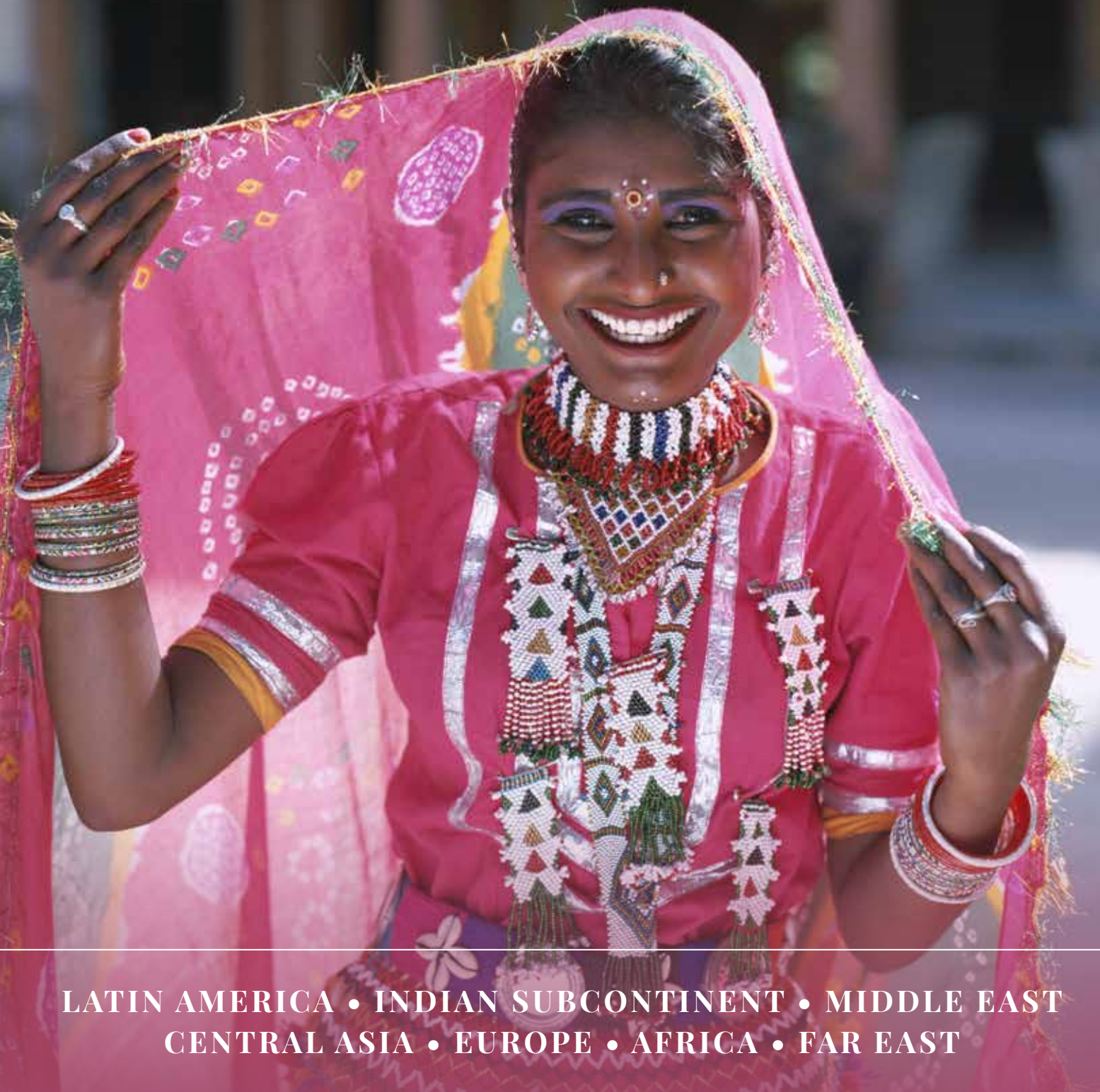


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Dear Traveller,

I believe travel is the only thing we buy that leaves us feeling richer. It has the power to connect us with people from wildly different backgrounds, to challenge our preconceptions, and to surprise us with experiences you won't find in any guidebook. The group tours and private holidays featured in this brochure are your ticket to those inspiring encounters.

Inside, you'll find several additions to the Cox & Kings collection. This includes exciting new group tours to Italy, Albania, Kosovo, Peru and the Galápagos Islands; and more tailor-made itineraries exploring Africa, Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and the Indian Subcontinent.

There remains an undeniable romance to travelling by rail and river, as we reveal in dedicated sections on cruising the Mekong and crossing Europe by train; and featured train journeys in Central Asia and South America.

Whether you travel with us alongside friends and family, or solo – as almost a quarter of our guests enjoy doing – you can expect immersive cultural activities, round-the-clock support, small group sizes, and expert local guides as standard. We look forward to taking you on your next great adventure.

With best regards,



Geoffrey Kent

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Find your next adventure

This brochure provides a glimpse of the authentic, globe-spanning travel experiences that we offer. Remember that our friendly team is on hand to arrange your perfect journey - whether it's seeking out sloths in Costa Rica, roaming ancient ruins in Crete, or discovering the Silk Road cities of Uzbekistan. Anything is possible.

Your adventure, your way

Join a group of like-minded travellers, explore exclusively with your nearest and dearest, or embark on a solo adventure. All the escorted group tours featured inside can be taken on a shared or private basis. You'll also notice several suggested itineraries - designed as starting points for a private holiday that we can tailor to your interests, schedule and budget.

IMAGE: Lake Pichola, Udaipur, India

"Exceptional service... They organise whatever I want and the great thing about their group tours is that they always include some free time."

- Haig, Trustpilot review



Learn more about your destination

We've included brief destination guides to help you decide where to go. Learn all about the unmissable sights, exemplary accommodation, and immersive experiences available - from stargazing in Chile's Atacama Desert to Japanese tea ceremonies in Kyoto.

Discover more online

You can browse our full portfolio of inspiring holidays at 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**, **X** and **Instagram**.



Why travel with Cox & Kings

Award-winning holidays, from group tours to private escapes

Global network giving you access to exceptional guides and 24/7 support

Signature Experiences revealing hidden wonders and cultural secrets

Supporter of grassroots projects that give back to local communities

Genuinely small groups on all escorted tours

Full holiday protection for complete piece of mind

Solo friendly, with dedicated tours for solo travellers

Specialist-led tours focused on history, art and more

Guaranteed departures on tour dates across the year

Rail journeys and river cruises through extraordinary landscapes

265 years of being a trusted name in travel

Characterful accommodation handpicked by our experts





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.

Solo-friendly travel

Our Solo Travellers group tours allow you to explore free of single supplements alongside other solo travellers, and with the guidance of an experienced tour manager.

Local tour managers

We employ local tour managers for their in-depth knowledge of the places, people and culture of your destination, 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.

Flight flexibility

International economy 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 five comfort categories, 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.

Specialist-led: Curated and helmed by specialists in their field, these itineraries are especially suited to lovers of history, art, and culture. They often include private visits unavailable to the wider public, and are based in 3-, 4- and 5-star accommodation.

Tailor-made travel *Individually crafted*

Cox & Kings has been organising tailor-made journeys for generations. Our 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 your needs, no matter how complex or unique they may be.

Private journeys

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

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, schedule 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.

Signature Experiences

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

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.

Wide choice of accommodation

Whether it's a sophisticated city-centre hotel or a back-to-nature wilderness lodge, a luxury sleeper train or an adventurous river cruise, we can arrange accommodation to cater to all tastes and a range of budgets.

Multi-country itineraries

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

Family adventures

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

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.

Slow-paced travel

If you've the time, slow-paced travel can be exceptionally rewarding and allow for deeper immersion into the local culture. We delight in organising itineraries that are more gently paced and less conventional.

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 travel consultant for more details.

"The personal touch... You always get the sense that the company is fronted by real people. They respond to you as an individual."

– Dave Cropp, Trustpilot review

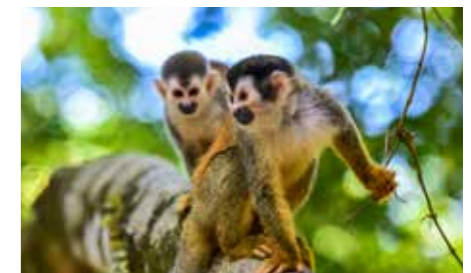


Our Solo Travellers tours for 2024-25



Treasures of Peru (p. 54)

This introductory tour of Peru includes the country's most celebrated sights. Explore ancient, colonial and natural wonders, beginning in the bustling capital city, Lima.



Panama & Costa Rica Experience (p. 88)

Small in size yet possessing a superb biodiversity, Costa Rica and Panama offer a wide variety of eco-systems including volcanoes, rainforest, cloud forest, lakes, lagoons and beaches.



Exotic India (p. 106)

This journey for solo travellers covers the 'Golden Triangle' of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, as well as other pretty cities and tiger-prowled national parks.



Splendours of Sri Lanka (p. 120)

This group tour for solo travellers explores Sri Lanka's famed Cultural Triangle and beyond. Admire ancient cities, scenic hill country, man-made marvels and abundant wildlife.

Solo travel *Go solo safely & in good company*

The idea of setting off on your own to an unfamiliar destination can be a daunting prospect, but it needn't be. More and more people of all ages and backgrounds are discovering the rewards of a solo adventure – including 20 per cent of guests on our group tours.

Cox & Kings has years of experience arranging journeys with solo travellers in mind. Whether you book one of our Solo Travellers tours, or join another of our tours as an individual guest, you can travel solo safely and in good company.

Join like-minded companions

Travelling solo doesn't have to mean travelling alone. Our group tours combine the thrill of independent travel with the companionship of like-minded people and local guides. Forge life-long friendships, including with fellow solo travellers, as you discover new and exciting places together.

Go smaller, get closer

We keep our group sizes much smaller than the average travel operator. This means more interaction with your guides, access to smaller hotels bursting with character, less time spent gathering ahead of each day's activities, and excursions that are less intrusive for local communities.

You time and shared time

Our tours are designed to strike the right balance between shared activities and 'you time', giving you the best of both worlds. Spend periods at leisure as you wish, either with or apart from the group, and enjoy the privacy of your own double or twin room.

Support from start to finish

From your initial conversation with us, to your first step on foreign soil, to your journey home, we remain on hand for support, guidance and inspiration – in person, online and over the phone.

Hassle-free transfers

We take care of all transfers for your pre-arranged activities, allowing you to focus on what matters most: the joy of discovery. For an additional cost, we can also arrange private airport transfers in the UK – the perfect stress-free start and end to your solo adventure.

Save on single supplements

Our dedicated Solo Travellers tours feature no single supplements – the additional charges often levied against individual guests. This allows you to explore the world alongside other solo travellers in a manner that is kinder to your wallet.

Extend your journey

Should you wish to explore more of your destination independently, Cox & Kings can arrange a private pre- or post-tour extension for your solo group tour.



North Africa & the Middle East

Small-group tours • Tailor-made travel

Human history is etched into the landscape of the Middle East and North Africa, from the Roman ruins of Morocco and Jordan's rock-hewn city of Petra, to the grand pyramids of Egypt. It is here that Christianity, Judaism and Islam all arose, and where humankind first began to write.

Under the beating sun, beauty abounds. You will find it in the intricate Islamic architecture, the dunes artfully sculpted by the elements, the vibrant bazaars brimming with charms and chatter, and the warm hospitality of the locals.

Whether you are cruising the Nile, exploring millennia-old ruins, or haggling in the souks, our local guides have the expertise to reveal the best of this storied region. Browse our comprehensive range of holidays to the Middle East and North Africa, or speak directly to one of our regional specialists.

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Featured on our website:

Jordan: Crusaders, Traders & Raiders • Specialist-led group tour

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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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 *dahabeya*, 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 Egyptian Museum is home to more than 120,000 ancient artefacts, including Tutankhamun's burial mask, while the vast, highly anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum is expected to open in 2024.

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.



Karnak Temple, Luxor

Aswan

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

Situated in southern Egypt, Aswan's premier attraction is the Temple of Philae. It is located on Agilkia Island, between Aswan's two dams, and 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.

Aswan's 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 trip on the river aboard a *felucca* (traditional wooden sailboat).



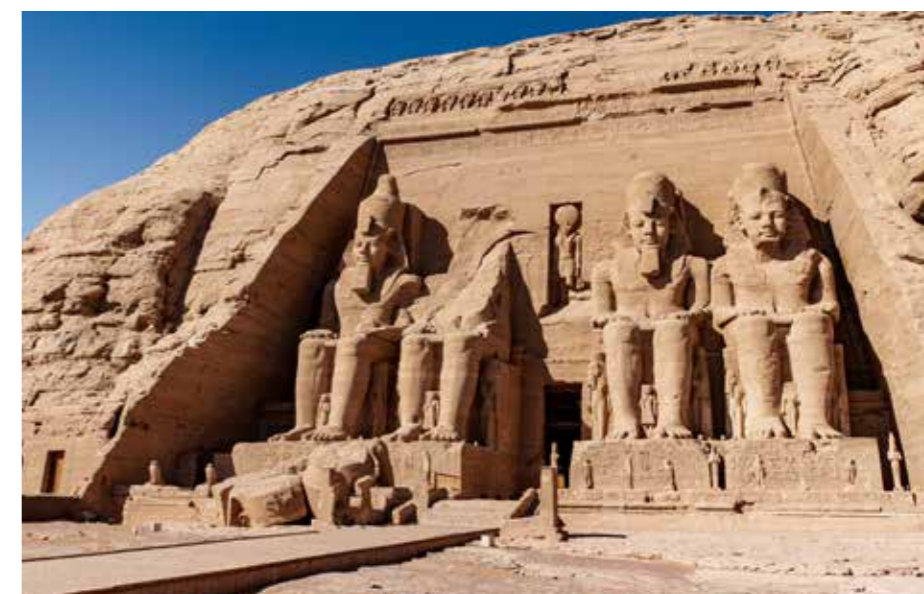
Temple of Philae, Aswan

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 building of the Aswan High Dam, 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 excursion from Aswan. Due to flight restrictions, the maximum duration of your visit cannot exceed one hour.



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

Suggested itinerary

Egyptian Grand Tour Nile Cruise

13 days & 12 nights
from £4,785 (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 capital, before cruises on both the Nile and Lake Nasser.

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Arrive in Cairo and transfer to the Intercontinental Semiramis 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 *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 the *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 18th-dynasty Temple of Amada, 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 this morning and visit the Temple of Kalabsha. Fly to Cairo and transfer to the InterContinental Citystars for 3 nights. (B)

Day 11: Giza

Tour of Giza to see the Pyramids and the Sphinx. (B)

Day 12: Alexandria

Day trip to Alexandria, Egypt's second-largest city and set on the Mediterranean coast. (B)

Day 13: Fly home

Tailor-made travel

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Egypt: Ancient Wonders of Cairo & the Nile

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 14 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 £92 per person
- Optional upgrade to Bridge Deck cabin from £128 per person
- Optional upgrade to Promenade Deck cabin from £165 per person



Feluccas on the Nile, Aswan

Explore the wonders of Egypt via the River Nile on this exceptional tour. After visiting the iconic pyramids of Giza, 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 Egyptian Museum. 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.

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 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Today you 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. 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). 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

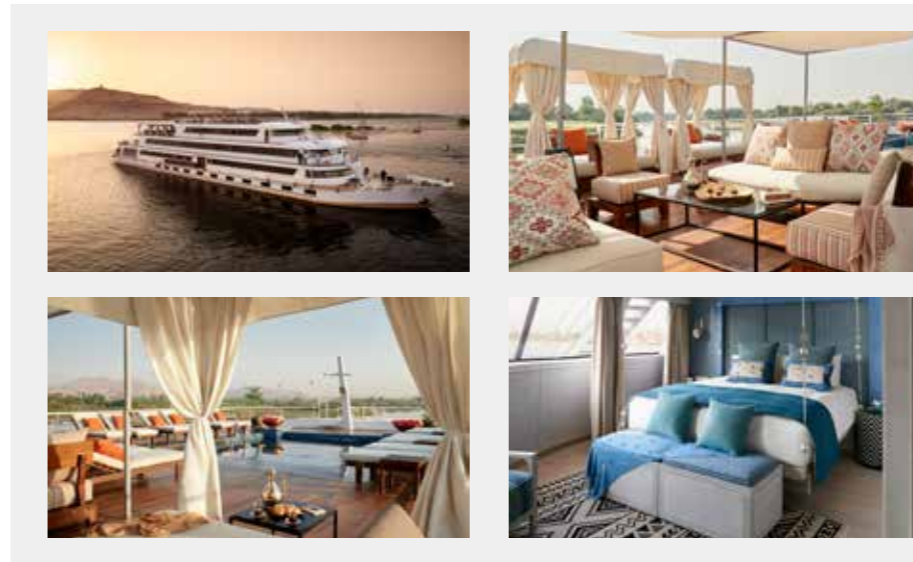
Fly to Cairo this morning, dropping off your luggage at the Kempinski Nile Hotel. After lunch at leisure, visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East and home to a wide variety of pharaonic antiquities. (B)

Day 8: Fly to the UK

Transfer to Cairo International Airport for your direct flight back to London. (B)



The Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, 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 £1,575 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 £1,095 per person or to Abu Simbel from £370 per person.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Some departure dates will operate using the Sanctuary Sun Boat IV

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

Note: Itinerary is subject to change on the opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum. Supplements may apply.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: EGT

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £2,995 Guide price month: Aug	Low season from £3,295 Guide price month: Aug
High season from £3,795 Guide price month: Nov	High season from £4,095 Guide price month: Nov
Single supplement from £895	Single supplement from £895

Egyptair flight upgrades	Regional air connections
Business Class from £795 return	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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
22 Jan 24	29 Jan 24	08 Sep 24	15 Sep 24	22 Jan 25	29 Jan 25	20 Apr 25	27 Apr 25
10 Mar 24	17 Mar 24	*16 Sep 24	23 Sep 24	26 Jan 25	02 Feb 25	02 May 25	09 May 25
*27 Apr 24	04 May 24	26 Oct 24	03 Nov 24	30 Jan 25	06 Feb 25	10 May 25	17 May 25
*05 May 24	12 May 24	19 Nov 24	26 Nov 24	27 Feb 25	06 Mar 25	22 May 25	29 May 25
*13 May 24	20 May 24	27 Nov 24	04 Dec 24	11 Mar 25	18 Mar 25	31 Aug 25	07 Sep 25
31 Aug 24	07 Sep 24	05 Dec 24	12 Dec 24	23 Mar 25	30 Mar 25	12 Sep 25	19 Sep 25
				31 Mar 25	07 Apr 25	24 Sep 25	01 Oct 25
				12 Apr 25	19 Apr 25	07 Nov 25	14 Nov 25

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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 stall in the old medina, Marrakech

Rabat

Modern capital & ancient port • Roman ruins at Chellah • Clifftop 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 façade 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 of the Udayas are also well worth a visit to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and for superb views of the river and ocean.



Kasbah of the Udayas, Rabat

Marrakech

Walled medieval city • Buzzy 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.



Ourika Valley with the High Atlas Mountains in the background

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.



Bab Bou Jeloud gate, Fez



Erg Chebbi, Sahara Desert

The Sahara & surrounds

Stay in a luxury desert camp • Explore the dramatic dunes by 4x4

The start of the Sahara Desert 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 in a 4x4 vehicle, and be sure to spend a night under canvas so you can see the colours of the sunset and sunrise over the sands.

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.

Suggested itinerary

Historic Cities & Culinary Delights of Morocco

8 days & 7 nights
from £3,175 (incl. flights)
Category • Standard

This journey explores the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez and Marrakech, while revealing the secrets of Moroccan cuisine. Take part in cookery classes and learn the recipes and techniques that define the nation’s dishes.

Day 1: Fly to Casablanca
Transfer to the Barcelo 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 Ommeyad Suites & Spa. (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
Early departure for Marrakech. En route, stop at the Berber village of Imouzzur du Kandjar, the delightful ski resort of Ifrane, and Azrou, a town known for its handicrafts. Continue to Marrakech and stay at the Les Jardins de la Medina 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. Stay at the Palais L’heure Bleue for 1 night. (B, D)
Day 7: Casablanca
Morning cooking class in a local riad. 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 £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5- star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions available
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts & 8 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners with your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage



Chefchaouen

Weather

Marrakech

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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 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.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Explore the atmospheric Roman ruins of Volubilis
- ❖ Dine in a riad in Rabat
- ❖ Walking tour of Chefchaouen's medina
- ❖ Drink mint tea with a local nomadic 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 the 5-star Savoy Grand Hotel 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 mint tea in

the Andalusian gardens at Oudaya Kasbah. Stay for 1 night at Riad Dar El Kebira or Dar El Kebira Salam located in the heart of the Rabat medina. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the riad. (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, a riad furnished in arabic style with exemplary views. (B)

Day 4: Volubilis • 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. Spend 2 nights at the Palais Ommeyad & Spa. (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.



The Roman ruins of Volubilis

Stop en route at Ifrane village for a walking tour. Continue to Erfoud and stay 2 nights at Palais du Desert & Spa. (B, D)

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 and Berber museum before continuing to The Savoy Grand Hotel, 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. Attend a 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.

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Post-tour extensions are available in Essaouira, which would include accommodation and private transfers. Please speak to a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further details.

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Accommodation: Rooms of the same standard can vary within riads. To remain cool, rooms may also have limited natural light.

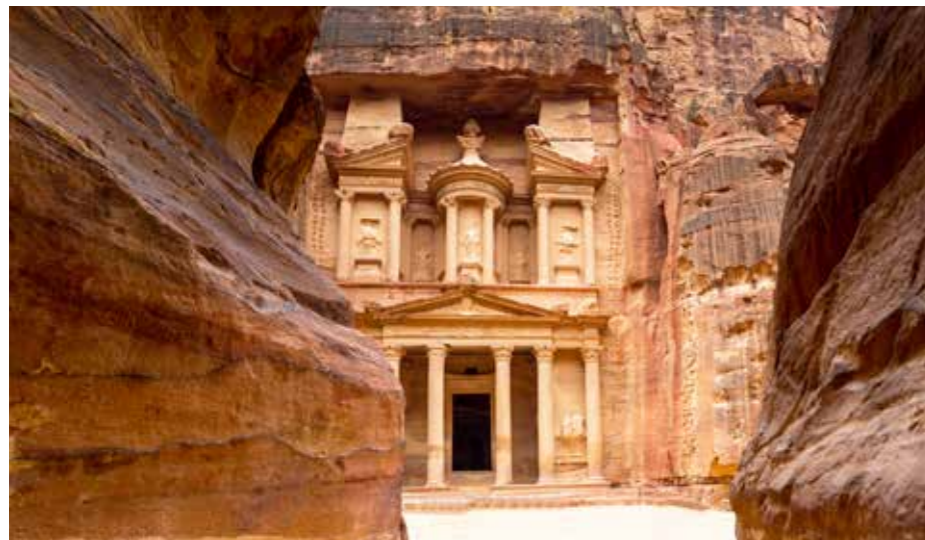
*Friday 26 April departure: the hotel in Marrakech will be 2Ciels for Day 1.

Guideline prices for 2024-25				Tour code: DEZ			
Group tour		Private tour		British Airways flight upgrades		Regional air connections	
Low season from £2,695		Low season from £3,995		Club Europe from £125 return		Please speak to your consultant for details	
Guide price month: May		Guide price month: May		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 . All prices are subject to availability.			
High season from £2,795		High season from £4,095		Departure dates for 2024-25			
Guide price months: Mar & Apr		Guide price month: Mar & Apr		Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
Single supplement from £895				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 Treasury, 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 rock corridor only three metres wide in places, opens out in front of Al Khazneh (The Treasury) – Petra's most remarkable edifice. There are various other walks throughout the site that reveal hundreds of smaller buildings and tombs worth exploring.

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



View from Mt Nebo

Madaba & Mount Nebo

Mosaic map of Jerusalem • Views from Mount Nebo

Madaba is known as the 'City of Mosaics'. Its ancient floors preserve many Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, the most famous of which is the sixth-century Map of Madaba, depicting the Holy Land of Jerusalem using two million colourful stone pieces. It is the world's oldest known geographical floor mosaic, and can be seen in situ at the Church of St George. The Church of St John the Baptist offers a worthy diversion with its unique collection of historical photographs of Madaba, and sweeping views of the city from its bell tower.

Close to Madaba lies Mount Nebo, the 710-metre-high summit where the Bible says Moses saw the Promised Land. Hike to the top and you can still enjoy the same panorama across the Jordan Valley, including views of Jericho, and – on a very clear day – Jerusalem. A sculpted *nehushtan* (bronze serpent on a pole) serves as a memorial on the summit.

The Dead Sea

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 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

Desert Castles

Early Islamic art • Crusader forts

To the east of Amman lie several *qasrs* (castles), most built between the seventh and eighth centuries under the Umayyad Caliphate. These important examples of early Islamic architecture contain fine frescoes and mosaics, and stand isolated amidst sun-beaten sands. UNESCO-listed Qasr Amra is among the smallest but best preserved. Enter the domed interior and you're greeted by ceiling frescoes that are over 1,000 years old. The artwork depicts hunters, kings, nude women, heaven, constellations and the zodiac.

Located just off the King's Highway, the 12th-century castles of Shobak and Kerak are stunning examples of Christian Crusader fortifications, built atop rocky outcrops with commanding views across the countryside.



Qasr Amra desert castle

Wadi Rum

Stunning natural scenery • Luxury desert camps

Vast, echoing and god-like: that's how Lawrence of Arabia described Wadi Rum during his passage through the Mars-like valley. Its cinematic sandscapes are stars of the big screen – featured most recently in the films *Dune*, *Star Wars: Episode IX, The Martian*, and *Aladdin*. This area of southern Jordan is also prized for its archaeological finds; thousands of petroglyphs, rock carvings and temple remains testify to at least 12,000 years of human presence, adding to UNESCO's reasons for listing it as a World Heritage Site in 2011.

You can explore Wadi Rum by 4x4, or – in true Bedouin fashion – by camel. Camp overnight to see how 'the crimson sunset burns on its stupendous cliffs', as T.E. Lawrence put it. You shan't forget the stark contrast of the day's golden sun, blue skies and red sands with the ink-black night, as it's draped in the Milky Way and strafed by shooting stars.



Wadi Rum

Desert Camps in Wadi Rum



Memories Aicha Luxury Camp Wadi Rum

At first glance, this luxury camp is redolent of a Martian base, complete with striking geometric domes fringed by pink sandstone massifs. The interior spaces are delightfully unsci-fi, however, evoking instead traditional Berber design, with sumptuous soft furnishings and intricate patterns. Guests are accommodated in air-conditioned, en-suite tented rooms, some glass-fronted affording panoramas of the desert and stars. There is also a large domed restaurant and dining area. Activities include hiking, horse riding, culture tours, and archery. Despite its sense of seclusion, Memories Aicha is just 12 kilometres from the Wadi Rum Visitor Centre.



Discovery Bedu Camp Wadi Rum

Run by local Bedouins, this solar-powered, eco-friendly camp features just six en-suite tented rooms – positioned to maximise views of the sunset over the desert sands. Each of Discovery Bedu's suites boasts a private deck with seating, as well as understated décor to better blend in with the natural surrounds. Guests can enjoy a menu of local dishes, either served in the dining area – a traditional Bedouin tent – or out overlooking Wadi Rum's dramatic landscape. Guest activities available include dune and canyon hikes, camel rides, sandboarding, hot-air ballooning, stargazing, and 4x4 drives.



Saraya Rum Private Luxury Camp Wadi Rum

Saraya Rum is set in the shadow of Umm Ishreen mountain, famed for its 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' rock formation. This modern desert camp features air-conditioned tented suites with bold patterns, sleek bathrooms and private terraces. A large, regal dining tent hosts daily buffets of local delicacies and fresh pastries. There is an outdoor communal seating area, a 24-hour front desk, and free Wi-Fi to keep you connected – even as you revel in the splendid isolation of Wadi Rum. Guests can experience the desert landscape with hikes, camel and horse riding, 4x4 drives, hot-air ballooning, and guided stargazing.



Dana Biosphere Reserve

Dana Biosphere Reserve

Nature walks • Birdwatching

Plunging from a 1,500-metre-high plateau down to the arid Arabah region, Dana is Jordan's largest nature reserve. It encompasses four distinct bioregions – Mediterranean, Irano-Turanian, Saharo-Arabian, and Sudanian – each a habitat for a diversity of wildlife. This includes some 215 bird and 38 mammal species, many endangered, including Nubian ibex, Syrian serin (finches), caracal (wild cats), and lesser kestrels.

You can explore the biosphere reserve via a scenic 15-kilometre walking trail, which takes you through some of the most dramatic scenery in Jordan. This six-hour walk is punctuated by breaks beneath towering rock faces and pistachio trees.

