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# About us

## Embark on a Journey Beyond Imagination: Discover Your Next Adventure with US

Our passion for travel is matched only by our commitment to providing personalized service and unparalleled expertise. Whether you're dreaming of exploring exotic landscapes, immersing yourself in vibrant cultures, or embarking on thrilling adventures, our team of experienced travel specialists is here to turn your travel dreams into reality.

As a leading travel company, we pride ourselves on our attention to detail, dedication to customer satisfaction, and unwavering commitment to quality. From the moment you contact us to the final farewell of your journey, we'll be with you every step of the way, ensuring a seamless and unforgettable travel experience.

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# Why Travel With Us?

At Encounters Travel, we understand that every journey is an opportunity for discovery, adventure, and connection. Here's why we're your perfect travel partner:



## **Tailored Experiences:**

We believe in crafting journeys that reflect your unique interests, preferences, and travel style. From cultural immersions to thrilling adventures, every itinerary is personalized to ensure an unforgettable experience.

## **Expert Guidance:**

With our team of experienced travel specialists, you're in capable hands every step of the way. Benefit from our insider knowledge, local expertise, and attention to detail as we guide you through your travel journey.

## **Unrivalled Access:**

Gain access to exclusive experiences, hidden gems, and off-the-beaten-path destinations that only a trusted travel partner like us can offer. Immerse yourself in the heart of each destination and discover its true essence.

## **Community & Connection:**

Join a community of like-minded travelers who share your passion for exploration and discovery. Forge meaningful connections with locals and fellow travelers, enriching your journey with unforgettable memories and friendships.

## **Sustainability & Responsibility:**

We are committed to responsible travel practices that minimize our environmental impact and support local communities. Travel with us knowing that your journey contributes to the preservation of our planet and its people.

# Tour types

## Small Group



Experience the world in an intimate and personalized way with our Small Group Tours. Designed for travelers who appreciate the camaraderie and connection of a close-knit group, these tours offer a unique blend of adventure, discovery, and comfort.

## Shoestring



Embark on the ultimate adventure with our Overland Tours, designed for travelers who crave exploration and discovery off the beaten path. Journey through diverse landscapes, from rugged mountains to vast deserts, and experience the world in an authentic and immersive way.

## Family



Short on time but big on adventure? Our Mini Tours are perfect for travelers who want to experience the essence of a destination in just a few days. Whether it's a weekend getaway or a short escape, these tours offer maximum excitement with minimal time commitment.

## City Break



Make a difference while you travel with our Volunteer Projects. These tours offer a unique opportunity to give back to communities and environments around the world, combining meaningful work with unforgettable travel experiences.

# Overland



Embark on the journey of a lifetime with our Ultimate Overland Tours. Designed for the true adventurer, these tours take you across vast landscapes and through diverse terrains, offering an unmatched exploration experience that goes beyond the ordinary.

# Private



Create unforgettable memories with our Family Adventures, designed to bring families closer together through shared experiences and exciting explorations. Our tours are tailored to ensure fun, safety, and enrichment for travelers of all ages.

THE WORLD IS  
A BOOK, AND  
THOSE WHO DO  
NOT TRAVEL  
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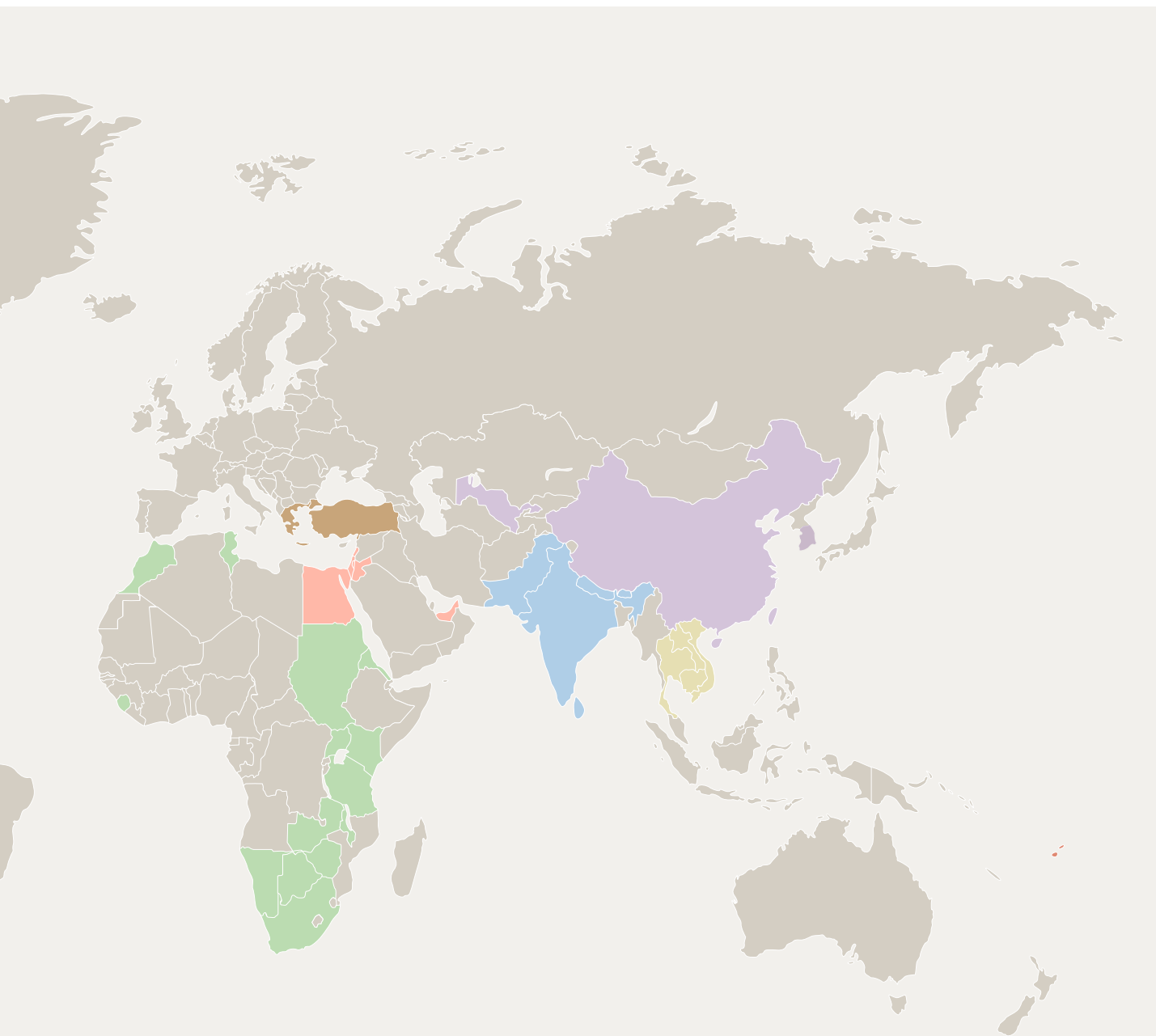
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# Egypt & The Middle East



For an unforgettable adventure, explore Egypt's ancient pyramids, Israel's historic sites, Jordan's stunning Petra, Lebanon's vibrant culture, and the UAE's modern marvels. Each destination offers a unique blend of history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes, promising a diverse and enriching travel experience.



