicraft and wood-carving capital. Following a typical Malagasy lunch accompanied by folklore entertainment, continue to Ranomafana. In the evening, walk in search of nocturnal species. Overnight at **Hotel Thermal** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Ranomafana

During your morning walk in Ranomafana National Park, see if you can spot the three resident species of bamboo lemur: the grey, the golden and the greater. Endemic birding in the park is also excellent. This afternoon, visit Tanala village. Overnight at **Hotel Thermal** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Ranomafana

Enjoy a morning walk in the National Park, before an afternoon visit to the Ranomafana Arboretum, home to hundreds of rare tree species. This evening, search for nocturnal



Avenue of Baobabs

species during an evening walk. Overnight at **Hotel Thermal** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Fianarantsoa • Ambalavao • Ranohira

This morning, drive via Fianarantsoa, the Betsileo tribe's capital, to the vineyard of Lazan'ny Betsileo. Continue to Ambalavao. Visit the Antemoro paper factory and the Anja Reserve, where ring-tailed lemurs are often spotted. Continue to Ranohira and stay 3 nights at **Relais de la Reine** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Days 11 & 12: Isalo National Park

Spend the next 2 days exploring the spectacular sandstone landscapes of Isalo National Park. Seek out flora and fauna including ring-tailed lemurs, Malagasy hoopoes, Verraux's sifakas and the elephant's foot plant, and enjoy a traditional music performance as the sun sets. Stay at **Relais de la Reine** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 13: Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park • Ifaty

Continue towards the west coast. Stop en route at Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park. It may be possible to spot Appert's tetrakas, one of the most endangered endemic birds on the island. The region is known for its large baobab trees and traditional family tombs, central to Malagasy culture. Transfer to Ifaty, a quiet coastal fishing village boasting a long beach, for your evening farewell dinner. Overnight at **Les Dunes d'Ifaty** (or similar). (B, D)

#### Day 14: Fly to Antananarivo

Spend your morning at leisure. Late this afternoon, fly from Toliara to Antananarivo. Overnight at **Palissandre Hotel & Spa** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Days 15 & 16: Fly to the UK via Addis Ababa

After a morning at leisure, take an afternoon

flight to the UK via Addis Ababa, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Group tour manager:** This tour is fully escorted by a local tour manager from arrival in Antananarivo to Day 13 in Toliara.

**Discovery tour:** This tour is best suited to the harder traveller as it includes non-luxury accommodation, long and rough road journeys and more strenuous activities, such as trekking. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: MWA

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,850  
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £800

#### Private travel

Low season from £4,950  
Guide price month: Apr

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **03 Jun 23, 08 Jun 24**

#### Ethiopian Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,495 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 01 Apr 23 | 16 Apr 23 | 07 Oct 23 | 22 Oct 23 | 08 Jun 24 | 23 Jun 24 | 09 Nov 24 | 24 Nov 24 |
| 03 Jun 23 | 18 Jun 23 | 11 Nov 23 | 26 Nov 23 | 02 Aug 24 | 17 Aug 24 |           |           |
| 04 Aug 23 | 19 Aug 23 | 06 Apr 24 | 21 Apr 24 | 05 Oct 24 | 20 Oct 24 |           |           |

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# Discover South Africa

The extraordinary natural beauty and cultural diversity of South Africa often surprises visitors. The Cape Provinces in particular offer rich cultural delights with their combination of Cape Malay cuisine and world-class vintages from the vineyards of the Winelands.

Wildlife abounds, with superb opportunities for both land- and water-based whale watching, along with self-drive or guided 'Big Five' safaris. For dramatic scenery and diamond rush history, the Northern Cape should not be missed. Alternatively, head up the less-travelled west coast to Paternoster and the Cedarberg mountains to explore ancient Bushmen rock art.



Cape Town, South Africa

## Cape Town

One of Africa's most liveable cities • Ascend Table Mountain for the view • Visit Robben Island, Nelson Mandela's former prison

Cosmopolitan, relaxed and with a comfortable Mediterranean climate, Cape Town is sandwiched between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, giving it one of the world's most recognised city locations. It offers a captivating mix of modern living and old-world charm. Take a guided walking tour to discover the city's street food, antique shops, art galleries and heritage buildings. Join a boat trip to UNESCO-listed Robben Island, home to Nelson Mandela during his time as a political prisoner. Wander around the vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Other excursions available to our guests delve deeper into South Africa's political past and engage with the local communities.

## The Cape Winelands

World-renowned wine estates • Epicurean delights • Picturesque mountain scenery

Affluent Constantia Valley, now within Cape Town's suburbs, is South Africa's oldest wine-making area, but a little further afield you will find the undulating valleys and towering mountains of the Cape Winelands. Popular destinations within this viticultural epicentre include the university town of Stellenbosch, the French Huguenot village of Franschhoek and the Cape Dutch estates of Paarl. Here, you can sample celebrated local wines, have lunch at a vineyard or arrange to picnic beside one of the pretty streams and lakes. For a whistle-stop tour of several wineries, choose a scenic cycle ride or board the hop-on, hop-off Franschhoek Wine Tram.



Dutch homestead, Cape Winelands



Humpback whales, Garden Route

## The Garden Route

Excellent marine wildlife • Quaint towns and local culture • Experience the wild beauty of Tsitsikamma National Park

No visit to South Africa is complete without experiencing the Cape flora and fauna of the famous Garden Route. Travelling east to west or vice versa, visitors can explore by car or guided tour. The area is known for its small owner-run guesthouses and unique farms. Visit Oudtshoorn where you can tour the dramatic Cango Cave, or continue further east to the small seaside town of Knysna which overlooks a picturesque lagoon. Plettenberg Bay offers long stretches of hidden beaches and, close by, the quaint hamlet of Stormsriver at the feet of the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma mountains. For wildlife viewing, there are a number of reserves dotted along the journey, but a logical extension to the Garden Route is the Eastern Cape – a short drive from Port Elizabeth.



Zulu tribesman

## KwaZulu-Natal

Sub-tropical coastline • Rich cultural heritage • UNESCO World Heritage Sites and historic battlefields

Forming much of South Africa's sub-tropical east coast, KwaZulu-Natal features unspoilt Indian Ocean beaches, underrated wildlife areas, magnificent mountain scenery and the rich cultural traditions of the Zulu people. Known as the 'Garden Province', it is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park – and numerous Anglo-Boer and Anglo-Zulu battlefields. Both Eswatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho are easily combined with KwaZulu-Natal, offering their own spectacular landscapes and traditional ways of life.



Eastern Cape farmlands

## The Eastern Cape

Excellent malaria-free wildlife reserves • Community conservation enterprises • Wild coastline

An ideal place to begin or end a Garden Route itinerary, the Eastern Cape has some excellent private wildlife reserves and a striking coastline where great white sharks and southern right whales may be seen. The region's vast plains, reduced to marginal land during the time of the settler farmers, has now been rehabilitated to support a huge variety of wildlife, and Addo Elephant Park has one of the most concentrated elephant populations in Africa. Just an hour's drive from Port Elizabeth and malaria-free, the private reserves in this region are ideal for family travel. Activities range from safari drives, bush walks and alfresco dining to river cruises, canoeing and beach strolls. Accommodation options range from basic chalets to luxury lodges and tented safari suites.



Lion and cub, Kruger National Park

## The North

Renowned for wildlife • Exceptional bird watching • Sleep-out experiences in the bush

In South Africa's north lies the nation's flagship wildlife area: Kruger National Park, one of the largest reserves on the continent. Home to hundreds of mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian and plant species, its unfenced boundaries border some of Africa's finest private wildlife reserves, including Sabi Sands, Timbavati and Manyeleti. Alternatively, the less-visited Waterberg occupies 1,500 sq km north of Johannesburg and comprises craggy mountains, sweeping grasslands and spectacular rock formations. Then there is the 750-sq-km, malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve, which borders Botswana and is one of the best places to spot African wild dogs.

## Experiences in South Africa



### Summitting Table Mountain | Cape Town

A visit to Cape Town is incomplete without experiencing the many vantage points of Table Mountain. This iconic flat-topped landmark forms a dramatic backdrop to the city. Hike the trails or take a relaxing cable-car ride to the top (weather permitting) for panoramic views over the rooftops to the Atlantic beyond.



### Whale watching from the wild coast | Garden Route

Depending on the season, those journeying along the famous Garden Route may be lucky enough to spot all of southern Africa's 'Marine Big Five'. Take to the water to view whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins, or stop by Hermanus – renowned as a whale watching hot spot – and meet the famous 'whale crier'.