Feynan Ec lodge, Dana Biosphere Reserve

Isolated on the western edge of the Dana Reserve, Feynan Ec lodge offers guests the rare opportunity to experience the natural landscape by foot. Managed by Jordan's Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature in partnership with the local Bedouin community, the lodge is built in a traditional design and lit entirely by candle. In the evening, cloudless skies showcase a firmament full of stars. Guestrooms are basic but comfortable, with private facilities and hot and cold water – heated using solar panels. There is a small restaurant serving a set menu of vegetarian Arabic dishes. There are numerous trails and hikes from the lodge into Dana Reserve.



Suggested itinerary

Natural Wonders of Jordan

10 Days & 9 Nights
from £4,025 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Discover the diverse landscapes of Jordan 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

Upon arrival, transfer to the Rotana Tower Hotel for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Amman, Jordan's capital and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. This afternoon, tour the nearby city of Jerash, famed for its well-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

Day 3: Ajloun Forest Reserve

Spend a full day touring inside the Ajloun Forest Reserve. This woodland habitat is instrumental in efforts to reintroduce the

roe deer to Jordan, and was declared an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. Despite its small size, the reserve supports a wide variety of wild animals and plant life. (B)

Day 4: Mount Nebo • Madaba • Dana Biosphere Reserve

Drive to Dana, a protected nature reserve established in 1989 and covering 320 sq km of ruggedly beautiful terrain. Time permitting, enjoy a hike into this untamed landscape at sunset. Stay at Feynan Ec lodge for the night. (B, D)

Day 5: Feynan

Opt for a self-guided sunrise hike in the Dana Reserve, or walk the copper mine trail, which visits the ancient copper mine shafts that once supplied the Romans. Afterwards, drive to Petra. Stay at the Petra Guesthouse for 3 nights. (B)

Day 6: Petra

Experience a full-day guided tour of the desert-bound, rose-red city of Petra. This was the capital of the mysterious Nabataean kingdom, and its rock-carved ruins defy belief more than two thousand years later. (B)

Day 7: Petra

You have the chance to spend a second day

in Petra to discover more of its fascinating sights in your own time and at your own pace. (B)

Day 8: Wadi Rum

Drive to the Mars-like valley of Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion across its rugged terrain. Stay overnight at Luxury Saraya Rum Camp, where you can spend a night under canvas or out in the open beneath thousands of stars. (B, D)

Day 9: The Dead Sea

Depart Wadi Rum this morning and transfer to the stark-still, mineral-rich 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's international airport and catch your flight home. (B)

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Splendours of Jordan

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Category • Superior

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Private tour • From £3,095 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Hotel portorage



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.

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. Tonight, you attend a welcome dinner. (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. Amman is built on seven hills (*jabels*) and

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 by candlelight; approximately 1,800 candles light the way down the Siq, their glow picking out various points of interest. (B, D)



The Monastery, Petra

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)



Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: SPJ

Group tour

Low season from £2,095
 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,595

Guide price month: Feb-May & Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

Low season from £3,095
 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,295

Guide price month: Feb-May & Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £495

Royal Jordanian Airlines flight upgrades

Crown Class from £995 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sun)	Rtn (Sun)
11 Feb 24	18 Feb 24	26 May 24	02 Jun 24	09 Feb 25	16 Feb 25	18 May 25	25 May 25
18 Feb 24	25 Feb 24	16 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	16 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	25 May 25	01 Jun 25
25 Feb 24	03 Mar 24	23 Feb 25	02 Mar 25	23 Feb 25	02 Mar 25	31 Aug 25	07 Sep 25
03 Mar 24	10 Mar 24	02 Mar 25	09 Mar 25	02 Mar 25	09 Mar 25	07 Sep 25	14 Sep 25
24 Mar 24	31 Mar 24	09 Mar 23	16 Mar 25	09 Mar 23	16 Mar 25	14 Sep 25	21 Sep 25
31 Mar 24	07 Apr 24	16 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	16 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	21 Sep 25	28 Sep 25
07 Apr 24	14 Apr 24	23 Mar 25	30 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	30 Mar 25	28 Sep 25	05 Oct 25
14 Apr 24	21 Apr 24	30 Mar 25	06 Apr 25	30 Mar 25	06 Apr 25	05 Oct 25	12 Oct 25
21 Apr 24	28 Apr 24	06 Apr 25	13 Apr 25	06 Apr 25	13 Apr 25	12 Oct 25	19 Oct 25
28 Apr 24	05 May 24	13 Apr 25	20 Apr 25	13 Apr 25	20 Apr 25	19 Oct 25	26 Oct 25
05 May 24	12 May 24	20 Apr 25	27 Apr 25	20 Apr 25	27 Apr 25	26 Oct 25	02 Nov 25
19 May 24	26 May 24	27 Apr 25	04 May 25	27 Apr 25	04 May 25	02 Nov 25	09 Nov 25
		04 May 25	11 May 25	04 May 25	11 May 25	09 Nov 25	16 Nov 25

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Jordan tour variations & extensions



Wadi Rum



Marina, Aqaba



Church of All Nations, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem

Tour variation: Desert Adventure

8 days & 7 nights from £425
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 Saraya Rum 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)

Tour + the Red Sea & Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £595

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)



Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

Tour + Jerusalem

4 days & 3 nights from £1,575

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 Harmony 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.

Tour + the Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £215

The Dead Sea has been popular with travellers for centuries, its salty waters reputed to have therapeutic effects. Extend your stay here for more time to enjoy the stark-still waters as well as 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 Palestinian Territories

Stretching along the eastern Mediterranean coastline and pushing down to touch the tip of the Red Sea, Israel and the Palestinian territories 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 the 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.



Tower of David, Jerusalem



Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



Ancient port and marina of Acre

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.

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 place for worshippers at Christmas, and just outside Bethlehem the Shepherds' Fields can be visited.

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 £3,295 (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, 1 lunch & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Hotel portering



Damascus Gate and the old city of Jerusalem

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.

Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel*. Enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Nazareth • 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 is said to have delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum and see the ruins of a fifth-century synagogue and the early octagonal church built around the house of St Peter. (B, D)

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 sweeping views of the Golan and a visit to the Syrian bunkers. (B, D)

Day 5: Acre • Daliyat el Carmel • Jerusalem
 Visit the Old City of Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with Crusader remains, before sampling the warm hospitality, story-telling and delicious food of the Druze people in Daliyat el Carmel. En route to Jerusalem, stop at Yemin Orde, a safe haven and home for Holocaust orphans. Continue to Jerusalem for a 5-night stay at the **Harmony Hotel** located in the heart of Jerusalem and mere steps from the old city. (B, L)

Day 6: 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. This afternoon, enjoy an



Ancient fortifications, Masada

optional market tour and cookery workshop, learning to prepare eight Israeli and Arab dishes (at additional cost). (B)

Day 7: 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 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 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 (requires booking in advance). Evening farewell drink with the group. (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

*29 Feb & 14 Mar 2024 departures will stay at Kfar Blum Kibbutz. 14 Mar & 29 Aug 2024 departures will stay at Center Chic Hotel in Tel Aviv.

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

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Spend two full days exploring Jerusalem
- ❖ Learn about the unique culture and history of the Druze people
- ❖ Stay in a kibbutz
- ❖ 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*** in Tel Aviv for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Tel Aviv • Caesarea • Sea of Galilee
 Explore Jaffa's ancient port and modern Tel Aviv. Visit Neve Tzedek, the oldest neighbourhood in Tel Aviv, and the bustling Carmel Market whose eclectic food is testament to Tel Aviv's culinary renown. Continue to Caesarea National Park to see the large Roman amphitheatre and the historic port. Travel to the Sea of Galilee for 3 nights at

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)



Tour code: TOY

Guideline prices for 2024-25					
Group tour	Low season from £3,295	High season from £3,395			
	Guide price months: Feb	Guide price month: Mar			
British Airways Flight upgrades	Regional air connections				
World Traveller Plus from £175 return	Please speak to your consultant for details				
Club World from £945 return					
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Departure dates for 2024-25					
Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sat)
29 Feb 24	09 Mar 24	29 Aug 24	07 Sep 24	27 Feb 25	08 Mar 25
14 Mar 24	23 Mar 24	24 Oct 24	02 Nov 24	13 Mar 25	22 Mar 25
				28 Aug 25	06 Sep 25
				23 Oct 25	01 Nov 25
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 £3,195 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,895 (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 & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Hotel portorage



The Treasury, Petra, Jordan

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.

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)



Day 1: Fly to Amman
 Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman, Jordan, with British Airways. Transfer to the Intercontinental Amman for 3 nights. Welcome dinner to meet your group and tour manager. (D)

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

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, 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 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 carved into the red sandstone cliffs of southern Jordan. (B)

Day 6: Dead Sea
 Morning at leisure or optional 4x4 excursion into the desert of 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 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. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem • Bethlehem
 This morning, 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
 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. Optional visit to Masada, King Herod's rock fortress (must be pre-booked - from £245pp). Enjoy a farewell drink. (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 airport and fly from Tel Aviv to London with British Airways. (B)



Western Wall, Jerusalem

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.

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: JAJ

Group tour
 Low season from £3,195
 Guide price month: Mar & May

Private tour
 Low season from £5,895
 Guide price month: Mar & May

High season from £3,295
 Guide price month: Sep & Oct

High season from £5,995
 Guide price month: Sep & Oct

Single supplement from £995

Single supplement from £995

British Airways flight upgrades
 Club World from £725 return

Regional air connections
 Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Mon)	Rtn (Thu)
11 Mar 24	21 Mar 24	09 Sep 24	19 Sep 24	10 Mar 25	20 Mar 25	08 Sep 25	18 Sep 25
18 Mar 24	28 Mar 24	07 Oct 24	17 Oct 24	17 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	06 Oct 25	16 Oct 25
06 May 24	16 May 24	21 Oct 24	31 Oct 24	05 May 25	15 May 25	20 Oct 25	30 Oct 25

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Oman: An Arabian Odyssey

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,445 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Hotel portorage



Nizwa

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.

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)



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Spend a night under the desert sky in Sharqiya Sands
- ❖ Travel in 4x4 vehicles from Day 4
- ❖ Visit the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve†
- ❖ Visit a traditional Omani home and see local artisans at work

Day 1: Overnight flight to Muscat

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Muscat with Oman Air. (N)

Day 2: Arrive Muscat

Transfer to the Radisson Blu Hotel for a 3-night stay. Enjoy a welcome lunch to meet the rest of the group and guide. (B, L)

Day 3: Muscat

Morning visit to the spectacular Grand Mosque‡, 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)

Day 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 Nights Resort (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 7: Nizwa

Early departure for Nizwa, stopping en route at 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 8: 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 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 for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: 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 Radisson Blu Hotel Muscat. (B)

Day 10: 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.



Wadi Shab

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Salalah

3 days & 2 nights from £795

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 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 £495

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.

† **Turtle viewing:** Turtles are most commonly seen between July-October.

‡ **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 2024-25

Tour code: OAO

Group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price month: Feb-Mar

High season from £3,095
Guide price month: Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Year round from £3,445

Single supplement from £595

Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £3,695 return
First Class from £7,195 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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You can explore this fascinating legacy in Uzbekistan, birthplace of conqueror Timur and home to blue-domed mosques, madrassas and mausoleums. Timur's descendants founded the Mughal Empire, whose influence you can see first-hand in the landmarks of Lahore, Pakistan. The yurt-studded steppe of Kazakhstan, meanwhile, offers the chance to experience a traditional nomadic lifestyle. Neighbouring Kyrgyzstan is home to impressive scenery, including the Issyk-Kul Lake, the Tian Shan mountains, and Bishkek's Soviet architecture. In Turkmenistan, the city of Merv provides insight into ancient Persian rule, while Tajikistan promises off-the-radar highlights.

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Palace of Khudayar Khan, Kokand, Uzbekistan

Fergana Valley, Uzbekistan

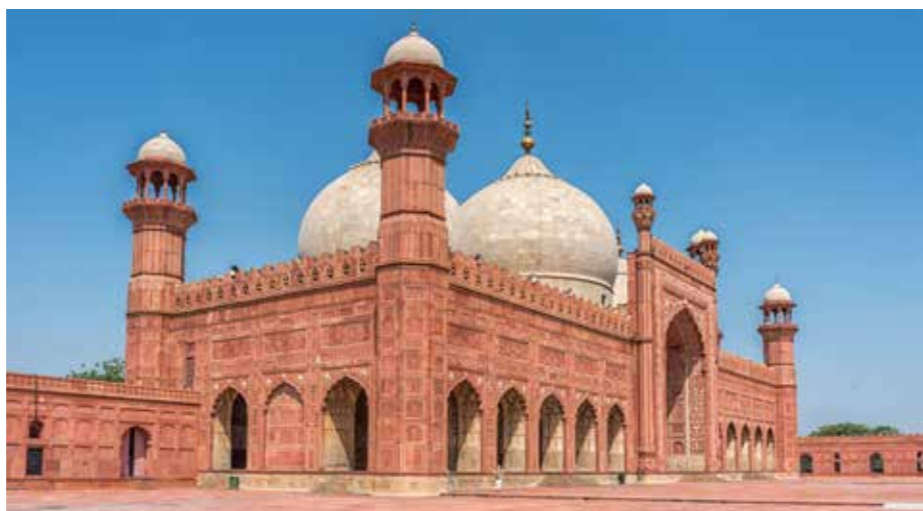
Bucolic scenery • Kokand's impressive palace

The fertile Fergana Valley is a picture of plunging green slopes in eastern Uzbekistan, and was once an important trading post along the ancient Silk Road. This is the birthplace of Babur, who established the Mughal empire that would go on to rule over much of South Asia. Kokand – a gateway city into the valley – is home to a number of impressive historical buildings. The most notable of these is the grand 19th-century Palace of Khudayar Khan, a national monument that dazzles with its intricate arabesque decoration. The Fergana Valley is available as an extension to both Cox & Kings group tours to Uzbekistan.

Lahore, Pakistan

Impressive Islamic architecture • Tomb of Mughal emperor Jahangir

The Mughal Empire, which ruled over much of the Indian Subcontinent, had its origins in Central Asia. Babur, its founder, was a direct descendant of Timur. He brought Mongol traditions, Persian high culture, and patronage of Islamic art to Pakistan. Lahore – Pakistan's second city – is replete with landmarks from this period. This includes the Badshahi Mosque, commissioned by Emperor Aurangzeb in the 17th century; the Royal Fort, one of the finest examples of Indo-Islamic architecture; the Persianate Shahi Hamman ('Royal Baths'); and the Tomb of Emperor Jahangir – the only one of the six major Mughal emperors to be buried here.



Badshahi Mosque, Lahore, Pakistan

Experiences in Central Asia



Hike in the Altyn-Emel National Park Kazakhstan

When the west wind blows, the dunes of Altyn-Emel 'sing'; this natural phenomenon is one of the national park's major attractions. Hikes here promise tremendous desert vistas populated by multi-hued bluffs, vast mountains, and sun-cracked channels carving through ancient valleys.



Tour an Aral Sea ghost town Uzbekistan

Once the world's fourth largest lake, the Aral Sea has almost completely dried up due to poor agricultural planning. Today, its vast, desolate basin is a ship graveyard. Visit the rusting ghost town of Muynak, once a fishing village, for insight into this ecological disaster.



Witness eagle hunting in Djety-Oguz Kyrgyzstan

The nomads of Kyrgyzstan practise an age-old way of life. You can learn about their traditions during an excursion to the Djety-Oguz gorge, where red massifs jut out of spruce forests. Join an eagle-hunting showcase, and learn traditional cooking from a local Uyghur family.



Lernidee Orient Silk Road Express

Follow in the path of Silk Road traders with a stay aboard one of Lernidee's premium sleeper trains. The rail operator offers a 'Legendary Silk Road' service, embarking from Kazakhstan, continuing through Uzbekistan, and finishing in Turkmenistan. En-route excursions include visits to the capital cities of Almaty and Tashkent; as well as seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. The air-conditioned express train features a restaurant carriage with dining area and bar service. Sleeper cabins come in five categories, the most lavish of which boasts private en-suite facilities for complete comfort.

Suggested itinerary

The Legendary Silk Road by Rail: Almaty to Tashkent

15 days & 14 nights

from £4,750 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

This rail journey traverses Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, travelling to the Tian Shan mountains along the route of the ancient Silk Road. Cross windswept deserts, pass towering mountains, explore local cultures and marvel at Central Asia's ancient monuments.

Day 1: Fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan (N)

Day 2: Almaty

Arrive in Almaty. Transfer to the Rahat Palace Hotel (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon excursion to Medeo with cable-car ride up to the Talgar Pass. (N)

Day 3: Almaty

Morning city tour including the Russian Orthodox Zenkov Cathedral, one of the world's tallest wooden buildings. Lunch in Kazakh yurts before transferring to the *Orient Silk Road Express* train. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Issyk-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan

Arrive at Issyk-Kul Lake in Kyrgyzstan. Visit the Centre of Nomadic Culture before time at leisure for a walk along the shore of this vast saline lake. After a boat trip on the Issyk-Kul, your train makes its way to Bishkek. Overnight aboard the train. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Arrive at the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek for a tour of its numerous sights, including an excursion into the spectacular Ala-Archa National Park, 35km south of the city. Overnight in Plaza Hotel Bishkek (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Bishkek

Enjoy a relaxing day of lectures aboard your



Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, Samarkand

train as it makes the journey to Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Overnight aboard the train. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Full-day tour of Samarkand, with visits to Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, the imposing madrasas on Registan Square, and the excavation sites of Afrasiyob – among the oldest ruins of this ancient city. Stay at the *Hotel Grand Samarkand* (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Samarkand

Explore more of Samarkand, including the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the Ulugh Beg Observatory and the Gur Amir mausoleum. You also visit a silk carpet factory, and a family of craftspeople who specialise in making paper from bark. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Shahrisabz

Attend a traditional folklore show before visiting Shahrisabz, birthplace of Timur. Overnight aboard the train. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Arrive this morning in Dushanbe, the mountain-bound capital of Tajikistan, touring its many sights. Overnight aboard the train. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Arrive in Bukhara, whose many monuments reflect the glory days of the Silk Road. Visit the 12th-century Kalyan Minaret, the Lyabi-Hauz architectural ensemble, and the statue of smiling folk hero Nasreddin. Then attend a folklore show with music, traditional dance and national costumes. Overnight at *Hotel Asia Bukhara* (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 12: Bukhara

Full-day tour, including visits to the ornate Mir-i-Arab madrasa, the Ark fortress, the Samanid Mausoleum, and Sitorai Molhi-Khosa – the summer residence of Uzbekistan's last emir. Overnight aboard the train. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Khiva

Today, visit the oasis city of Khiva with its great gates and clay-brick bastions. A walking tour takes you around the well-preserved medieval palaces, mosques, mausoleums, minarets and madrasas. Overnight aboard the train. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Tashkent

Arrive this afternoon in Tashkent, Uzbekistan's capital. Take a city tour, visiting the Kukeldash Madrasa, Timur monuments, and traditional clay houses. This evening, attend a farewell dinner. Overnight at *Hotel Mercure* (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 15: Fly home (N)

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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.



Sher-Dor Madrasa, Registan Square, Samarkand

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 Tian Shan 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 rein to rebuild the city with lots of open spaces.

Visit the old city quarter, which partially escaped the planning and redesign of the city. Some of the principal attractions include the Kukeldash and Barak Khan madrasas, Tillya Sheikh mosque, Kaffal Shashi mausoleum and the Chorsu bazaar.



Chorsu bazaar, Tashkent

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.



Kalyan Minaret and mosque, Bukhara

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.

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.



Traditional silks produced in Khiva

Suggested itinerary

Central Asia Explorer

14 days & 12 nights
from £4,195 (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 Emirkhan 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 Malika 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 2 nights. (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 Przewalski. 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 Uyghur 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 £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,379 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 included
- ❖ Porterage at all hotels
- ❖ High-speed rail between Samarkand and Tashkent

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)



Gur-Emir mausoleum, Samarkand

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 prepare traditional Uzbek cuisine with a cooking demonstration**
- ❖ **Excursion to Shahrissabz, birthplace of Turco-Mongol conqueror Timur**
- ❖ **Travel by Uzbekistan's famous Afrosiyob train from Samarkand to Tashkent**

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 **Mercure Tashkent** (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city, stopping at the Kukeldash mosque and madrasa. (D)

Day 3: Fly to Urgench • Khiva

Transfer to the airport and take a one-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 Khevak Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of Khiva, including Kunya Ark, Islam Khoja minaret, Tash Hauli 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 Amu Darya River for photos. Stay at the **Minorai Kalon** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Bukhara

City tour of Bukhara, including visits to Chor Minor mosque, the Poi-Kalyan complex, the surviving trading domes, and Lyab-i-Hauz – 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 Ark, a vast fortress whose foundations date back 2,000 years; the Summer Palace; and the Samanid mausoleum, built in the early 10th century with a facade incorporating Zoroastrian symbols. (B)

Day 8: Shahrissabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrissabz, birthplace of Timur, and visit the summer palace, mosques and mausoleums. Continue to Samarkand for 3 nights at the **Hotel Royal** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 9: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, including visits to Registan Square, the Ulugbek observatory,



Itchan Kala, Khiva

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, 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 visit one of Samarkand's renowned silk paper workshops before travelling by rail to Tashkent. Transfer to the **Mercure 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.

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £895

Extend your tour and explore Uzbekistan's cultural heartland with visits to some of the major towns of the Fergana valley.

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: UZB

Group tour

Low season from £2,695
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £2,795
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £495

Private tour

From £3,379
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £495

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,465 return

Regional air connections

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Uzbekistan: The Golden Road to Samarkand

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights
Category • Specialist-led

Small-group tour • From £3,395 (incl. flights)
Art • Architecture • History

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 14th-century emperor Timur; 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

- ❖ Specialist-led group tour
- ❖ See traditional silk weavers at work
- ❖ Discover the intricacies of Samarkand's Islamic architecture
- ❖ Visit ceramic workshops
- ❖ Travel by Uzbekistan's famous Afrosiyob train from Samarkand to Tashkent

Specialist 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 madrasa, the Museum of Applied Arts, Muyie Mubarak library and Tillya Sheikh mosque. In the afternoon, fly to Nukus and overnight at **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 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 Sitora-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: Rabati Malik • Gijduvan • Vabkent

Drive the royal road to the 11th-century Rabati 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 Timur, where he built an enormous palace, of which part of the beautifully ornamented audience chamber remains. Drive alongside the Zarafshan Mountains to Samarkand for 2 nights 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 Timur. Archaeological finds are housed in the Afrosiyob History Museum. Continue to the observatory of Ulugbek, Timur's astronomer grandson, and see the Bibi Khanum mosque,



Bibi Khanum Mosque Complex, Samarkand

built by Timur for his favourite wife. End the day at the magnificent Gur-Emir mausoleum, where Timur is buried beneath the Timurid fluted blue domes. (B)

Day 11: Samarkand • Tashkent

Visit the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and the Samarkand Museum of History, Culture & Art. In the afternoon, travel by rail 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

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Specialist-led tour: Curated and led by specialists in their field, these itineraries

are especially suited to lovers of history, art and culture. They often include private visits unavailable to the wider public.

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.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: UZA

05 Apr – 16 Apr 24	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,495	single supp. from £435
19 Apr – 30 Apr 24	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,395	single supp. from £435
20 Sep – 01 Oct 24	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,395	single supp. from £435
11 Oct – 22 Oct 24	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,495	single supp. from £435
04 Apr – 15 Apr 25	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,595	single supp. from £495
25 Apr – 06 May 25	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,595	single supp. from £495
19 Sep – 30 Sep 25	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,595	single supp. from £495
10 Oct – 21 Oct 25	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,595	single supp. from £495

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades
Business Class from £1,465 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. 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.

Pakistan: Persians, Mughals & Mystics

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Specialist-led

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

Tour overview

The Mughal Empire, derived from the word Mongol, originated in Central Asia. Babur, its first ruler, was a direct descendant of the ruler and conqueror Timur. He united Mongol traditions, Persian high culture and the Central Asian patronage of Islamic art with the wealth and vibrancy of the subcontinent. Accompanied by Diana Driscoll, an expert in Islamic history and culture, venture to one of the Empire's less-visited successor states, Pakistan, and explore the legacy of a dynasty whose enduring cultural influence travelled as far as the court of Queen Victoria.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Specialist-led group tour
- ❖ Visit the tomb of the fourth Mughal emperor, Jahangir
- ❖ 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

Specialist lecturer

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.



Tomb of Emperor Jahangir, Lahore

Day 1: London

Fly overnight from London to Lahore via Dubai or Qatar. (N)

Day 2: Lahore

Arrive in Lahore, Pakistan, and check in at **Faletti's Hotel**. After a rest, proceed to tour the Shalimar Gardens followed by an evening lecture and welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: 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') which underwent a full restoration from 2013-2015. (B)

Day 4: 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 5: 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 Rukn-e-Alam to see and hear local Sufi musicians perform their art. (B)

Day 6: 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 7: Multan

Enjoy a morning tour of Multan, including the city's key Sufi shrines as well as the Shahi



Hiran Minar, Shekhepura, Pakistan

Eidgah 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 8: Sheikhpura • Lahore

Departing Multan, drive to Sheikhpura 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 Lahore and stay 2 nights at **Faletti's Hotel**. (B, L)

Day 9: Lahore

This morning, explore the historic Heera Mandi district of Lahore, including the Fakir Khana Museum, housed in a building which once served as the home of the Mughal Emperor's Treasurer (subject to confirmation). In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion to Wagah to see the famous border ceremony, followed by a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Fly to London

Transfer to Lahore Airport for your return flight to London via Dubai or Qatar. (N)

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

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.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Departure Dates	Guide	Price	Supplement
22 Feb – 02 Mar 24	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,195	single supp. from £595
14 Nov – 23 Nov 24	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,295	single supp. from £625
20 Feb – 01 Mar 25	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,395	single supp. from £695
13 Nov – 22 Nov 25	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,395	single supp. from £695

Tour code: MUG

Emirates flight upgrades
Business Class from £3,345 return

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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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. Today, the country is also known for its irresistible 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 Koricancha – 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



Santa Catalina Convent, Arequipa

Arequipa & Colca Canyon

Colonial churches & convents • Inca ice maidens • Andean condor spotting

Set beneath the snow-capped volcano of 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



The riverboat Aqua Negra, Amazon

Peruvian Amazon

Diverse wildlife • Rainforest lodges • 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 renowned restaurants offer gourmet Peruvian cuisine. Go south to Paracas for a scenic overflight to see the mysterious Nazca Lines etched into the 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 communities such as Huilloc, all promising 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 Sacsayhuamán 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 Chimú 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.

Suggested itinerary

Classic Peru

11 days & 9 nights
Standard from £2,395 (incl. flights)
Superior from £2,595 (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 KLM. Stay 2 nights and take a city tour, including the colonial centre and Huaca Pucllana. (N)

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco. Transfer to the Sacred Valley via the colourful Pisac market and stay for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley / Ollantaytambo

Day at leisure or an optional visit to Ollantaytambo, Maras and Moray. (B)

Day 5: Machu Picchu

Train to Machu Picchu. Tour the ruins and stay overnight. (B, D)

Day 6: Cuzco

Afternoon train to Cuzco for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

Morning tour of the city. Optional visit to nearby ruins or a local museum. (B)

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)

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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 & internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink & a farewell dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels
- ❖ Inti Raymi¹ & Easter departures



Machu Picchu

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*

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima and transfer to the *Casa Andina Premium Miraflores / Country Club Lima Hotel*¹. Take a half-day 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 *Aranwa Colca Hotel / Belmond Las Casitas*¹. (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-bed cabin from £125 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*¹. (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*¹. (B, L, D¹)

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 / Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel*¹ 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 Sacsayhuamán before your farewell dinner that evening. (B) (D)

Days 15 & 16: Fly to London via Lima

Fly to London via Lima 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

(B) (N)

Tour + Nazca & Paracas

4 days & 2 nights from £825

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 £110. Take a 90-minute overflight from Pisco to see the mysterious drawings of the Nazca Lines, left by pre-Inca civilisations, then cruise to the Ballestas Islands, home to an incredible concentration of sea birds including Peruvian boobies.



Belmond Andean Explorer, South America's only luxury sleeper train

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

¹ Inti Raymi festival

The 12 June 2024 departure coincides with the Inti Raymi festival. It includes a full day of ceremonial celebrations in honour of Inti, the Sun God (see page 51 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 Hotel*. 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 Amsterdam.