# Discover Egypt

## ► Small Group



### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 18



### Meals

9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners



### Accommodations

5-star hotel, Nubian guesthouse, sleeper train & felucca sailboat



### Transport

A/C minibus, sleeper train, felucca sailboat

### Day 1: Cairo Meet & Greet

Arrive in Cairo, where our local team will meet you at the airport, help with your visa and luggage, and transfer you to your hotel. They'll help you settle in and run through the plans for the days ahead. The rest of the day is free, and early arrivals may book an evening Nile dinner cruise or the pyramids sound & light show.

### Day 2: Cairo Highlights & Departure to Aswan

We explore the Giza Plateau with an Egyptologist guide, standing before the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx, with the chance to enter the Great Pyramid itself. After an included Koshary lunch - Egypt's favourite street food - we visit the spectacular Grand Egyptian Museum, home to the complete Tutankhamun collection. This evening we board the overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

### Day 3: Philae Temple & Nubian Village Experience

Arriving in Aswan, we take a motorboat to the romantic island temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis and dramatically rescued stone by stone from the rising waters of the Nile. We then continue to a traditional Nubian village, where colourfully painted houses and famously warm hospitality await. We overnight in a Nubian-style guesthouse, with dinner included this evening.

### Day 4: Felucca Sailing Adventure on the Nile

An early start offers the optional excursion to the colossal temples of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II and guarded by his enormous seated statues. We then board a traditional felucca and drift downstream past palm-lined banks, riverside villages and ancient granaries. Our crew cook our meals on board, and we sleep on deck beneath a canopy of stars.

### Day 5: From Edfu to Luxor

After a final morning's sail and breakfast on deck, we disembark and drive to Edfu to visit the superbly preserved Temple of Horus, the falcon god, its walls alive with ancient reliefs. We continue to Luxor, and after dark we visit the beautifully illuminated Luxor Temple, wandering its avenues of columns by floodlight.



### Day 6: Luxor's West Bank Wonders

Crossing to the West Bank, we explore the Valley of the Kings, where pharaohs were buried in richly painted tombs, the artisans' village of Deir el-Medina, Queen Hatshepsut's terraced temple and the giant Colossi of Memnon. We return across the river to the towering columns of Karnak. An optional sunrise hot air balloon flight is available today.

### Day 7: Journey to the Red Sea

We leave the Nile behind and drive across the Eastern Desert to the Red Sea resort of Hurghada. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the beach.

### Day 8: Relaxation by the Red Sea

A free day on the shores of the Red Sea, famed for its turquoise water, coral gardens and marine life. Swim or relax on golden sands, or join optional activities including snorkelling and diving trips, windsurfing, quad biking and desert excursions, all bookable locally.

### Day 9: Return to Cairo

We depart Hurghada and journey north across the desert to Cairo, a scenic drive of around five hours (a flight upgrade is available). On arrival we check into our hotel, with free time to relax or explore. Optional evening extras include a Khan el-Khalili bazaar walking tour.

### Day 10: Cairo, free time, departure airport transfer

Your morning is free for last-minute sightseeing or shopping until your transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Optional half-day tours of Coptic Cairo and the Citadel, or Saqqara and Dahshur, are available if your flight times allow.



## EGYPT



Days

10 Days / 9 Nights



Start/End

Cairo to Cairo

FROM **£1,829** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- The Pyramids & Sphinx
- Grand Egyptian Museum
- Philae Temple
- Abu Simbel option
- Nile felucca cruise
- Temple of Karnak & Valley of the Kings
- Colossi of Memnon
- Red Sea at Hurghada



This tour includes the option to visit a local school, with the chance to interact with the children and perhaps even teach them an English lesson.

# Egyptian Legacy

► Small Group



## EGYPT



Days

8 Days / 7 Nights



Start/End

Cairo to Cairo

FROM **£2,199** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Iconic Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza
- Grand Egyptian Museum
- 5-star cruise down the Nile
- Karnak & Luxor temples
- The Valley of the Kings & Queen
- Hatchepsut, Medinat Habu & Philae Temples



The sites were incredible! The tour staff were so helpful and wonderful. I would highly recommend taking this trip.

**Renee H**



**Group Size**

Min: 2 | Max: 18



**Meals**

7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners



**Accommodations**

5-star hotels & 5-star deluxe Nile cruiseboat



**Transport**

A/C minibus, internal flight & Nile cruiseboat

### Day 1: Cairo Meet & Greet

Arrive in Cairo and meet the local team at the airport, where assistance is provided with visas and luggage before the transfer to your city hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore independently.

### Day 2: Pyramids, Sphinx & Ancient Memphis

We start on the Giza Plateau with our Egyptologist guide, standing before the Great Pyramids and the enigmatic Sphinx, with time to enter one of the pyramids if you wish. We then travel to ancient Memphis, Egypt's oldest capital, where highlights include the colossal recumbent statue of Ramses II. We finish at Saqqara, home of Egypt's first pyramid - the Step Pyramid of Djoser - and beautifully painted mastaba tombs.

### Day 3: Luxor's Temples by Day and Night

A short flight takes us to Luxor, heart of ancient Thebes. On the West Bank we visit the towering Colossi of Memnon, descend into the richly decorated tombs of the Valley of the Kings, and explore Queen Hatshepsut's elegantly terraced temple and the colourful reliefs of Medinat Habu. Tonight we board our 5-star Nile cruiseboat, and after dinner we wander the floodlit avenues of Luxor Temple.

### Day 4: Karnak Temple & Nile Cruise to Edfu

We explore the vast Karnak Temple complex, a breathtaking maze of towering columns, giant obelisks and sacred sanctuaries built over some 2,000 years, before our cruiseboat slips its moorings and sails south towards Edfu, passing through the Esna Lock. An optional sunrise hot air balloon flight over the West Bank is available this morning.



### Day 5: Edfu to Aswan Nile Journey

We visit the beautifully preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, its walls crowded with detailed reliefs, then cruise onwards to the unusual twin temple at Kom Ombo, uniquely dedicated to two gods, including Sobek the crocodile god, where mummified crocodiles are displayed, before continuing to Aswan.