### Safaris in support of conservation | Eastern Cape & the north

South Africa offers nature enthusiasts a trove of protected wildlife habitats for safari expeditions, especially in the north and southeast. Track animals into the bush alongside an expert ranger, lend a hand to non-profit conservation organisations, and round off your safari with a sundowner – the perfect pairing for romantic savanna views.

# Highlights of South Africa

**Duration** • 14 days & 11 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £6,550 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 11 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Safari experiences included, as well as wine tasting



Wildlife drive, Kariega Game Reserve

This escorted group tour blends a selection of South Africa's quintessential experiences into a well-paced itinerary for lovers of wildlife, walks, wine and sensational scenery. Go on safari, ascend Table Mountain, tour Wineland vineyards and more.

wildlife reserve. Cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests and an assortment of antelope species also roam these lands. Overnight at **Kariega River Lodge** or similar. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Tsitsikamma & Knysna

After an early morning wildlife drive, head to the Tsitsikamma National Park. Here you can take a scenic walk and cross the suspension bridge that spans the gorge at the Storms River mouth. Then continue west to the coastal town of Knysna. Overnight at **Knysna Hollow**. (B, D)

### Days 6 & 7: Knysna

Cruise across a stunning lagoon to the Knysna Heads aboard the John Benn, a classic boat named after a legendary harbour pilot. Then enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Featherbed Nature Reserve. Spend the following day at leisure, relaxing or joining an optional excursion. Overnight at **Knysna Hollow** (or similar). (B, D)

### Day 8: Oudtshoorn

Drive to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'ostrich capital of the world'. Take a guided tour of the Cango Caves, one of Africa's most spectacular natural rock formations. Its vast network of tunnels and chambers, which extends for over 4km, is adorned with delicate stalagmites and stalactites. Then enjoy lunch and an informative excursion to a working ostrich farm, where you will come face to face with the world's largest birds. Overnight at **Swartberg Country Manor** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Cape Winelands

Head out on an optional early morning meerkat adventure, meeting rescued meerkats accompanied by an expert guide. Then continue along the scenic Route 62. Stop at the quirky town of Barrydale for lunch (payable locally). Stay 2 nights in the Winelands at the **Devon Valley Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

## Weather Cape Town

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| B | 15 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 10  | 8   | 8   | 8   | 9  | 10 | 12 | 14 |
| C | 32 | 31 | 43 | 82 | 136 | 189 | 164 | 163 | 96 | 61 | 40 | 43 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wildlife viewing in a private safari reserve handpicked by Cox & Kings**
- ❖ **Experience the famous Knysna lagoon by historic boat**
- ❖ **Enjoy the picturesque route 62 – a real gem of the Greater Karoo**
- ❖ **Tour world-class vineyards on a private wine-tasting 'safari'**

### Day 1: Fly to Port Elizabeth via Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Port Elizabeth via Johannesburg. (N)

### Day 2: Port Elizabeth

Arrive in Port Elizabeth and stay overnight at **The Beach Hotel** (or similar). (D)

### Day 3: Kariega Game Reserve (or similar)

Transfer to the Kariega Game Reserve. After lunch, join a late-afternoon safari drive within the reserve, rounded off with sundowners. Overnight at **Kariega River Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Kariega Game Reserve (or similar)

Board specialist safari vehicles for morning and late-afternoon safari drives in a 'Big Five'



Table Mountain, Cape Town

#### Day 10: Cape Winelands

Spend a full day touring the Cape Winelands. Drive through mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads between the golden triangle of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl. Then join a 4x4 wine-tasting safari at Warwick Wine Estate, sampling 'Big Five' grape varieties. Overnight at **Devon Valley Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Cape Winelands & Cape Town

Take a guided morning walk around Stellenbosch, including a visit to the village museum, which charts the history of the region. Transfer to Cape Town for an afternoon at leisure, followed by dinner at a local home in the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, tasting authentic Cape Malay cuisine. Stay 2 nights at **The Cape Milner** (or similar). (B, D)

#### Day 12: Cape Town

Spend the day at leisure or join an optional full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula. The excursion includes a drive along the Atlantic seaboard past fishing villages and the seaside suburbs of Camps Bay and Hout Bay. It continues to Cape Point, before returning via the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Gold Restaurant this evening, accompanied by an interactive drumming experience. (B, D)

#### Days 13 & 14: Cape Town • Fly to the UK

Begin your final morning in spectacular fashion: ascending to the top of Table Mountain via cable car (weather permitting; excursion may take place on Day 11). Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, or extend your journey – perhaps with a visit to Victoria Falls or a beach stay in Mauritius. (B, N)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

March–April departures may allow guests to experience the famous harvest season in the Cape Winelands.

**Tour standards:** Superior tour departures are based in 4- and 5-star accommodation. Prices are

based on the standard room / cabin category.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: HZA

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,995  
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £4,395  
Guide price month: Jan

Single supplement from £875

#### Private travel

Low season from £6,550  
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £6,950  
Guide price month: Jan

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **23 Mar 23, 12 Oct 23, 22 Aug 24**

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £495 return  
Club World from £2,395 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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| 09 Feb 23 | 22 Feb 23 | 14 Sep 23 | 27 Sep 23 | 23 Nov 23 | 06 Dec 23 | 05 Sep 24 | 18 Sep 24 |
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# Discover Zimbabwe & Botswana

Zimbabwe's history, culture and wildlife, not to mention the magnificent Victoria Falls, make it a showstopper of a destination. In the west lies Hwange National Park, home to one of the largest concentrations of elephants in Africa. Lake Kariba, the world's biggest human-made lake, offers great fishing and birding. History enthusiasts can also marvel at Zimbabwe's medieval-era ruins, such as the city of Great Zimbabwe.

Neighbouring Botswana boasts a high diversity of ecosystems, the most notable being the UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta. About 40 per cent of the country's land comprises national parks and private reserves, and – as most are unfenced – wildlife roams freely, making Botswana one of Africa's premier safari destinations.



Victoria Falls

## The Victoria Falls

[Walk the Falls](#) • [Thrilling activities from land, water and air](#) • [Historic hotels](#)

Victoria Falls forms the largest falling sheet of water in the world. Every minute, up to half a million tonnes of the Zambezi River tumbles down into the deep gorges beneath. Locally known as *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, meaning 'The Smoke That Thunders', the falls form part of the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, with the Zimbabwean side generally providing better views from its network of rainforest trails. For those seeking a different vantage point, Victoria Falls offers unique viewing experiences, from sunset cruises to exhilarating light-aircraft flyovers. Victoria Falls' historic on-site town is a must, thanks to its vibrant community and friendly service.

## Hwange National Park

[Large elephant population](#) • [See the 'Big Five'](#) • [Authentic safari camps](#)

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest wildlife reserve, containing vast tracts of Kalahari *savanna* where teak and mopane woodlands are interspersed with salt pans and grassy plains. Wildlife here is prolific and population densities rank among the highest in Africa. There are more than 100 mammal species, including up to 30,000 elephants and the endangered African wild dog – the Painted Dog Conservation Project here has a visitor centre and trail system that are well worth a visit. Birding in Hwange is also excellent, with the wet season (December to March) providing excellent opportunities to see some of the 400 recorded species.



Herd of elephants, Hwange National Park



San rock art, Matobo Hills National Park

## Matobo Hills National Park

San rock art • Historic colonial-era sites • Track black & white rhinos on foot

Matobo is home to huge granite *kopjes* (hills), interspersed with grassy plains and wooded thickets. It has Africa's highest concentration of leopards, and the highest concentration of Verreaux's eagles of any park in the world. White and black rhinos can be tracked here on foot – a rarity in a national park. The ancient San people have left a legacy of more than 50,000 rock paintings, with discoveries still being found. Matobo was also the site of the Ndebele rebellion against the British in 1896. Colonialist Cecil John Rhodes was buried within the park, and his grave can be visited.



Mokoro safari

## The Okavango Delta

Mokoro canoe safaris • Gain a bird's eye view from the air • Authentic tented bush camps

The UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta is the largest inland delta in the world. From May to October, its floodwaters are a magnet for animals, promising unrivalled wildlife viewing. The area is packed with Africa's finest fauna, including large populations of otherwise-rare animals such as crocodiles, sitatungas, elephants, red lechwe, African wild dogs, buffaloes and wattled cranes. The delta is a particularly good place to spot some of Botswana's more than 570 bird species. Day and night safari drives, bush walks, seasonal *mokoro* canoe rides, fishing and birdwatching are just some of the activities available.