Optional upgrades: On Day 11, upgrade to *Belmond Sanctuary Lodge* from £375, 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 £165 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/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Superior group tour	Luxury group tour	Superior private tour
Low season from £3,595 Guide price month: Nov	High season from £4,295 Guide price months: May-Oct	Low season from £4,295 Guide price months: Feb & Nov
High season from £3,795 Guide price months: Apr-Oct	Single supplement from £1,495	High season from £4,295 Guide price months: May-Sep
Single supplement from £995		Single supplement on request

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades	Regional air connections
Premium Comfort Class from £645 return Business Class from £1,545 return	Prices on request: KLM to / from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds Bradford or Birmingham

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Superior group tour departure dates for 2024

Tour code: TMP

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
27 Mar 24	11 Apr 24	29 May 24	13 Jun 24	07 Aug 24	22 Aug 24	25 Sep 24	10 Oct 24
10 Apr 24	25 Apr 24	12 Jun 24	27 Jun 24	21 Aug 24	05 Sep 24	09 Oct 24	24 Oct 24
24 Apr 24	09 May 24	26 Jun 24	11 Jul 24	28 Aug 24	12 Sep 24	23 Oct 24	07 Nov 24
01 May 24	16 May 24	10 Jul 24	25 Jul 24	11 Sep 24	26 Sep 24	06 Nov 24	21 Nov 24
22 May 24	06 Jun 24	24 Jul 24	08 Aug 24	18 Sep 24	03 Oct 24		

Luxury group tour departure dates for 2024

Tour code: TML

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Thu)
08 May 24	23 May 24	03 Jul 24	18 Jul 24	04 Sep 24	19 Sep 24	02 Oct 24	17 Oct 24
05 Jun 24	20 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.

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)



Treasures of Peru

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Standard

Solo group tour • From £3,095 (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 & 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 included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



Lake Titicaca

This introductory tour of Peru includes the country's most celebrated sights. Starting in Lima, explore Peru's ancient, colonial and scenic wonders including ingenuity, 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 railway 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



Plaza de Armas, Cuzco

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. (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

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 Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

***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 £145.

Weather

Lima

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	27	26	25	22	20	19	18	19	20	22	24
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A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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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**

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima and transfer to **José Antonio Hotel**. Explore the colonial and modern highlights of Lima on a half-day tour including the Huaca Huallamarca, a pre-Columbian site; and the historic masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (N) (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 its wealth of Inca sites and natural beauty. Stay for 2 nights at the **Andean Wings Valley** hotel. (B)

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Peruvian Amazon + Tour
4 days & 3 nights from £995

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 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)

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: PSG

Group tour

From £3,095
Guide price months: Apr-mid Oct

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades

Premium Comfort Class from £645 return
Business Class from £1,545 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: KLM to / from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds Bradford or Birmingham

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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)
17 Apr 24	27 Apr 24	04 Sep 24	14 Sep 24	16 Apr 25	26 Apr 25	03 Sep 25	13 Sep 25
29 May 24	08 Jun 24	02 Oct 24	12 Oct 24	28 May 25	07 Jun 25	01 Oct 25	11 Oct 25
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Discover Ecuador & the Galápagos

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 Galápagos Islands, whose natural wonders inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. These remote volcanic outcrops consist of 13 major and 12 minor islands inhabited by unique animal, plant and marine life.



Middle of the World monument, Quito



Broad-billed motmot, 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.



Cotopaxi volcano, 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 Galápagos 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 Galápagos 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, Galápagos penguins, and Darwin's finches. Marine life is varied, ranging from Galápagos sea lions, fur seals, whales, dolphins and sharks, to colourful Sally Lightfoot crabs and tropical fish.

The Galápagos 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.



Blue-footed booby, Galápagos Islands



Endemic



Isabella II



Giant tortoise, Galápagos Islands

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.

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 hot tubs. Service is excellent and daily shore excursions are still provided in small groups with expert naturalist guides.

Galápagos 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.

Suggested itinerary

Classic Ecuador

11 days & 8 nights
from £5,595 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Explore the highlights of mainland Ecuador and take a cruise to see the unique wildlife of the Galápagos Islands.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Quito via Amsterdam
Fly to Quito for a 2-night stay. Take a city tour. (N) (B)
Day 3: Cotopaxi • Riobamba

Visit Cotopaxi National Park and continue south to Riobamba. Stay overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 4: 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 5: Cuenca

Explore the quaint streets of colonial Cuenca and nearby artisan villages. (B, L)

Day 6: Cajas • Guayaquil

Travel by road via Cajas National Park to Guayaquil and stay overnight. (B)

Days 7-9: Fly to the Galápagos

Fly to the Galápagos Islands for a 3-night

cruise. (B, L, D)

Days 10 & 11: Fly home via Guayaquil and Amsterdam (B) (N)

Extensions: It is possible to extend your time in the Galápagos with a longer cruise or a stay at the Finch Bay Eco Hotel.

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Peru & Galápagos Odyssey

NEW TOUR

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

This group tour features...

- ❖ Maximum group size – 16 people
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, cabin & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink & a farewell dinner on cruise
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included*
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



Traditional weaving, Sacred Valley, Peru

This journey combines the ancient Incan treasures of Peru with Ecuador's capital, Quito, and a 4-night luxury cruise around the Galápagos islands. The remarkable voyage reveals the unique wildlife for which the archipelago is renowned.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Drive along an ancient Incan road to a lesser-known village in the Sacred Valley**
- ❖ **Get close to the wildlife of the Galápagos from a small luxury boat**
- ❖ **Enjoy an artisanal chocolate experience in old Quito**
- ❖ **No single supplement on the cruise**

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima via Amsterdam with KLM. Transfer to the **Iberostar Selection Miraflores** for 2 nights. Discover colonial and contemporary Lima, including the authentic Surquillo market, on a half-day tour and enjoy a pisco sour cocktail demonstration on the panoramic rooftop terrace of your hotel. (N) (B)

Days 3 & 4: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, set in the Andes mountains, and transfer to the Sacred Valley via Chinchero to learn about traditional weaving. Stay for 2 nights at the **Casona Yucay** (or similar). Following morning visit the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo, and the lesser-visited village of Pachar with its award-winning artisanal brewery. (B)

Day 5: Machu Picchu & Cuzco

Transfer to Ollanta railway station and board

the **Vistadome** train to Machu Picchu. Take a guided tour of the striking ruins and a late-afternoon train journey to Cuzco. Stay at the **Casa Andina Premium Cuzco** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Cuzco

Half-day tour of the ancient capital of the Inca empire including the cathedral, San Blas district and the Koricancha Temple of the Sun. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to Sacsayhuaman. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Fly to Quito via Lima

Fly to Lima and onto Quito, Ecuador's capital city. Transfer to the **Hilton Colon** for 2 nights. Morning tour of the historic centre including the impressive San Francisco church, the Middle of the World equatorial line monument, and **Chez Tiff Chocolatier**, where you learn about Ecuadorian chocolate making. (B)

Days 9-12: Fly to the Galápagos

Fly to the Galápagos Islands in Ecuador and board **The Tribute** for a 4-night cruise around this archipelago. Take shared shore excursions with a naturalist guide to see the variety of landscapes and wildlife. Enjoy close encounters with some of the rarest animals and birds, including land iguanas, giant tortoises, frigatebirds, Darwin's finches, boobies and Galápagos penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 13 & 14: Fly to UK via Guayaquil & Amsterdam

Disembark your cruise vessel. Fly to Guayaquil to connect with an overnight flight to the UK via Amsterdam, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Finch Bay Eco Hotel
3 days & 2 nights from £695

Extend your stay in the Galápagos with 2 nights at the **Finch Bay Eco Hotel** on Santa Cruz island. The hotel offers land-based excursions or trips to nearby wildlife sites aboard their own boat.

Tour + Amazon
5 days & 4 nights from £1,795

Discover the extraordinary contrast in Ecuador's ecosystems with a visit to the Amazon rainforest. Stay 3 nights at the **Napo Wildlife Centre** or **La Selva Lodge** and explore the jungle on morning and afternoon excursions. A night in Quito is also required.

Group Tour



Marine iguanas, Galápagos



Tribute

The **Tribute** is the newest addition to the fleet of small Galápagos boats and offers an immersive and luxurious way to explore these wildlife-rich islands. The sophisticated and stylish design is complemented by a first-class service, expert guiding and fine dining. A maximum of 16 passengers can be accommodated in elegant staterooms with premium amenities and an exterior porthole or a picture window. Spacious indoor and outdoor social areas afford guests breathtaking views of the ocean and islands. Unwind in the inviting lounge and indoor dining room or relax on the sundeck complete with loungers, hot tub and a shaded area. The yacht offers a swim platform, snorkelling equipment and kayaks.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: CON

Group tour

Low season from £6,795
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £6,595
Guide price month: Apr-Oct

Single supplement from £450

Private tour

Low season from £7,995
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £8,195
Guide price month: Apr-Oct

Single supplement on request

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades

Premium Comfort Class prices on request
Business Class from £1,475 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request: KLM to / from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds Bradford or Birmingham

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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

Galápagos Islands

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	28	30	30	30	28	27	25	24	24	24	25	26
B	18	19	18	19	18	17	16	15	15	15	16	16
C	178	146	170	156	79	106	115	80	86	67	72	130

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)
B: Minimum average temperature (°C)
C: Average rainfall (mm)



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



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 unspoiled landscape of this windswept region. The soaring granite towers and 'cuernos' peaks 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

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 Chiloe 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, its sheer size is best admired 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.

Suggested itinerary

Essence of Chile

14 days & 11 nights
Superior from £4,695 (incl. flights)
*Luxury from £7,895 (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 Poblado Kimal / 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 the historic Casa Real 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 its 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

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 16 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels
- ❖ Christmas departure

Weather

San Pedro de Atacama

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	21	20	20	19	17	16	16	17	18	20	21	21
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
A	15	14	12	9	6	4	4	5	7	10	12	14
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

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C: Average rainfall (mm)



Small-group tour • From £4,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Guanaco, Torres del Paine

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.

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**
- ❖ **Farewell lunch at a traditional Patagonian ranch**

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Santiago

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Santiago with British Airways. Morning arrival and transfer to the Pullman Santiago El Bosque for 2 nights and a welcome dinner. (N) (D)

Day 3: Santiago

Morning tour of Santiago, including the cathedral, the historic main square, 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 Our Habitas Atacama / Poblado Kimal. 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 Pukará de Quito. (B) (B, L)

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 £60 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 farewell lunch of typical *quincho* barbecue. Afternoon short tour of Punta Arenas, situated on the Magellan Strait, and overnight at Hotel Almasur or Cabo de Hornos. (B, L)



Atacama Desert

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

Morning at leisure before your overnight flight 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 + Easter Island

6 days & 4 nights from £1,795

A visit to Easter Island is an extraordinary experience. 600 or so *moai* statues scatter 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 includes a day and a half of excursions to 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 with British Airways. (B) (N)

National park fee: Easter Island National Park fee is not included and is payable locally.

Tour + Winelands or Valparaíso

3 days & 2 nights from £325

At the end of your tour, stay and unwind at one of the winery hotels not far from Santiago or in the old port of Valparaíso.

Australis cruise extension: It is also possible to travel aboard the *Stella / Ventus Australis* 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: SOC

Group tour

High season from £4,695
Guide price months: Jan-Feb, Oct-Dec

Single supplement from £995

Private tour

Low season from £4,995
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £5,095
Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £595
Club World from £2,845

Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sat)
27 Jan 24	10 Feb 24	16 Nov 24	30 Nov 24	25 Jan 25	08 Feb 25	18 Oct 25	01 Nov 25
10 Feb 24	24 Feb 24	15 Dec 24	29 Dec 24	08 Feb 25	22 Feb 25	01 Nov 25	15 Nov 25
19 Oct 24	02 Nov 24			22 Feb 25	08 Mar 25	15 Nov 25	29 Nov 25
02 Nov 24	16 Nov 24			08 Mar 25	22 Mar 25	13 Dec 25	27 Dec 25

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Discover Argentina

Argentina is a country of tremendous 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.



Casa Rosada, 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

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



Lake District, Bariloche

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 scenic 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.

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.

Suggested itinerary

Classic Argentina

14 days & 11 nights

Superior from £3,295 (incl. flights)

*Boutique from £3,895 (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 Mítico*. 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 Falls

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 / Splendor 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 £4,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,095 (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 & 1 dinner
- ❖ Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels
- ❖ Christmas departure



Beagle Channel, Ushuaia



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.

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 before your welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant. (D)

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)

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 Lake Nordenskjöld, Lake Pehoe and Lake Grey and stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Lago Grey** (upgrade to a superior room with glacier view from £60 per person). (B, L)

Day 9: Torres del Paine
 Morning walk in the national park to see Salto Grande waterfall and another spectacular view of the Paine massif's famous "horns". 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 Perito Moreno 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** with its 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 and a farewell drink at your hotel. (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 £645

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 £145 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 Sao Paulo to connect with a British Airways flight to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The flight to Buenos Aires is currently via Rio de Janeiro.

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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)



Guideline prices for 2024-25		Tour code: PAT
Group tour Low season from £4,795 Guide price month: Oct	Private tour Low season from £5,095 Guide price month: Apr	
High season from £4,895 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec	High season from £5,195 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct to Nov	
Single supplement from £1,095	Single supplement on request	

British Airways flight upgrades	Regional air connections
World Traveller Plus from £265 return Club World prices on request	Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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Departure dates for 2024-25					
Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)
03 Feb 24	18 Feb 24	21 Dec 24	05 Jan 25	01 Mar 25	16 Mar 25
02 Mar 24	17 Mar 24	18 Jan 25	02 Feb 25	25 Oct 25	09 Nov 25
26 Oct 24	10 Nov 24	01 Feb 25	16 Feb 25	08 Nov 25	23 Nov 25
09 Nov 24	24 Nov 24	15 Feb 25	02 Mar 25	29 Nov 25	14 Dec 25

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Wonders of the New World

Duration • 11 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 1 dinner
- ❖ Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



La Boca district of Buenos Aires, Argentina

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.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Stay inside Iguazú National Park and see the falls at dawn or sunset**
- ❖ **Visit the colourful Caminito alley and the 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 and enjoy a welcome dinner that evening. (D)

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*

ranch in the Pampas countryside. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Fly to Iguazú / Iguazú

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 £145). 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 £125. (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 and enjoy a farewell drink at the end of your tour. (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 £95 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

6 days & 4 nights from £645

Stay 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 £895

Visit one of the most striking highlights of Patagonia on a 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 74-75).

Group Tour



Corcovado & Sugar Loaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro

Santiago & Mendoza + tour

6 days & 4 nights from £1,095

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 74-75.

The flight to Buenos Aires is currently via Rio de Janeiro.

[†] **Rio de Janeiro:** The 1 Feb 2024 and 27 Feb 2025 departures includes 3 days/2 nights in Rio de Janeiro due to Carnival/Champion's Parade. If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: WNW

Group tour

Low season from £2,795
 Guide price month: Early Dec

High season from £2,895
 Guide price months: Jan-Apr, Sep-Nov

Single supplement from £645

Private tour

Low season from £2,995
 Guide price month: May

High season from £3,095
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct - Nov

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £325 return
 Club World prices on request

Regional air connections

Prices on request: British Airways to/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

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Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
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15 Feb 24	25 Feb 24	24 Oct 24	03 Nov 24	13 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	23 Oct 25	02 Nov 25
29 Feb 24	10 Mar 24	07 Nov 24	17 Nov 24	[†] 27 Feb 25	08 Mar 25	06 Nov 25	16 Nov 25
14 Mar 24	24 Mar 24	21 Nov 24	01 Dec 24	13 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	20 Nov 25	30 Nov 25
25 Apr 24	05 May 24	05 Dec 24	15 Dec 24	24 Apr 25	04 May 25	04 Dec 25	14 Dec 25

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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 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



Jaguars, Pantanal

Rio de Janeiro

Spectacular city backdrop • World-renowned beaches • Unrivalled Carnival

Vibrant Rio de Janeiro is home to famed beaches, tempting bays, tropical forest, samba, football, unrivalled carnival parades and lively *cariocas* (Rio's residents). The landmarks of Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountain provide panoramic 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.



Pink river dolphin, Amazon

The Pantanal

Premier wildlife destination • Birdwatching & jaguar spotting

A visit to the world's largest wetland is an unforgettable 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 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 cultural performance in Pelourinho, the historic district of Salvador, promises insights into Afro-Brazilian religion, music and dance. The 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 sparkling 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 Lençóis Maranhenses with its 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

Bogotá & Surrounds

Vibrant city • Gold Museum • Colonial town of Villa de Leyva

Bogotá, Colombia's capital, is home to the Gold Museum, housing 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 lies the well-preserved colonial town of Villa de Leyva, with its cobbled streets lined with crimson bougainvillea and whitewashed houses.



Coffee plantations



Cartagena

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, grand 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 small plantations and picturesque villages. Relax in a delightful *hacienda* (converted country house) and learn about century-old 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's archaeological treasures

The San Agustín archaeological park, in Colombia's south-west, has the largest collection of megalithic sculptures in South America. This impressive 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 by horse or 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 ruggedly beautiful 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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 1 dinner
- ❖ Welcome dinner & farewell drink
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels

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)



Small-group tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Cartagena

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
- ❖ Take a ride on an iconic Willys Jeep in coffee country
- ❖ Gain insight into Medellín's cultural and social transformation and support a community project
- ❖ Soak up the atmosphere of colourful Cartagena on a walking tour

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 is at leisure and in the evening enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

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 Hotel Chico 97 for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Bogotá

Morning walking tour of the historic La Candelaria district, Botero's art collection and 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 Hotel Casa San Carlos Lodge (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Coffee region

Today, explore the verdant Cocora Valley, famous for its wax palm trees – the tallest in the world. Ride in a typical Willys 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

Full-day tour to learn about the cultural and social transformation of the city. Visit the hillside Comuna 13 with 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 attractive 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 of 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)



Cocora Valley

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + San Agustín

4 days & 2 nights from £795

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 Lavapatatas 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 £625

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 Calablanca 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.

Standard tour: This tour includes some smaller character properties where rooms may vary.

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: TCO

Group tour

From £2,795
 Guide price months: Feb-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement from £645

Private tour

Low season from £3,495
 Guide price month: Apr

High season from £3,595
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement on request

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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)
03 Feb 24	15 Feb 24	31 Aug 24	12 Sep 24	08 Feb 25	20 Feb 25	30 Aug 25	11 Sep 25
16 Mar 24	28 Mar 24	02 Nov 24	14 Nov 24	15 Mar 25	27 Mar 25	01 Nov 25	13 Nov 25

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 £4,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,295 (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 & 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



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 de Janeiro.

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**

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 and a welcome dinner. Optional afternoon visit to a nearby winery (enquire at time of booking). (D)

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, glacial lakes and Patagonian wildlife. Stay 2 nights at Hotel Lago Grey (upgrade to a superior room with glacier view from £60 per person). (B, L)

Day 6: Torres del Paine
 Morning walk in the national park, close to Lake Nordenskjöld and Salto Grande waterfall. 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, D)

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 / Iguazú
 Fly to Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the Gran Meliá Iguazú inside the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £145). 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 this iconic beach for 3 nights¹. Upgrade to a deluxe oceanfront room from £125. (B)

Days 15 & 16: Rio de Janeiro
 Full-day city tour including Corcovado, the



Iguazú Falls, Brazil

statue of Christ the Redeemer, and a cable car ride up Sugar Loaf Mountain finishing with a farewell drink at your hotel. 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)

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

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, one of the driest places 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 Hotel Poblado Kimal. (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
 6 days & 4 nights from £645

The beach resort of Búzios provides a relaxing stay at the end of your journey. Please refer to page 77 for further details.

Tour + Amazon
 5 days & 3 nights from £1,245

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 Lodge, taking local excursions including jungle walks, alligator spotting and a boat trip to see the Meeting of the Waters.

¹ **Rio de Janeiro:** The 25 Jan 2024 and 20 Feb 2025 departures includes 3 days / 2 nights in Rio due to Carnival / Champion's Parade. If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

Itinerary: This tour joins the 'Wonders of the New World' tour from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: SPG

Group tour
 Low season from £4,695
 Guide price month: late Nov

High season from £4,795
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £1,395

Private tour
 Low season from £5,295
 Guide price month: Apr

High season from £5,395
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades
 World Traveller Plus from £495 return
 Club World from £2,795 return

Regional air connections
 Prices on request: British Airways 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
125 Jan 24	10 Feb 24	14 Nov 24	01 Dec 24	120 Feb 25	08 Mar 25	30 Oct 25	16 Nov 25
07 Mar 24	24 Mar 24	28 Nov 24	15 Dec 24	06 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	13 Nov 25	30 Nov 25
17 Oct 24	03 Nov 24	23 Jan 25	09 Feb 25	20 Mar 25	06 Apr 25	27 Nov 25	14 Dec 25
31 Oct 24	17 Nov 24	06 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	16 Oct 25	02 Nov 25	11 Dec 25	28 Dec 25

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 South America

Duration • 18 days & 16 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £4,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,795 (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
- ❖ 16 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell drinks
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels
- ❖ Easter departures[†]



Machu Picchu, Peru

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**

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 welcome pisco sour drink. (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 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-bed cabin from £125. (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 Kallawayá 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 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 10-12: Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fly to Buenos Aires, a city of grand architecture and European influences. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 3 nights. Take a morning city tour, including the cathedral, La Boca district and the Recoleta Cemetery. Day at leisure or take optional excursions. (B)

Days 13 & 14: 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 £145). 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)



Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Day 15: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fly to Rio, set among mountains, tropical forests and golden beaches. Transfer to the **Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana** (deluxe city-view/partial ocean-view room) for 2 nights. Upgrade to a deluxe oceanfront room from £85. (B)

Day 16: Rio de Janeiro

Full-day tour of Rio de Janeiro, including Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountain and enjoy a farewell drink. (B)

Days 17 & 18: Fly to London

At leisure or optional excursions (day room use from £95). 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
 6 days & 4 nights from £645

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 £195 or to **Casas Brancas** from £165. 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)

Galápagos pre-tour: Take a pre-tour to the Galápagos 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.

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

Itinerary: This tour includes some early morning starts and long days. The flight to Lima is currently via Madrid.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Easter departures: The 27 March 2024 and 16 April 2025 departures will spend Easter at Machu Picchu and Cuzco.

Guideline prices for 2024

Tour code: GTA

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £4,795 Guide price month: Nov	Low season from £5,795 Guide price month: Mar
High season from £4,895 Guide price months: Apr-Oct	High season from £5,995 Guide price months: Apr-Oct
Single supplement from £1,495	Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades	Regional air connections
World Traveller Plus prices on request Club World prices on request	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. All prices are subject to availability. **Please visit our website for all 2025 dates and itineraries.**

Departure dates for 2024

Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Wed)	Rtn (Sat)
27 Mar 24	13 Apr 24	22 May 24	08 Jun 24	04 Sep 24	21 Sep 24	23 Oct 24	09 Nov 24
10 Apr 24	27 Apr 24	12 Jun 24	29 Jun 24	18 Sep 24	05 Oct 24	06 Nov 24	23 Nov 24
24 Apr 24	11 May 24	17 Jul 24	03 Aug 24	02 Oct 24	19 Oct 24		
08 May 24	25 May 24	21 Aug 24	07 Sep 24	09 Oct 24	26 Oct 24		

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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)



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 impressive 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.



Monte Albán



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 site 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, habitat to abundant birdlife; and little Holbox island.

Chiapas

Indigenous communities • Lush jungle • Mayan ruins • Rivers, canyons & waterfalls

The cool mountain highlands and lush rainforest of Chiapas are dotted with mysterious Mayan ruins, from the pyramids of Palenque to remote Yaxchilán and Bonampak, adorned with vivid 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 set against the jungle. 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 (or El Chepe) offers one of the most scenic 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 rugged, 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-era 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.



Grand Theatre and vintage cars, Havana



Ladies in traditional dress, Havana



Trinidad

Havana

Enigmatic 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 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 Girón, 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

Cuba's two most celebrated exports are surely its iconic cigars and its infectious Afro-Cuban music. 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 María, with 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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 1 dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels
- ❖ Festival departures†

Weather

Oaxaca

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	26	27	29	30	30	27	26	26	25	26	26	26
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

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C: Average rainfall (mm)



Small-group tour • From £3,495
Private tour • From £5,095



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.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Food tasting at Mexico city's oldest gourmet market**
- ❖ **Boat ride through the Sumidero canyon**
- ❖ **Become a guest at a small indigenous house and see how fresh tortillas are made**
- ❖ **Visit an off-the-beaten-path Yucatan cenote**
- ❖ **Witness unique local traditions on Easter and Day of the Dead festival departures**

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 Zocalo (main plaza), the National Cathedral, the Anthropological Museum and the gourmet San Juan Market. (B, L)

Day 3: Teotihuacán

In the morning visit the Plaza of the "Three

Cultures" and continue to the pyramids of Teotihuacán, dating back 2,000 years. On your return, stop at the historic Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (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 capital of Monte Albán. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the ruins of Mitla. (B)

Days 6 & 7: Fly to Tuxtla Gutiérrez • San Cristóbal de las Casas

Fly to Tuxtla Gutiérrez 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 the nearby Mayan villages of Zinacantán and San Juan Chamula with a visit to a local family home. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Palenque

Drive from the cool highlands to the tropical lowlands and Palenque via the waterfalls of Roberto Barrios. 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 Sabancuy 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 **Mision de Fray Diego** 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. In the afternoon, visit the Yokdzonot Cenote, a freshwater sinkhole considered sacred by the Maya, and take a refreshing swim while supporting the local community that runs it. Overnight at **Mayaland Hotel** (or similar). Enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

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.

Group Tour



Teotihuacán

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Copper Canyon + tour

5 days & 4 nights from £1,345

Explore northern Mexico's vast Copper Canyon, one and a half times deeper than the Grand Canyon. 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 £2,095

Fly to Guatemala and take in the country's highlights, including the classic Mayan site of Tikal in the Petén jungle, the indigenous Chichicastenango market, and Lake Atitlan, before finishing at the beautiful colonial-era city of Antigua.

Tour + Caribbean coast

5 days & 3 nights from £765

Enjoy the turquoise waters and white sandy beaches of Mexico's Mayan Riviera on the Caribbean coast, south of Cancun.

Days 13-15: Mayan Riviera

Transfer to Cancun with the rest of the group and continue south along the coast. Spend 3 nights at the **Aloft Tulum** or the beachfront **Alea Tulum**, or upgrade to full-board at **Ana y José Hotel & Spa**. You are at leisure to relax or take optional excursions to the marvellous pyramids of Tulum or the coastal channels of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. (B)

Days 16 & 17: Fly to London

Transfer to Cancun for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

† Festival departures:

The 27 March 2024 and 16 April 2025 tours coincide with the Semana Santa (Easter week) processions in Oaxaca, while the 27 October 2024 and 27 October 2025 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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: HOM

Group tour

High season from £3,495
Guide price months: Feb-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Low season from £5,095
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £5,195
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £325 return
Club World from £2,195 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Thu)
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				16 Apr 25	29 Apr 25		

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Splendours of Cuba

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Discovery

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports
- ❖ Extended Oriente departures*

Weather

Trinidad

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A	29	29	30	31	32	32	33	33	32	32	30	29
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C	25	39	39	42	159	204	154	169	208	162	57	24

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Small-group tour • From £2,595 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Trinidad

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 privately run paladar restaurants**
- ❖ **Experience rural life in the Las Terrazas community**
- ❖ **Gain insight into the Cuban Revolution at Che Guevara's museum**

Day 1: Fly to Havana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Havana via Paris. Transfer to the **Royalton Habana Paseo del Prado** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Havana

Morning walking tour of Old Havana with a stop at El Floridita, home of the daiquiri cocktail. Welcome lunch at a characterful paladar and 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)

Day 4: Viñales

Full-day tour of the beautiful Viñales Valley with its rounded limestone hills. Visit a tobacco plantation 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 Bay of Pigs 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 a farewell lunch, continue to Havana for 2 nights at the **Royalton Habana Paseo del Prado**. 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 Paris, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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



Viñales

*Oriente departures

16 days & 14 nights from £3,095

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) for a short tour of its winding streets – designed to deter pirate attacks. 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 Spíritus

Full-day journey to Sancti Spíritus 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. Continue to historic Santa Clara for a visit, then on to Havana for 2 nights at the **Royalton Habana Paseo del Prado** hotel. (B, L) (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

6 days & 4 nights from £325

After visiting Santa Clara on Day 8 or Day 13, continue to a white sandy cay off Cuba's north coast. Stay for 3 or 4 nights at the **Meliá Cayo Santa Maria** or **Angsana Cayo Santa Maria**, or upgrade to the first-class **Meliá Buenavista**

from £140 per person. Drive back to Havana for a final night before your flight to London.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation: This tour features a combination of Simple, Good and Superior standard hotels, and *casas particulares*: simple, private, B&B-style properties 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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: CUB / CUO

Group tour

Low season from £2,595
 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,795
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement from £425

Private tour

Low season from £2,895
 Guide price month: May

High season from £2,995
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

Air France flight upgrades

Premium Economy prices on request
 Business Class prices on request

Regional air connections

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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 plant varieties, numerous kinds 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.



Resplendent quetzals, 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 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



Squirrel monkeys, Manuel Antonio

Manuel Antonio National Park & surrounds

Jungle-clad beaches • Superb wildlife viewing

The small, superlative national park of Manuel Antonio 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. To the north, the Carara National Park is home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws.



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 here it is possible to relax, 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



Caño Negro wetlands

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 Rincón 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 Rincón 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 range 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.