### Day 6: Optional Abu Simbel, Philae Temple & High Dam

An early start offers the optional excursion to the breath-taking temples of Abu Simbel, guarded by Ramses II's colossal seated statues. Back in Aswan we take a traditional felucca sail around the islands, gliding past palm-fringed shores. We then visit the beautiful island temple of Philae, dedicated to Isis, and the modern engineering marvel of the High Dam, whose reservoir created vast Lake Nasser.

### Day 7: Grand Egyptian Museum & Cairo Heritage

We fly back to Cairo and spend the morning at the renowned Grand Egyptian Museum with our Egyptologist guide, marvelling at treasures spanning 3,000 years, including the glittering collection of Tutankhamun. The afternoon is free, with an optional guided walking tour of the fragrant lanes of the Khan el-Khalili bazaar.

### Day 8: Cairo, free time, departure airport transfer

Your time is free today for some last-minute sightseeing or shopping until your transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Optional tours today include Coptic Cairo and the Citadel, Saqqara and Dahshur, or a full-day trip to Alexandria.

# Jordan Encounters

► Small Group



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 14



#### Meals

8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3 to 4-star hotels, Red Sea resort & Bedouin camp



#### Transport

AC minivan/minibus & Bedouin jeep

#### Day 1: Arrive in Amman, Airport to Hotel Transfer Included

Upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel in Amman. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore the city.

#### Day 2: As-Salt, Amman City, and Local Food Tasting

Today, we visit As-Salt, a hilltop town with historic yellow limestone architecture, showcasing the coexistence of Muslim and Christian communities. We explore its 'Harmony Trail' to learn more about local life. In the afternoon, we tour Amman, including the Citadel, the Roman Theatre, and a food-tasting experience in Downtown Amman, sampling local dishes like Manakish, Mansaf, and Knafeh.

#### Day 3: Dana Biosphere Reserve Hike, Drive to Aqaba

We drive along the Desert Highway to the Dana Biosphere Reserve for an easy hike, enjoying the beautiful scenery and a picnic lunch. Afterward, we continue to Aqaba, where you have a free evening to explore or relax by the Red Sea.

#### Day 4: Free Morning in Aqaba and Overnight Wadi Rum Bedouin Camp

The morning is free to enjoy Aqaba's beaches, explore the city, or try water sports like snorkeling or diving. In the afternoon, we travel to Wadi Rum, where we'll spend the night in a Bedouin camp, enjoy a traditional Jordanian dinner, and have options for a sunset camel ride or stargazing.



#### Day 5: Jeep Safari and Bedouin Experience in Wadi Rum, Travel to Petra

After breakfast, we take a jeep safari in Wadi Rum, exploring sand dunes, rock formations, and experiencing Bedouin life, including traditional activities like bread-making and goat herding. After lunch, we drive to Petra. In the evening, there's an optional Petra by Night tour, walking through the candle-lit Siq to the Treasury.

#### Day 6: Reverse-Route Mountain Hike to Petra via Little Petra

Today, we hike into Petra from the back-route, starting at Little Petra and taking in stunning mountain views. We enter Petra from the Monastery and explore the main site, including the Roman amphitheater, colonnaded streets, and the iconic Treasury. This route involves moderate hiking, suitable for those comfortable with extended walks on uneven terrain.

#### Day 7: Dead Sea Road to Wadi Mujib - Siq Trail Hike, Dead Sea 'Swim'

After breakfast, we drive along the Dead Sea to Wadi Mujib for a hike through its water-filled gorge. This adventurous trail involves climbing small waterfalls and ends at a large waterfall. During the cooler months, we visit the Baptism Site at Bethany instead. After the hike, we head to a Dead Sea resort to float in its salty waters and relax.

#### Day 8: Madaba, Mount Nebo, and Roman Jerash

We visit Madaba to see its famous Byzantine mosaics and then head to Mount Nebo for panoramic views of the Promised Land. Our final stop is the ancient city of Jerash, where we explore well-preserved Roman ruins, including the Forum, colonnaded streets, and the Temple of Artemis. We return to Amman for our final night in Jordan.



## JORDAN



#### Days

9 Days / 8 Nights



#### Start/End

Amman to Amman

FROM **£1,699** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

#### Highlights

- As-Salt
- Amman Food Tasting
- Dana Hike
- Red Sea in Aqaba
- Wadi Rum Bedouin Experience
- Petra Reverse Hike
- Dead Sea and Wadi Mujib Hike
- Madaba, Mount Nebo & Jerash

#### Day 9: Free Time in Amman, Hotel to Airport Transfer Included

Enjoy free time in Amman before your airport transfer for departure. Additional tours are available if you have a later flight. This itinerary connects well with other tours in Egypt and Israel; contact us for more information.

# Jordan Express

► Small Group



## JORDAN



Days

6 Days / 5 Nights



Start/End

Amman to Amman

FROM **£849** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Bustling Amman
- Roman ruins at Jerash
- Roman mosaics at Madaba
- Views over Israel from Mt. Nebo
- Scenic Kings Highway drive
- Kerak crusader castle
- Full day in Petra
- Wadi Rum jeep safari & Bedouin camp
- Dead Sea swim



Includes the As-Salt Daily Life Trail  
Includes the As-Salt Daily Life Trail –  
artisan shops and lunch with a local family,  
keeping income in the community.



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 18



#### Meals

5 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 1  
Dinners



#### Accommodations

3 & 4-star hotels and Bedouin A/C minibus/coach, Bedouin  
camp



#### Transport

3 & 4-star hotels and Bedouin A/C minibus/coach, Bedouin  
camp

#### Day 1: Amman Meet & Greet

Land in Amman, where our team will meet and greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to rest after your journey, or head out to explore the surrounding area independently.

#### Day 2: Jerash & Amman Cultural Discovery

We drive north to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman provincial cities anywhere in the world. We wander its colonnaded streets, the grand Oval Plaza, temples and theatres, before returning to Amman to explore the Citadel and Roman Theatre. A street food tasting downtown introduces local flavours, and we finish at the Wild Jordan Centre with fine views over the old city.

#### Day 3: Mosaic Map, Mount Nebo & Shobak to Petra

Driving the scenic King's Highway, we stop at Madaba to see its famous sixth-century mosaic map of the Holy Land, then continue to Mount Nebo, where Moses is said to have gazed over the Promised Land – on clear days the views stretch across the Jordan Valley to Jericho. We then visit Shobak Castle, a dramatic 12th-century Crusader fortress crowning a remote ridge, before descending on Petra. This evening the optional Petra by Night offers a candlelit walk through the Siq.