Boating safari, Chobe National Park

## Chobe National Park

View elephants from the water • Remarkable boating safaris • Impressive sunsets

Within easy reach of Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park – known as the 'Land of the Giants' – is celebrated for its huge elephant population, which concentrates on the Chobe riverfront in the dry season (May to October). The park is also well known for its large lion prides, especially in the Savute area, as well as great herds of buffalo and prolific birdlife. Perfect for a slower adventure, Chobe National Park offers unusual wildlife experiences such as boat safaris where guests can sip on a cool sundowner while spotting animals from the water.



Leopard, Moremi Game Reserve

## Moremi Game Reserve

Botswana's prime big-cat location • Top safari camps • Limited visitors

Moremi Game Reserve lies in the heart of the Okavango Delta, encompassing almost 5,000 sq km of wilderness. Unfenced and surrounded by private concessions, it has been designated a protected area since 1962. Moremi has a good variety of habitats, from riverine and mopane forests to open savannas and shallow flooded lagoons. Wildlife viewing in the reserve is exceptional, especially on Chief's Island, where a large density of big cats – especially lions and leopards – can often be found. Moremi is home to some of Botswana's premier safari camps, elevating visitors' experiences in one of Africa's best-regarded reserves.

## Experiences



### Tour the Victoria Falls | Zimbabwe

See the magnificent falls accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide. Walk along well-marked paths to many different viewing points for some wonderful vistas and photo opportunities. You can also learn about the local customs and traditions of nearby communities.

### The Elephant Express | Zimbabwe

Experience the one-of-a-kind Elephant Express, a rail journey to the gate of Hwange National Park on which guests can view wildlife from a unique vantage point. Accommodating up to 22 passengers, the carriage has a safari design with open sides, an engine at the front and back and specially trained drivers.

### Cultural interactions | Zimbabwe

In rural Zimbabwe, visitors have the chance to interact with and learn from local communities. Gain insight into the daily lives of villagers and see how they work with the land to sustain their livelihoods. Less visited than other sites, these countryside communities provide an experience of authentic Africa.

### Chobe River cruises | Botswana

Experience the wildlife paradise of Botswana's Chobe River aboard a custom boat. Enjoy sundowners while searching for some of the abundant wildlife here, including elephants, buffaloes, giraffes and hippos.

### Mokoro canoe cruises | Botswana

One of the best ways to get close to the wildlife of the Okavango Delta is by *mokoro*. These canoes, traditionally made by digging out the trunk of a large, straight tree, are propelled by a long pole, rather like punting. Availability for this activity is seasonal.

### Authentic bush camps | Botswana

Stay in one of Botswana's pioneering tented camps for an authentic safari experience. Under a night sky brimming with stars, be lulled to sleep in the African bush by the calls, chirps and chattering of distant wildlife.

# Highlights of Zimbabwe & Botswana

**Duration** • 11 days & 8 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £6,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £8,950 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Scenic internal flights as specified
- ❖ Transfers as specified
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Specialist guest speakers
- ❖ Safari activities on land & by water



Okavango Delta, Botswana

Discover the main attractions of Zimbabwe and neighbouring Botswana – two exceptional destinations that make the perfect pairing. This tour revels in their respective cultures and natural wonders. Experience the cacophony and spectacle of Victoria Falls; embark on safaris from land, air and water; visit a remote village for insights into rural life; and much more.

### Day 3: Victoria Falls

Visit a remote village for the chance to watch daily rural life unfold. Enjoy an authentic African lunch at local institute, Dusty Road, before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. In the evening, dine aboard the *Malachite* on a Zambezi River cruise, featuring a brief history talk complemented by a sundown cocktail. Overnight at **Ilala Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Victoria Falls

This morning, take a private guided tour of Victoria Falls. As well as a chance to see this natural wonder of the world up close, you will gain insight into the falls' creation and geology, the surrounding rainforest eco-system, the daring exploits of colonial explorers, and local legends about 'The Smoke that Thunders'. Visit the Elephant Walk shopping centre and art village for a special behind-the-scenes visit to Ndau Studio, where you will meet its local artists and craftsmen. This design house specialises in the creation of leather accessories as well as sterling-silver and bead jewellery. Lunch at the lauded Lookout Café and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Overnight at **Ilala Lodge** (or similar). (B, L)

### Day 5: Chobe National Park, Botswana

Cross the border and spend your afternoon at leisure, before driving into Chobe National Park on a classic safari drive. Chobe was Botswana's first national park, and is celebrated for the diversity of its wildlife. Overnight at **Chobe Safari Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Days 6 & 7: Chobe National Park

Alongside your fellow travellers, spend the next 2 days taking advantage of the myriad activities on offer at Chobe. Take to the water and view elephants drinking from the banks,

## Weather Maun

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| C | 113 | 104 | 62 | 26 | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 4  | 17 | 49 | 86 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Find out all about Victoria Falls and its connection to pioneer David Livingstone from an expert**
- ❖ **Visit townships alongside experienced local guides and go behind the scenes at Ndau art studio**
- ❖ **Stay in handpicked safari lodges and tented camps set in the best wildlife-viewing locations**
- ❖ **View the UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta from the air, including its sprawling forests and palm-fringed islands**

### Day 1: Fly to Victoria Falls via Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe via Johannesburg, South Africa. (N)

### Day 2: Victoria Falls

After time to freshen up, join your fellow travellers this evening for a pre-dinner talk from a special guest speaker, who shares tales of celebrated explorer David Livingstone. Overnight at **Ilala Lodge** (or similar). (D)



Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

enjoy classic safari drives or simply relax at your lodge enjoying the sounds of the African bush. Spend 2 nights at at **Chobe Safari Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Okavango Delta

A short flight this morning delivers you onto the banks of Botswana's mighty Okavango Delta. With its expansive floodplains, lush forests and prolific game, this is the jewel in the crown for many visitors. Arrive in the afternoon for a thrilling water safari experience. Overnight at **Mopiri** or **Mogotlho**. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Okavango Delta

You've another full day of wonderful wildlife watching ahead of you. Should water levels permit\* (typically late June to late September), cruise along the delta waters by *mokoro*, a traditional dug-out canoe that offers a different vantage point for witnessing life along the river. Overnight at **Mopiri** or **Mogotlho**. (B, L, D)

#### Days 10 & 11: Fly to the UK via Johannesburg

After a final safari drive this morning, travel to Maun for a transfer to Johannesburg. Here you catch your departure flight, landing in the UK early the next morning. Alternatively, extend your stay with an adventure in the Kalahari Desert or a city break in Cape Town. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* Between the months of July and September, the Okavango Delta floods. This increased

water level provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities and allows for safari by *mokoro* canoe.

Small flights internally will have restricted luggage allowances of 20kg in soft-sided bags.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: HZB

#### Group tour

Low season from £6,995  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £7,195  
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £950

#### Private travel

Low season from £8,950  
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £9,255  
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £950

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#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £545 return  
Club World from £3,695 return

#### Regional air connections

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### Departure dates for 2023-24

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# Zimbabwe: Land of Discovery

**Duration** • 12 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £6,850 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £8,495 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 8 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers as listed
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet the group
- ❖ Guided sightseeing
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks & concessions



Rock paintings, Matobo National Park

Explore the magnificent wildlife, compelling history, intriguing culture and natural beauty of Zimbabwe on this journey of discovery. Your tour includes a stay at the spectacular Victoria Falls; day and night safaris at exemplary national parks; as well as visits to local communities to learn about daily life, traditions and crafts.

witness daily life unfold. This is a chance for a rewarding cultural exchange as well as an insight into rural Zimbabwean living. Dine at a traditional local restaurant before returning to your hotel. Later, a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi provides the cherry on top. Overnight at the **Pioneers Lodge** (or similar). (B, L)

## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Experience vibrant communities around Victoria Falls, including a behind-the-scenes visit to a local art studio**
- ❖ **Visit the Victoria Falls Hotel for an old-school indulgence of afternoon tea with views of Victoria Falls Bridge**
- ❖ **Enjoy special sundowners inside a private concession within Hwange National Park**
- ❖ **See ancient San bushmen rock paintings and the famous tomb of Cecil Rhodes**

### Day 1: Fly to Zimbabwe via Johannesburg

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, via Johannesburg, South Africa. (N)