Suggested itinerary

Costa Rica Adventure

12 days & 10 nights

Guided from £3,095 (incl. flights)

Self-drive from £2,495 (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 volcanoes. (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)

Tailor-made travel

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Natural Splendours of Costa Rica

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Standard

- 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 & 3 dinners
 - ❖ Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
 - ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
 - ❖ Porterage at hotels

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
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)



Small-group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Canopy walkway, Monteverde

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.

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** for 2 nights and a welcome dinner. In the morning, visit the volcano of Poas or Irazú to see its impressive crater and surrounds. (D) (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** (or similar), 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, followed by a farewell drink back at your hotel. (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 £695

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 (3.5 hours). Stay 4 nights at the **Parador Resort & Spa** with panoramic views



Arenal Volcano

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)
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 £595

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 £315. 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 (approx. 5 hours) for a final night before your flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tour + Corcovado
 5 days & 3 nights from £1,595

Fly to Drake Bay and transfer to **Aguila de Osa Lodge** for 3 nights on a full-board basis. Take a local shared excursion to explore Corcovado National Park and its trails, and a snorkelling trip to Caño Island.

San Gerardo de Dota + Tour
 4 days & 2 nights from £445

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 arriving the next day (B) (N)

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. Some departures are based on flights with United Airlines via the US.

*30 Jan 2024 departure is based on alternative hotels throughout, please enquire 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 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2024-25 Tour code: NSR

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £2,695 Guide price months: Nov	Low season from £3,195 Guide price months: Sep
High season from £2,795 Guide price months: Jan-Apr	High season from £3,295 Guide price months: Jan-Apr
Single supplement from £425	Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades	Regional air connections
World Traveller Plus from £345 return Club World prices on request	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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Sun)
*30 Jan 24	9 Feb 24	04 Apr 24	14 Apr 24	06 Feb 25	16 Feb 25	20 Mar 25	30 Mar 25
08 Feb 24	18 Feb 24	07 Nov 24	17 Nov 24	13 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	27 Mar 25	06 Apr 25
22 Feb 24	03 Mar 24	21 Nov 24	01 Dec 24	20 Feb 25	02 Mar 25	03 Apr 25	13 Apr 25
29 Feb 24	10 Mar 24	16 Jan 25	26 Jan 25	27 Feb 25	09 Mar 25	06 Nov 25	16 Nov 25
07 Mar 24	17 Mar 24	23 Jan 25	02 Feb 25	06 Mar 25	16 Mar 25	13 Nov 25	23 Nov 25
14 Mar 24	24 Mar 24	30 Jan 25	09 Feb 25	13 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	20 Nov 25	30 Nov 25

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 & 4 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



Old Panama City

Both 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 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
 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)

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** (or similar) with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

Day 8: Arenal
 Morning tour of the circuit of trails and suspension bridges, which allows an up-close view of the rainforest floor and treetop canopy. Optional evening visit to the hot springs. (B)

Day 1: Fly to Panama City via the US
 Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City, via the US, with United Airlines. 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)

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)



Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica

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 mountains to Monteverde and stay 2 nights at **Monteverde Country Lodge** (or similar). (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 • Tárcoles
 Drive to the central Pacific coast and visit Carara National Park, home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws. Continue to Tárcoles 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. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a restaurant near your hotel. (B, D)

Days 13 & 14: Fly to London
 Transfer to San José and fly to London via the US with United Airlines. (B) (N)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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.

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

Optional British Airways flights: It is also possible to fly into Panama City via Miami / Madrid and from San Jose direct with British Airways. Please enquire for supplements.

Guideline prices for 2024-25		Tour code: CSG	
Group tour Low season from £3,895 Guide price month: Oct			High season from £3,995 Guide price months: Jan-Apr
United Airlines flight upgrades Premium Plus from £525 return Business Class from £1,975 return	Regional air connections Prices on request: United Airlines Houston or Newark to/from Manchester or Edinburgh		
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 . All prices are subject to availability.			
Departure dates for 2024-25			
Out (Thu) 11 Jan 24 01 Feb 24 07 Mar 24	Rtn (Wed) 24 Jan 24 14 Feb 24 20 Mar 24	Out (Thu) 11 Apr 24 31 Oct 24	Rtn (Wed) 24 Apr 24 13 Nov 24
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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 £3,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,795 (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, 6 lunches & 1 dinner
- ❖ Welcome lunch & a farewell dinner
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at airports



Carved stela, Copán, Honduras

Take in the natural and cultural wonders of Central America, from tropical landscapes and active volcanoes to colonial heritage and superb Mayan cities. Gain insight into the historic civil conflicts and colourful indigenous cultures of the region, and learn about the amazing engineering feat that is the Panama Canal.

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 and see the molten lava of the active Masaya volcano at dusk**
- ❖ **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, where you can enjoy a welcome lunch. (B, L)

Day 3: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the 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 at the Monteverde Country Lodge or similar. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura's butterfly 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 before your evening visit to the Masaya volcano to see its impressive fluorescent lava from its rim. (B)

Day 9: Fly to El Salvador • Suchitoto

Transfer to Managua and fly to San Salvador, El Salvador's capital. Continue to charming 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 its strong Garifuna culture. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Caribe. (B)

Day 14: Flores

A morning walking tour of Livingston, and 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)

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 and a farewell dinner. (B) (B, D)

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 £595

Stay 2 nights at Porta Hotel del Lago 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 £1,095

Ambergris Caye lies off the coast of Belize, surrounded by the turquoise Caribbean Sea. Relax on white sandy beaches or swim in calm, clear waters.

Days 18-20: Fly to Ambergris Caye via Flores

Fly to Belize City, via Flores and on to Ambergris Caye. Stay for 3 nights at the Portofino Hotel (beach cabaña), or upgrade to Victoria House Resort & Spa from £95 per person. At leisure by the beach or snorkel in the coral reefs. (B)

Days 21 & 22: Fly to London via Belize City & the US (B) (N)

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: GCA

Group tour

Low season from £3,995
 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,995
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement from £895

Private tour

Low season from £5,795
 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £5,895
 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

United Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Plus from £575 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 2024-25

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Mon)
18 Jan 24	05 Feb 24	07 Mar 24	25 Mar 24	16 Jan 25	03 Feb 25	06 Mar 25	24 Mar 25
15 Feb 24	04 Mar 24	14 Nov 24	02 Dec 24	13 Feb 25	03 Mar 25	06 Nov 25	24 Nov 25

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Weather

Panama City

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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)





The Indian Subcontinent

Small-group tours • Tailor-made travel

India is one of the most rewarding travel destinations. It is a place of colourful cities, exquisite temples, inspiring nature and ever-changing landscapes – from the soaring Himalaya to the historic desert forts, across national parks where tigers and elephants roam, down to the golden beaches and tropical waterways. Holidays here feel like an adventure spanning a continent, rather than one country.

South of India, enveloped in a palm-fringed coastline, lies Sri Lanka – ‘Land of Serendipity’. This island is replete with ancient ruins, natural beauty and some of the continent’s most enthralling wildlife. There are few 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 vibrant Buddhist festivals and fortress-like monasteries. All our Nepal and Bhutan tours are featured on the Cox & Kings website.

	Discover the Indian Subcontinent		Small-group & private tours
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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

Exquisite arts and crafts • 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 maharajahs' 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.



City Palace, Jaipur



Detail of the City Palace, Udaipur,

Udaipur

Rural cycle rides • High tea with the locals • Kumbhalgarh, the 'Great Wall of India'

Situated 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.

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

Suggested itinerary

Heritage Rajasthan

17 days & 15 nights
from £4,995 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Journey back to a bygone era of pomp and luxury, experiencing the opulence of the royal houses of Deogarh, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Jaipur and the colonial jewel of Delhi.

Days 1-4: Delhi & Agra

Fly to Delhi and stay at the Oberoi Maidens for 3 nights. Take a walking tour of Old and New Delhi including the Red Fort and Rashtrapati Bhavan. Ride the train to Agra for a visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Jaipur

Fly to Jaipur and stay 2 nights at the restored

Royal Heritage Haveli. There is time to explore independently; and you'll also visit Amber Fort, the City Palace, Jantar Mantar Observatory, and local bazaars. (B)

Day 7: Barli

Drive to Barli for an overnight stay at the 16th-century Fort Barli where you'll get a feel for Rajasthan's history. (B)

Days 8 & 9: Jodhpur

Visit Barli's local market, rural homes and cenotaphs before driving to Jodhpur for 2 nights at the strikingly located RAAS Jodhpur. Visit Mehrangarh Fort and enjoy time at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Ranakpur & Narlai

Visit the Jain temples at Ranakpur before continuing to Narlai for an overnight stay at Rawla Narlai and dinner in the candlelit stepwell. (B, D).

Days 11 & 12: Deogarh

Visit Kumbhalgarh Fort then continue to

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 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.

Train ride through the Aravalli Mountain Range

Take a heritage rail journey from Khamil Ghat to Phulad on a narrow-gauge train through the spectacular Aravalli Mountains. You'll pass waterfalls and travel through tunnels, in an area that inspired Rudyard Kipling's *The Man Who Would be King*. If you're lucky, you may even spot langurs, peacocks and deer.

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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 Himalayan foothills

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 Dhauladhar mountain range. The Norbulingka Institute preserves traditional Tibetan art and the nuns at Thosamling 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 Bajreshwari 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

Every 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

The toy trains to Shimla offer stupendous views of the Himalayan scenery as they wind their way steeply upwards on the narrow track. Built to transport the British from the heat of the summer plains to cooler climes, the railway 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 tomb, 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.



Aarti ceremony, 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.



Indian roller, 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 ragas of Tansen – the renowned musician whose tomb makes for a worthwhile visit.



Tailor-made itineraries



Taj Mahal, Agra



Lake Palace, Udaipur



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore



Munnar, Kerala

Taste of India

Duration • 9 Days & 7 Nights
Private tour • From £2,315
Category • Superior

Spend a week soaking up the sights and sounds of India's famed Golden Triangle. You begin in the lively capital, touring both Old and New Delhi. Continue to Agra and its awe-inspiring Mughal architecture, including the Taj Mahal – which you see in the soft glow of sunrise. Then explore the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri, and the 'Pink City' of Jaipur.

Day 1: Fly to Delhi (N)

Days 2 & 3: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to **The Claridges** for a 2-night stay. The following day, embark on a guided tour of Old and New Delhi including the imposing Jama Masjid mosque, the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, and the 12th-century minaret of Qutb Minar. (B, D)

Days 4 & 5: Agra

Take the train to Agra and transfer to the **Trident Hotel**. Visit the impressive, red-sandstone Agra Fort, which encloses a number of palaces. Then witness the Mughal-era masterpiece that is the Taj Mahal, commissioned by Shah Jahan in honour of his late wife. (B, D)

Days 6 & 7: Jaipur

Visit the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri, then drive to Jaipur and the **Royal Heritage Haveli**, a former royal residence, for a 2-night stay. Tour the Amber Fort, the City Palace, and the Jantar Mantar Observatory. Wander the colourful bazaars in the evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Delhi

Drive back to Delhi and stay overnight at the **Novotel Aerocity**. (B, D)

Day 9: Fly home (B)

Meal basis: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Low season from £2,315	High season from £2,725
Guide price month: May-Sep	Guide price month: Oct-Dec

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.

Boutique Rajasthan

Duration • 14 Days & 12 Nights
Private tour • From £5,645
Category • Luxury

Explore Rajasthan's most captivating sights, visit quaint local villages and relax in the wilderness in breathtaking rural locations and luxury tented accommodation where leopards roam wild and free.

Day 1: Fly to Delhi (N)

Days 2 & 3: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to **Haveli Dharampura**, a beautifully restored *haveli* in Old Delhi, for 2 nights. The following day, explore lesser-known sights. (B)

Days 4 & 5: Jaipur

Travel to **Alila Fort Bishangarh**, a unique heritage fortress. Your following day is at leisure, or visit the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. (B)

Days 6-8: Nimaj

Travel to **RAAS Chhatrasagar** for 3 nights in luxury tented camps perched on the dam of a reservoir. Activities include farm or village tours, sunrise birdwatching trips and visits to Jodhpur and Mehrangarh Fort. (B, L, D)

Days 9 & 10: Jawai Leopard Camp

Stay 2 nights in the remote Rajasthan wilderness. Morning and afternoon 4x4 safaris to seek the leopards which roam this extraordinary landscape. (B, L, D)

Days 11 & 12: Devigarh

Stay 2 nights at the **RAAS Devigarh**, nestled in the Aravalli Hills of Udaipur. Relax or explore Delwara village, the temple complexes at Nathdwara and Eklingji, or the lakeside town of Udaipur and its magnificent City Palace. (B)

Day 13: Delhi

Fly to Delhi and stay overnight at **The Claridges**. (B)

Day 14: Fly home (B)

Meal basis: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Low season from £5,645	High season from £7,425
Guide price month: Apr-Sep	Guide price month: Oct-Dec

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The Jungle Book: Wildlife of India

Duration • 12 Days & 10 Nights
Private tour • From £3,595
Category • Superior

Travel into the heart of Kipling's India and follow the trail of the Royal Bengal tiger. Embark on safari drives in the national parks of Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Pench, guided by expert naturalists.

Day 1: Fly to Delhi (N)

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to **The Claridges** for 1 night. (B)

Days 3-5: Bandhavgarh

Fly to Jabalpur and drive to Bandhavgarh for 3 nights at **Bandhav Vilas**. You'll have two full days of wildlife viewing. Famous for its tigers, the park is also home to chousingha, wild boars and elusive leopards. (B, L, D)

Days 6-8: Kanha

One of the inspirations for Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*, Kanha is a former hunting ground for high-ranking British army officers. There is a wide variety of wildlife here including tigers, leopards, and langur monkeys. Stay for 3 nights at **Chitvan Jungle Lodge**. (B, L, D)

Days 9 & 10: Pench

Drive to Pench tiger reserve for 2 nights at **Pench Jungle Camp**. Enjoy a full day of wildlife viewing. Sambar deer and nilgai antelope are regularly seen grazing here, and – with luck on your side – you may spot Bengal tigers prowling or lazing amid the long grass. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Mumbai

Drive to Nagpur and fly to Mumbai. Stay overnight at **Trident Nariman Point**. (B)

Day 12: Fly home (B)

Meal basis: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Low season from £3,595	High season from £3,955
Guide price month: May-Jun	Guide price month: Jan-Mar

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Highlights of Kerala

Duration • 14 Days & 12 Nights
Private tour • From £2,895
Category • Superior

A striking contrast to other regions of India, tropical Kerala is the ultimate destination for relaxation. Explore the highlights before a three-night stay on the beautiful Kerala coastline.

Day 1: Fly to Kochi (N)

Days 2 & 3 Kochi

Arrive in Kochi and transfer to the **Eighth Bastion** for 2 nights. Following day, explore the highlights of this multi-cultural city, including the cantilevered Chinese fishing nets and Mattancherry Palace. Evening Kathakali dance performance. (B)

Days 4 & 5: Munnar

Travel to Munnar and stay 2 nights at the **Windermere Estate**. Enjoy a guided walk through the estate, taking in the mountain scenery and surrounding plantation. (B, D)

Days 6 & 7: Thekkady

Drive through the Western Ghats to Thekkady, where you'll stay for 2 nights at **Spice Village**, nestled in the forest. Take a walk through a spice plantation, then through Periyar National Park in search of indigenous flora and fauna. (B)

Days 8 & 9: Kerala backwaters

Travel to Kerala's serene backwaters and spend 2 nights at **Coconut Lagoon**. Explore the narrow canals in a *shikara* boat. (B)

Day 10: Kerala backwaters

Board a traditional **Keralan houseboat** and cruise through Kerala's famous canals and waterways. Enjoy Kerala cuisine on board. (B, L, D)

Days 11-13: Mararikulam

Relax with 3 nights at **Marari Beach Resort**, located beside the warm waters of the Indian Ocean and a wide, golden beach. (B)

Day 14: Fly home (B)

Meal basis: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Low season from £2,895	High season from £3,695
Guide price month: May-Sep	Guide price month: Jan-Apr

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The Golden Triangle & Shimla

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,185 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 in air-conditioned vista-dome carriages which give great views of the surrounding landscape
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 10 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Free day in Jaipur & Shimla for independent exploration



Taj Mahal, Agra

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.

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 toy train to Shimla in vista-dome carriages
- ❖ 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. Welcome dinner at Haveli Dharampura, enjoy a dance performance, and take in views of the Red Fort and Jama Masjid from the upper terrace. (D)

Day 3: New Delhi • Agra

Tour of New Delhi, including a drive past India Gate and the former viceregal residence. Continue to Humayun's Tomb, 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: Chandigarh

Explore the Birla Mandir Temple before flying to Chandigarh. Selected as the new capital of Punjab in 1948, Chandigarh was designed by Swiss architect Le Corbusier and completed in the early 1960s. Stay for 1 night at the **Taj Chandigarh**. (B)

Day 9: Shimla

Take the early morning *Him Darshan* narrow-gauge toy train to Shimla, passing through stunning mountains. Enjoy the panoramic views from the vistadome carriages, which have windows on the ceiling. Stay 3 nights at the **Oberoi Cecil** in Shimla, the British summer capital during the Raj era. Upgrade to a Premier Valley View room from £165 per person for 3 nights. (B, D)



Shimla

Day 10: Shimla

Explore the historic mall and listen to the stories of its many colonial buildings while making your way to the Viceregal 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 former princely state of Dharami to spend the day with its noble family, birdwatching and enjoying their stories over lunch.[†] (B, D)

Day 12: Delhi

Drive to Chandigarh and connect with the midday train to Delhi. Stay overnight at the **Taj Palace** and enjoy a farewell dinner. (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 £585

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 96 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 travel consultants for further details.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: IGT

Group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

High season from £2,995
Guide price months: Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £895

Private tour

Low season from £3,185
Guide price months: Feb-Mar

High season from £3,395
Guide price months: Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £895

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £325 return
Upper Class from £2,775 return

Regional air connections

Prices on request

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Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Wed)
01 Mar 24	13 Mar 24	01 Nov 24	13 Nov 24	28 Feb 25	12 Mar 25	24 Oct 25	05 Nov 25
08 Mar 24	20 Mar 24	08 Nov 24	20 Nov 24	07 Mar 25	19 Mar 25	07 Nov 25	19 Nov 25
22 Mar 24	03 Apr 24	15 Nov 24	27 Nov 24	14 Mar 25	26 Mar 25	14 Nov 25	26 Nov 25
04 Oct 24	16 Oct 24	22 Nov 24	04 Dec 24	21 Mar 25	02 Apr 25	21 Nov 25	03 Dec 25
11 Oct 24	23 Oct 24	07 Feb 25	19 Feb 25	03 Oct 25	15 Oct 25	28 Nov 25	10 Dec 25
18 Oct 24	30 Oct 24	14 Feb 25	26 Feb 25	10 Oct 25	22 Oct 25		
25 Oct 24	06 Nov 24	21 Feb 25	05 Mar 25	17 Oct 25	29 Oct 25		

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.

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)



Passage through Rajasthan

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior

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 with Virgin Atlantic
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Portage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Balanced pace

Weather Jaipur

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	22	25	31	36	40	39	34	32	33	34	29	24
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)



Small-group tour • From £2,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,345 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Blue city of Jodhpur

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 a welcome 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, D)

Day 6: Deogarh

Day at leisure or choose from optional activities, including a 4x4 cultural 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, a heritage palace turned resort. (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 Narendera 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 the Devi Ratn Hotel for a 2-night stay. Based on the design of the famous Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory, Devi Ratn is a contemporary hotel with traditional Jaipuri features and beautiful views over the surrounding Aravalli Hills. (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)



Amber Fort, Jaipur

Day 12: Ranthambore National Park

Travel to Ranthambore for 2 nights at Dev Vilas. Afternoon safari* in Ranthambore. (B, D)

Day 13: Ranthambore National Park

Early morning safari* 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 enjoy a farewell lunch at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace. 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. Tonight, say goodbye to your group with a farewell drink. (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 £245

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.

† **Ranthambore safaris:** This safari will be conducted by 4x4 and not canters (open-top buses).

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: PTR

Group tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £3,095
Guide price months: Mar & Oct

Single supplement from £995

Private tour

Low season from £3,345
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,445
Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £995

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £325 return
Upper Class from £2,775 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Fri)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Fri)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Fri)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Fri)
25 Jan 24	09 Feb 24	14 Mar 24	29 Mar 24	23 Jan 25	07 Feb 25	13 Mar 25	28 Mar 25
08 Feb 24	23 Feb 24	17 Oct 24	01 Nov 24	06 Feb 25	21 Feb 25	16 Oct 25	31 Oct 25
15 Feb 24	01 Mar 24	24 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	13 Feb 25	28 Feb 25	23 Oct 25	07 Nov 25
22 Feb 24	08 Mar 24	31 Oct 24	15 Nov 24	20 Feb 25	07 Mar 25	30 Oct 25	14 Nov 25
29 Feb 24	15 Mar 24	07 Nov 24	22 Nov 24	27 Feb 25	14 Mar 25	06 Nov 25	21 Nov 25
07 Mar 24	22 Mar 24	14 Nov 24	29 Nov 24	06 Mar 25	21 Mar 25	20 Nov 25	05 Dec 25

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 Grand Tour of India

Duration • 17 days & 15 nights
Category • Superior

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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, 2 lunches & 6 dinners
- ❖ All entrance fees & sightseeing included
- ❖ 2 included wildlife safaris by 4x4
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Festival departures

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)



Small-group tour • From £3,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Varanasi

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. Visit the Golden Temple for the auspicious Palki Sahib night ceremony. A welcome dinner will be held this evening. (N) (D)

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 *aarti* ceremony from a boat on the Ganges. On the 12 November 2024 and 2 November 2025 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 sunrise 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 the **Taj Palace**. (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. This evening, visit the Taj Mahal bathed in golden light as the sun sets. (B)

Day 8: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

Visit Mehtab Bagh Gardens to see 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 drive. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Jaipur

Morning drive to Jaipur to stay at the **Devi Ratn Hotel** for 2 nights. Based on the design of the famous Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory, Devi Ratn is a contemporary hotel with traditional Jaipuri features and beautiful views over the surrounding Aravalli Hills. Afternoon at leisure. Evening *aarti* 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



Golden Temple, Amritsar

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)

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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure followed by a farewell dinner. Evening Bagore-ki-Haveli cultural show. Holi festival departures will witness the celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace*. (B, D)

Day 16: Fly to Delhi

Transfer to the airport and fly to Delhi for an overnight stay and farewell drink 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 £785

Complete your Indian adventure by exploring the lush, 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 10 March 2024 and 27 February 2025 departures are timed to coincide with the colourful Holi Dahan festival, which will be celebrated in Udaipur with a visit to the

celebrations at the Maharajah's Palace.

*The 12 November 2024 and 2 November 2025 departures will include the enchanting Dev Diwali 'Festival of Lights' celebration in Varanasi.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: GNI

Group tour

Low season from £3,795
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £3,995
Guide price month: Nov

Single supplement from £1,095

Private tour

Low season from £3,995
Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,995
Guide price months: Feb

Single supplement from £1,095

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £225 return
Club World from £2,595 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sun)
02 Feb 24	18 Feb 24	18 Oct 24	03 Nov 24	07 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	17 Oct 25	02 Nov 25
09 Feb 24	25 Feb 24	25 Oct 24	10 Nov 24	14 Feb 25	02 Mar 25	24 Oct 25	09 Nov 25
16 Feb 24	03 Mar 24	01 Nov 24	17 Nov 24	*27 Feb 25	15 Mar 25	*02 Nov 25	18 Nov 25
01 Mar 24	17 Mar 24	*12 Nov 24	28 Nov 24	14 Mar 25	30 Mar 25	14 Nov 25	30 Nov 25
*10 Mar 24	26 Mar 24	22 Nov 24	08 Dec 24	21 Mar 25	06 Apr 25	28 Nov 25	14 Dec 25
11 Oct 24	27 Oct 24			10 Oct 25	26 Oct 25		

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 £3,595 (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 National Park
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore

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.

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, and enjoy a dance performance and kite flying on the rooftop. (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)

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 traditional *haveli* 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)

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.



Stone carved Jain temple interior, Ranakpur

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Goa extension

5 days & 4 nights from £1,125

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

***Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional cost.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: XOT

Group tour

Low season from £3,595
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £3,895
Guide price months: Oct & Nov

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £325 return
Upper Class from £2,775 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
25 Jan 24	07 Feb 24	31 Oct 24	13 Nov 24	23 Jan 25	05 Feb 25	30 Oct 25	12 Nov 25
08 Feb 24	21 Feb 24	14 Nov 24	27 Nov 24	06 Feb 25	19 Feb 25	13 Nov 25	26 Nov 25
29 Feb 24	13 Mar 24			20 Feb 25	05 Mar 25		

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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)



Journey through the Himalayan Foothills

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Standard

Small-group tour • From £2,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,845 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 14)
- ❖ 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 & 7 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Pragpur



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 to Nagrota**
- ❖ **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. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

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: Palampur

Today begins with a visit to Kangra to admire the ruins of the impressive fort and the Bajeshwari Temple. Drive to Palampur for an overnight stay at Taragarh Palace, and visit Tashi Jong Monastery. (B, D)

Day 7: Pragpur via Kangra Mountain Railway

This morning visit the Shiv Baijnath Temple, carved from rock and inscribed in sanskrit. Drive to Baijnath to board the Kangra Mountain Railway for the 1.5-hour scenic ride

to Nagrota. Travel to Pragpur for a 2-night stay at The Judge's Court, a delightful old manor house converted into a hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Pragpur

Join a walk to Garli Heritage Village and see an interesting fusion of architectural styles. Later, you may wish to join an optional visit to Jwalamukhi and Chintpurni temples, or spend the rest of the day at leisure (B, L, D)

Day 9: Shimla

Full-day drive through the Himalayan foothills to the former British hill station of Shimla. On arrival, check in for 3 nights at the Oberoi Cecil or upgrade to the Oberoi Wildflower Hall (Deluxe Garden View room) from £645 per person. (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 aboard 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. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight. (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 £860

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.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: HTT

Group tour

Low season from £2,495
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,795
Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £695

Private tour

Low season from £2,845
Guide price month: Feb

High season from £2,845
Guide price month: Nov

Single supplement from £695

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £325 return
Upper Class from £2,775 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Sun)
06 Feb 24	18 Feb 24	01 Oct 24	13 Oct 24	04 Feb 25	16 Feb 25	07 Oct 25	19 Oct 25
20 Feb 24	03 Mar 24	15 Oct 24	27 Oct 24	11 Feb 25	23 Feb 25	21 Oct 25	02 Nov 25
12 Mar 24	24 Mar 24	29 Oct 24	10 Nov 24	04 Mar 25	16 Mar 25	28 Oct 25	09 Nov 25
19 Mar 24	31 Mar 24	12 Nov 24	24 Nov 24	11 Mar 25	23 Mar 25	04 Nov 25	16 Nov 25
02 Apr 24	14 Apr 24			01 Apr 25	13 Apr 25		

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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)



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-Sundareswarar. 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.



Hall of a Thousand Columns, 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.



Mysore Palace, Mysore

Suggested itinerary

Kerala at Leisure

12 days & 10 nights
from £3,325 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Travel through Kerala in style and at a pace which enables you to make the most of this laid-back land, where sleepy waterways weave through rainforest.

Days 1-3: Kochi

Fly overnight to Kochi before checking in to Malabar House for 2 nights. Explore this picturesque city by bike or on foot, with stops at the Dutch Palace and the Jewish Synagogue. (B)

Days 4 & 5: Thekkady

Travel through lush landscapes to the tropical rainforests of the Western Ghats and the small town of Thekkady. Check in for a 2-night stay at Spice Village, where thatched-roof cottages enjoy the shade of swaying fruit trees. Venture into Periyar National Park, seeking out Asian elephants and other wildlife. (B)

Days 6 & 7: Alleppey

Travel to Lake Vembanad and check in to the shorefront retreat of Purity for 2 nights. Enjoy a relaxed pace of living, with guest activities including yoga classes and evening cruises on the lake. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Backwater cruise

Board a houseboat for an overnight cruise along the Keralan backwaters. Many of the region's traditional rice barges, known

as *kettuvallam*, have been converted into riverine accommodation, and offer a unique mode of exploration. (B, L, D)

Days 9-11: Kovalam

Travel to Kovalam for 3 nights at Taj Green Cove Resort & Spa. Located on a hillside amid lush greenery, the resort overlooks the Arabian Sea. (B)

Day 12: Fly Home

Transfer to Kerala's capital, Trivandrum, for your flight home. (B)

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Treasures of Southern India

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,445 (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
- ❖ International flights with Emirates via Dubai
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Day at leisure in Kerala's backwaters



Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram

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.

located in the heart of the French Quarter. (B)

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**

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 to Kumarakom for 2 nights at the **Rhythm Kumarakom** (Poolside Cottage). Upgrade to a Lakefront Luxury Villa with plunge pool from £100 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. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the Eighth Bastion this evening. (B, D)

Day 14: Fly to London

Fly home via Dubai with Emirates (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 £925

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

Fly to London, via Dubai, with Emirates. (B)

Houseboat, Kumarakom



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked or booked locally and incur an additional cost.