#### Day 4: Petra Monuments, Monastery & Wadi Rum

A full day in the Rose Red City begins with the walk through the narrow Siq to the breathtaking Treasury, then continues past the Royal Tombs, the



amphitheatre and the Colonnaded Street. Those with energy for the long stairway are rewarded by the monumental Monastery, one of Petra's largest monuments. This afternoon we drive to Wadi Rum, where we spend the night in a Bedouin camp.

#### Day 5: From Desert Trails to the Dead Sea

A memorable jeep safari takes us through Wadi Rum's red sands and past towering cliffs and natural rock bridges, with an authentic Bedouin cultural encounter included. We then drive north to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, where our resort awaits. Don't miss the unforgettable experience of floating in its famously buoyant, mineral-rich waters.

#### Day 6: Farewell to Dead Sea

The morning is free at your Dead Sea resort – relax by the shore, take another float in the salty waters, smother on the famous mineral mud, or enjoy the hotel's spa facilities. Later we drive to Amman's Queen Alia International Airport, where the tour ends. Should you wish to extend your tour, optional day trips are available, including tours to Bethany, Ajloun Castle, Pella, Umm Qai, or the Desert Castles. We also offer transfers to Tel Aviv or flights to Cairo to further extended your tours.



# Jordan & Egypt Express

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 18



**Meals**  
12 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
4-star hotels, Bedouin camp, Nubian guesthouse & felucca sailboat



**Transport**  
A/C car/minibus, Bedouin jeep & felucca sailboat, overnight train

## Day 1: Amman Meet & Greet

Land in Amman where our team will meet and greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to rest after travelling or explore the surrounding area independently.

## Day 2: Jerash, Amman Heritage & Street Food

We head north to the extensive Roman ruins of Jerash before returning to Amman to tour the Citadel and Roman Theatre. A street food tasting in downtown introduces local flavours and we finish at the Wild Jordan Centre.

## Day 3: King's Highway to Petra

Driving the scenic King's Highway we stop at Madaba for its famous sixth century mosaic map and Mount Nebo for views over the Jordan Valley, then visit Shobak Castle before reaching Petra. Optional Petra by Night this evening.

## Day 4: Petra's Lost City & Wadi Rum

We walk through the dramatic Siq canyon to Petra's iconic Treasury, with free time to explore the Royal Tombs, amphitheatre and Colonnaded Street further at your own pace. Afterwards we drive to Wadi Rum for a night in a Bedouin camp.

## Day 5: From Desert Trails to the Dead Sea

A jeep safari takes us through Wadi Rum's red sands and past towering cliffs, with an authentic Bedouin cultural encounter included. We then drive north to the Dead Sea for an overnight stay, with time to float in its salty waters.

## Day 6: Amman to Cairo, Cairo Meet & Greet

We transfer to Amman airport this morning for the flight to Cairo (flight cost not included), where our local team will meet you, assist with visas and luggage and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

## Day 7: Giza Highlights & the Overnight Train to Aswan

Our Egyptologist guide takes us to the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza before an included Koshary lunch. After free time to visit the Egyptian Museum we board the overnight seater train to Aswan, with an optional sleeper cabin upgrade.



## Day 8: Philae Temple & Nubian Village Experience

Arriving in Aswan we take a boat to the beautiful island temple of Philae, dedicated to the goddess Isis and dramatically rescued stone by stone from the rising waters of the Nile. We then sail to a traditional Nubian village of colourfully painted houses, where we spend the night in a family-run guesthouse and experience their famously warm hospitality.

## Day 9: Felucca Sailing Adventure on the Nile

We board a traditional felucca and spend the day sailing slowly down the Nile, watching rural life unfold on the riverbank. Our Nubian crew sail the boat and cook our meals, and we sleep aboard under the stars, with an optional hotel upgrade available.

## Day 10: Edfu Temple & Journey to Luxor

After a final morning sail and breakfast on the felucca we say goodbye to the crew and drive north, stopping to visit the remarkably well preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu before continuing to Luxor.

## Day 11: West Bank of Luxor & Overnight Train to Cairo

We cross to the West Bank for the painted tombs of the Valley of the Kings, where you may also descend into Tutankhamun's resting place, plus the artisans' village of Deir el-Medina, Queen Hatshepsut's terraced temple and the Colossi of Memnon. An optional sunrise balloon flight drifts over the Theban hills before we board the overnight train to Cairo.

## Day 12: Cairo Arrival & a Free Day

We arrive in Cairo and transfer to our hotel. The day is then free to explore the capital independently, with optional tours including Coptic Cairo and the Citadel, Saqqara and Memphis, or the bustling Khan el-Khalili bazaar.



## JORDAN & EGYPT



**Days**  
13 Days / 12 Nights



**Start/End**  
Amman to Cairo

FROM **£1,999** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Hidden Petra
- Swim in The Dead Sea
- Wadi Rum desert safari
- The Pyramids & Sphinx
- Huge Karnak Temple complex
- Island Philae Temple
- The Valley of the Kings
- Felucca cruise on the Nile

## Day 13: Cairo, free time, departure airport transfer

Your time is free today for some last minute sightseeing or shopping until your transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Optional tours today include Coptic Cairo and the Citadel, Saqqara and Dahshur, or Alexandria. You can also extend this tour to include a visit to the desert oasis or for more time in Alexandria.

# Nabateans & Nubians

► Small Group



## JORDAN & EGYPT

16

Days

16 Days / 15 Nights



Start/End

Cairo to Amman

FROM **£3,399** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- The great Pyramids & Sphinx
- Dramatic Karnak temple
- King Tut's death mask in the Grand Egyptian Museum
- Hidden tombs of the Valley of the Kings

#### Day 1: Cairo Meet & Greet

Arrive in Cairo, where our local team will meet you at the airport, help with visas and luggage, and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

#### Day 2: Cairo Highlights & Departure to Aswan

We spend the day at Giza with the Great Pyramids and Sphinx, enjoy an included Koshary lunch, then visit the Grand Egyptian Museum and its Tutankhamun



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 18



#### Meals

16 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3, 4 & 5-star hotels, felucca sailboat, sleeper train, bedouin camp



#### Transport

A/C car/minibus/coach, sleeper train, felucca sailboat, ferry & Bedouin jeep

treasures. Tonight we board the overnight sleeper train to Aswan.

#### Day 3: Philae Temple & Nubian Village Experience

Arriving in Aswan we sail across the Nile to the romantic island temple of Philae, dedicated to Isis, then continue to a traditional Nubian village for an overnight stay in a Nubian style guesthouse and warm local hospitality.

#### Day 4: Felucca Sailing Adventure on the Nile

We set sail from Aswan on a traditional felucca, drifting downstream past palm-lined banks and timeless Nubian landscapes. All meals are prepared by our crew and we spend a memorable night aboard sleeping under the stars.