### Day 2: Victoria Falls

Arrive and proceed to your hotel for a freshen up, before your special welcome by a guest speaker ahead of your dinner. Overnight at the **Pioneers Lodge** (or similar). (D)

### Day 3: Victoria Falls

This morning, visit a village approximately 20km from Victoria Falls town where you can

### Day 4: Victoria Falls

Embark on a private guided tour of Victoria Falls – whose local name aptly translates to 'The Smoke that Thunders'. Whilst regaling you with interesting facts and figures, your guide will ensure you have plenty of opportunities to photograph this iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the Elephant's Walk shopping centre and art village for a special behind-the-scenes visit of the Ndau Studio, meeting its local artists and craftsmen. Later this afternoon, stop by the famous Victoria Falls Hotel for afternoon tea on the Stanley Terrace with a view of the Victoria Falls Bridge. Nibble on savouries and cakes with your favourite tea. Return to the hotel with your evening at leisure. Overnight at the **Pioneers Lodge** (or similar). (B)

### Day 5: Hwange National Park

A four-hour drive delivers you deep inside a private concession in Hwange National Park's northern reaches. This region is renowned for wildlife viewing opportunities, as you will discover with days of thrilling safaris ahead of you. Overnight at **Nehimba Lodge** (or similar). On selected departures, guests stay at **Camelthorn Lodge** and experience the magical Elephant Express train. (B, L, D)

### Days 6 & 7: Hwange National Park

Spend the next two days enjoying exclusive, tailor-made wildlife viewing. All the diversity of Hwange's fauna and flora is within easy reach, and no two days are the same. Embark on day and night safari drives – the latter a chance to spot the nocturnal

## Weather

### Victoria Falls

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|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| A | 31  | 30  | 31 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 26 | 29 | 33 | 34 | 33 | 31  |
| B | 20  | 19  | 18 | 16 | 11 | 8  | 7  | 10 | 15 | 19 | 20 | 20  |
| C | 171 | 140 | 76 | 20 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 20 | 64 | 163 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)





Herd of elephants, Hwange National Park

inhabitants of Zimbabwe's wilds – as well as immersive walking safaris. Spend 2 nights at **Nehimba Lodge** (or similar). On selected departures, guests stay at **Camelthorn Lodge** and experience the magical Elephant Express train. (B, L, D)

**Days 8-10: Matobo National Park**

Transfer by road to the Matopos Hills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next three days. Activities available range from safari drives and on-foot rhino treks to village tours and hikes to the rock paintings of the San bushmen. You also have the chance to visit the tomb of Cecil Rhodes, located at a spot he called the 'View of the World'. Stay at **Amalinda Lodge** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

**Days 11 & 12: Fly to the UK via Johannesburg**

After transferring to Bulawayo, depart on a scheduled flight to Johannesburg, where you are met and assisted to your return flight to the UK. Alternatively, extend your stay with a visit to neighbouring Botswana or a city break in Cape Town. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\* On Day 5 of departures marked with \*, guests will stay at **Camelthorn Lodge** or **Bomani Tented Lodge** where they can ride the **Elephant Express** train into Hwange National Park.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown.

Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: ZLA

**Group tour**

Low season from £6,850  
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £6,985  
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £839

**Private travel**

Low season from £8,495  
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £8,650  
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £839

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **09 Jun 23, 24 May 24**

**British Airways flight upgrades**

World Traveller Plus from £545 return  
Club World from £3,695 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

**Departure dates for 2023-24**

| Out        | Rtn       | Out        | Rtn       | Out        | Rtn       | Out        | Rtn       |
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# Discover Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda

Tanzania's vibrant landscapes are a photographer's dream, from snow-capped Kilimanjaro to exotic Zanzibar, via the plains of the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater. Visitors can witness dramatic wildlife spectacles such as the annual Great Migration. Neighbouring Kenya is home to wide-open spaces, impressive mountain ranges, deep lakes and golden beaches. Here, too, are the fascinating pastoralist cultures of the Maasai and Samburu. This is the birthplace of safari, and the country's 23 national parks offer exceptional wildlife viewing. To the north lies biodiversity haven Uganda, home to chimpanzees, some 1,000 species of bird and over half of the world's mountain gorilla population.



Ngorongoro Crater

## The Northern Safari Circuit

The northern circuit of world-class safari parks • The Great Wildebeest Migration • The UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater

The national parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti form the Northern Safari Circuit, one of Africa's most impressive wildlife areas. Tarangire particularly comes to life in the dry season, when its central river becomes a magnet to large animals, including elephants. Lake Manyara contains a beautiful soda lake and an exceptional variety of wildlife, including elusive tree-climbing lions. The vast Ngorongoro Crater is home to one of the world's greatest concentrations of wildlife and presents dramatic views from its vertiginous rim. The Serengeti is known for its expansive savanna, perennially excellent wildlife and the great wildebeest migration.

## Laikipia Plateau

Rugged, untamed landscapes • Authentic cultural interactions • Impressive conservation enterprises

Laikipia is a beautiful region that stretches from the foothills of Mount Kenya to the shoreline of Lake Baringo. The area covers a wide range of landscapes and has become a sanctuary for elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes and a wealth of plains wildlife. The safari lodges in Laikipia are among the most opulent in Kenya, and the involvement of local Samburu and Masai communities allows visitors a rare opportunity to meet local people. The large conservancy of Lewa and Ol Pejeta is excellent for those interested in wildlife conservation and learning about the vital work the communities do to protect their environment.



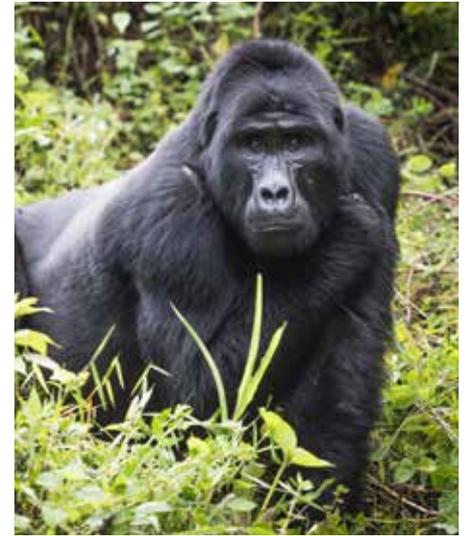
Lioness, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy



Masai giraffes, Masai Mara



Tree-climbing lion, Queen Elizabeth National Park



Mountain gorilla, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Park

## Masai Mara National Reserve

Great Wildebeest Migration • Authentic open savannas a la *The Lion King* • As seen in *Out of Africa*

The Masai Mara is Kenya's most celebrated reserve, made famous by the film *Out of Africa* and featured in the BBC's *Big Cat Diaries*. All of the 'Big Five' can be found here, as well as hyenas, cheetahs, jackals, bat-eared foxes and distinctive Masai giraffes. Hippos and crocodiles are present in large numbers in the Mara and Talek rivers and a wide range of antelopes abound, including Thomson's gazelle, topi and eland. The Mara ecosystem itself is growing as new wildlife conservancies emerge on the edge of the reserve, offering further protection to the animals on their well-trodden migration routes. These conservancies also provide the opportunity to escape the crowds, take night safari drives and go on guided walks in areas where most tourists cannot go.

## Queen Elizabeth National Park

Boat cruise on Kazinga Channel • Spot tree-climbing lions • See chimpanzees on guided walks

Queen Elizabeth National Park is a diverse ecosystem that includes sprawling savanna, large volcanic craters, humid forests, sparkling lakes and fertile wetlands. It is an ideal habitat for classic safari wildlife, home to 10 primate species and over 600 species of bird. Against the backdrop of the jagged Rwenzori mountains, the Kazinga Channel is a highlight of any visit, its banks lined with hippos, Nile crocodiles, buffaloes, waterbucks, Uganda kobs and elephants. In the far eastern corner of the park is the rich, tropical Kyambura Gorge, where visitors can go trekking for chimpanzees and take guided nature walks to spot black-and-white colobus monkeys, giant forest hogs and red-tailed monkeys. Ishasha, in the south-western part of the park, is known for its tree-climbing lions.

## Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Trek to see mountain gorillas • Local philanthropic enterprises • Pygmy village visits

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in south Uganda is home to around 900 of Earth's remaining mountain gorillas. With 120 species of mammal and 350 bird species, this habitat is one of the oldest, most biologically diverse forests in the world. Encountering wild mountain gorillas is one of the most extraordinary wildlife experiences possible. A guided gorilla trek can take anything from 30 minutes to eight hours, and – once you have found one of the 12 habituated gorilla groups here – you have an hour in their company. In addition to mountain gorillas, the forest is alive with an astonishing variety of bird species, including 23 Albertine Rift endemics, and diverse mammal species including black-and-white colobus monkeys, baboons and chimpanzees, as well as elephants and antelope.