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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 Emirates via Dubai. (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. A welcome dinner will be held this evening. (B, D)

Day 3: Mahabalipuram • Puducherry

Morning walking tour of Mylapore, a town that predates Chennai by 2,000 years. Continue to Puducherry (Pondicherry), visiting the UNESCO-listed shore temples at Mahabalipuram en route. Stay 2 nights at the **Palais de Mahé**

Passage through Kerala

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ International flights with Emirates
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Included safari & national park fees
- ❖ Balanced pace
- ❖ Day at leisure in Kerala's tropical backwaters



Bengal tiger, Nagarhole National Park

This tour takes in the beautiful sights and tranquil landscapes of south India. Experience 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.

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 canter 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 Park Bangalore**. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour tracing Bengaluru's captivating history. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

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 India's most powerful 18th-century rulers.

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Small-group tour • From £3,295 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,345 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

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 veranda 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 canter (open-sided mini bus) 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 Keralan cooking class and lunch. Take part in a guided nature walk. (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 board 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. View the remarkable, cantilevered Chinese



Kathakali performers, Kerala

fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Portuguese-built Mattancherry Palace, the Church of St Francis and India's oldest active 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: Keralan backwaters

Drive to the backwater region of Kerala this morning. En route, take a 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 **Coconut Lagoon**. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Keralan backwaters

Day at leisure. Optional visit to a local church.* (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 £600

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 £195

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 Keralan cuisine is served on board and, just before sunset, the boat drops anchor for the night.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: PKR

Group tour

Low season from £3,295
Guide price month: Jan

High season from £3,395
Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,095

Private tour

Low season from £3,345
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £3,395
Guide price month: Jan

Single supplement from £1,095

Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,995 return
First Class from £7,095 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)	Out (Thu)	Rtn (Wed)
11 Jan 24	24 Jan 24	22 Feb 24	06 Mar 24	09 Jan 25	22 Jan 25	20 Feb 25	05 Mar 25
25 Jan 24	07 Feb 24	14 Mar 24	27 Mar 24	23 Jan 25	05 Feb 25	13 Mar 25	26 Mar 25
08 Feb 24	21 Feb 24	17 Oct 24	30 Oct 24	06 Feb 25	19 Feb 25	16 Oct 25	29 Oct 25
15 Feb 24	28 Feb 24	07 Nov 24	20 Nov 24	13 Feb 25	26 Feb 25	06 Nov 25	19 Nov 25

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 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, biodiverse wildlife reserves, 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.

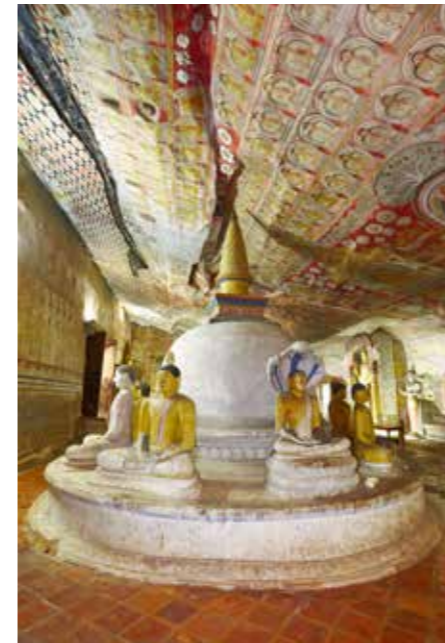
The Hill Country

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.



Rural train, Nuwara Eliya



Cave Temple, Dambulla

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.



Fishing boat, Tangalle

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 an 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.

Suggested itinerary

Exotic Sri Lanka

15 days & 13 nights
from £3,995 (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, hikes to the nearby waterfall or forest walks. (B)

Day 10: Tangalle

Drive to Tangalle on the southern coast and stay 2 nights at The Last House. 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

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- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- ❖ Upgrade to half-board in Dambulla, Kandy & Ahungalla (7 nights) for £111
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Wildlife safari & national park entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



Lion Rock, Sigiriya

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.

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 a welcome afternoon tea at the Galle Face Hotel. (L)

Day 3: Dambulla

In the morning, transfer to Dambulla. Stay 3 nights at the Heritance Kandalama. (B)

Day 4: Anuradhapura • Mihintale

Drive to 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, 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. Set at an elevation of 1,880 metres above sea level, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at the Heritance 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

Visit the Rawana Ella Falls and impressive Buduruwagala statues before continuing to the Elephant Transit Home. Then drive to

Yala and stay for 2 nights at the 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. 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. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Days 12 & 13: Galle • Ahungalla

Drive to Ahungalla, stopping for a tour of Galle Fort. Stay 2 nights at Heritance Ahungalla or upgrade to the Cinnamon Bentota Resort & Spa (Superior Charm Seaview room) from £70. 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 speedboat to Velassar, a resort offering an idyllic stay on an island surrounded by verdant foliage and crystal-clear water. You



Galle Fort

can view a selection of recommended Maldives properties on the Cox & Kings website.

this is in excess of 1,800 steps and in other instances somewhere between 800 and 1,200 steps.

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,

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

*Tour departs on a Thursday and returns on a Wednesday

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: CET

Group tour

Low season from £2,295
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

High season from £2,295
Guide price months: Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £595

Private tour

Low season from £2,495
Guide price months: Jan-Mar

High season from £2,495
Guide price months: Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £595

Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,295 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)	Out (Tue)	Rtn (Mon)
16 Jan 24	29 Jan 24	12 Mar 24	25 Mar 24	28 Jan 25	10 Feb 25	04 Mar 25	17 Mar 25
30 Jan 24	12 Feb 24	15 Oct 24	28 Oct 24	04 Feb 25	17 Feb 25	11 Mar 25	24 Mar 25
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05 Mar 24	18 Mar 24	21 Jan 25	03 Feb 25	25 Feb 25	10 Mar 25		

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.

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
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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)



Splendours of Sri Lanka

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Solo group tour • From £3,195 (incl. flights)

Solo Travellers

This solo group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 10 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 included
- ❖ Wildlife safaris & national park entrance fees
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



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. Set some 1,880 metres above sea level, 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)



Tea plantations, Nuwara Eliya

Day 11: 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 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. Attend a 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

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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 2024-25

Tour code: SCN

Group tour

Low season from £3,195
Guide price months: Jan-Feb

High season from £3,295
Guide price month: Nov

Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,295 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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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 with your group. (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 **Lake Forest Resort**. (B, D)

Day 4: Wilpattu National Park • Anuradhapura

Full-day safari in Wilpattu National Park. (B, L, 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**



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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.



Asakusa Kannon temple, Tokyo

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.



Arashiyama bamboo forest, Kyoto

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.

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.



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 historical 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 £6,295 (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 included
- ❖ Bullet train travel
- ❖ Cherry blossom season departures
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations



Kenroku-en garden, Kanazawa

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.

Komagatake Ropeway (cable car). Enjoy a welcome lunch. (B, L)

Day 4: Tokyo

Full-day tour visiting Asakusa Kannon temple, Tokyo National Museum, the Imperial East Garden and the peaceful Meiji shrine. Visit the Shunkaen Bonsai Museum to try your hand shaping a bonsai tree. (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. Attend a Hakuichi gold leaf workshop. 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 **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo** (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)



Floating torii gate, Miyajima

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. Enjoy a farewell lunch. 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 ('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 the average room sizes can be significantly smaller than in Europe.

Itinerary: Excursions on Day 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

Weather

Tokyo

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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)



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. (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 cruise on Lake Ashi and a ride on the Mount

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-strewn bays, 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.



Flower 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, Vietnam



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.



Temple in National Palace Museum, Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang, Laos

Buddhist temples & colonial architecture

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.



The National Museum of Cambodia, Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Reveals Cambodia's recent history • Relaxed riverside setting

Set on the confluence of three rivers, Cambodia's capital is a jumble of colonial buildings, tranquil temples, frenetic markets and broad avenues. Phnom Penh's blend of cultural influences can be seen in its landmark buildings, including the Khmer Royal Palace, the tucked-away Chinese temples, and the French-Indochinese Central Post Office, National Library and Royal Railway Station. The darkest chapter of Cambodian history is remembered at the Tuol Seng Museum of Genocide, and at Choeung Ek – one of the infamous Killing Fields of the Khmer Rouge, where a memorial stupa now stands.

Spirit of Vietnam

Duration • 13 days & 10 nights
Category • Superior

- This group tour features...**
- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
 - ❖ 4-star accommodation
 - ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
 - ❖ Direct international & internal flights
 - ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
 - ❖ Experienced local tour manager
 - ❖ 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 3 dinners
 - ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
 - ❖ Welcome dinner
 - ❖ Day at leisure in Hoi An
 - ❖ Porterage at hotels

Weather

Hanoi

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C	22	28	42	97	181	242	258	297	225	125	57	19

Ho Chi Minh City

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C	15	8	23	63	183	261	257	249	270	255	156	65

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Small-group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Lan Ha Bay

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 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 Hoi 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** (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 town, 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** for 2 nights. (B)

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. Lunch today is at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. (B, L)

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**. (B, L)

Day 7: Hoi An
 Morning tour of the ruined temple of My Son. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise 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 Vy's Market Restaurant (payable locally). (B)

Day 9: Fly to Hanoi
 Fly to Hanoi and transfer to the **Grand Mercure Hotel** for a 2-night stay. Optional evening excursion to a water puppet show (payable locally). (B, D)



Hoi An

Day 10: Hanoi
 Morning tour of the National Museum of History, 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 meet former North Vietnamese Army pilot, Nguyen Hong My. (B, L)

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*. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner. (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 + Angkor Wat temples
 4 days & 3 nights from £985

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

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25 Tour code: SPV

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £2,695 Guide price month: Nov	Low season from £3,145 Guide price month: Oct
High season from £2,895 Guide price month: Jan	High season from £3,195 Guide price month: Jan
Single supplement from £875	Single supplement from £875

Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades	Regional air connections
Premium Economy from £535 return Business Class from £2,035 return	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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)	Out (Sat)	Rtn (Thu)
06 Jan 24	18 Jan 24	12 Oct 24	24 Oct 24	04 Jan 25	16 Jan 25	11 Oct 25	23 Oct 25
17 Feb 24	29 Feb 24	09 Nov 24	21 Nov 24	15 Feb 25	27 Feb 25	08 Nov 24	20 Nov 25

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Grand Tour of Indochina

Duration • 17 days & 14 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,395 (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
- ❖ Porterage at hotels



Ancient stone faces of Bayon Temple, Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia

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.

for underprivileged youths in Vietnam. This 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 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 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. Watch the sun set with a boat ride on Angkor Thom moat, drink in hand. Farewell dinner at Khmer House, 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.



Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam

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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)

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 Hanoi Hotel* (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



Tour code: LVX

Guideline prices for 2024-25							
Group tour		Private tour					
Low season from £3,695		Low season from £4,395					
Guide price month: Oct		Guide price month: Nov					
High season from £3,995		High season from £4,495					
Guide price months: Mar		Guide price month: Feb					
Single supplement from £895		Single supplement from £895					
Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades		Regional air connections					
Premium Economy from £575 return		Please speak to your consultant for details					
Business Class from £2,295 return							
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Discover Mekong River Cruising

The Mekong meanders some 4,900km through South-east Asia to the South China Sea. Across its vital course there is a constant flow of boats – fishing, ferrying, and forming floating markets.

A Mekong cruise provides rewarding glimpses of daily life here. Most routes sail between Vietnam and Cambodia, while more adventurous voyages take in Laos and Thailand. Cox & Kings has selected only the best vessels for navigating these waterways. Shore excursions – using smaller, secondary boats – take you to riverside villages and reveal their trades, from silk weaving to fish farming. You are escorted by local English-speaking guides who can offer valuable insights into life on the Mekong.



Aqua Mekong

Award-winning architecture • Suites with panoramic views

Operated by Aqua Expeditions, this 62-metre luxury ship specialises in Mekong cruises between Vietnam and Cambodia. The vessel has won plaudits for its architecture, including Gold at the Asia Hotel Design Awards. Guests are accommodated across 20 air-conditioned suites, whose floor-to-ceiling windows overlook the waters – ideal for idle gazing at the riverine scenery as it gently slips by. The on-board facilities are 5-star, and include a fully equipped gym, screening room, observation deck, swimming pool, outdoor cinema, and restaurant – with a menu overseen by a Michelin-starred chef.

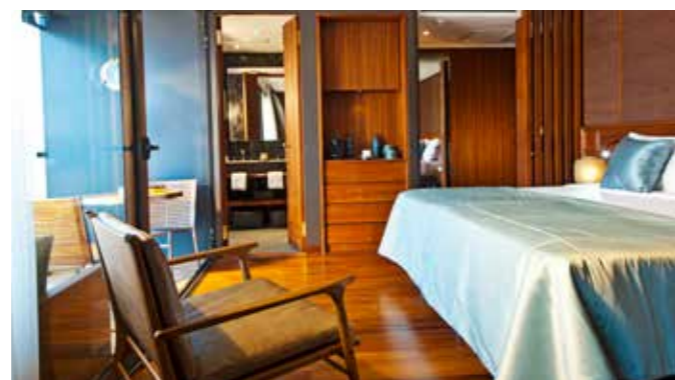
Aqua Mekong offers guided excursions aboard its private tenders, visiting Buddhist temples, stilt-top villages, and natural beauty spots for hiking and kayaking. The crew-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1 ensures you're given the utmost attention during your cruise, whether you opt for a three-night expedition or a full week on board.



Aqua Mekong



Aqua Mekong sun deck



Aqua Mekong double Design Suite with balcony

Bassac Pandaw

1920s character • Exploratory itineraries

The Pandaw fleet are replicas of colonial-era steamers, finished in teak and brass in a 1920s style. Their shallow draft makes it possible to cruise to otherwise inaccessible areas of the Mekong. The *Bassac Pandaw* sails between Cambodia and Vietnam, accommodating guests across 30 staterooms – each with private deck space. Asian and European cuisine is served in the dining room, which is open to the gentle breeze during the day and closed and air-conditioned come the night. On the upper deck, you can clink glasses at the cocktail bar, or enjoy the views from the sun deck – part-shaded by an awning. Further facilities include a library, a lecture room, a gallery, and a fair-trade shop. There are optional activities as well as cultural performances to enliven life on board.



Pandaw Expeditions



Jayavarman

Named after the 12th-century Khmer king, *Jayavarman* plies the Lower Mekong between Cambodia and Vietnam, offering three-, four-, and seven-night expeditions. Its interior incorporates French-colonial and Khmer designs into décor that is distinctly art deco. Each of the 27 cabins boasts a private river-view balcony. Facilities include a salon and spa; an observatory; a dining room; a bar and lounge; a library; and a sun deck with pool.



Jahan

This Heritage Line vessel is the sister ship to the *Jayavarman* and named in honour of Shah Jahan – the 16th-century Mughal ruler and conceiver of the Taj Mahal. Traditional Indian and British-colonial styling runs throughout, from the 26 cabins to the Raj-inspired lounge. Further facilities onboard the *Jahan* include a restaurant serving Asian fusion cuisine; a bar mixing signature cocktails; a spa; an outdoor pool; a gym; and an observatory.

Suggested itinerary

A River Journey on the Mekong

14 days & 12 nights
from £4,575 (incl. flights)
Category • Luxury

Explore the sights and sounds along the Mekong as you journey between Vietnam and Cambodia. This cruise can be taken either up or downstream, ending or beginning at the temples of Angkor.

- Day 1: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**
Catch your flight to Vietnam. (N)
- Days 2 & 3: Ho Chi Minh City**
Arrive and transfer to the Caravelle Hotel for 2 nights. Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. (B, L)
- Day 4: Mekong**
Transfer to My Tho to board the *Jayavarman* or *Jahan* for a 7-night cruise to Siem Reap,

- Cambodia. (B, D)
- Day 5: Cai Be • Sa Dec • Binh Thanh island**
Take a boat trip around Cai Be to see the floating market, and explore the islands and orchards of the delta. (B, L, D)
- Day 6: Tan Chau**
Visit a local market and village that specialises in catfish farming, then cross the border into Cambodia. (B, L, D)
- Day 7: Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
Full-day tour of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's bustling capital. (B, L, D)
- Day 8: Angkor Ban & temples**
Visit the hilltop pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey and enjoy views of the countryside. (B, L, D)
- Day 9: Koh Oknha Tey**
Sail downstream and stop at the island of Koh Oknha Tey, notable for its manufacture of high-quality silk products. (B, L, D)
- Day 10: Kampong Chhnang • Tonle Sap**
Take a walking tour to see Khmer pottery and palm sugar production, then cruise along the

- narrow Tonle river into the vast Tonle Sap lake (subject to river levels). (B, L, D)
- Day 11: Siem Reap**
Early morning crossing of Tonle Sap lake, then transfer to Siem Reap. Stay at the Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor for 3 nights. (B)
- Days 12 & 13: Angkor temples**
Explore picturesque Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and some of the smaller temples of Angkor, including the Roluos Group and Banteay Srei. (B)
- Day 14: Fly home**
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

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China Experience

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,495 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Average group size 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Internal trains as specified
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations



Terracotta Warriors, Xian



Forbidden City, Beijing

Weather

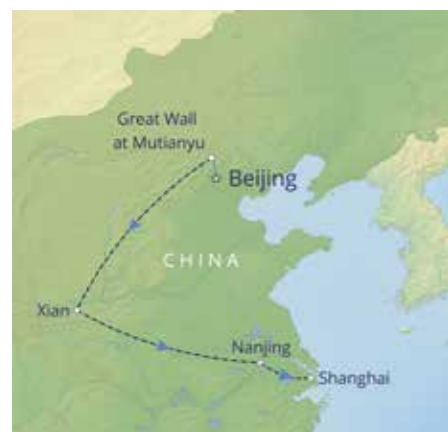
Beijing

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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

Shanghai

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	7	8	12	18	23	27	31	31	27	22	17	10
B	0	1	5	10	16	20	25	25	21	14	9	2
C	43	60	84	103	115	159	135	136	152	58	52	37

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Enjoy a taste of China on this outstanding tour of the country's principal sights. In Beijing, explore the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and an excursion to the Great Wall. See the famous Terracotta Warriors in Xian and the ancient city of Nanjing. Finish in vibrant Shanghai and witness the huge economic changes taking place in China today.

similar) for 3 nights. The rest of the day is at leisure. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Day 3: Beijing

Morning visit to the key historic sites of Tiananmen Square and the adjacent Forbidden City. After lunch, visit one of Beijing's traditional hutong neighbourhoods. (B)

Day 4: Great Wall of China

Full-day excursion to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a scenic section of the wall north of Beijing. (B, L)

Day 5: Xian

Morning at leisure. Afternoon high-speed train journey to Xian, then transfer to the Grand Noble Xian hotel for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xian

Morning excursion to the legendary Terracotta Warriors, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon visit to the city's atmospheric Muslim quarter and the Great Mosque. Optional evening performance of a Tang dynasty show. (B, L)

Day 7: Nanjing

Morning high-speed train to the city of Nanjing, then stay overnight at the Grand Trustel Mandarin Garden. Afternoon visit to the imposing Zhonghua city gate and the Confucius temple, then take a cruise along the Qinhuai river. (B)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China
- ❖ Discover ancient Ming dynasty history in the city of Nanjing
- ❖ See the famous Terracotta Warriors in the ancient city of Xian
- ❖ Take a scenic cruise on the Qinhuai river in Nanjing

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 Xingqiao (or

Day 8: Shanghai

Morning visit to the Memorial Hall of the Nanjing Massacre, then continue to Ming Xiaoling, the mausoleum of the Hongwu Emperor, founder of the Ming Dynasty. Afternoon high-speed train to Shanghai. Stay at the Central Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Shanghai

Morning visit to the Jade Buddha temple, the Yu Garden and a walk along the historic Bund. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: 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

Tour + Hong Kong
 5 days & 3 nights from £1,625

Fly from Shanghai direct to Hong Kong, a city celebrated for its culture, cuisine, shopping and magnificent skyline. It also holds many surprises, including spectacular rural scenery, the bays of Sai Kung and many quiet outlying islands. Stay 3 nights at the Hotel Icon, then board a direct flight back to London.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accessibility: This tour involves climbing steps and some long walks. A reasonable level of fitness is required.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: CXP

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £2,495 Guide price month: Sep	Low season from £2,795 Guide price month: Mar
High season from £2,545 Guide price months: Apr-May	High season from £2,945 Guide price month: Sep
Single supplement from £495	Single supplement from £495

British Airways flight upgrades	Regional air connections
World Traveller Plus upgrade from £395 return Business Class from £2,795 return	Please speak to your consultant for details

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China: The Grand Tour

Duration • 16 days & 14 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 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 your group & tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ 3-night cruise on the Yangtze River from Chongqing to Yichang aboard the 5-star luxury *Victoria Jenna*
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations



Li River, Yangshuo, Guilin

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.

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

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)

Day 4: Great Wall of China

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 railway station to board a high-speed train to Xian, where you stay at the **Grand Noble Xian** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xian

Morning excursion to the Terracotta Army 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 **Kempinski Hotel Chengdu** 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)



The Great Wall of China at Jinshanling

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. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 16: 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

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.

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Weather

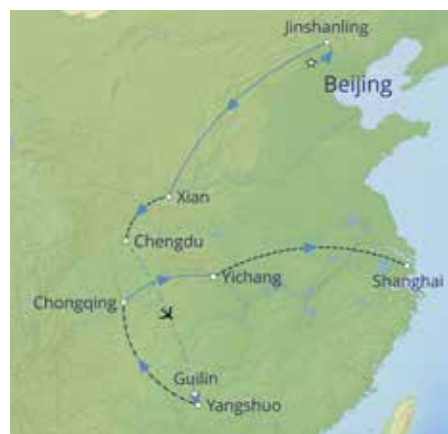
Beijing

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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)

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Superior group tour

Low season from £4,295
Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,395
Guide price months: Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £1,195

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

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Club World from £2,795 return

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 2024-25

Tour code: CGS

Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sat)	Out (Fri)	Rtn (Sat)
15 Mar 24	30 Mar 24	11 Oct 24	26 Oct 24	14 Mar 25	29 Mar 25	10 Oct 25	25 Oct 25
06 Sep 24	21 Sep 24	25 Oct 24	09 Nov 24	05 Sep 25	20 Sep 25	24 Oct 25	08 Nov 25

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Taiwan

The Beautiful Island

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,795 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

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- ❖ International flights
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- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Porterage at hotels & train stations



Tse-en Pagoda and Sun Moon Lake

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

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Early Portuguese sailors named Taiwan *'Ilha Formosa'* ('Beautiful Island') because of its breathtaking scenery. On this tour, you experience the island nation's beauty firsthand, 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 and 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 Landis** (or similar) for 2 nights. Attend a welcome dinner 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. (B, L)

Days 4 & 5: Sun Moon Lake

Drive south to the village of Beipu, home to members of the Hakka ethnic minority. 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



Alishan Forest Park

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**. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner. (B, D)

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 Landis**. 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 2024-25

Tour code: TWP

Group tour	Low season from £2,795	Single supplement from £795
	Guide price month: Nov	

China Airlines flight upgrades	Regional air connections
Premium Economy from £1,425 return	Please speak to your consultant for details
Business Class from £2,995 return	

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01 Mar 24	11 Mar 24	25 Oct 24	04 Nov 24	07 Mar 25	17 Mar 25	24 Oct 25	03 Nov 25
19 Apr 24	29 Apr 24	15 Nov 24	25 Nov 24	18 Apr 25	28 Apr 25	14 Nov 25	24 Nov 25

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Frecciarossa, Italy

High-speed travel • Visits popular Italian cities • Offers four travel classes

The *Frecciarossa* – meaning 'Red Arrow' – zips across Italy at up to 300km per hour. Launched in 2008, this intercity train service visits an array of popular destinations, including Bologna, Naples, Florence and Rome. Thanks to the *Frecciarossa's* speed, the 570-kilometre journey between Bologna and Naples – comparable to travelling from London to Inverness – can take as little as 3.5 hours. Passengers are accommodated in modern, comfortable carriages, and can satisfy their appetite in the buffet coach. Depending on your preference, you can travel in Standard, Premium, Business or Executive Class. The *Frecciarossa* features on the 'Lombardy & Veneto by Rail' tour, p.154.

AVE, Spain

High-speed travel • Visits key Spanish cities • Offers three travel classes

'Ave' is the Spanish word for 'bird' – apt, considering this rail service matches the dive speeds of the peregrine falcon, the world's fastest animal. Each year, the trains of Alta Velocidad Española ('Spanish High Speed') take millions of passengers between Spain's key cities, including Barcelona, Cordoba, Madrid and Seville. Recline in modern, air-conditioned carriages in your choice of three classes. On board, there is a buffet coach, multimedia entertainment, generous luggage space, and power outlets for keeping your devices topped up. You can cover Madrid to Barcelona – a distance of around 625km – in as little as 2.5 hours.



Experiences



Cross the Alps by Bernina Express

The *Bernina Express* rolls along Europe's highest, steepest railway – including the UNESCO-listed Albula-Bernina stretch – offering unmatched views of the Alps. Panoramic windows frame ever-changing vistas of plunging gorges, ice-capped mountains and spectacular viaducts.



Ride the Rome-to-Sicily sleeper

Go to sleep in one city, wake up in another. Italy's sleeper trains allow you to combine intercity travel with a comfortable overnight stay. They can even take you all the way from the 'Eternal City' of Rome to the island of Sicily via a train ferry – an unusual and unforgettable experience.



Take Bosnia-Herzegovina's most scenic route

The 129-kilometre rail journey from Sarajevo to Mostar is one of Europe's most scenic. Board a modern Talgo train, with the option to travel in First Class, then spend the next 2.5 hours admiring views of forested mountains, glassy lakes, and tucked-away villages.



Al Andalus luxury train, Spain

Glamorous 1920s interiors combine with 21st-century luxuries aboard *Al Andalus*. This is the longest train on Spanish tracks, equalling the length of a 150-storey skyscraper. Its vintage carriages once accommodated British royalty on a jaunt across France, while today they roll along the sun-soaked south of Spain.

Passengers stay in en-suite, air-conditioned cabins replete with period detail. The two onboard restaurants serve Andalusian cuisine expertly paired with sherries, liqueurs and teas; while four lounges provide relaxed social spaces for salon games, drinks and night-time entertainment. *Al Andalus* offers a week-long rail odyssey visiting Seville, Cordoba, Cadiz, Ronda and Granada.

Suggested itinerary

Andalucía by Train

7 days & 6 nights
from £1,175 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Using Spain's fast and efficient AVE rail service, this journey takes in the Roman, Moorish and Catholic heritage of Andalucía. Visit all three major cities of this distinctive region of Spain: the Andalusian capital of Seville with its immense cathedral, Córdoba and its UNESCO-listed Mezquita, and Granada, home to the exquisite Alhambra Palace complex. Along the way, stay in characterful 4-star hotels or choose historic Hospes accommodation.

Day 1: Fly to Madrid • Córdoba

Fly to Madrid. Transfer to the station for the train to Córdoba (approximately 2 hours). Stay 2 nights at Hotel Amistad. (N)

Day 2: Córdoba

Full day at leisure to explore Córdoba, whose Moorish legacy is spectacularly exemplified by its grand mosque, the Mezquita. Other highlights include the 14th-century Alcazar, and La Juderia, the old Jewish quarter with its labyrinthine streets. (B)

Day 3: Seville

Morning at leisure. Afternoon train to Seville. Stay 2 nights at the Casas de le Juderia. (B)

Day 4: Seville

Day at leisure. Visit Seville Cathedral, Plaza de España, and Alcázar Palace, a former royal residence for centuries. (B)

Day 5: Granada

Morning at leisure. Afternoon train to Granada. Stay at Villa Oniria for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Granada

Full day at leisure to discover the magnificent 13th-century Alhambra Palace, the last Moorish stronghold of Spain. (B)

Day 7: Malaga • Fly home

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Malaga airport and fly home. (B)

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Discover Italy

The Italian peninsula is brimming with romantic views, tempting delicacies, soul-stirring music, ancient history, and world-class art and architecture. Once the centre of the Roman Empire and later Europe's Renaissance, modern Italy is a land of contrasts, her regions the product of the many peoples who have made their home here over the centuries. From the cured hams and cheeses of Emilia, said to have arrived with the Lombards; to the splendid Byzantine mosaics in Romagna and the Norman castles of Campania, Puglia and Sicily; Italy offers visitors unparalleled cultural and gastronomic variety.



Piazza del Popolo, Ravenna



Bay of Naples

Sicily

Beautiful baroque towns • Smouldering Mount Etna

The largest island in the Mediterranean, Sicily has been ruled variously by the ancient Greeks, Romans and Byzantines through to the Normans, Arabs, French and British. This long history is written into the fabric of the towns and cities, whether it's medieval Taormina on the shimmering Ionian shore; the Doric temples of Agrigento; the Norman architecture of Monreale, Cefalù and Palermo; or Val di Noto's UNESCO-listed baroque towns. As well as historical sites, natural beauty abounds: picture azure seas lapping secluded bays against a backdrop of blue skies and the brooding Mount Etna – where slope-side vineyards promise *vino* with a view. *Saluti*.