#### Day 5: Edfu Temple & Journey to Luxor

Leaving the felucca after a final morning's sail, we visit the superbly preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu, then drive north through the Nile Valley to Luxor.

#### Day 6: Valley of the Kings, Karnak & Sleeper Train to Cairo

We spend the day among Luxor's great sites, from the royal tombs of the Valley of the Kings and Hatshepsut's temple to the towering columns of Karnak. This evening we board the overnight sleeper train back to Cairo.

#### Day 7: Cairo Leisure & Historic Bazaars

After free time in Cairo we walk from the medieval Bab al-Futuh gate through the bustling bazaars of Old Cairo to the Khan el-Khalili, where craft stalls, spices and traditional cafes fill the historic trading streets.

#### Day 8: Journey Across Sinai to Dahab

We drive from Cairo under the Suez Canal and across the Sinai Peninsula to the laid back Red Sea town of Dahab. The afternoon is free to relax by the beach or explore Assalah village, with an optional flight upgrade available.

#### Day 9: Free day in Dahab

A free day to relax in Dahab. You might swim or snorkel in the Red Sea, soak up the sun on the golden sandy beaches, or wander the laid back streets and

restaurants of nearby Assalah village, with optional tours also available.

#### Day 10: Further free day in Dahab

A further free day in Dahab to enjoy the beaches and unique bohemian atmosphere, or to join one of our optional tours. Snorkelling and diving among the reefs of the Red Sea are popular choices here.

#### Day 11: Sinai, Aqaba Ferry & Wadi Rum Camp

We follow the Sinai coast north to Taba Heights and take the ferry across the Gulf of Aqaba to Jordan. Entering at Aqaba we drive into the desert to our Wadi Rum Bedouin camp for the night.

#### Day 12: Wadi Rum Adventure & Journey to Petra

A jeep safari explores Wadi Rum's dunes and rock formations, and we join local Bedouins in traditional activities from sheep shearing to bread making before a shared desert lunch. We then drive north to Petra, with optional Petra by Night.

#### Day 13: Little Petra Back Route & Petra Highlights

We visit Little Petra then take a jeep to the trailhead for the scenic back route hike into the main site, arriving via the Monastery. We continue past the Royal Tombs and amphitheatre to the iconic Treasury, with free time afterwards.

#### Day 14: Wadi Mujib Siq Trail & Dead Sea

We drive up the Dead Sea road to Wadi Mujib to hike the exciting Siq Trail through the wet canyon (seasonal, otherwise a Baptism Site visit at Bethany is included). We end at our Dead Sea resort with time to float in the salty water.

#### Day 15: Madaba, Mount Nebo & Jerash

We visit the sixth century mosaic map at Madaba and enjoy the views from Mount Nebo, where Moses looked over the Promised Land, before exploring the superb Roman ruins at Jerash. We finish in Amman.

#### Day 16: Farewell to Jordan

The morning is free in Amman for last-minute shopping before your transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for your departure flight.

# Classic Israel

## ► Small Group



### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 45



### Meals

7 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 2 Dinners



### Accommodations

3 to 4-star hotels



### Transport

A/C car/minibus/coach

### Day 1: Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at the airport, you'll be greeted by a representative and taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or explore Tel Aviv at your leisure.

### Day 2: Masada – Herod's Palaces - Dead Sea

The tour begins as we drive south from Tel Aviv, passing Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Beersheba. We head to Masada, Israel's premier archaeological site, where we ascend by cable car to explore the ancient fortress, including Herod's palaces, the synagogue, bathhouse, and cisterns, while enjoying panoramic views of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Later, we descend to the Dead Sea to experience its unique mineral-rich mud and float in its salty waters. We then drive past Ein Gedi and through the Judean Desert to Jerusalem.

### Day 3: Israel Museum - Yad Vashem - Bethlehem

Today, we start with a panoramic view from Mount Scopus before visiting the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and a model of ancient Jerusalem. We proceed to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust remembrance center, followed by a visit to Ein Karem. In the afternoon, we explore Bethlehem, including the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square.

### Day 4: Old City of Jerusalem - Mahane Yehuda

We explore the Old City of Jerusalem, beginning with the Jewish Quarter and the colorful Souk. We walk the Via Dolorosa, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visits to Mt. Zion, the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper, and Dormition Abbey follow. In the afternoon, we experience Mahane Yehuda, Israel's largest open market, known for its



vibrant atmosphere and variety of goods.

### Day 5: Beit Shean - Golan Heights - Tiberias

Departing Jerusalem, we drive north past Jericho, traveling through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean to explore its Roman ruins. We ascend to the Golan Heights for a wine tour and tasting, learn about wine production, and view former Syrian fortifications. We continue through the Golan, descending to the Hula Valley and onward to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, a city significant in Judaism.

### Day 6: Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Sea of Galilee - Nazareth

We visit Capernaum to see ancient synagogue ruins and the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. An optional boat ride on the Sea of Galilee is available. Later, we proceed to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and other Christian sites before returning to Tiberias for the night.

### Day 7: Acre, Haifa & Tel Aviv

Our final tour day begins with a drive to Acre (Akko) to explore Crusader fortifications. We then continue to Haifa for panoramic views of the Baha'i Shrine, Persian Garden, Mount Carmel, and Haifa Bay. Next, we visit Caesarea to see the Roman Theater and Crusader fortress. The day ends with a brief tour of Tel Aviv and the ancient port of Jaffa.

### Day 8: Your Classic Israel tour ends

The tour concludes today, and you'll be transferred to the airport for your departure. Contact us if you'd like to extend your stay.



## ISRAEL



### Days

8 Days / 7 Nights



### Start/End

Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

FROM **£1,749** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Tel Aviv
- Roman ruins at Caesarea & Druze villages
- Golan Heights wine tasting
- Haifa & Sea of Galilee
- Tiberias & Nazareth
- Masada fortress by cable car
- Bethlehem & Dead Sea swim
- Old & new Jerusalem



Just what we wanted for a first visit to Israel. Our guide was fantastic and every arrangement ran without a hitch.

**Mary, TourRadar**



# Best of Israel & Jordan

► Small Group



## ISRAEL & JORDAN



Days

11 Days / 10 Nights



Start/End

Tel Aviv to Tel Aviv

FROM **£2,499** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Tel Aviv, Masada fortress & Dead Sea
- Old & new Jerusalem
- Bethlehem, Jericho & Sea of Galilee
- Tiberias, Golan Heights & Nazareth
- Acre, Caesarea & Haifa
- Jerash Roman ruins
- Petra tour
- Madaba mosaics & Mount Nebo views



Includes the Wild Jordan Centre, where visits directly fund the RSCN's nature reserves and crafts made by local communities.



Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 45



Meals

10 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 0 Dinners



Accommodations

3 to 4-star hotels



Transport

A/C minibus/coach

### Day 1: Arrive into Tel Aviv. Transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to settle in and explore Tel Aviv independently.

### Day 2: Masada & Dead Sea

Meet your tour guide and fellow travelers as you depart south from Tel Aviv, passing Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Beersheba. Visit Masada, Israel's foremost archaeological park, ascending to the top by cable car to explore Herod's palaces, the synagogue, and Roman camps. Continue to the Dead Sea, where you can float in the salty waters or enjoy the mineral-rich mud. Journey north along the Dead Sea, passing Ein Gedi and the Judean Desert, before arriving in Jerusalem.

### Day 3: Israel Museum - Yad Vashem - Ein Karem - Bethlehem

Today's tour begins at the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, and then explore the village of Ein Karem, traditionally considered the birthplace of John the Baptist. Travel to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square before returning to Jerusalem.

### Day 4: Old City of Jerusalem

Explore Jerusalem's Old City, visiting the Western Wall, Temple Mount, and walking the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit Mount Zion, King David's Tomb, and the Room of the Last Supper. Enjoy a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, visit the Garden of Gethsemane, and end the day at the bustling Mahane Yehuda market.

### Day 5: Beit Shean - Golan Heights - Tiberias

Depart Jerusalem and head north through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean to explore the well-preserved Roman city ruins. Continue to the Golan Heights for a wine tour and tasting. Travel through the Golan, passing Druze villages and former Syrian fortifications, before descending to the Hula Valley and Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee.

### Day 6: Capernaum - Mount of Beatitudes - Nazareth

Visit Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, the center of Jesus' ministry. Explore the ruins of an ancient synagogue, the Mount of Beatitudes, and Tabgha. Optional boat trip on the Sea of Galilee. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and other holy sites, before returning to Tiberias.

### Day 7: Acre - Haifa - Caesarea - Jaffa

Drive to Acre to see the Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. In Haifa, ascend Mount Carmel for views of the city and the Baha'i Gardens. Visit Caesarea to explore Herod the Great's Roman theater and Crusader fortress. End with a tour of Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

### Day 8: Cross from Israel to Jordan, tour Jerash

Cross into Jordan and travel to Jerash, a well-preserved Greco-Roman city. Visit colonnaded streets, Hadrian's Arch, and the Temple of Artemis. End the day with a panoramic tour of Amman.

### Day 9: Petra

Travel south to Petra, entering through the Siq to explore this ancient Nabatean city. Visit the Treasury, tombs, obelisks, and the theater. Enjoy free time to explore independently before returning to Wadi Musa for the night.

### Day 10: Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Tel Aviv

Drive to Madaba to see the ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land, then visit Mt. Nebo for views over the Promised Land. Cross back into Israel and drive to Tel Aviv.

### Day 11: Free time in Tel Aviv. Departure airport transfer

Spend your final day in Tel Aviv at leisure before transferring to the airport for your departure flight. Extra nights in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv are available if you wish to extend your stay.

**Note:** Tour sequence, sites, and accommodations may vary based on local conditions or the guide's discretion.

# Lebanon Encounters

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 18



**Meals**  
7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 0 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
4-star hotels, guesthouse & monastery



**Transport**  
A/C car/minibus/coach

## Day 1: Arrive in Beirut, Transfer to Hotel

Arrive at Beirut International Airport, where our representative will meet you. Transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay in Beirut.

## Day 2: Jeita Grotto, Harissa Cable Car & Baatar Gorge

We leave Beirut and head north to visit the Jeita Grotto, a vast limestone cave system stretching nearly 9 kilometers. You can explore the grotto on foot and by boat, depending on water levels. Next, we head to Harissa, home to the shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon. After taking a cable car ride to the top of the Basilica, enjoy panoramic views of the Bay of Jounieh. We then travel to Baatar Gorge to see the dramatic 255-meter waterfall that flows into the Baatar Pothole, also known as the Cave of the Three Bridges. A traditional Lebanese lunch is included, followed by a visit to Douma Village. The day ends with a short drive to Qadisha Valley, where we stay overnight at the Monastery of St. Anthony.

## Day 3: Qadisha Valley, Cedars Ski Resort & Becharre

Join the monks for morning prayers, followed by breakfast and exploration of the Qadisha Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its ancient caves and dramatic landscapes. After a hike, we visit Becharre, the birthplace of poet Kahlil Gibran, and the Cedars Ski Resort, near the famous Cedars of God forest. Later, we arrive in Byblos, an ancient Phoenician city and UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its archaeological treasures and picturesque harbor.



## Day 4: Morning in Byblos, Ksara Winery

Spend the morning exploring Byblos and its highlights. We then drive to Zahle, stopping at Ksara Winery, Lebanon's oldest winery. Tour the caves and enjoy a wine tasting session before continuing to Zahle.

## Day 5: Baalbek & Anjar

Visit Baalbek, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its well-preserved Roman temple complex, including the Temples of Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury. Continue to Anjar, an 8th-century Umayyad city in the Bekaa Valley, known for its well-planned architecture and commercial significance. Return to Beirut in the afternoon.

## Day 6: Deir al Qamar, Beiteddine & Beirut City Tour

Travel to the Chouf Mountains to visit Deir al Qamar, a historic village that was once Lebanon's capital. Continue to Beiteddine Palace, an opulent 19th-century structure. Return to Beirut for a city tour, exploring its contrasts between modern developments and historic architecture, including sites like the Beirut Souks, the Corniche, and the Pigeon Grotto.

## Day 7: Tyre & Sidon

Head south to explore Tyre, a UNESCO World Heritage site with significant Phoenician ruins. Continue to Sidon, known for its production of glass and purple dye in antiquity. Visit the Crusader Sea Castle, the Great Mosque, and Khan el Franj, and wander through the old souks. Return to Beirut for an overnight stay.

## Day 8: Beirut Free Time, Departure Airport Transfer

Enjoy free time in Beirut before your transfer to the airport for your departing flight.



## LEBANON



**Days**  
8 Days / 7 Nights



**Start/End**  
Beirut to Beirut

FROM **£1,599** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Beirut & Beiteddine Palace
- Tyre World Heritage Site
- Sidon Souk
- Baalbek temple complex
- Ksara Caves wine tasting
- Cedar Forest & Qadisha Valley
- Baatar Gorge & Waterfall
- Byblos harbour & history
- Jeita Grotto & Harissa cable car



Unsure what to expect, it was far better than I thought – the guide and sights were beyond all expectations.