## Experiences in Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda



### Meet the locals | Kenya

Experience the cultures and traditions of Kenya's indigenous tribes with visits to remote, authentic villages. Meet the Masai of the south and the Sumburu of the north – who have preserved their traditions, pastoralist lifestyles and vibrant handicrafts for millennia.



### Ngorongoro safaris | Tanzania

Embark on a safari across the expansive floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic caldera and UNESCO World Heritage Site that serves as a habitat to tens of thousands of large animals, including buffaloes, black rhinos, wildebeest, lions and spotted hyenas.



### Witness gorillas in the mist | Uganda

Spend a magical hour in the company of Uganda's mighty mountain gorillas. A dozen habituated groups reside deep in the dense forests of Bwindi National Park, one of the last refuges of this endangered primate. With the guidance of experts, visitors can safely trek to see them first-hand.

# Highlights of Kenya

**Duration** • 10 days & 8 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,595 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £4,450 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & safari reserves
- ❖ Boat trip on Lake Naivasha (optional extra)



Hippos and pelicans, Lake Naivasha

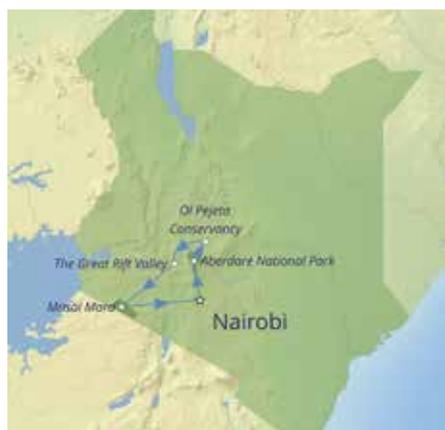
## Weather Nairobi

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| A | 25 | 26 | 26 | 24  | 23  | 22 | 21 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 23  | 24 |
| B | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14  | 13  | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13  | 13 |
| C | 57 | 49 | 93 | 244 | 186 | 42 | 22 | 27 | 29 | 67 | 151 | 99 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Kenya promises world-class safaris, dramatic scenery and diverse cultures. This escorted tour provides the perfect pace for exploring both acclaimed and lesser-known national parks, lakes and private concessions.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wildlife viewing in private reserves handpicked by Cox & Kings**
- ❖ **Sip specialist Kenyan tea while learning about conservationist Joy Adamson**
- ❖ **Visit local communities whilst staying near the wildlife-rich Masai Mara**

### Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Nairobi. Transfer to the **Tamarind Tree Hotel** (or similar) for the night. (N)

### Day 2: Aberdare National Park

Leave Nairobi for the Aberdare region, known as the place where a young Queen Elizabeth first learnt she had ascended to the throne. Lunch at Aberdare Country Club, then proceed

to Aberdare National Park for wildlife viewing en route to your lodge. One of the country's oldest reserves, this park safeguards rare alpine forests featuring centuries-old cedars and camphors. It is home to African elephants, black rhinos, spotted hyenas, leopards, colobus monkeys and many more creatures worth looking out for. Overnight at **The Ark Lodge**. (B, L, D)

### Days 3 & 4: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Go on safari in Ol Pejeta, a pristine 'Big Five' conservation area home to a variety of rare species, such as black and white rhinos, African wild dogs and Grevy's zebras. Optional activities include birdwatching, lion tracking, community tours, and a visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Stay 2 nights at **Sweetwaters Serena Camp**. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Lake Naivasha

Drive south of Lake Naivasha in the Great Rift Valley, and visit the Elsamere Conservation Centre. This was the retirement home of naturalist Joy Adamson, who famously described her experience raising Elsa the lion cub in *Born Free*. Enjoy an informative video on Adamson, sample special Kenyan teas, and explore the museum. Overnight at **Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge**. (B, L, D)



Cheetahs, Masai Mara

#### Days 6-8: Masai Mara

Transfer to the Masai Mara – Kenya’s most famous wildlife reserve – for three days of safari thrills. All of the ‘Big Five’ can be found here, as well as hyenas, cheetahs, jackals, bat-eared foxes, hippos, crocodiles, and Masai giraffes. Admire prolific wildlife and sweeping views alongside expert rangers. Stay 3 nights at the Zebra Plains Mara Camp. (B, L, D)

#### Days 9 & 10: Depart Nairobi

Transfer by road to Nairobi and enjoy the use of dayrooms at the Tamarind Tree Hotel. Your afternoon is at leisure. This evening, fly home via Jomo Kenyatta airport. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* **Wildbeest migration:** Departure dates marked with an asterisk are those offering the best chance of seeing the wildebeest migration. Wildlife movements vary and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: HKA

#### Group tour

Low season from £3,595  
Guide price month: May

High season from £4,295  
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £850

#### Private travel

Low season from £4,450  
Guide price month: May

High season from £5,555  
Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £850

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **19 May 23, 02 Jun 23, 17 Nov 23, 17 May 24, 07 Jun 24**

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £369 return  
Club World from £2,095 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

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# Highlights of Tanzania

**Duration** • 11 days & 8 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £3,995 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £5,295 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation in incredible locations
- ❖ International & domestic flights
- ❖ Small group size – average 6 people (max 12)
- ❖ A minimum of 7 game drives
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Use of 4x4 pop-up roof safari vehicles with window seats for all passengers
- ❖ Guaranteed departure with minimum 2 passengers
- ❖ Experienced local tour managers
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Included flight from Serengeti to Arusha to avoid long road journey



Tree-climbing lion, Lake Manyara

## Weather

### Arusha

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| B | 15 | 15 | 16  | 17  | 16  | 14 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  | 16 |
| C | 63 | 64 | 144 | 339 | 169 | 39 | 21 | 16 | 16 | 38 | 126 | 91 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Explore Tanzania's 'Northern Circuit' on this rewarding tour of the country's renowned wildlife reserves. Visit the Serengeti, the Great Rift Valley and the Ngorongoro Crater, staying in excellent safari lodges throughout.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Visit the Ngorongoro Crater for a picnic surrounded by wildlife**
- ❖ **Search for rare tree-climbing lions at Lake Manyara**
- ❖ **Spend 3 nights in Serengeti National Park's central & western areas**

### Day 1: Fly to Arusha via Addis Ababa

Take an evening flight from London (regional connections available) to Arusha, Tanzania, via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (N)

### Day 2: Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to

Arusha, a small town nestled in the shadow of Mount Meru with commanding views of the mighty Kilimanjaro. Overnight at the **Arusha Serena Resort**. (D)

### Day 3: Lake Manyara National Park

Transfer to Lake Manyara for an afternoon safari drive. The park is famous for its elusive tree-climbing lions and migratory flamingos. Overnight at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge**. (B, L, D)

### Days 4 & 5: Ngorongoro Crater

Explore the Ngorongoro Crater, home to a profusion of wildlife including rare black rhinos, lions, elephants and hyenas. Ngorongoro was once a gigantic volcano, perhaps taller than Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest mountain). The peak has long since collapsed, leaving behind a vast, natural amphitheatre rich in life and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stay 2 nights at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge**. (B, L, D)

### Days 6-8: Serengeti National Park

Go on safari in the Serengeti. Three days affords you ample time to explore Tanzania's most celebrated national park, co-host of the Great Wildebeest Migration. Visit hippo-filled



Giraffes, Serengeti National Park

pools, forests frequented by leopards, kopjes coveted by lions, and riverine habitats. Stay 2 nights at **Serengeti Serena Lodge** and 1 night at **Kirawira Serena Camp**. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Fly to Arusha**

After a final safari drive in the Serengeti National Park, transfer to the Grumeti Airstrip for a flight to Arusha. Overnight at the **Arusha Serena Resort**. (B, L)

**Days 10 & 11: Fly to the UK via Addis Ababa**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Alternatively, extend your journey with a visit to exotic Zanzibar. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**Guideline prices for 2023-24**

Tour code: HTZ

**Group tour**

Low season from £3,995  
Guide price month: May

High season from £5,295  
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £445

**Private travel**

Low season from £5,295  
Guide price month: May

High season from £6,150  
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £445

★ **No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)**

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **17 Mar 23, 26 May 23, 24 Nov 23, 08 Mar 24, 10 May 24, 09 Nov 24**

**Ethiopian Airways flight upgrades**

Business Class from £1,825 return

**Regional air connections**

Please speak to your consultant for details

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# Ultimate Tour: In the Footsteps of the Great Migration

**Duration** • 13 days & 11 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £6,795 (incl. flights)  
**Private tour** • From £7,895 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ★ **No single supplement on selected departure dates** (limited availability)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 10 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & wildlife reserves
- ❖ Boat trip on Lake Naivasha, visits to authentic villages & access to Olduvai Gorge



Elephant, Amboseli National Park

Tanzania and Kenya share hosting duties for one of nature's greatest spectacles: the annual Great Wildebeest Migration. This group tour offers the chance to follow the millions of migrating wildebeests, zebras and antelopes as they move from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara. Enjoy authentic cultural experiences and immersive wildlife viewing in some of Africa's greatest national parks.