Temple of Juno, Valley of Temples, Agrigento, Sicily

Campania

Romance of the Amalfi Coast • Ruins of Pompeii & Herculaneum

The Romans called it *campania felix*, meaning 'fertile' or 'happy countryside', and this region of southern Italy still elicits ear-to-ear smiles. The capital, Naples, seduces with its world-renowned food, its easy *rilassato* lifestyle, not to mention its cinematic bay – one of the great centres of classical Graeco-Roman civilisation. Close by lie the ruins of Pompeii, surely Campania's headline attraction – though Herculaneum, also entombed by Vesuvius, warrants a visit. Stay in Sorrento for postcard-worthy views over the Bay of Naples, or the less-visited port city of Salerno with its historic cathedral.

Experiences



Visit the cave churches of Sassi

The focus of any visit to Matera is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi, which features countless churches built into the natural caves. Adorned with eighth-century frescoes, the Crypt of Original Sin is unmissable, and known as the 'Sistine Chapel of rock art'.



Stay in scenic Sorrento

Famed for its lemon groves and winding coastal paths, Sorrento makes an ideal base from which to explore the Bay of Naples and surrounds. The town spills down a hillside overlooking the bay and boasts a wealth of artisanal shops, restaurants and cultural sights.



Sample delicacies in Bologna

Bologna is known as 'La Rossa' – 'The Red One' – for the hue of its handsome buildings. The city is graced with medieval towers, colonnaded streets, and Europe's oldest university. It's also a culinary capital; specialities including prosciutto, mortadella and parmesan are all native to Bologna and the Emilia-Romagna region.



Hotel Minerva, Sorrento

This 4-star property spoils guests with its postcard-perfect views over Sorrento and the glittering Tyrrhenian Sea. The hotel is named for its location on an ancient road that leads to a ruined temple honouring the Roman goddess, Minerva.

The exterior's French shutters, old stone bricks, and checkerboard-tile terrace reflect its 19th-century past, while the rooms are colourful and contemporary. Around every corner is another opportunity to admire the view, thanks to the large windows, balconies, outdoor pool, and long terrace – which also serves as the restaurant's al-fresco dining area. Hotel Minerva is included in the extension for the 'Neapolitan Treasures' tour, p. 148.

Suggested itinerary

Matera to Amalfi Self-drive

8 days & 7 nights
from £2,145 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Cross the boot of southern Italy on a self-drive tour visiting the oft-overlooked regions of Puglia and Basilicata, finishing on the seductive Amalfi Coast. You will have the chance to admire authentic *trullo* roundhouses, explore Matera's striking cave dwellings – even staying overnight in one – and revel in the history of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Day 1: Fly to Bari • Monopoli

After arriving in Bari, capital of Italy's Puglia region, collect your hire car and drive to the

port town of Monopoli on the Adriatic coast. Stay 2 nights at Il Melograno, a country estate set amid olive and citrus groves. (N)

Day 2: Alberobello

You have a full day at leisure to explore the cobbled lanes of nearby Alberobello, entirely comprising white *trullo* roundhouses. (B)

Day 3: Matera

Spend the morning at leisure. This afternoon, drive to Matera and stay 2 nights at Sextantio Le Grotte della Civita, a spectacular rock-hewn hotel in the oldest part of town. (B)

Day 4: Matera

You have a full day at leisure to explore the ancient city of Matera. With a host of natural caves that have been transformed into houses and churches, this town is one of the main highlights of the Basilicata region. (B)

Day 5: Cava de' Tirreni

This morning, drive to the city of Cava de' Tirreni, whose 18th-century centre lies just

10km from the coast, and stay for 3 nights at the Hotel Victoria Maiorino. (B)

Days 6 & 7: Cava de' Tirreni • Amalfi

Enjoy 2 days at leisure to explore the shops, restaurants and sights of the Amalfi Coast. Nearby highlights include the ancient ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as the picturesque town of Ravello with its stunning view of the surrounding coastline. (B)

Day 8: Naples • Fly home

Drive to Naples airport, drop off your hire car, then catch your flight home. (B)

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Neapolitan Treasures: Caserta, Sorrento & Pompeii

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- ❖ Hotel portorage
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Ruins of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius

Revel in the history, scenery and gastronomy around the Bay of Naples, visiting ancient Pompeii, touring the Caserta Palace – Italy's Versailles – and wine tasting in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.

afternoon, tour the Royal Palace of Naples and the Piazza del Plebiscito. Then admire the façade of medieval fortress Castel Nuovo. (B, L)

Day 3: Pompeii & Oplontis

Tour Pompeii, highlights of which include the basilica, the Temple of Apollo, and the oldest known Roman amphitheatre. Proceed to nearby Oplontis, home of the Imperial Villa and also preserved by volcanic ash. (B)

Day 4: Sorrento

Morning transfer to Sorrento for a day at leisure to enjoy the plunging coastline, tumbling towns and fine cuisine. (B)

Day 5: Caserta

Morning visit to the Royal Palace and Gardens of Caserta, the largest palace in Europe, built to rival Versailles. After lunch, visit the former royal silk factory of San Leucio, which once supplied the courts of Europe with luxurious fabrics. (B)

Day 6: Herculaneum & Mount Vesuvius

Morning tour of lesser-visited Herculaneum, including the well-preserved home of a Roman noble family; the extraordinary mosaic at Casa di Nettuno e Anfitrite; and the public baths at Terme del Foro. Enjoy wine tasting and a light lunch at an estate close to Mount Vesuvius. (B, L)

Day 7: Castellammare di Stabia

Day at leisure. This evening, attend a farewell dinner in Sorrento. (B, D)



Royal Palace of Caserta

Weather

Sorrento

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	12	12	14	17	21	25	28	28	25	21	16	12
B	5	5	6	9	13	16	18	19	16	13	9	7
C	85	69	64	53	38	23	23	39	57	89	120	102

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)
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SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Tour the Bourbon Palace & Gardens of Caserta, the 'Neapolitan Versailles'**
- ❖ **Lunch at Naples' Pignasecca Market**
- ❖ **Visit the former royal silk factory at San Leucio**
- ❖ **Taste regional wines at an estate near Mount Vesuvius**

Day 1: Fly to Naples

Arrive in Naples and transfer to Castellammare di Stabia. Stay at **Hotel Stabia** (or similar) for 7 nights. This restored 19th-century property affords sweeping views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Naples

Visit the monastery-turned-museum of Certosa di San Martino, then journey by funicular to Naples' Pignasecca Market for lunch. This

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Naples Airport for your departure flight or begin your tour extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSION

Sorrento
3 nights from £550

Extend your stay with 3 nights at the stunningly situated **Hotel Minerva** in Sorrento. See p. 147 for more details on the property.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: NAP

Group tour

Low season from £1,795
Guide price month: Oct

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

Single supplement from £395

Private tour

Low season from £2,995
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £3,095
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £425

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23 May 24	30 May 24	26 Sep 24	03 Oct 24	22 May 25	29 May 25	25 Sep 25	02 Oct 25
13 Jun 24	20 Jun 24	10 Oct 24	17 Oct 24	12 Jun 25	19 Jun 25	09 Oct 25	16 Oct 25
27 Jun 24	04 Jul 24	17 Oct 24	24 Oct 24	26 Jun 25	03 Jul 25	16 Oct 25	23 Oct 25

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Weather Catania

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	16	16	18	20	24	28	32	32	29	24	20	17
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

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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

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 C: Average rainfall (mm)



Small-group tour • From £2,345 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,595 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Interior of the Palatine Chapel, Palermo

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.

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 limestone cave; and Ortygia island. Continue to the UNESCO-listed city of Noto, renowned for its magnificent baroque architecture. (B)

Day 3: Catania • Cefalù • Palermo
 This morning, drive to Catania to view the cathedral and Piazza Stesicoro. Continue to Cefalù to visit the Norman cathedral with its exquisite mosaics. Next, travel to Palermo and stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Politeama** (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, and light tasting lunch learn how Palermitan cuisine has been shaped by the region's history. (B, L)

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,



Temple of Concordia, Valley of the Temples, Agrigento

for some marzipan and biscuit tasting. Drive to Agrigento and stay overnight at the **Hotel Colloverde Park** (or similar). (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 Casale. Stay 2 nights at the **Villa Diodoro** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 7: Mount Etna
 Visit the highest active volcano in Europe, Mount Etna, for panoramic views. Stop at Barone di Villagrande for wine tasting at a local vineyard. Afternoon guided tour of the Taormina Amphitheatre. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

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, as well as to the Aeolian island of Stromboli. Speak to a consultant for further 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

Guideline prices for 2024-25				Tour code: CLS			
Group tour Low season from £2,345 Guide price month: Oct		Private tour Low season from £5,595 Guide price month: Oct		British Airways flight upgrades Club Europe from £155 return		Regional air connections Please speak to your consultant for details	
High season from £2,495 Guide price months: Jun		High season from £5,695 Guide price month: Jun		Single supplement from £455		Single supplement from £455	
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Departure dates for 2024-25							
Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
06 May 24	13 May 24	09 Sep 24	16 Sep 24	05 May 25	12 May 25	08 Sep 25	15 Sep 25
20 May 24	27 May 24	16 Sep 24	23 Sep 24	19 May 25	26 May 25	15 Sep 25	22 Sep 25
03 Jun 24	10 Jun 24	07 Oct 24	14 Oct 24	02 Jun 25	09 Jun 25	06 Oct 25	13 Oct 25
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Puglia & Basilicata

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,795 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 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
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing, entrance fees & all city taxes included



Castel del Monte, Puglia

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.

situated on the ancient Greek site of Hydrus. In the afternoon, sample Puglian wine before proceeding to visit the picturesque coastal town of Gallipoli, which according to legend was founded by an ancient ruler of Crete. (B)

Day 3: Lecce

Travel north and tour Lecce, one of Italy's best preserved Baroque cities. Visit the Duomo and admire the ornate 17th-century interior before enjoying an aperitif at one of the city's historic *palazzos*. After returning to your hotel, the remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Ostuni • Alberobello

Begin the day in Ostuni with a tour of the cathedral before visiting a typical oil mill and dairy to sample local cheeses, olive oil and antipasti. In the afternoon, drive to Alberobello and enjoy a tour of this UNESCO-listed town, famous for its *trulli* – traditional conical dwellings. Continue to *trullo*-styled Tenuta Monacelle (or similar) where you stay for 4 nights. (B)

Day 5: Altamura • Matera

Drive to Altamura to visit the celebrated Romanesque cathedral. While there, visit a local bakery and taste freshly baked focaccia. 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 distinctive features. Your tour includes a visit to the typical Sassi dwelling of Casa Grotta, a Rupestrian church, and the Crypt of the Original Sin with its magnificent frescoes. (B)

Day 1: Fly to Bari • Fasano

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bari and transfer to Otranto. Stay at the Tenuta Centoport (or similar) for 3 nights. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Otranto • Gallipoli

This morning, explore Otranto, a port town



Trulli, Alberobello, Puglia

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

- ❖ Enjoy an aperitif at a Bourbon-era *palazzo* in Lecce
- ❖ Explore the renowned *trullo* houses of Alberobello
- ❖ Admire the exquisite frescoes of the Crypt of the Original Sin in Matera
- ❖ Sample freshly prepared focaccia at a bakery in Altamura

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: PUB

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £355

Private tour

Low season from £5,795
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £5,995
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £355

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 2024-25

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
08 May 24	15 May 24	04 Sep 24	11 Sep 24	07 May 25	14 May 25	03 Sep 25	10 Sep 25
05 Jun 24	12 Jun 24	02 Oct 24	09 Oct 24	04 Jun 25	11 Jun 25	17 Sep 25	24 Sep 25
26 Jun 24	03 Jul 24	09 Oct 24	16 Oct 24	25 Jun 25	02 Jul 25	01 Oct 25	08 Oct 25

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Day 6: Trani • Castel del Monte

Begin the day with a visit to Trani, a whitewashed port city of Jewish origin. Enjoy light lunch in a typical *agriturismo* eatery overlooking Castel del Monte, then continue to the renowned fortress itself. Built by the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, who ruled much of southern Italy in the 13th century, this octagonal fortress is a masterpiece of medieval architecture set high on an isolated hill. (B, L)

Day 7: 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. In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion to the charming seaside town of Polignano a Mare. Return to your hotel for a farewell drink. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Bari 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 within Puglia or to any region of Italy. Ask your consultant for further details.

Lombardy & Veneto by Rail

NEW TOUR

Duration • 10 Days & 9 Nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,895 (incl. rail)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. rail)

Rail Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ All international rail travel to & from London St Pancras
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Small groups - maximum of 18
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Local tour manager on arrival in Mantua
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage in Mantua & Vicenza
- ❖ Guided sightseeing, entrance fees & city taxes included



Basilica di Sant'Andrea, Mantua

Weather

Milan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	5	8	13	17	22	26	29	28	24	18	10	6
B	-2	0	3	7	11	15	17	17	13	8	3	-1
C	70	70	88	92	108	89	68	94	83	117	107	64

Lake Garda

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	4	7	12	16	21	25	27	27	23	17	10	5
B	-3	-1	2	6	10	14	16	16	13	8	2	-2
C	51	48	59	68	88	88	71	95	72	84	93	49

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)



Travelling to and from London by high-speed train, explore Italy's Lombardy and Veneto regions – both of which have more to offer than just the headline cities of Milan and Venice. Visit the three Renaissance-era jewels of Verona, Mantua and Vicenza, and embark on rewarding cultural and rural excursions.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Travel from London to Italy and back by rail**
- ❖ **Wine tasting in the Prosecco hills**
- ❖ **Visit the historic village of Sirmione by Lake Garda**
- ❖ **Stay in well-located, character properties in Mantua and Vicenza**
- ❖ **Free day to explore Modena independently by train**

Day 1: London to Milan

Depart London St. Pancras by rail for Milan via Paris. Overnight at UNAHOTELS Galles Milano. (N)

Day 2: Milan to Mantua

Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Milan,

home to the impressive *Duomo* (Cathedral). In the afternoon, travel by rail to the historic city of Mantua, meet your guide and check in at the historic *Hotel Cà Uberti Palace* (or similar) for 4 nights. Enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Mantua

Spend the morning exploring the historic centre of Mantua, including the imposing Ducal Palace, once the seat of the powerful House of Gonzaga. Conclude the tour with a visit to one of the city's wine merchants to sample Lombard wine. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Day at leisure

Today is yours to spend how you wish. You may wish to catch one of the frequent direct trains from Mantua to the historic city of Modena, situated in the neighbouring region of Emilia-Romagna. (B)

Day 5: Verona • Lake Garda

Drive to Verona and take in the city's highlights, including Juliet's House and Piazza delle Erbe. Conclude by crossing scenic Lake Garda by ferry for a guided tour of Sirmione, a village founded in antiquity and renowned for its impressive medieval fortress. (B, D)

Day 6: The Prosecco hills

Depart Mantua for a tour of the Prosecco hills, followed by lunch and an opportunity to taste one of the Veneto's most celebrated exports: sparkling wine. Proceed to Vicenza and check-

in at the centrally located *Glam Boutique Hotel* (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L)

Day 7: Bassano del Grappa • Asolo

Explore Bassano del Grappa in the Alpine foothills. Continue to the walled city of Asolo, first mentioned in the works of the Roman scholar Pliny the Elder, for time at leisure. Conclude the day at one of the region's celebrated grappa distilleries. (B)

Day 8: Villa Emo • Vicenza

Visit the sumptuous, Palladian Villa Emo. In the afternoon, Visit Vicenza's Olympic Theatre and historical centre. Enjoy a farewell drink with the group. (B)

Day 9: Turin

Take the train from Vicenza to Turin, where you spend an afternoon at leisure. Overnight at *Hotel NH Torino Centro* (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Turin to London

Depart Turin by rail for London St Pancras via Paris.

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



Sirmione, Lake Garda

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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specific requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: VVG

Group tour

Low season from £2,895
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,895
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £995

Rail class upgrades

Please speak to your consultant for details.

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Departure dates for 2023-24

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
17 May 24	26 May 24	30 Jun 24	09 Jul 24	16 May 25	25 May 25	29 Jun 25	08 Jul 25
24 May 24	02 Jun 24	11 Oct 24	20 Oct 24	23 May 25	01 Jun 25	10 Oct 25	19 Oct 25
07 Jun 24	16 Jun 24	18 Oct 24	27 Oct 24	06 Jun 25	15 Jun 25	17 Oct 25	26 Oct 25

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Ravenna: Mosaics & Marble

Duration • 4 days & 3 nights
Category • Specialist-led

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 Sylvius, the oldest in the Ravenna area
- ❖ See the varied marble & mosaic decoration of 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

Specialist 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.



Small-group tour • From £1,545 (incl. flights)
History • **Art** • **Architecture**



Mosaic in the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo

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 **Hotel Palazzo Galletti Abbiosi (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 Sylvius, which dates from the seventh century and provides useful comparisons with Ravenna's churches. Transfer to Bologna for your flight home or to begin your extension. (B, L)

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

TOUR EXTENSION

Tour + Bologna
3 nights from £395

Extend your tour with 3 nights in Bologna, one of Italy's gastronomic capitals and home to Europe's oldest university.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Specialist-led tour: Curated and led by specialists in their field, these itineraries are especially suited to lovers of history, art and culture. They often include private visits unavailable to the wider public.

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

Private visits: The exclusive and individual nature of private visits means they are subject to confirmation nearer the time of departure.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: IMA

14 Mar – 17 Mar 24	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,545	single supp. from £245
13 Jun – 16 Jun 24	with Sally Dormer	from £1,695	single supp. from £245
14 Nov – 17 Nov 24	with Sally Dormer	from £1,595	single supp. from £245
13 Mar – 16 Mar 25	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,695	single supp. from £295
12 Jun – 15 Jun 25	with Sally Dormer	from £1,795	single supp. from £295
13 Nov – 16 Nov 25	with Sally Dormer	from £1,695	single supp. from £295

British Airways flight upgrades
Club Europe from £115 return

Regional air connections
Please speak to your consultant for details

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Group Tour

Majestic Malta

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior

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 Mdina village. Highlights include driving your own electric buggy through the narrow streets, and a tuk-tuk tour of Gozo island.

This group tour features...

- ❖ Direct international flights
- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Superior sea-view rooms as standard
- ❖ Small group size – maximum of 18
- ❖ Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Fully escorted by an English-speaking guide throughout
- ❖ 6 breakfasts & 2 lunches
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included

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



Small-group tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



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 a welcome 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 Xewjni 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 & Mdina
Embark on a day tour of the 5,000-year-old

temple complex of Hagar Qim and the historic city of Mdina. 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 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 £1,595
Guide price month: Oct

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

Single supplement from £695

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

17 May – 23 May 24	16 May – 22 May 25
14 Jun – 20 Jun 24	13 Jun – 19 Jun 25
28 Jun – 04 Jul 24	27 Jun – 03 Jul 25
13 Sep – 19 Sep 24	12 Sep – 18 Sep 25
04 Oct – 10 Oct 24	03 Oct – 09 Oct 25
18 Oct – 24 Oct 24	17 Oct – 23 Oct 25

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Discover Spain & Portugal

The many regions of Spain offer strikingly differing scenery. This includes the rugged, green and rainy Atlantic coast of Galicia and the Pyrenees peaks of the north, across the high central plateaux of Castille-La Mancha, and down to the hot Mediterranean hills and Moorish architecture of Andalucía in the far south.

Portugal – Spain's Iberian neighbour – charms with its picturesque villages and medieval castles. Porto and Lisbon are great places to explore on foot, both having excellent restaurants, energetic nightlife, picturesque neighbourhoods and wide plazas. Beyond the cities, Portugal's scenery ranges from vineyards to dramatic windswept coasts.



Royal Site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Madrid, Spain



Court of the Lions in the Alhambra, Granada, Spain

Porto & the Douro Valley

[Douro River cruises](#) • [Porto's cobbled Ribeira district](#) • [UNESCO-listed wine region](#)

Portugal's second-largest city after Lisbon, Porto sprawls across the hills overlooking the mouth of the Douro River. The historical centre is UNESCO-listed and includes the picturesque, cobbled district of Ribeira. Here, too, are numerous monuments and museums worth visiting, and you can do so on foot thanks to Porto's compact size. You can also admire this city from the water during a cruise along the Douro, which carves westward across the Iberian Peninsula to the Atlantic Ocean. The bucolic Alto Douro ('Upper Douro') incorporates a UNESCO-listed DOC wine region, where vineyards sprinkling the green valley slopes offer tastings with a view. The Douro Valley can be visited as part of our tailor-made Porto to Lisbon by Rail itinerary featured online.



Porto, Portugal

Andalucía

[Hispano-Moorish architecture](#) • [7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#)

Divided from Morocco by the Strait of Gibraltar, Andalucía is one of Spain's most scenic regions. Its sun-beaten cities are strewn with superb Islamic architecture, a legacy of the Moors who crossed the waters from the Maghreb in the eighth century. There are seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites to visit, including the grand fortress of Alhambra in Granada, and the Mezquita in Córdoba – a mosque-turned-cathedral built in 786AD. The Andalusian countryside is a picture of leafy olive groves, craggy limestone cliffs, and white-washed villages. This region is also the homeland of flamenco, and the best place to attend an authentic performance.

Experiences



Visit Europe's largest cathedral

One of the earliest Moorish conquests, Seville is the capital of the Spanish region of Andalucía and remnants of its fascinating history abound. Be sure to visit the 16th-century, UNESCO-listed cathedral, the largest in Europe and Christopher Columbus's burial place.



Tour the old city of Toledo

A short journey by high-speed train from Madrid, Toledo's medieval old town perches on a hill above the Tajo River. The dominating cathedral is a remarkable gothic structure containing the tombs of kings, and art by El Greco, Velázquez and Goya.



Sample port at a wine estate

Port is named after Porto, from where bottles of the fortified wine were first exported. It became a prized tippie for the British when conflict disrupted access to French wines in the 18th century. You can try authentic port at one of Portugal's *quintas* (traditional wine estates).



Parador de Granada, Spain

Located in the grounds of Alhambra palace, Parador de Granada occupies a former Catholic convent – built in the 15th century after Castilian forces captured the Emirate of Granada. The property sits amid leafy landscaped gardens, and incorporates Arabic, Christian and Andalusian influences in its design. The 40 bedrooms are elegantly understated, with subtle arabesque motifs and a muted palette. At the restaurant, you can dine on Spanish cuisine alongside a special menu that recreates dishes from Andalucía's Islamic period. There is also an attractive courtyard peppered with potted plants and climbers; and a terrace where you can dine with views of the palace gardens.

Suggested itinerary

Paradors of Southern Spain

9 days & 8 nights
from £1,525 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Combining some of Spain's great monuments and staying in Paradors – converted historic buildings – this self-drive holiday delves into the heart of Spain with visits to Granada, Toledo and Ronda.

Day 1: Fly to Madrid • Toledo

Fly to Madrid, pick up your hire car and drive to Toledo. Stay 2 nights at Parador de Toledo with views over the old town. (N)

Day 2: Toledo

Day at leisure to explore the sights of Spain's former capital. During the middle ages,

Toledo flourished as a city where Muslims, Jews and Christians coexisted peacefully. (B)

Day 3: Jaen • Granada

Morning drive to Granada via Jaen, renowned for its olive oil and medieval castle. Stay 2 nights at Parador de Granada, set within the grounds of the Alhambra complex. (B)

Day 4: Granada

Full day at leisure to visit the Moorish stronghold of Alhambra, the Arab-Jewish quarter of Albaicín and the Generalife gardens. (B)

Day 5: Ronda

Morning drive to Ronda, dramatically set beside a mountain gorge. Overnight at Parador de Ronda, overlooking the gorge. (B)

Day 6: Ronda • Carmona

Morning at leisure to relax or visit the bullring and its museum. Afternoon drive to Carmona. Stay 2 nights at the Parador de Carmona, set in a Moorish fortress. (B)

Day 7: Carmona

Day at leisure to explore this picturesque hilltop town. Alternatively, visit Seville, approximately 40 minutes by car. (B)

Day 8: Zafra • Mérida

Morning drive to Mérida via the town of Zafra, known as 'Little Seville'. Afternoon at leisure to explore Mérida, famed for its Roman ruins. Overnight at Parador de Mérida, set in a former convent. (B)

Day 9: Madrid • Fly home

Drive to Madrid airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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Splendours of Andalucía

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,495 (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 British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 6 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Interior of the Mezquita, Córdoba



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.

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 **Hotel AC Ciudad de Sevilla** (or similar). (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 NH Collection Amistad** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Carmona • Córdoba

Half-day tour of Córdoba with a local guide, including visits to La Mezquita ('The Mosque') and the 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 **Meliá Granada** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Granada

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

Day 7: Granada • Fly to London

Breakfast in hotel. Morning at leisure before your transfer to Malaga airport. (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**
- ❖ **Well located, characterful properties throughout**

Day 1: Fly to Malaga

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Malaga with British Airways. Transfer to the **Palacio Solecio** (or similar) for 1 night. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your group. (D)

Day 2: Ronda • Seville

Morning drive to Seville. En route, stop at Ronda, which sits astride the El Tajo gorge. Visit

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Madrid by rail

4 days & 3 nights from £385

Travel from Granada by high-speed train to Madrid. Stay at **Hotel Catalonia Puerta del Sol** for 3 nights. Transfer to Madrid Airport for your return flight.

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

Guideline prices for 2024-25				Tour code: ALA			
Group tour		Low season from £1,795 Guide price month: Oct		Private tour		Low season from £5,495 Guide price month: Apr	
		High season from £1,995 Guide price month: Jun				High season from £5,595 Guide price month: Jun	
Single supplement from £595				Single supplement from £595			
British Airways flights upgrade				Regional air connections			
Club Europe from £115 return				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 . All prices are subject to availability.							
Departure dates for 2024-25							
Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
03 May 24	09 May 24	27 Sep 24	03 Oct 24	02 May 25	08 May 25	26 Sep 25	02 Oct 25
31 May 24	06 Jun 24	11 Oct 24	17 Oct 24	30 May 25	05 Jun 25	10 Oct 25	16 Oct 25
06 Jun 24	12 Jun 24	18 Oct 24	24 Oct 24	05 Jun 25	11 Jun 25	17 Oct 25	23 Oct 25
14 Jun 24	20 Jun 24			13 Jun 25	19 Jun 25		
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 Heart of Spain

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £6,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Medieval walled-city of Ávila

Take a journey through Spain's cultural heartland and explore a selection of historic regions full of surprises. On this tour, experience some of the best-preserved medieval cities in the country along with delicious local delicacies. You also take in the three UNESCO-listed cities of Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo.

Day 3: Salamanca • Mérida
 Half-day walking tour of Salamanca's historic city centre, including the Plaza Mayor, one of the best examples of baroque architecture in Spain; the cathedral; and the university, which – founded in 1134 – is the oldest in the Hispanic world. Depart Salamanca for Merida, pausing en-route to visit the Monastery of Yuste, once home to the Habsburg Emperor Charles V. Check in at the **Parador de Merida** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Cáceres
 Half-day walking tour of Cáceres, one of the most charming cities in Extremadura. Explore the 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. (B, D)

Day 5: Aracena
 Full-day gastronomy tour to discover some of Spain's best-loved delicacies. Drive to the scenic Sierra de Aracena on the northern edge of Andalucía. Continue to a cellar and drying house to learn about the drying process before enjoying a tasting of the ham with two wines. Conclude in Aracena, a typical whitewashed village, with a visit to its caves and Ham Museum. Return to Mérida. (B)

Day 6: Mérida • Toledo
 Today it is the capital of Extremadura, but Mérida was also once the capital of the Roman province of Lusitania. See the extensive Roman ruins – some of Spain's most impressive – including the amphitheatre. Continue to Toledo, pausing en route to visit



Toledo

Weather Avila

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	6	7	10	12	17	22	27	26	22	16	10	6
B	-1	0	1	2	6	10	13	13	10	6	2	-1
C	58	54	47	58	57	45	18	17	41	61	76	64

Salamanca

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	8	10	13	15	20	25	29	28	25	18	12	8
B	0	1	2	4	7	11	13	13	11	7	2	0
C	44	44	33	41	43	36	18	10	33	42	52	43

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)
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 C: Average rainfall (mm)



Day 1: Fly to Madrid
 Fly from London (regional connections available) to Madrid with British Airways. Transfer to the historic city of Salamanca and stay at **Hotel Catalonia Plaza Mayor** (or similar) for 2 nights. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Segovia • Ávila
 Walking tour of Segovia, including its first-century Roman aqueduct. Continue to Ávila, one of the oldest cities in Spain. Take a walking tour around the 14-metre-high walls, which date back to the 11th century. At the conclusion of the tour, return to Salamanca. (B)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Taste Iberian ham in a traditional cellar
- ❖ Stay in well-located, characterful properties
- ❖ Visit the Monastery of Yuste, once the home of Emperor Charles V
- ❖ Admire Mérida's Roman ruins, arguably the most impressive outside of Italy

the picturesque village of Trujillo. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Maria Cristina** (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Toledo
 Half-day tour to explore this historic city, formerly the capital of Spain and where Jews, Christians and Muslims coexisted peacefully – as reflected by its interesting mix of historical buildings. Morning tour of the main sights, including the 13th-century gothic cathedral, St Tome Church and Santa Maria La Blanca Synagogue, followed by time at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a farewell drink at your hotel. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London
 Morning transfer to the airport, approximately one hour from Toledo. Fly to London 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 2024-25		Tour code: EHS	
Group tour Low season from £1,895 Guide price month: Oct	Private tour Low season from £6,195 Guide price month: Oct		
High season from £2,095 Guide price month: Sep	High season from £6,295 Guide price month: May		
Single supplement from £395	Single supplement from £395		
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TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Madrid by rail
 4 days & 3 nights from £425

Transfer to Toledo train station and travel the short distance to Madrid by high-speed train. Stay at the **Hotel Catalonia Puerta del Sol** for 3 nights.