**Claire Carter, Google**



# Lebanon Express

► Small Group



## LEBANON



Days

6 Days / 5 Nights



Start/End

Beirut to Beirut

FROM **£1,199** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Beirut
- Baalbek temple complex
- Ksara Caves wine tasting
- Cedar Forest & Qadisha Valley
- Baatara Gorge & Waterfall
- Byblos harbour & history
- Jeita Grotto & Harissa cable car



Everything was well organized and the guides were excellent and easy to get along with. I recommend this company.

**Carlos Richardson, TripAdvisor**



**Group Size**

Min: 2 | Max: 18



**Meals**

5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 0 Dinners



**Accommodations**

4-star hotels, guesthouse & monastery



**Transport**

A/C car/minibus/coach

### Day 1: Arrive in Beirut, Transfer to Hotel

Your tour begins upon arrival at Beirut International Airport. Our representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in Beirut for an overnight stay.

### Day 2: Jeita Grotto, Harissa Cable Car, Baatara Gorge

This morning, we head north from Beirut to visit the stunning Jeita Grotto. This limestone cave system, a finalist in the New 7 Wonders of Nature competition, features one of the world's largest collections of stalactites and stalagmites and is a symbol of Lebanon.

Next, we visit Harissa, known for its mountain-top Christian shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We'll take a cable car to the shrine, enjoying breathtaking views of the coastline.

Our final stop is Baatara Gorge, where a 255-meter waterfall cascades into a vast cavern. After a short hike and exploration of the nearby Douma Village, a traditional lunch is included.

The day concludes with a drive to Qadisha Valley, where we stay overnight at the Monastery of St. Anthony in simple but comfortable en-suite rooms (or a nearby guesthouse if the monastery is unavailable).

### Day 3: Qadisha Valley, Cedars Ski Resort & Byblos

Early risers can join the monks for morning prayers. After breakfast, explore Qadisha Valley, known as the Holy Valley, which is rich in historical caves used for ancient shelter.

Next, we visit Becharre, the birthplace of poet Kahlil Gibran. The village museum showcases his paintings and manuscripts.



We then head to the Cedars Ski Resort and the Cedars of God, famous for its ancient cedar forests mentioned in the Old Testament. Our day ends in Byblos, an ancient Phoenician city with a history spanning up to 7000 years. Known locally as Jbeil, Byblos features significant historical sites and a picturesque Phoenician harbor.

### Day 4: Free Morning in Byblos, Ksara Winery

Enjoy a free morning in Byblos to explore its markets and coastline. Later, we drive to Zahle, stopping at the Ksara Winery, one of Lebanon's oldest. The winery's caves and tunnels, used for generations, offer a guided tour and wine tasting session.

### Day 5: Exploring Baalbek and Anjar

Today we visit Baalbek, known as 'Heliopolis' to the Romans and Greeks. The site, dedicated to Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury, features remarkably preserved ancient temples.

After Baalbek, we explore the Umayyad city of Anjar in the Bekaa Valley, founded in the 8th century. Discover the remains of mosques, palaces, baths, and up to 600 ancient shops, highlighting Anjar's importance as a trading hub.

We end the day with a drive back to Beirut for an overnight stay.

### Day 6: Beirut Free Time, Departure Airport Transfer

On your final day, enjoy free time in Beirut to explore further. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight home.



# Europe



Exploring Greece and Turkey was unforgettable. In Greece, we marveled at Athens' ancient Acropolis and Santorini's stunning sunsets. Turkey's Istanbul dazzled with its vibrant bazaars and the magnificent Hagia Sophia, while Cappadocia's surreal landscapes and hot air balloon rides left us in awe. A journey through history and beauty.



# Anatolian Adventure

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 20



**Meals**  
9 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 6 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
4 to 5-star hotels



**Transport**  
A/C minibus

## Day 1: Istanbul Arrival

Arrive at Istanbul Airport where you are transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace, wander local streets, sample Turkish cuisine or simply rest after your journey.

## Day 2: Istanbul Highlights

We discover Istanbul's historic heart, from the soaring domes and delicate tilework of the Blue Mosque and the great Hagia Sophia to the courtyards and Harem of Topkapi Palace, also taking in the serene Byzantine church of Hagia Irene, before ending at the ancient Hippodrome of Constantinople.

## Day 3: Istanbul to Gallipoli's ANZAC Memorials

We discover Istanbul's historic heart, from the soaring domes and delicate tilework of the Blue Mosque and the great Hagia Sophia to the courtyards and Harem of Topkapi Palace, also taking in the serene Byzantine church of Hagia Irene, before ending at the ancient Hippodrome of Constantinople.

## Day 4: From Troy to the Aegean Coast

We explore the layered ruins of ancient Troy, where nine cities were built one atop another, and the award-winning Troy Museum brings the epic legend to life. We then enjoy free time in the pretty stone village of Behramkale (Assos), with its acropolis views over the Aegean, before driving south along the coast to Kusadasi.

## Day 5: Ephesus & Sirince

We walk the marble streets of Ephesus, one of the Mediterranean's greatest ancient cities, marvelling at the Library of Celsus and the great theatre. We also visit the site of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, and the Ephesus Archaeology Museum, before stopping at a traditional carpet village in Sirince.



## Day 6: Pamukkale & Hierapolis

After a leather goods demonstration we drive inland to Pamukkale, where dazzling white travertine terraces cascade down the hillside, formed over millennia by mineral-rich spring water. We explore the vast ancient spa city of Hierapolis above, with its colonnaded streets and great necropolis, and can swim in the thermal pools among submerged Roman columns.

## Day 7: Silk Road to Cappadocia

Following the ancient Silk Road across central Anatolia, we stop at the grand Seljuk-era Sultanhanı Caravanserai, once a haven for merchants and their camels, and visit the Mevlana Museum in Konya, home of the Whirling Dervishes, before continuing across the steppe to Cappadocia.

## Day 8: Cappadocia Rock-Cut Heritage

We explore the Goreme Open Air Museum with its rock-cut churches and colourful medieval frescoes, marvel at the surreal fairy chimney formations rising from the surrounding valleys, and descend deep into an underground city of tunnels and chambers where early communities once lived and sheltered.

## Day 9: Ankara & the Road Back to Istanbul

We leave Cappadocia for Ankara, Turkey's modern capital, where we visit Anıtkabir, the monumental hilltop mausoleum of Atatürk, founder of the republic, before a long drive west back to Istanbul. A flight upgrade from Kayseri is available as an alternative.

## Day 10: Final Hours in Istanbul

Enjoy your final hours in Istanbul at your own pace - time for last-minute shopping, a final Turkish coffee or perhaps a ferry ride across the Bosphorus - before your transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



## TURKEY



**Days**  
10 Days / 9 Nights



**Start/End**  
Istanbul to Istanbul

FROM **£1,939** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Istanbul
- Gallipoli battlefields & memorials
- Troy & Assos Acropolis
- Ancient Greek & Roman ruins at Ephesus & Hierapolis
- Pamukkale calcium travertines, Sultanhanı Caravansary
- Cappadocia underground churches & fairy chimneys.