## Weather Nairobi

|   | J  | F  | M  | A   | M   | J  | J  | A  | S  | O  | N   | D  |
|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| A | 25 | 26 | 26 | 24  | 23  | 22 | 21 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 23  | 24 |
| B | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14  | 13  | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13  | 13 |
| C | 57 | 49 | 93 | 244 | 186 | 42 | 22 | 27 | 29 | 67 | 151 | 99 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



## 👑 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Admire the wildlife of celebrated national parks including Amboseli, Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti and the Masai Mara**
- ❖ **Enjoy the chance to witness the Great Migration (timing dependent – please see date guide for more information)**
- ❖ **Visit local communities for an authentic cultural experience**
- ❖ **Activities away from the safari vehicle include walks, gorge visits and boat trips**

### Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Fly from London (regional connections

available) to Nairobi. Overnight at the **Sheraton Four Points** (or similar).

### Day 2: Amboseli National Park

Transfer from Nairobi to Amboseli National Park by custom safari vehicle. Arrive for lunch followed by wildlife watching activities, when you may spot elephants silhouetted against the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. Overnight at **OI Tukai Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Amboseli National Park

Spend a full day in Amboseli embarking on thrilling morning and afternoon safari drives that showcase the park's diversity of wildlife. Look out for bush elephant, cape buffalo, spotted hyena, lion, cheetah and more. Overnight at **OI Tukai Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Moshi, West Kilimanjaro

This morning, depart Amboseli and drive approximately 2 hours to the Namanga border, crossing into Tanzania. Enjoy lunch in Arusha before continuing to Tarangire. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at **Kirurumu Tarangire** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Ngorongoro highlands

Enjoy an early morning game drive, before proceeding for 3 hours to the Ngorongoro highlands – arriving for leisure time and dinner. Overnight at **Pamoja Farm Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

Today, you visit one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife destinations: the UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater. Descend to the crater floor in search of the 'Big Five', the forested walls providing a photogenic backdrop. Travel through the Lerai Forest looking for leopard and onto the plains where wildebeests and zebras graze whilst cheetahs and lions lie in watch. Old elephants may pass your vehicle as distant rhinos wander and hippos wade. A picnic lunch maximises your time in the crater. Return to your lodge late afternoon. Overnight at **Pamoja Farm Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Serengeti National Park

Descend from the Ngorongoro Crater onto the vast plains of the Serengeti, famous for hosting the annual Great Wildebeest Migration from October to July, as well as numerous species year-round. The concentration of predators in the Serengeti is high, with large prides of lion, numerous hyena clans, and regular sightings of both cheetah and leopard. Elephants, buffaloes, giraffes and antelopes can be found grazing, as can lesser-known species such as aardwolves, mongooses, caracals, servals, and hyraxes. Overnight at **Pamoja Serengeti Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)



Wildebeest migration

#### Day 8: Serengeti National Park

Spend your day exploring the extensive plains of the Serengeti in search of the 'Big Five'. If you would like to maximise your time on safari, take a picnic lunch with you into the park, dining in the vast savanna before returning to your lodge later in the day. Overnight at **Pamoja Serengeti Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Fly to the Masai Mara

Transfer to the airstrip for a short scheduled flight to Tarime, then transfer to Migori for your flight to the world-famous Masai Mara National Park. Arrive in the afternoon and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, with the option of a safari drive. Overnight at **Mara Leisure Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Masai Mara

Spend a full day in the Masai Mara on morning and afternoon safari drives, with the option of a hot-air balloon ride at extra cost. The renowned Masai Mara reserve and its adjunct concessions are home to prolific wildlife, including the 'Big Five'. Travel between August and September and you may also witness the dramatic, heart-in-your-mouth river crossings of the Great Migration. Overnight at **Mara Leisure Camp** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Lake Naivasha, Great Rift Valley

Transfer from the Masai Mara to Lake Naivasha, arriving in this wildlife-rich area of the Great Rift Valley for an afternoon at leisure. Optional activities include walks and community visits. Overnight at **Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge**. (B, L, D)

#### Days 12 & 13: Lake Naivasha • Fly to the UK

This morning enjoy a presentation on conservation pioneer Joy Adamson, sample speciality teas and visit the local museum. This afternoon, transfer to Jomo Kenyatta airport for your outbound flight. Alternatively, extend your journey with extra time to unwind on the coast. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

However, the exact timing of the migration varies, and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

**Private & tailor-made travel:** This itinerary can be taken privately on a date that suits you, for which guideline prices are shown. Alternatively, it can be tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit [CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry](http://CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Wildebeest migration:** This tour follows the approximate route of the Great Migration.

### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: UGM

#### Group tour

Low season from £6,795  
Guide price months: May, Jun

High season from £7,195  
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £995

#### Private travel

Low season from £7,895  
Guide price months: May, Jun

High season from £8,550  
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £995

#### ★ No single supplement on selected group tour departure dates (limited availability)

A limited number of places on the following departures are available with no single supplement (once limited places are taken, a single supplement will apply): **09 Jun 23, 23 Jun 23, 07 Jun 24, 21 Jun 24**

#### British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £365 return  
Club World from £2,095 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit [CoxandKings.co.uk](http://CoxandKings.co.uk). All prices are subject to availability.

### Departure dates for 2023-24

| Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | Out       | Rtn       | OutRtn    |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 06 Jan 23 | 18 Jan 23 | 07 Jul 23 | 19 Jul 23 | 05 Jan 24 | 17 Jan 24 | 05 Jul 24 | 17 Jul 24 |
| 03 Feb 23 | 15 Feb 23 | 21 Jul 23 | 02 Aug 23 | 05 Feb 24 | 14 Feb 24 | 19 Jul 24 | 31 Jul 24 |
| 03 Mar 23 | 15 Mar 23 | 04 Aug 23 | 16 Aug 23 | 01 Mar 24 | 13 Mar 24 | 02 Aug 24 | 14 Aug 24 |
| 09 Jun 23 | 21 Jun 23 | 01 Sep 23 | 13 Sep 23 | 07 Jun 24 | 19 Jun 24 | 06 Sep 24 | 18 Sep 24 |
| 23 Jun 23 | 05 Jul 23 | 06 Oct 23 | 18 Oct 23 | 21 Jun 24 | 03 Jul 24 | 04 Oct 24 | 16 Oct 24 |

**Guaranteed departures:** for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

# Primates of Uganda

**Duration** • 12 days & 9 nights  
**Category** • Superior

**Small-group tour** • From £7,595 (incl. flights)

**Group  
Tour**

## This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 8 people
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & wildlife reserves
- ❖ Chimpanzee & gorilla trekking permits



Chimpanzee, Kibale

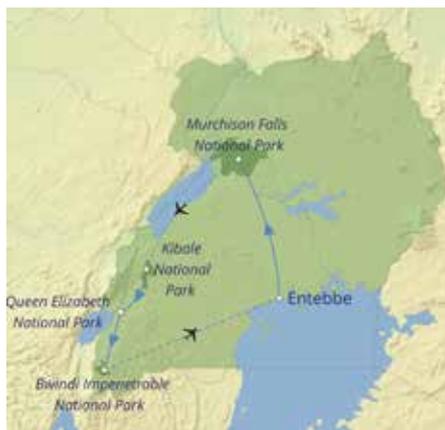
## Weather Kampala

|   | J  | F  | M   | A   | M   | J  | J  | A  | S  | O   | N   | D   |
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| A | 29 | 29 | 28  | 28  | 27  | 27 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 28  | 28  | 28  |
| B | 16 | 16 | 17  | 17  | 17  | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16  | 16  | 16  |
| C | 67 | 75 | 141 | 194 | 172 | 83 | 64 | 86 | 94 | 129 | 163 | 101 |