Discover Greece

Greece: where ancient colonnaded temples and vibrant modern cities glisten under the same sun. Considered the birthplace of Western civilisation, this Mediterranean destination is woven with a rich mythology, and offers up a trove of celebrated art and architecture.

Beyond mainland attractions such as the Acropolis of Athens, there are some 1,400 islands to explore, including Crete, homeland of the Minoans; the sandy Cyclades; and oft-overlooked Evia. Cox & Kings can pair a tour of mainland Greece with an island-hopping itinerary to give you an all-encompassing experience.



Ancient theatre of Epidaurus



Meteora

Meteora

Sample the famous truffles • Visit Byzantine monasteries

When medieval monks stumbled upon vast sandstone pillars jutting out of Thessaly's green hills, they saw potential. The dramatic precipices of Meteora (meaning 'suspended in the air') became the base of some 24 monasteries – six of which survive today.

These rock-top complexes are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a major draw. The thick forests beneath, meanwhile, shelter prized wild truffles, allowing you to combine a visit to the monasteries with a truffle hunting and tasting experience.

Crete

Visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos • Taste authentic Cretan honey

Crete is Greece's largest island, and its 1,000-kilometre coastline is replete with attractive bays, peninsulas, coves and sandy beaches. It's also historically important. This is where Europe's first civilisation, the Minoan kingdom, arose during the Bronze Age. The ruined Minoan city of Knossos and its famous palace offer insights into these mysterious people. Crete also preserves Venetian fortresses, most strikingly the 16th-century Castello a Mare, as well as medieval monasteries and Ottoman-era mosques. The landscape is diverse, with mountain ranges and gorges, Europe's only palm tree forest, and vast plains and plateaux to explore.



Palace of Knossos

Experiences in Greece



Tour the Acropolis and its museum

Overlooking Athens from high on a hill, the Acropolis is one of Greece's greatest attractions. Visit the museum housing many of its artefacts, and ascend to the ruins to see the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion with its stoic caryatids, and the iconic Parthenon.



Sail on the Strait of Evia

Board a sailboat for a day cruising on the Strait of Evia. This narrow channel parts Evia island from mainland Greece and is notable for its unusual tidal reversal. As you glide along the deep blue, relish sweeping views of craggy headlands, tucked-away harbours and quiet coves.



Explore Serifos island

Explore the Cyclades island of Serifos, a rugged beauty with steep mountains and broad bays. Be sure to venture up to Hora; the island's 'capital' is a maze of twisting streets and white-washed houses, with a neoclassical town hall and a blue-domed church.



Kinsterna Hotel, Monemvasia

Kinsterna sits atop a hill in Laconia amid vineyards and olive groves, with the Aegean glittering on the horizon. The restoration of this 13th-century manor-turned-hotel preserved original elements, including Ottoman battlements and fireplaces, and a Byzantine cistern and vaults. These are complemented by contemporary facilities, such as a slender, L-shaped outdoor pool, three Greek restaurants, a spa complete with *hammam*, and a bar with seating on a hill-view terrace. The rooms feature traditional wall tapestries, wood-beam ceilings, marble bathrooms, and handmade carpets, alongside all the modern amenities you would expect. Kinsterna Hotel is included in the 'Heart of Ancient Greece' tour, p. 168.

Suggested itinerary

The Secret Cyclades: Serifos, Syros & Tinos

11 days & 10 nights
from £1,145 (incl. flights)
Category • Standard

This tour explores three of Greece's lesser known Cyclades islands: Serifos, Syros and Tinos. After time in Athens, spend a couple of days on each tranquil island – a far cry from the crowds of Mykonos and Santorini.

Day 1: Athens

Fly to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to Pythagorion Hotel (or similar) for 1 night.

Time at leisure to enjoy the Greek capital. (N)

Day 2: Athens • Serifos

Transfer to Piraeus Port and cross to Serifos

island. Transfer to Dorkas Hotel (or similar) for 2 nights. Free time in Livádion. (B)

Day 3: Serifos

Full day to explore Serifos, an island of steep mountains and broad bays. Be sure to visit the main town, Hora, a maze of twisting streets with a neoclassical town hall and a blue-domed church. (B)

Day 4: Serifos • Syros

Morning transfer to the port for a ferry to Syros. Check in to the seaside Brazzera Hotel (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Syros

Two days at leisure. Syros's main town of Ermoupoli, with its tumble of pink and white buildings, is well worth exploring. (B)

Day 7: Syros • Tinos

Transfer for your ferry to Tinos. Stay 3 nights at Anthea Boutique Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 8: Tinos

Explore Tinos, known for its pilgrimage site,

the Church of the Annunciation. Beyond its main town, the island is a patchwork of 40 marble-ornamented villages found in hidden bays and terraced hillsides. (B)

Day 9: Tinos

Day at leisure to explore Tinos. (B)

Day 10: Tinos • Athens

Cross to Athens' Rafina Port, then transfer to Pythagorion Hotel (or similar) for 1 night. Free time for a meal in the Plaka neighbourhood beside the Acropolis. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Transfer to Athens airport and fly home. (B)

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The Heart of Ancient Greece

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,695 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £6,195 (incl. flights)

**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

- ❖ Small group size – average 12 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-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
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portering
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



St Stephen's Monastery, Meteora

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 Epidaurus, this tour also visits the extraordinary rock formations of the Meteora region and the man-made marvels of the Corinth Canal.

Day 3: Nafplion • Mycenae • Epidaurus
Drive to Mycenae, the seat of mythic King Agamemnon who led the Greek armies against Troy. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls and the Royal Tombs. Depart for Nafplion, a picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff. Continue to Epidaurus to visit the fourth-century theatre. Return to Nafplion. (B)

Day 4: Nafplion • Monemvasia
En route to Monemvasia, visit the Museum of the Olive to learn about the history, culture and cultivation of the olive in Greece; and Sparta, land of legendary King Leonidas and his Spartan army. Arrive in Monemvasia for a walking tour of its narrow, cobbled lanes, visiting the castle, perimeter walls, old mansions and churches. Time at leisure before dinner within this medieval fortified town. Overnight at **Kinsterna Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Mystras • Kalamata
This morning travel to Mystras and visit the remains of the castle and old town. Overnight at **Filoxenia Hotel** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 6: Kalamata • Olympia
Depart for Olympia, visiting an olive oil farm en route. Overnight in Olympia at the **Europa Hotel** (or similar). (B)

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



Ancient theatre and temple of Apollo, Delphi

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. Overnight at the **Hotel Athenian Callirhoe** (or similar). Farewell drink at the hotel. (B)

Day 12: Fly to London
Transfer to Athens airport and fly to London. (B)

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

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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
Fly from London to Athens with British Airways. Transfer to the **Hotel Athenian Callirhoe** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome dinner. (D)

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 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 Grande Bretagne** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

The Wonders of Ancient Crete

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £4,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 2 lunches
- ❖ Welcome lunch & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Spinalonga

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.

harbour, and visit the Allied Cemetery, which contains 1,545 burials from the second world war. Enjoy a welcome lunch, then continue to Rethymno for a guided city walk. (B, L)

Day 3: Arkadi • Eleftherna • Rethymno
 This morning, visit the fortified monastery of 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 • Pediados
 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 to 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



Ruins at the Palace of Knossos

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. Enjoy a farewell drink with the group. (B)

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 + Naxos
 4 days & 3 nights from £965

The largest of the Cyclades, Naxos lures visitors with its sandy southwestern beaches. Its rich history is a draw, too: Venetian and Byzantine rulers have each left their mark on the island. The pretty waterfront town of Chora is just the place to try the excellent local wine, cheese, and freshly caught fish. Stay 3 nights at **Argo Boutique Hotel**, transfers included.

Tour + Athens
 4 days & 3 nights from £1,295

Extend your time in Greece with 3 nights in Athens, staying at the **B4B Signature Hotel**. Your tour cost includes a flight from Crete to Athens as well as any transfers required on a private basis.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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)

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 a Venetian fortress**

Day 1: Fly to Heraklion • Rethymno
 Fly from London (regional connections available) to Heraklion with British Airways. Transfer to **The Artemis Palace** in Rethymno (or similar) for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Aptera • Chania
 Morning visit to the ancient site of Aptera. Continue to the town of Chania with its Venetian



Guideline prices for 2024-25 Tour code: CRH

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £1,895 Guide price month: Oct	Low season from £4,195 Guide price month: Oct
High season from £1,995 Guide price month: May	High season from £4,295 Guide price month: Sep
Single supplement from £495	Single supplement from £495

British Airways flight upgrades	Regional air connections
Club Europe from £115 return	Please speak to your consultant for details

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11 May 24	18 May 24	14 Sep 24	21 Sep 24	10 May 25	17 May 25	13 Sep 25	20 Sep 25
08 Jun 24	15 Jun 24	05 Oct 24	12 Oct 24	07 Jun 25	14 Jun 25	04 Oct 25	11 Oct 25
07 Sep 24	14 Sep 24	19 Oct 24	26 Oct 24	06 Sep 25	13 Sep 25	18 Oct 25	25 Oct 25

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Discover Turkey & the Caucasus

Turkey has played a major role in the history of the Mediterranean world. Due to its strategic location straddling two continents, it became a crucial crossroads and staging post on the trade routes between East and West. Several empires rose and fell over the centuries, from the Hittites to the Byzantines and, finally, the Ottomans.

To the east, on the ancient Silk Road, lies the Caucasus region. Encompassing Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, it offers some of Europe's oldest churches, fine wines and cognacs, as well the impressive palaces and mosques commissioned by the Khans who once ruled these lands.



Ancient Palace of Shaki Khans, Azerbaijan



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey

Kakheti, Georgia

Wine tasting • Gremi citadel • Alaverdi Monastery

8,000 years ago, prehistoric people were cultivating wine in what is now Georgia, and left behind the oldest evidence of viticulture found anywhere in the world. Kakheti, a mountainous region with its own dialect, has emerged as one of the country's leading winemaking regions. Here, celebrated estates such as Tsinandali offer visitors tastings amid bucolic surrounds. On top of lauded vino, Kakheti is home to impressive historical monuments such as Gremi, a 16th-century hilltop citadel on the Silk Road; and the 11th-century Alaverdi Monastery – one of Georgia's four 'Great Cathedrals' alongside Oshki, Svetitskhoveli, and Bagrat.



Signaghi, Kakheti region, Georgia

Istanbul, Turkey

Topkapi Palace • Hagia Sophia • Grand Bazaar

Istanbul, once the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, enjoyed centuries of imperial patronage, which created one of the most famous skylines in the world. Its mosques and palaces are replete with exquisite tile decoration, fine woodwork and luxurious furnishings. The 15th-century Topkapi Palace, home to the sultans and their families, remains a magnificent treasure house and, together with the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, reflects a fascinating fusion of Eastern and Western cultures. Meanwhile, Istanbul's Grand Bazaar is one of the world's largest and oldest covered markets, and bustles with hundreds of thousands of shoppers and traders daily.

Experiences



Stay in a cave hotel, Turkey

Cappadocia is famed for its striking rock landscape, including fantastical 'fairy chimneys' and the centuries-old dwellings and churches carved into them. In addition to touring the region, you can stay in a rock-carved hotel yourself, such as the Yunak Evleri cave houses or the luxurious Museum Hotel.



Cruise on the Bosphorus, Turkey

The Bosphorus Strait divides Istanbul – and Turkey itself – between Europe and Asia. Discover the impressive sights on both shores with a Bosphorus cruise. From Istanbul, you can sail as far as the Black Sea, passing Ottoman mansions, castles and forts; forested hills; and pretty villages.



Taste brandy in Yerevan, Armenia

Armenian brandy was reputedly a favourite tippie of Winston Churchill, who it's said arranged for several cases to be shipped to him each year. You can sample this spirit yourself at the Armenian factory which once supplied it to the Tsars of Russia and the rulers of the USSR.



Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul

Built in 1892 to accommodate passengers from the Orient Express rail service from Paris, the Pera Palace is considered one of the finest hotels in Istanbul. In its illustrious history, it has played host to famous figures including Turkey's founder, Atatürk; femme fatale Mata Hari; actress Greta Garbo; and authors Ernest Hemingway and Agatha Christie. Christie is rumoured to have written *Murder on the Orient Express* while staying in room 411. The hotel's refurbished rooms retain a classical style. Guests can wine and dine in a range of sumptuous lounges, bars and restaurants – one of which boasts a summer terrace overlooking the Bosphorus.

Suggested itinerary

Georgia in Luxury

8 days & 7 nights
from £2,960 (incl. flights)
Category • Luxury

This fully escorted private tour explores the Caucasian nation of Georgia, beginning with Tbilisi's Old Town, followed by tastings at some of the country's finest wineries, and guided visits to UNESCO-listed cathedrals and monasteries.

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Arrive in Tbilisi and stay 2 nights at Rooms Hotel Tbilisi. Enjoy a welcome cocktail. (N)

Day 2: Tbilisi

Morning tour of Tbilisi's Old Town. Privately tour Zakaria Paliashvili Opera and Ballet Theatre, then attend a Georgian cooking

class. Afternoon visit to Tbilisi Sulfur Bathhouse for a treatment and tea. Free time before dinner at a top restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tbilisi • Signaghi • Tsinandali

Explore the Kakheti region, birthplace of Georgia's viticulture. Stop at the ninth-century Bodbe Convent, then arrive in the fortified town of Signaghi. Meander through its pretty streets before lunch with a local family. Overnight at the Radisson Collection Tsinandali Estate, where you enjoy a tour, wine tasting, and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Alaverdi • Gremi • Shilda • Tbilisi

Morning visit to Alaverdi Cathedral followed by the Gremi complex. Lunch and wine tasting at Shilda Winery, followed by bread-making and *mtsvadi* cooking demonstration. Overnight at Rooms Hotel Tbilisi. (B, L)

Day 5: Mtskheta • Ananuri • Kazbegi

Tour Mtskheta, beginning with Jvari Church and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Continue to Ananuri fortress, then Kazbegi to stay 2

nights at Rooms Hotel Kazbegi. (B, L)

Day 6: Kazbegi

Ascend to the hilltop church of Gergeti by 4x4 or on foot. Return for traditional lunch with a local family. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Uplistsikhe • Gori • Tbilisi

Visit rock-hewn Uplistsikhe, one of Georgia's oldest urban settlements and a centre of pagan worship. Continue to Gori, birthplace of Stalin, with optional museum visit. Lunch at 19th-century Château Mukhrani. Overnight at Rooms Hotel Tbilisi. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Tbilisi airport and fly home. (B)

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Classical Turkey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,595 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,295 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 3 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Travertine pools, Pamukkale

Once the centre of the Ottoman empire, Turkey has both shaped and been shaped by cultures on either side of the Bosphorus. Today, its marriage of Western and Eastern traditions is an irresistible draw for visitors. This tour combines Turkey'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.

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 famed 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** (or similar) 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 and the Asclepieion. Transfer to the **Key Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 6: Hierapolis • Pamukkale • Laodicea

Morning drive to the Hierapolis ruins, the travertine terraces, and the hot springs at Pamukkale. Continue to Laodicea, home to the ruins of one of the seven Biblical churches of Asia Minor. Stay overnight at the **Adempira Hotel & Spa** (or similar) in Pamukkale. (B, D)

Day 7: Aphrodisias • Kusadasi

Drive to Aphrodisias. Visit the Temple of Aphrodite and one of the most complete ancient amphitheatres. Drive on to the village of Sirince, with its authentic Graeco-Mediterranean architecture of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses. Enjoy



Topkapi Palace, Istanbul

wine tasting at a nearby vineyard. Continue to Kusadasi and stay 2 nights at **Ilayda Avantgarde Hotel** (or similar). (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. In the evening, enjoy a farewell drink at your hotel. (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.

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Weather

Istanbul

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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)



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** (or similar) for 3 nights. Join your group for a welcome dinner. (D)

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 could accommodate 100,000 spectators. Afternoon

Guideline prices for 2024-25 Tour code: CLT

Group tour	Private tour
Low season from £1,595 Guide price month: Apr & Oct	Low season from £3,295 Guide price month: Apr
High season from £1,695 Guide price month: Jun	High season from £3,395 Guide price month: Jun
Single supplement from £525	Single supplement from £525

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades	Regional air connections
Business Class from £795 return	Please speak to your consultant for details

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22 Jun 24	30 Jun 24			21 Jun 25	29 Jun 25		

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Istanbul: Byzantines & Ottomans

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Specialist-led

Small-group tour • From £1,795 (incl. flights)
History • **Archaeology** • **Art** • **Architecture**

Tour overview

Accompanied by your specialist lecturer, explore the cultural capital that is Istanbul. Known as Constantinople until the early 20th century, the city has been the seat of Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman emperors, with each leaving their distinctive legacy. Whether admiring the engineering marvel of Hagia Sophia, or the opulence of the Topkapi Palace, your lecturer and guide will be on hand to bring millennia of history to life. Staying in the heart of the historic city, you are able to easily explore at leisure during your free time. For those wishing to discover more of Turkey, pre-and post-extensions are available on request.

Signature Experiences

- ❖ Visit Topkapi Palace, the primary residence of the Ottoman sultans for more than 400 years
- ❖ Enjoy a ferry ride to the Princes' Islands, famed for their beautiful gardens and villas
- ❖ Stay at a premium hotel in Istanbul's historic centre for the duration of the tour

Specialist 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.



Basilica Cistern, Istanbul

Day 1: Fly from London to Istanbul

Fly from London Heathrow to Istanbul with British Airways. Transfer to the **Levni Hotel** for 6 nights. (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 Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Mosaics Museum and the Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus (Kucuk Hagia Sofia). (B)

Day 5: Edirne (Adrianople)

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 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.



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Cappadocia

4 days & 3 nights from £795

Extend your tour with 3 nights to visit Turkey's renowned Cappadocia region. Admire fascinating cave dwellings, historic villages and some of the world's oldest churches.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Specialist-led tour: Curated and led by specialists in their field, these itineraries are especially suited to lovers of history, art and culture. They often include private visits unavailable to the wider public.

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: TIS

06 Apr – 12 Apr 24	with Dr William Taylor	from £1,795	single supp. from £425
15 Jun – 21 Jun 24	with DrWilliam Taylor	from £1,795	single supp. from £425
19 Oct – 25 Oct 24	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,795	single supp. from £425
05 Apr – 11 Apr 25	with Dr William Taylor	from £1,895	single supp. from £495
14 Jun – 20 Jun 25	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,895	single supp. from £495
18 Oct – 24 Oct 25	with Rowena Loverance	from £1,895	single supp. from £495

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Club Europe from £165 return

Regional air connections
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Across the Southern Caucasus

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £2,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Welcome dinner & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Haghpats Monastery, Armenia

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.

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 *qevri* 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 Joseph 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 Haghpats monastery, a masterpiece of Armenian architecture. Stay 4 nights at **Hotel Apricot**, just off Yerevan's Republic Square. (B)

Day 10: Echmiatsin • Zvartnots
 Visit Echmiatsin 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



Old Town of Tbilisi, Georgia

village of Parakar and take part in a cooking lesson, learning how to make *arishta* (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. Attend 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 attend 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). Farewell drink with your group. (B, L)

Day 14: Dilijan • Goshavank • Tbilisi, Georgia
 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

Tour + Istanbul
 3 days & 2 nights from £245

Pause your journey to Baku or from Tbilisi and enjoy 2 nights to explore Istanbul, Turkey. Our extension includes 2 nights at the 5-star **Hotel Levni** (or similar) and any required 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/make-an-enquiry

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, Azerbaijan via Istanbul, Turkey, 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. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

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)

Day 4: Shaki • Telavi, Georgia
 Tour Shaki, scenically set in the Caucasus foothills, including its 18th-century palace.

Weather

Baku

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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)
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 C: Average rainfall (mm)



Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: AZA

Group tour
 Low season from £2,895
 Guide price month: Apr

High season from £2,995
 Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £745

Private tour
 Low season from £3,995
 Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,095
 Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £745

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades
 Business Class from £1,495

Regional air connections
 Please speak to your consultant for details

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Armenia & Georgia: Treasures of the Caucasus

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Specialist-led

Small-group tour • From £3,595 (incl. flights)
History • **Art** • **Archaeology**

**Group
Tour**

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

Specialist 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.



Temple of Garni, Armenia

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi, Georgia

Fly from London to Tbilisi, Georgia via Istanbul, Turkey, with Turkish Airlines. Arrive and transfer to the **Museum Hotel Orbeliani** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: 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 3: Dilijan • Yerevan, Armenia

Depart Tbilisi and cross the border to Armenia. Visit the 13th-century Haghartsin Monastery, followed by lunch in the picturesque town of Dilijan. Continue to Yerevan and stay at the **Hotel Metropol** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Yerevan

Take a full-day tour of Yerevan with visits including the Matenadaran – the repository of ancient Armenian manuscripts – and Erebuni Fortress, where you meet a local expert (subject to confirmation). Continue to Tsitsernakaberd, a memorial and museum dedicated to the Armenian genocide of 1915, with its picturesque views over the city. Next, visit the National Art Gallery, which contains some excellent examples of medieval frescoes and Armenian and European art. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Echmiatsin • Zvartnots • Garni

Begin your day with a visit to the UNESCO

World Heritage Site of Echmiatsin (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 Echmiatsin 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. Proceed to the seventh-century ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral. End the day with a visit to 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 cliffs within a plunging valley. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Lake Sevan • Tbilisi, Georgia

Cross the border to Georgia, stopping en route to see Lake Sevan and the UNESCO-protected monasteries of Haghpat 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 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 337 AD. Continue to the nearby church of Jvari, 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 **Bagrati Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 8: Bagrati • Gelati • Ubisa • Tbilisi

This morning, visit Bagrati Cathedral, which



St Nino at Bode monastery, Signagi, Georgia

occupies a prominent position over Kutaisi. Continue to the Gelati monastery complex, built by the former king of Georgia, David IV 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 • Bodbe • Signagi

Travel east through the hills and winelands of Kakheti to the town of Gremi, destroyed by Shah Abbas's army in the 16th century, save for the well preserved Royal Tower and Church of Archangels Michael and Gabriel. Next, 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 • Ikalto • 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. Continue to the Ikalto Academy, which – together with Gelati – is the pinnacle of Georgia's great medieval academies. After lunch at a wine house or with a local family, visit Alaverdi, a functioning Georgian monastery dating from the sixth century, including its towering 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 Istanbul

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Istanbul

3 days & 2 nights from £245

Pause your journey to or from Tbilisi and enjoy 2 nights to explore Istanbul, Turkey. Our extension includes 2 nights at the 5-star **Hotel Levni** (or similar) and any required transfers.

Dates & guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: AYG

20 May – 30 May 24	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,795	single supp. from £695
24 Jun – 04 Jul 24	with Rowena Loverance	from £3,695	single supp. from £695
14 Oct – 24 Oct 24	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,595	single supp. from £695
26 May – 05 Jun 25	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,895	single supp. from £795
23 Jun – 03 Jul 25	with Rowena Loverance	from £3,795	single supp. from £795
13 Oct – 23 Oct 25	with Dr William Taylor	from £3,795	single supp. from £795

Regional air connections

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Discover the Balkans & beyond

From the castles of Transylvania to the island forests of Losinj, the Balkans captivate with their wealth of historical landmarks and cinematic landscapes. Once a well-kept secret, this region of southeast Europe is now enjoying its time in the sun – though some corners remain off the tourist radar.

The Dalmatian coast – encompassing southern Croatia and Montenegro – offers delightful beaches, warm azure seas, and cities overflowing with history and culture. The countries of the western Balkans, meanwhile, offer a path less trodden, particularly Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania and Kosovo.



St Domnius Cathedral, Split, Croatia



Prizren, Kosovo

Prizren, Kosovo

Ottoman architecture • Medieval monuments

Prizren is an important centre of culture in Kosovo – Europe's youngest nation – and nicknamed the 'Museum under the Open Sky' for its heritage. Overlooked by a sixth-century fortress, the city spills out across the lush foothills of the Sharr Mountains from the bank of the River Lumbardhi (Bistrica). Here you will find signs of Ottoman and Byzantine influence, especially in the Old Town. Landmarks include the honey-stoned Sinan Pasha Mosque, with its towering minaret; the 16th-century bridge which straddles the river; the four UNESCO-listed Orthodox Christian churches and monasteries; and the café-lined, cobblestoned Schadervan Square.

Transylvania, Romania

Saxon churches • Mountain scenery • Medieval castles

Transylvania offers a wealth of attractions, including an imposing landscape of forests, fortified Saxon churches, fairy-tale castles and rural villages – all divided by the commanding Carpathian Mountains and Transylvanian Alps. The region has the royal seal of approval: Britain's King Charles III – himself a distant ancestor of Romanian ruler Vlad the Impaler – owns properties here, including a restored guesthouse in the village of Zalanpatak. Further highlights of the region include the iconic Bran Castle, the fiery local brandy of Palinca, and the pastel-hued town of Sighisoara – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Bran Castle, Brasov, Romania

Experiences



Tastings at the Skenderbeu Winery, Albania

Sample celebrated tipples at the Gjergj Kastrioti Skenderbeu Winery, Albania's largest winery. Founded in 1933 and named after national hero, Skenderbeu (Skanderbeg), it is famed for its brandy, which you can try on a tour of the distillery, production line and cellar.



Tour the lake-side town of Bled, Slovenia

Located in the emerald foothills of the Julian Alps, Bled is a charming little town complete with an 11th-century cliff-top castle. It overlooks Lake Bled, home of the iconic Bled Island and its exquisite Church of the Assumption, which you can reach by gondola.



Explore scenic Herzegovina

Across the border from Croatia, about a two-hour drive from both Split and Dubrovnik, the region of Herzegovina is prized for its stunning scenery, Mediterranean climate, and fine wines. The historic city of Mostar with its Ottoman bridge is a real highlight of any visit.



Grand Hotel Continental, Bucharest, Romania

Built in 1886, this five-star hotel lies in the heart of Bucharest. It retains elements of its original neoclassical design, including the grand façade with its Doric columns, but has been fully refurbished to offer a range of luxury facilities. This includes an on-site spa, and two restaurants serving Romanian and international cuisine. Rooms are elegantly furnished and equipped with contemporary comforts. Guests are a short walk from the Royal Palace, Revolution Square, and the Romanian Athenaeum. The Grand Hotel Continental is included in the 'Timeless Romania' tour, p. 182.

Suggested itinerary

Sarajevo to Split by Road & Rail

9 days & 8 nights
from £2,175 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Visit Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia on this private journey by road and rail, staying in 4- and 5-star accommodation throughout. Begin by exploring Ottoman-influenced Sarajevo and Mostar, travelling between the two on one of Europe's most scenic train journeys. Sample celebrated wines in Herzegovina, then cross the border to the Croatian city of Split, where you can uncover Roman history and unwind on the Dalmatian Coast.

Day 1: Arrive Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
Fly from London to Sarajevo. Transfer to

Hotel Europe for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Sarajevo

Morning tour of Sarajevo, including Bascarsija Square, Gazi Husrev-beg mosque, the impressive city hall of Vijećnica, and the Latin Bridge – location of Archduke Ferdinand's world-upending assassination. (B)

Day 3: Mostar

Ride First Class from Sarajevo to Mostar on one of Europe's most scenic rail journeys. Transfer to **Hotel Eden** for 3 nights. (B)

Day 4: Mostar

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Mostar, visiting the UNESCO-listed old town and bridge, Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, the Church of St. Peter and Paul, and the exterior of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Herzegovina wine region

Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon, enjoy a wine-tasting tour in Herzegovina's sun-kissed southern vineyards. (B)

Day 6: Split, Croatia

Transfer from Mostar over the border to Split, Croatia, set on the Adriatic Sea. Check in to Dioklecijan Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Split

Enjoy two days at leisure to explore Split. Landmarks include the Diocletian's Palace and surrounding Old Town; leafy Marjan Park; and the Cathedral of St Domnius, one the oldest Catholic cathedrals in the world. (B)

Day 9: Fly to the UK

Transfer to Split Airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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Timeless Romania

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,895 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 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 & 4 dinners
- ❖ Welcome dinner with your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portorage
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Viscri

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.

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 • Biertan • Sighisoara
 Transfer to Sighisoara, via Biertan Fortified Church one of the finest examples of late medieval architecture in Transylvania and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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 **La Conac 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 have free time in the afternoon to explore the city. Stay at the **Hotel Aro Palace** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L)



Peles Castle, Sinaia

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. View the Piata Sfatului, one of Romania's finest baroque squares; visit the Black Church with its collection of more than 300 Ottoman rugs; see St Nicholas Church and Romania's first school. Proceed to Bucharest, pausing en route to tour Viscri, a picturesque village visited regularly by King Charles. Return to Bucharest for a farewell drink, and overnight at the **Grand Hotel Continental** (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.

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)

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Weather Bucharest

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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)



Day 1: Fly to Bucharest
 Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bucharest with British Airways. Transfer to **Grand Hotel Continental** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome dinner. (D)

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 **Continental Forum** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Sibiu • Sibiel
 This morning, tour Sibiu's old town followed

Tour code: ROA

Guideline prices for 2024-25		Regional air connections	
Group tour Low season from £1,895 Guide price month: Oct	Private tour Low season from £3,895 Guide price month: Oct	British Airways flight upgrades Club Europe from £95 return	Please speak to your consultant for details
High season from £1,995 Guide price month: Aug	High season from £3,995 Guide price month: Aug		
Single supplement from £445	Single supplement from £445		

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TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Danube Delta
 3 days & 2 nights from £965

The UNESCO-listed Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve is one of the world's largest wetlands and is a migration hub for birds travelling to

Across Albania & Kosovo

NEW TOUR

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £1,495 (incl. flights)
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**Group
Tour**

This group tour features...

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- ❖ Direct international flights with British Airways
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 7 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet your group & tour manager
- ❖ Hotel portering
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Sinan Pasha Mosque, Prizren, Kosovo

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 such as Gjirokastër and Kruja. It's also home to many important Greek and Roman sites, most notably Apollonia. Over Albania's northeastern border, Kosovo is a young country where you can admire medieval monasteries adorned with Byzantine frescoes; and meander around historic Ottoman towns with winding streets. This tour reveals the best of an oft-overlooked corner of the Mediterranean.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Taste Albanian wine at an award-winning vineyard**
- ❖ **Admire the Byzantine and Ottoman architecture of Kosovo**
- ❖ **Enjoy dinner with a local family at a typical Albanian village**

Day 1: Arrive Tirana, Albania

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

Day 2: Tirana

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

Day 3: Apollonia • Gjirokastër

En route to Gjirokastër, visit the most important Roman site in Albania, Apollonia, where the nephew of Julius Caesar once studied. Continue to Gjirokastër, famous for its Ottoman architecture, grand fortress, and being the birthplace of notorious dictator, Enver Hoxha. Stay at **Hotel Argiro** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Butrint

Depart for the ancient city of Butrint. You travel along the spectacular Albanian Riviera, stopping to visit the historic city of Sarandë. Tour Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the country's most important archaeological museum. Return to Gjirokastër. This evening, sample traditional cuisine prepared by a local family in the picturesque village of Dhoksat. (B, D)

Day 5: Gjirokastër • Berat

Spend the morning touring the key sights of Gjirokastër. Visit Hoxha's birthplace and learn more about Albania's recent history. In the afternoon, depart for the town of Berat, pausing en route to sample wine at a renowned local vineyard. Arrive in Berat and stay at **Hotel Onufri** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Berat

After breakfast, explore 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 – a strong spirit made using twice-distilled grapes – as well as traditional coffee. (B)

Day 7: Prizren, Kosovo

Depart Berat and travel north across Albania's northeastern border to Prizren, the historic and cultural capital of Kosovo. On arrival, explore the cobbled Ottoman streets lined with local artisans as well as the 17th-century Sinan Pasha Mosque and 16th-century Stone Bridge. Overnight at **Hotel Kacinari**. (B)

Day 8: Prizren • Pristina

Begin the Day with a visit to Gracanica Monastery and admire its elaborate Byzantine frescoes. Continue to a monument commemorating the Battle of Kosovo, fought in 1389 by the forces of the Prince of the Serbs and those of the Ottoman Sultan. Embark on a tour of Pristina, including both the modern city and the historic Ottoman district, which dates from the 14th century. In the evening, return to Prizren. (B)

Day 9: Kruja, Albania

Depart Prizren and return to Albania, travelling to Kruja. This town was the centre of Albanian resistance to Ottoman rule, led by local feudal lord, Skanderbeg. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Kruja's highlights including the Skanderbeg Museum and the historic Bazaar. Overnight at **Hotel Panorama** and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Kruja • London

Transfer from Kruja to Tirana Airport for your flight to London or proceed to Budva in Montenegro to begin your extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Montenegro

3 days & 2 nights from £695

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)

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Weather

Tirana

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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)



Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: ALE

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £295

Private tour

Low season from £2,795
Guide price month: Oct

High season from £2,895
Guide price month: May

Single supplement from £295

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £115 return

Regional air connections

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Discover Africa

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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.



The Mahandrihono palace and royal tombs, Ambohimanga

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

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

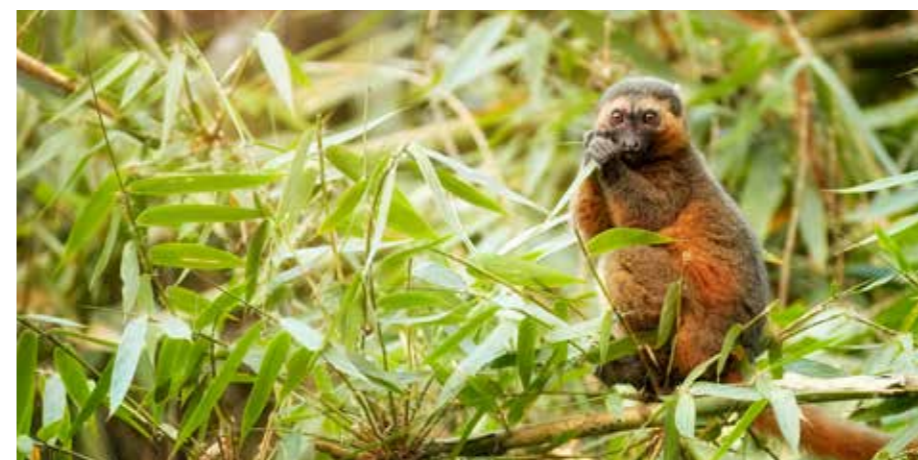
Isalo National Park

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 1,400 metres 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



The Fossa, Madagascar's largest native carnivore

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 £3,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £5,395 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Small group size – average 8 people (max 16)
- ❖ International & internal flights
- ❖ Flexible – extensions & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 13 dinners
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- ❖ Hotel portage included



Avenue of baobab trees

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

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	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 Maromizaha primary rainforest
- ❖ Traditional sunset music performance in Isalo National Park
- ❖ Special 'chef's dinner' in Antananarivo
- ❖ Evening walks in search of nocturnal species

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 the Vakona Forest Lodge for 3 nights. 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. (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. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Maromizaha Reserve (or Mitsinjo forest)

Spend the day walking through the primary forest of Maromizaha Reserve. 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. (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 Palissandre Hotel & Spa. (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. (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. Spend 3 nights at the Hotel Thermal. (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. (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 species during an evening walk. (B, L, D)



Greater bamboo lemur, Ranomafana

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. (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, Verreaux's sifakas and the elephant's foot plant, and enjoy a traditional music performance as the sun sets. (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. (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. (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, Ethiopia, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

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. 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Group tour manager: This tour is fully escorted by a local tour manager from arrival in Antananarivo to Day 13 in Toliara.

Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: MWA

Group tour

Low season from £3,995
Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £695

Private travel

Low season from £4,950
Guide price month: Nov

Single supplement from £695

Ethiopian Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,195 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. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2024-25

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
06 Apr 24	21 Apr 24	05 Oct 24	20 Oct 24	05 Apr 25	20 Apr 25	04 Oct 25	19 Oct 25
08 Jun 24	23 Jun 24	09 Nov 24	24 Nov 24	07 Jun 25	22 Jun 25	08 Nov 25	23 Nov 25
03 Aug 24	18 Aug 24			02 Aug 25	17 Aug 25		

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Discover South Africa

The 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 Bushman rock art.



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and Table Mountain, Cape Town

Cape Town

One of Africa's most liveable cities • Table Mountain views • 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.



Stellenbosch



Knysna

The Garden Route

Excellent marine wildlife • Quaint towns & local culture • Wildly beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park

A journey along the Garden Route is an easy way to elevate your visit to South Africa. You can explore by car or guided tour, travelling east to west or vice versa. Beautified by endemic Cape flora and fauna, 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 & 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.



Elephants, Addo Elephant Park

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

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 16)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 8 dinners
- ❖ Welcome drink to meet the group & guide
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees for national parks, conservancies & safari reserves included
- ❖ 2 full days on safari in a 'Big Five' wildlife reserve
- ❖ 6 included safaris
- ❖ Included tours – Cape Peninsula & Private wine tasting safari
- ❖ Hotel portering included

Weather Cape Town

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A	25	25	24	22	19	17	17	17	18	20	22	24
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)



Small-group tour • From £4,195 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £6,995 (incl. flights)

Group Tour



Cape Winelands

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 with an average group size of just 10 people.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ 3 nights in a private safari reserve handpicked by Cox & Kings
- ❖ Experience the famous Knysna lagoon by historic boat
- ❖ Full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula
- ❖ 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 • Kariega Game Reserve

Arrive in Port Elizabeth and transfer to the Kariega Game Reserve. After lunch, join a late-afternoon safari drive within the reserve, rounded off with sundowners. Spend 3 nights at the **The Homestead, River Lodge or Ukhozi Lodge**. (L, D)

Days 3 & 4: Kariega Game Reserve

Board specialist safari vehicles for morning

and late-afternoon safari drives in a 'Big Five' wildlife reserve. Cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests and an assortment of antelope species also roam these lands. (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. Stay 3 nights 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. The next day is at leisure to relax or join an optional excursion. (B)

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 **De Zeekoe**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Cape Winelands

Head out on an optional early morning meerkat adventure, meeting rescued meerkats accompanied by an expert guide (£30pp). 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 **Le Franschhoek**. (B, D)

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. (B, L)

Day 11: Cape Winelands & Cape Town

Take a guided morning walk around Stellenbosch, including a visit to the village museum charting the history of the region. Transfer to Cape Town for an afternoon to explore the bustling V&A waterfront, followed by dinner at a local home in the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, tasting authentic Cape Malay cuisine. Stay 2 nights at **Cape Town Hollow**. (B, D)



Table Mountain, Cape Town



Kariega Game Reserve

This private malaria-free game reserve is home to the famous 'Big Five', as well as hippo, giraffe, zebra and an array of other animals. Kariega's expert rangers take guests on drives in open safari vehicles, granting you unimpeded views of the wildlife and surrounds. Other activities available include guided bush walks, canoeing, fishing, and cruises to spot wildlife along the Kariega or Bushman's River. Dependent on your departure date, accommodation will be at either **The Homestead, River Lodge or Ukhozi Lodge**. All lodges feature en-suite chalets, air-conditioning, a swimming pool, and local drinks – included as part of the full-board basis.

Day 12: Cape Town

Full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula, including an Atlantic seaboard drive past fishing villages and the seaside suburbs of Camps Bay and Hout Bay, finishing at Cape Point. Return via the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a stylish local restaurant. (B, D)

Days 13 & 14: Cape Town • Fly to the UK

Begin your final morning in spectacular fashion: ascending 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

February-March 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.

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: HZA

Group tour

Low season from £4,195
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £4,695
Guide price month: Oct & Nov

Single supplement from £795

Private travel

Low season from £6,995
Guide price month: Aug

High season from £7,495
Guide price month: Oct & Nov

Single supplement from £795

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £575 return
Club World from £4,495 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Discover Namibia

One of the world's least densely populated countries, Namibia contains the world's most ancient desert, highest dunes and second largest canyon. It is ruggedly beautiful, with ever-changing colours and fascinating indigenous San and Himba culture. Around 44 per cent of Namibia is under conservation and, as a result, there is a unique range of wildlife to see.

The most popular way to get around is by road, either with a private driver-guide or on a self-drive basis – a liberating, flexible and cost-effective way to explore. If you prefer the ease of travelling by air, consider a fly-safari by light aircraft. The aerial views over Namibia are breathtaking.



Oryx antelope, Sossusvlei

Namib Naukluft National Park

Stunning sunsets over Sossusvlei's sand dunes • Hot-air balloon flight over the desert

The Namib-Naukluft Park is home to Sossusvlei, the giant red dunes for which Namibia is best known. The area is a photographer's paradise and is easy to reach in your own hire car. Alternatively, all the park's lodges offer a range of guided excursions, including an outstanding half-day trip to the dunes.

We recommend staying in one of the private Kulala Wilderness Reserve lodges. These lodges have their own private gates to the park. Guided horse rides lasting several days can be booked from Desert Homestead Lodge and Desert Homestead Outpost.

Etosha

Explore the park on self-drives • Waterholes that attract large groups of wildlife

Etosha, meaning 'great white place', is mostly covered by a silvery-white chalk that shimmers in the heat, referred to as the Etosha Pan. Waterholes and natural springs dot the southern edge of the pan and act as a magnet for large herds of animals, especially during the dry season. Large family groups of elephants, giraffes, kudu, gemsbok, springbok, zebras, impala and eland are common, as are good numbers of lions, leopards and cheetahs. The black and white rhino may also be seen. To explore Etosha you can either self-drive from camps inside the park or enjoy both self-drive and guided trips from one of the private reserves outside the park gates.



Lions, Etosha National Park



Ancient rock art, Twyfelfontein

Skeleton Coast

Rugged coastline & shipwrecks • Visit a Himba village

Namibia's remote north-west contains some of the most dramatic scenery in the country, including the Skeleton Coast National Park. Called 'the land made in anger' by the indigenous San people, this 16,000-square-kilometre wilderness is strewn with desert-bound shipwrecks. The southern section of this stark coastline can be driven along, while the more remote, northern quarters can be admired on a flying safari.

We recommend a four-night stay between Shipwreck Lodge and Hoanib Valley Camp, where you can explore shipwrecks, rock formations and rare desert wildlife. You can learn about the conservation efforts to protect the desert-adapted giraffe, and interact with the semi-nomadic Himba people, known for their distinctive dress and traditional crafts.

Damaraland

Twyfelfontein rock art site • Rare desert elephants

Now part of the Kunene region, Damaraland is the historical home of the Damara people. This rugged landscape is home to elusive desert-adapted elephants and black rhinos, as well as huge granite boulders adorned by a wealth of Bushman rock art.

There are a number of interesting geological sites worth a visit, including the Petrified Forest, where tree trunks have turned to stone over millions of years; Burnt Mountain, formed from solidified lava flow; and the nearby Organ Pipes, a series of striking basalt columns rising out of the desert.

For an adventure, try a two- or three-night mobile camping safari in the breathtaking Palmwag Concession area. Stay in dome tents and dine alfresco under the stars.



The Skeleton Coast, Namibia

Experiences in Namibia



Walvis catamaran cruise

Search for Namibia's 'Marine Big Five' – whales, dolphins, mola mola (ocean sunfish), leatherback turtles and seals – on a cruise past the oil rigs and ships of Walvis Bay out to the lighthouse at Pelican Point. Fresh oysters, sparkling wine or tea and coffee are served.



Tracking black rhinos on foot

In the Palmwag Concession, conservation of the black rhino has been made a priority. Using the Desert Rhino Camp as a base, it is possible to spend time tracking black rhinos accompanied by experts from the Save the Rhino Trust. If found, the rhino is likely to be wandering alone in his territory, foraging for food.

Suggested itinerary

Namibia Classic Self-Drive

15 days & 14 nights
from £3,925 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

This popular self-drive itinerary is a flexible, cost-effective way to discover the best that Namibia has to offer. Visit the giant red dunes of Sossusvlei, the adventure town of Swakopmund, impressive granite landscapes in Damaraland, and Etosha National Park, which promises extraordinary self-drive safaris to see its many resident big cats.

Day 1: Fly to Windhoek

On arrival in Windhoek, you will be met and

assisted with collection of your hire car.

Overnight at **The Elegant Guesthouse**. (N)

Day 2: Gamsberg

Transfer to **Corona Guest House**, set at the foot of the majestic Gamsberg Mountain. (B, D)

Days 3 & 4: Sossusvlei

Explore Sossusvlei, home to some of the world's largest sand dunes. Stay 2 nights at **Desert Homestead Lodge**. (B,D)

Days 5 & 6: Swakopmund

Head to the Germanic town of Swakopmund, gateway to the Skelton Coast. Enjoy a catamaran cruise the following day. Stay 2 nights at **Cornerstone Guesthouse**. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Twyfelfontein

Travel to the wildlife-rich region of Damaraland, also home to Africa's largest concentration of ancient rock art. Stay 2 nights at **Camp Kipwe**. (B, L, D)

Days 9-12: Etosha National Park

Spend the next 4 days exploring one of Africa's largest national parks. Stay 2 nights at **Okaukuejo Rest Camp** and 2 nights at **Onguma Bush Camp**. (B)

Days 13-14: Okonjima Nature Reserve

Travel to Okonjima Nature Reserve, home to the AfriCAT carnivore sanctuary. Stay 2 nights at **Okonjima Plains Camp**.

Day 15: Fly home

Transfer to Windhoek airport and fly home. (B)

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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 Wildebeest 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 Masai 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

World-class circuit of safari parks • Location of the Great Wildebeest Migration • 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 of communities to protect their environment.



Giraffe, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy



Wildebeest migration, Masai Mara

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.

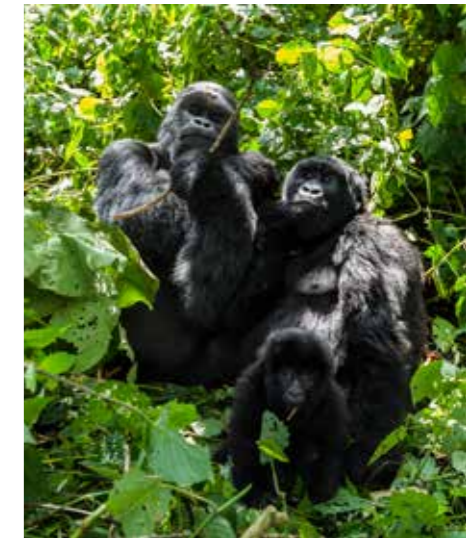


Tree-climbing lion, Queen Elizabeth National Park

Queen Elizabeth National Park

Boat cruise on Kazinga Channel • Home to 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, waterbuck, Ugandan kob 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.



Mountain gorillas, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

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 Samburu 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 £8,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 14)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers with max 6 guests per vehicle, guaranteed window seat & pop-up roof for 360-degree wildlife views
- ❖ Experienced local tour guide
- ❖ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- ❖ Guided sightseeing & entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & safari reserves included
- ❖ 10 included safaris
- ❖ Walking Safari in Crescent Island Game Sanctuary



Hippos and pelicans, Lake Naivasha

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.

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 spotting. Overnight at **The Ark Lodge**. (B, L, D)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Wildlife viewing in private reserves handpicked by Cox & Kings**
- ❖ **Sip specialist Kenyan tea while learning about conservationist Joy Adamson**
- ❖ **Explore Crescent Island Game Sanctuary on foot**

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

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. After lunch, take a boat ride to enjoy a walking safari in Crescent Island Game Sanctuary. This evening, visit the Elsamere Conservation Centre; the retirement home of naturalist Joy Adamson. Enjoy an informative video on Adamson, sample special Kenyan teas, and explore the museum. Overnight at **Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge**. (B, L, D)

Days 6-8: Masai Mara

Transfer to the Masai Mara – Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve – for 3 days of safari thrills. All of the 'Big Five' can be found here, as well as hyenas, cheetahs, jackals, bat-eared



Waterhole, Ol Pejeta Conservancy



Sweetwaters Serena Camp, Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Located within "Big Five" Ol Pejeta Conservancy, the **Sweetwaters Serena Camp** offers 56 luxuriously appointed tents, each with a thatched roof, an en suite bathroom and a veranda or balcony with views of the waterhole. The camp features a swimming pool and Water Hole Bar with stunning views of the abundant wildlife which surrounds the camp. Activities include day and night wildlife drives, bush walks in the company of a resident naturalist, riverine birdwatching and visits to the chimpanzee sanctuary. Thanks to Ol Pejeta Conservancy's private status it is able to offer night game drives, an activity not available in most national parks and reserves in Kenya.

Weather

Nairobi

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Guideline prices for 2024-25

Tour code: HKA

Group tour

Low season from £3,595
 Guide price month: May

High season from £4,295
 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £495

Private travel

Low season from £4,595
 Guide price month: May

High season from £5,295
 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £495

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £425 return
 Club World from £2,545 return

Regional air connections

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Ultimate Tour: In the Footsteps of the Great Migration

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £5,995 (incl. flights)
Private tour • From £8,195 (incl. flights)

Group Tour

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Flexible – extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- ❖ Small group size – average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Transfers in adapted land cruisers with max 6 guests per vehicle, guaranteed window seat & pop-up roof for 360-degree wildlife views
- ❖ Scenic flights from Serengeti to Masai Mara avoiding the long road journey
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 10 dinners
- ❖ 10 included safaris
- ❖ Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & wildlife reserves included
- ❖ Boat trip on Lake Naivasha



Wildebeest migration

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 wildebeest, zebras and antelope 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.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- ❖ **Admire the wildlife of celebrated national parks including Amboseli, Tarangire, 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)**
- ❖ **Activities away from the safari vehicle include walks, boat trips and a visit to Olduvai Gorge**

Day 1: Fly to Nairobi
 Fly from London (regional connections available) to Nairobi. Overnight at the Sheraton Four Points (or similar). (N)

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. Stay 2 nights at Ol Tukai Lodge with its views of Kilimanjaro. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Amboseli National Park
 Spend a full day in Amboseli embarking on morning and afternoon safari drives that showcase the park's diversity of wildlife. Look out for bush elephants, cape buffaloes, spotted hyenas, lions, cheetahs and more. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tarangire National Park
 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 safari drive, before proceeding for 3 hours to the Ngorongoro highlands – arriving for leisure time and dinner. Spend 2 nights at Pamoja Farm Lodge. (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. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Serengeti National Park
 Descend from the crater to the Serengeti's vast plains, host of the annual Great Wildebeest Migration from October to July, as well as numerous species year-round. The predator concentration in the Serengeti is high, with large prides of lion, many hyena clans, and



Elephants, Amboseli National Park

regular sightings of cheetahs and leopards. Elephants, buffaloes, giraffes and antelope can be found grazing, as can less-known species such as aardwolves, mongooses, caracals, servals, and hyraxes. Spend 2 nights at Pamoja Serengeti Camp. (B, L, D)

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. (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. Stay 2 nights at Zebra Plains Camp. (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 July and August and you may also witness the dramatic, heart-in-your-mouth river crossings of the Great Migration. (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. This afternoon enjoy a presentation on conservation pioneer Joy Adamson, sample speciality teas and visit the local museum. Overnight at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge. (B, L, D)

Days 12 & 13: Lake Naivasha • Fly to the UK
 Morning at leisure. Optional activities include walks and community visits. In the 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wildebeest migration: This tour follows the approximate route of the Great Migration. 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

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Nairobi

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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, the Falls offer unique viewing experiences, from sunset cruises to exhilarating light-aircraft flyovers. The 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

Chobe National Park

View elephants from the water • Remarkable boating safaris • Impressive sunsets

Within easy reach of Victoria Falls, Chobe – known as the 'Land of the Giants' – is celebrated for its huge elephant population, which is concentrated on the Chobe riverfront in the dry season (May to October). The park is also known for its large lion prides, especially in the Savute area, as well as buffalo herds and prolific birdlife. Perfect for slower adventures, Chobe offers unusual experiences such as boat safaris where guests can sip on a sundowner while spotting animals from the water.



Boating safari, Chobe National Park



Mokoro safari, Okavango Delta

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 world's largest inland delta. From May to October, its floodwaters are a magnet for wildlife, including large populations of otherwise-rare animals such as crocodiles, sitatungas, elephants, red lechwe, African wild dogs, buffaloes and wattled cranes. Activities include day and night safari drives, bush walks, seasonal *mokoro* canoe rides, fishing, and birdwatching – a chance to spot some of Botswana's more than 570 bird species.

Moremi Game Reserve

Botswana's prime big-cat location • Top safari camps • Limited visitors

Moremi lies in the heart of the Okavango Delta, encompassing almost 5,000 sq km of protected wilderness. Unfenced and surrounded by private concessions, it has a good variety of habitats, from riverine and mopane forests to open savannas and shallow lagoons. Wildlife viewing in the reserve is exceptional, especially on Chief's Island, where a large density of big cats – most notably lions and leopards – can often be found. Moremi is home to some of Botswana's premier safari camps, elevating the visitor experience.



Leopard, Moremi Game Reserve

Suggested itinerary

Highlights of Zimbabwe & Botswana

11 days & 8 nights
from £9,895 (incl. flights)
Category • Superior

Discover the highlights of Zimbabwe and neighbouring Botswana on a tour revelling in their respective cultures and natural wonders. Marvel at Victoria Falls, go on safari, and visit a remote village for insights into rural life.

Day 1: Fly to Victoria Falls
Fly overnight from London (regional

connections available) to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe via Johannesburg, South Africa. Stay at Ilala Lodge for 3 nights. (N)

Days 2-4: Victoria Falls
Visit a remote village for a window into daily life and enjoy an authentic lunch at a local institute. The following day, take a privately guided tour of Victoria Falls. (B, L)
Days 5-7: Chobe National Park
Cross into Botswana and arrive at Chobe National Park for a classic safari drive. Spend the next 2 days taking advantage of the myriad activities on offer here. Stay at Chobe Safari Lodge for 3 nights (B, L, D).

Days 8 & 9: Okavango Delta
A short flight delivers you onto the banks of the Okavango Delta in time for an afternoon water safari. Spend the following

day exploring the delta. Should water levels permit, cruise along the waters by *mokoro* canoe. Stay at Mogotlho Safari Lodge for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Days 10 & 11: Fly home
After a final morning safari drive, transfer to Maun and fly home via Johannesburg. Or extend your stay with an adventure in the Kalahari Desert or a visit to Cape Town. (B)

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Our full Terms and Conditions apply to all bookings you make with us. These appear on our website at www.coxandkings.co.uk/about-us/useful-information/booking-conditions and can also be provided by post or e-mail on request. Different terms will apply depending on which country you are resident in. 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 the full Terms and Conditions, 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, (registered in England under company number 1082430 (“we”, “us” and “our”). In our 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 holiday with us, your contract will be with Cox & Kings. By making a booking, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party our 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, 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) A binding contract between you and Cox & Kings will come into existence when we issue a confirmation invoice. Please note, 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. We will let you know once such additional services have been confirmed or, where we are unable to complete such booking, we will inform you and discuss alternative options including a refund where no suitable alternative services are available. (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 any payment is not received on time, we are entitled to treat this as a cancellation by you and cancellation charges will apply in accordance with clause 9(a).

(f) Prices include all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Local taxes in destination may be payable in addition 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. Please refer to our full Terms and Conditions for what to do if you are affected by reduced mobility or another medical condition, either before or after booking.

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

We strongly recommend that you take out adequate insurance for your holiday at the time of booking your holiday and, at the latest, prior to travel. 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 to someone else), you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. An amendment fee of £50 per change together with the costs and charges incurred as a result (including additional supplier costs) 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 our 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:

a) the person to whom you are transferring your place satisfies all conditions applicable to the holiday; which form part of your contract with us.

b) 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.

c) if 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 completed. 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.

d) the transferee agrees to our 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 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 need to be made and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be minor and we reserve the right to make these. Where a minor change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for minor changes. Minor 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 minor 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 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; 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.

8) FORCE MAJEURE

For the purposes of our 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 our 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 departure notification	Amount of cancellation charges received 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%

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

We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. While we do our utmost to avoid such a scenario, due to human or computer error there may on occasion be an incorrect price shown in a brochure or on our website. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible after. We do have to reserve all our rights in a situation such as this which may include cancelling a booking if the actual price applicable to the Tour is not acceptable to you. We will, of course, allow you to amend your booking with us, if you so wish, to an alternative holiday at the correct price. 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 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 our 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 our 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. re 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 license 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-night cap 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) PREGNANCY

Some of our activities may not be appropriate for an individual that is pregnant. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of what to do if you are pregnant when booking or become pregnant after completing a booking.

14) MINORS

Some of our activities may not be appropriate for people under the age of 18. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of what to do if you wish to include a minor in your booking.

15) PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMUNICABLE OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Our full Terms and Conditions contain information regarding our approach to communicable or infectious diseases and the steps to be followed in the event you are affected by one.

16) 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.

17) 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.

18) FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that UK residents pay for the package holidays booked with us and for their 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 will 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.

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.

19) 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 (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, you may choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland (as applicable) if you wish to do so.

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