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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Uganda is a wildlife wonderland, home to the likes of hippos, hyenas, tree-climbing lions, countless rare birds and – most famously – mountain gorillas. This tour of Uganda's national parks puts our primate cousins front and centre, with guided gorilla trekking and chimpanzee walks, on top of unforgettable safari experiences on land and water.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Encounter the endangered mountain gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**
- ❖ **Experience a chimpanzee trek at the lesser-visited Kibale National Park**
- ❖ **Spot wildlife on a Nile cruise to the dramatic Murchison Falls**
- ❖ **Admire the animal life of biodiverse Queen Elizabeth National Park by boat**

### Day 1: Fly to Entebbe via Addis Ababa

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Entebbe via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### Day 2: Entebbe

Transfer to **Best Western Hotel** (or similar) for the night. (N)

### Days 3 & 4: Murchison Falls National Park

Drive south to Murchison Falls, Uganda's largest national park. This haven for wildlife is home to the waterfall of its namesake, where the Nile crashes spectacularly through a narrow gorge. Your second day features morning and evening safari drives, as well as a Nile river cruise to the falls and past wildlife such as crocodile, hippo and elephant. Spend 2 nights at **Paraa Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Days 5 & 6: Kibale

Take a short flight to Kasese airstrip and transfer to Kibale National Park. This enchanting place has one of the most varied tracts of tropical forest in Uganda, home to prolific birdlife and butterflies, forest elephants, bushbuck, Harvey's red duiker, giant forest hog, African civet and a sizeable population of chimpanzee – the star attraction. On your second day, a guided trek will lead you to some of the 5,000 or so chimpanzees living in Kibale. Spend an unforgettable hour watching them play, groom, eat and climb. Stay for 2 nights at **Ndali Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

### Days 7 & 8: Queen Elizabeth National Park

Drive to Queen Elizabeth National Park for 2 days of adventure in one of Uganda's most



Mountain gorillas, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

popular conservancies. Within its 1,978 sq km, savanna, fertile forest and wetland offer refuge to a variety of species including tree-climbing lion, Ugandan kob, gazelles, elephants, monkeys, hippos, chimpanzees and buffaloes. Your second day here features morning and evening safari drives, and an afternoon cruise on the Kazinga Channel. Stay for 2 nights at **Mweya Safari Lodge** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

After a morning safari, drive to UNESCO-listed Bwindi National Park, with stops en route at local towns. Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is aptly named: 'bwindi' means darkness, and this densely tangled, green wilderness is deeply shaded and rises steeply – from over 1,000m to almost 3,000m. Overnight at **Mahogany Springs** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

Today is the day. After an early breakfast, head to the Uganda Wildlife Authority Park headquarters where you will meet fellow trackers and your guide, who will lead you into the forest in search of the mountain gorilla. These large primates are extremely rare, with only approximately 1,000 remaining. It can take 6 hours or longer to find a gorilla group – all at relatively high altitude. Although sightings cannot be guaranteed, the success rate is over 95 per cent. You have the chance to get within metres of a habituated gorilla family,

enjoying their company for an hour. Overnight at **Mahogany Springs** (or similar). (B, L, D)

#### Days 11 & 12: Fly to the UK via Entebbe

This morning, return to Entebbe via a flight from Kihikihi airstrip. You will be met and transferred to **Best Western Hotel**, yours for day use, ahead of your departure flight. (B)

**Meal basis:** As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Gorilla trekking:** Tracking gorilla can involve a lengthy and strenuous hike. Guests must be in good health to take this journey.

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### Guideline prices for 2023-24

Tour code: UGP

#### Group tour

Low season from £7,595  
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £725

#### Ethiopian Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,175 return

#### Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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| 09 Jun 23 | 20 Jun 23 | 01 Aug 23 | 12 Aug 23 | 30 Jun 24 | 11 Jul 24 | 31 Aug 24 | 11 Sep 24 |
| 14 Jul 23 | 25 Jul 23 | 08 Sep 23 | 19 Sep 23 | 16 Aug 24 | 27 Aug 24 | 14 Sep 24 | 25 Sep 24 |

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# Terms and Conditions

**Our full Terms and Conditions apply to all bookings you make with us. These appear on our website at [www.coxandkings.co.uk](http://www.coxandkings.co.uk) and can also be provided by post or e-mail on request. Due to space constraints, the following information contains only some of the terms and conditions (which may also be a summary) which apply to your booking. Before you make your booking, you must read our full Terms and Conditions and by seeking confirmation of your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have done so and accept these in full, as the basis for your contract with Abercrombie & Kent Limited, trading as "Cox & Kings" of St George's House, Ambrose Street, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 3LG, which is registered in England under company number 1082430. In these Terms and Conditions, 'you' and 'your' means all persons named on the booking or any of them as applicable (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date).**

## 1) YOUR CONTRACT

Where you book a package holiday, your contract will be with Cox & Kings. When you make a booking the person who makes the booking guarantees that they have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party these Terms and Conditions.

## 2) BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

(a) Full information as to how to make a booking is shown on our website. A minimum deposit of £250 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost, (20% for Australasia), whichever is greater, must be paid at the time of booking. For some holidays, a higher deposit will be payable or it may be necessary to make full payment at the time of booking. This is usually the case where full payment for certain services, such as your flight, has to be made immediately after your booking is confirmed in order to secure that service or the price quoted at the time of booking. Where full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges will also apply from confirmation of booking in the event that you subsequently cancel.

(b) Where you book over the telephone and we are in a position to confirm your booking, a binding contract between you and Cox & Kings will come into existence when we verbally confirm your booking. All other bookings will be confirmed and a binding contract will come into existence when we issue a confirmation invoice. Please note, though, that if you book private travel arrangements or an extension to a group tour, your accommodation, flights etc will only be requested by us once the payment due at the time of booking has been received. Your confirmation invoice will indicate your requested package cost and you will be advised of any accommodation, flights etc that are still on request and not confirmed at the time the confirmation invoice is issued.

(c) If your confirmed booking includes a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will issue you with an ATOL Certificate.

(d) It is your responsibility to check the confirmation invoice, ATOL Certificate and any other documents we send you carefully and to let us or your travel agent know immediately in the event of any error or inaccuracy, as it may not be possible to make changes later.

(e) The balance of your holiday cost is payable not less than 75 days prior to departure, unless you are informed otherwise. If all payments are not received on time, we are entitled to assume you wish to cancel. Cancellation charges will apply in accordance with clause 9(a). If we do not cancel straightaway because you promise to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 9(a) depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled by you.

(f) Travel documents will be provided as referred to in our full Terms and Conditions.

(g) Prices include all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Those that have to be paid locally by you are extra and are your responsibility (such as international airport departure tax or local resort taxes).

## 3) REDUCED MOBILITY / MEDICAL CONDITIONS / DISABILITIES / SPECIAL REQUESTS

The information you are provided with about your holiday before you make your booking will include a general indication of the suitability of the holiday for someone with reduced mobility.

However, reduced mobility means different things to different individuals as individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. If you suffer from restricted mobility or have any disability or medical condition which may affect your holiday arrangements, please give us full details before booking so that we can provide you with precise information as to the suitability of the holiday taking into account your needs. We may ask you to confirm full details in writing. Please promptly inform us in writing in the event that any material change in your mobility, any disability or medical condition occurs after your booking has been confirmed.

We will deal with special requests and information relating to any disability, medical condition or reduced mobility as referred to in our full Terms and Conditions. Special requirements we have accepted will be specifically confirmed as accepted on your confirmation invoice.

## 4) YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

## 5) INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that you have adequate insurance for your holiday. Further information on this requirement is shown in our full Terms and Conditions.

## 6) ALTERATION BY YOU

If you wish to make any amendments to your holiday after it has been confirmed (including where you wish to transfer your place on the booking to someone else), you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. An amendment fee of £50 together with the costs and charges incurred as a result or, for certain alterations, cancellation charges, will be payable. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

If you wish to change any aspect of your holiday after it has commenced, we and our agents will do their best to assist, subject to payment locally of all applicable charges and costs.

If you wish to transfer your place on your booking to another person (introduced by you), you may do so, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- provided the person to whom you are transferring your place satisfies all conditions applicable to the holiday; which form part of your contract with us.

- Requests for a transfer must be made in writing at least 7 days prior to departure and must be accompanied by the name and other applicable details of the person who will replace you.

- In the event that the balance of the holiday cost is due but has not been paid when the transfer request is made, this must be paid before the transfer can be made. Any additional payment amount that our suppliers require to effect the change (if the transfer can be made) will be payable. Please note, in some cases suppliers such as airlines treat name changes as a cancellation, levying cancellation charges and requiring payment for a new ticket. These charges must be paid by you, before any change can be made.

- The transferee agrees to these Terms and Conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 9 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

## 7) PRE-DEPARTURE CHANGES TO, OR CANCELLATION OF, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS BY US

(a) Pre-departure Changes

Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Insignificant changes are likely to include (but are not limited to) (1) changes to any destination(s), place(s) of stay or port(s) or place(s) of call for your holiday which is not a major, confirmed destination, place of stay or port or place of call and (2) substitution of a named lecturer and/or leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field. Occasionally, before departure, we may have to make a significant change to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking or to any special requirements which we have accepted as referred to in clause 3. Examples of significant changes can be found in our full Terms and Conditions.

In the event that we have to make a significant change, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration(s) and any impact they have on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration(s), details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration(s) or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform

us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so. We also deem certain Covid-19 related travel and destination requirements as insignificant changes in that we do not expect these changes to significantly affect the performance of the holiday or your overall holiday enjoyment. Such changes may include the requirement to wear face masks, make regular use of sanitising stations and maintain social distancing. Some changes may also affect the availability of certain services and facilities. We expect all guests to adhere to the local and national guidance that is in force at the destination and whilst travelling to and from the destination, and the Company shall have no liability to you if you fail to comply with those rules and regulations. Where we deem Covid-19 changes to have a significant impact upon your holiday we will follow the procedure as outlined below

If you choose to cancel your booking, we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your written cancellation. If we don't hear from you with your decision within the specified period (having provided you with the above mentioned information for a second time), we will cancel your booking and refund all payments made to us within 14 days of our doing so. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from Force Majeure (see clause 8).

(b) Pre-departure Cancellation

Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so.

In the event: (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of Force Majeure (see clause 8) and we notify you of this as soon as reasonably possible; or (ii) we have to cancel because the number of persons who have booked the holiday on which you are travelling is smaller than the minimum number applicable to the holiday as stated in the contract and you are notified of the cancellation not less than 8 weeks before departure; we have the right to terminate your contract. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. All group holidays, except those labelled as 'non-exclusive', require a minimum number of bookings before they will operate. We will inform you of cancellation for lack of minimum numbers as set out above.

## 8) FORCE MAJEURE

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, Force Majeure means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risks to human health such as such as pandemics, epidemics or the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, airport, port or airspace closures, restrictions or congestion and flight restrictions imposed by any regulatory authority or other third party and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Terms and Conditions, we have no liability including for compensation, costs and expenses in such situations.

## 9) CANCELLATION BY YOU

(a) You may cancel your confirmed holiday booking at any time prior to departure. Should you wish to do so, you must notify us or your travel agent (as applicable) in writing. Such notification will only be effective on receipt by us or the travel agent (as applicable).

Cancellation charges will apply as set out below unless you are otherwise advised at the time of booking. In calculating these cancellation charges, we have taken account of possible cost savings and the generation of income from other bookings which may be able to utilise cancelled services to the extent this is likely to be achievable for tailor-made holiday arrangements. For some bookings, including those for which full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges apply from confirmation of your booking. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling, excluding any amendment charges which are not refundable.

| Days before departure notification received | Amount of cancellation charges as a % of total holiday cost |
|---|---|
| More than 75 days                           | Deposit(s) (inc any higher deposit)                         |
| 60-74 days                                  | 30% or deposit(s) if higher                                 |
| 30-59 days                                  | 60%   |
| 15-29 days                                  | 90%   |
| 0-14 days                                   | 100%  |

No allowance or refund can be made for meals, rooms, excursions etc. included in the price of your holiday but not taken, nor can any refund be made for services that cannot be used due to lost, mislaid or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. Part cancellation of a booking may result in increased costs for the remaining party members.

(b) Cancellation charges will not be applicable in the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity which significantly affect the performance of the contracted holiday services or the carriage of passengers to that destination and as a result you notify us in writing prior to departure that you wish to cancel your holiday. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date you notify us in writing of your cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

#### 10) PRICES

Where your contract is with Cox & Kings, once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not change. We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed.

Occasionally our holiday prices are discounted for a limited period for promotional purposes. Discounts cannot be applied retrospectively to reduce the price of a confirmed booking.

#### 11) YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) British Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Travel Advice: The UK government provides advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health for countries around the world, as well as general information, at [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) and <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>. You are strongly recommended to read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is possible to sign-up to receive FCDO e-mail updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and it is recommended you do this.

(b) Visas: General information concerning visa requirements applicable is set out in our Documents & Health section. Please also see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(c) Passports: A full passport (valid for at least six months beyond the end of your holiday) is required for the holidays we offer. Please see our Documents & Health section for full details or seek the advice of our travel consultants. Requirements may change and you must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure. See our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(d) Health: It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. See our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(e) Documents: It is the responsibility of the person who makes the booking to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents and have all necessary vaccination certificates before departure.

#### 12) OUR LIABILITY

(i) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Terms and Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Terms and Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(ii) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of possessions or enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any nature whatsoever which results from any of the following: (1) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;

or (2) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (3) Force Majeure as defined in clause 8.

(iii) We cannot accept responsibility for any services that do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel, cruise provider or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our brochure or on our website as forming part of your holiday and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract, and any excursion / activities you purchase while away.

(iv) Except as set out in clause 12(v), no limitation on the amount of damages which can be claimed will apply in respect of personal injury or death which we or our employees have caused intentionally or negligently or in respect of any other liability which we cannot limit under English law. For all claims concerning or arising out of loss of, delay and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money) for which we are liable, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind, unless a different limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(vi) below. For all other claims, if we are found liable to you on any basis, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is up to three times the total price of your holiday unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(v) below. In any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, rail or sea carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, our liability (including the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you, the types of claim and the circumstances in which compensation will be payable) will be limited as if we were the carrier in question as referred to below. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or EU regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention).

(v) For international travel by air and / or, for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, EC Regulation 392/2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers in the event of accidents and / or the Athens Convention (as amended by the 2002 Protocol) for international carriage by sea and the Convention of 1980 concerning International Travel by Rail (COTIF) as amended for travel by rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or EU regulation (including where any claim is not notified and issued in accordance with the time limits stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation), we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. Please also note that strict time limits apply for notifying loss, damage or delay of luggage to the airline. Any proceedings in respect of any claim (including one for personal injury or death) must be brought within 2 years of the date stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation. You are not entitled to make any claim against us which concerns or is based on any travel arrangements provided by any air, rail or sea carrier if such a claim is not expressly permitted to be brought against the carrier by the international convention or regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question. When making any payment, we will deduct any payment that you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(vi) We cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not reasonably have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally, we cannot accept liability for any expenses or losses that relate to or arise from any business (including without limitation, self-employed loss of earnings), or any indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(vii) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding 3 nights per person. Please note that the 3-nightcap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes

or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

#### 13) TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING DELAY)

(a) Air, rail, road and other departure times are supplied by the carriers. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of our responsibility in the event of delay.

(b) If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and / or provide you with accommodation and / or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption). Please see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

#### 14) COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

If you have a complaint about any of the holiday arrangements booked with or through Cox & Kings, you must follow the complaint procedure set out in our full Terms and Conditions.

#### 15) FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked with us and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security for our flight-inclusive holidays by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) (number 2881) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight-inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The price of our flight-inclusive holiday packages includes the amount of £2.50 per person which is the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. For further information, visit the ATOL website at: [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk).

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which don't include flights, by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd, The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ [www.abta.co.uk](http://www.abta.co.uk).

#### 16) LAW AND JURISDICTION

Your relationship (and any contract you may have) with us and any dispute, claim or other matters of any nature arising from it (claim) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. We both agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) that arises between us must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description that arises between us governed by the law of Scotland / Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

#### 17) DATA PROTECTION

Please see our Privacy Policy for further information on how we process your personal data: [www.coxandkings.co.uk/data-protection](http://www.coxandkings.co.uk/data-protection).

#### 18) COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All clients travelling on a Cox & Kings group tour will need to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. For the most up to date information on Covid-19 protocols whilst on tour, please visit our website [coxandkings.co.uk/frequently-asked-questions](http://coxandkings.co.uk/frequently-asked-questions)

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