A reforestation seedling is donated to the TEMA Foundation for every traveller, helping combat soil erosion across Turkey.

# Aegean Legacy

► Shoestring



## TURKEY

13

Days

13 Days / 12 Nights



Start/End

Istanbul to Istanbul

FROM **£2,199** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Gallipoli Battlefields
- Ancient city of Troy
- Calcium Travertines of Pamukkale
- Hierapolis
- traditional Gulet Cruise along the Mediterranean coast
- Fethiye
- Cappadocia & Goreme Valley

An all round wonderful experience – our tour guide Halil and driver were excellent. Highly recommended.

**Paula, TourRadar**



**Group Size**

Min: 2 | Max: 14



**Meals**

12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners



**Accommodations**

4-star hotels & gulet sailing boat



**Transport**

A/C minibus & gulet sailing boat

### Day 1: Istanbul Arrival & Welcome

Arrive in Istanbul and make your own way to the hotel, with an arrival transfer available as an optional extra. This evening a welcome meeting brings you together with your guide and fellow travellers to run through the journey ahead, and perhaps a first taste of the city's legendary street food.

### Day 2: Istanbul Imperial Mosques & Palaces

We explore the elegant Blue Mosque and the monumental Hagia Sophia, whose vast dome has dominated the skyline for some 1,500 years, before visiting the nineteenth-century Dolmabahce Palace, the opulent Ottoman waterfront residence on the Bosphorus. We finish at the historic Hippodrome in the old city.

### Day 3: Gallipoli Battlefields & Dardanelles

We travel to the Gallipoli Peninsula to pay our respects at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, see ANZAC Cove and explore the trenches and tunnels, before continuing across the Dardanelles to Canakkale.

### Day 4: From Troy to the Aegean Coast

Leaving Canakkale we explore the layered ruins of legendary Troy, where nine cities rose one atop another, and the award-winning Troy Museum. We then enjoy free time in the pretty village of Behramkale before continuing south along the Aegean coast to Kusadasi.

### Day 5: Ephesus & Sirince

We explore the classical ruins of Ephesus and the site of the Temple of Artemis, then head into the hills to the pretty village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines, where we also visit a local vineyard.

### Day 6: Fethiye Gulet Cruise & Tersane Island

After a leather goods demonstration we drive to Fethiye to board our traditional wooden gulet. We cruise the Turquoise Coast with a swim stop, and explore the ruins and old shipyard on Tersane Island.

### Day 7: Lycian Coast Cruise

Cruising the Gocek bays we visit the ruins of Cleopatra's Baths at Hamam Bay, hike from Sarsala Bay to an ancient Lycian town, and anchor for the night in the olive ringed Bedri Rahmi Bay.



### Day 8: Gocek Bays & Island Swimming

Our final day on the water takes us through Gocek Bay and past the pine-clad Yassica Islands, with swimming stops in sheltered turquoise waters and at Kizilada (Red) Island, before we dock in Fethiye Harbour for our last night on board.

### Day 9: Pamukkale & Hierapolis

Leaving the coast we drive to Pamukkale to walk the brilliant white travertine terraces, built up over millennia by mineral-rich springs, explore the ancient spa city of Hierapolis and swim in thermal pools among sunken Roman columns.

### Day 10: Silk Road to Cappadocia

We follow ancient caravan routes inland, stopping at the grand Seljuk-era Sultanhanı Caravanserai, once a refuge for merchants and their camels, and the Mevlana Museum in Konya, home of the Whirling Dervishes.

### Day 11: Cappadocia's Open Air Heritage

We visit the rock-cut churches and beautiful medieval frescoes of the Goreme Open Air Museum, see the surreal fairy chimneys rising from the valleys, and explore deep underground cities where early Christians once sheltered.

### Day 12: Ankara & the Road Back to Istanbul

We leave Cappadocia for Ankara where we visit Anitkabir, the monumental mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and a symbol of modern Turkey, before the long drive west back to Istanbul.

### Day 13: Free Time in Istanbul

Your final day is free in Istanbul to revisit favourite corners, browse the bazaars or relax in a hammam. A departure transfer is available as an optional extra to take you to the airport.

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# Classic Greece

► Shoestring



**Group Size**  
Min: 4 | Max: 50



**Meals**  
6 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 3 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
4-star hotels



**Transport**  
A/C car/minibus

## Day 1: Arrive in Athens, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Athens airport (ATH), you'll be greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax after your flight and explore the local area independently before the sightseeing tours start tomorrow.

## Day 2: Athens, city tour

This morning, we begin our Athens tour at the Panathenaikon Stadium, site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. We continue to explore several key sites, including the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, and Constitution Square. In the afternoon, we visit the Acropolis, where you'll see the Erechtheion, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Parthenon, offering stunning views of the city. Afterward, the evening is yours to dine at a local taverna or explore the Plaka district.

## Day 3: Mycenae, Palamidi Fortress & Nafplion

We depart Athens early, crossing the Corinth Canal to reach Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the ancient Lions Gate and royal tombs. Next, we visit Nafplion, the first capital of Greece, located beneath the Palamidi Fortress. We then drive to Olympia, where we spend the night.

## Day 4: Olympia, drive to Delphi

This morning, we explore Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, dating back to 776 BC. Our visit includes the Temple of Zeus and Hera, the Olympic Stadium, and the archaeological museum. In the afternoon, we travel north over the Rio-Antirio Bridge to Delphi.



## Day 5: Tour of Delphi, then through Central Greece to Kalambaka

Delphi, once considered the center of the ancient world, is our focus today. We tour the Temple of Apollo, the Oracle of Delphi, and the Archaeological Museum. Afterward, we drive through Central Greece, passing traditional villages on our way to Kalambaka, a city at the foot of the Meteora mountains.

## Day 6: Clifftop monasteries of Meteora, return to Athens

Today, we explore Meteora's unique rock formations and monasteries perched atop cliffs. We visit several monasteries and enjoy breathtaking views across the valleys. Please note the strict dress code: women need to wear a long skirt or dress, and men must wear long trousers. Afterward, we return to Athens, stopping briefly at Leonidas' Monument in Thermopylae before arriving back in the city for the evening.

## Day 7: Athens, transfer to airport

After breakfast, you have some free time for last-minute sightseeing or shopping in Athens before your transfer to the airport for departure. Extra nights in Athens can be arranged upon request.



## GREECE



**Days**  
7 Days / 6 Nights



**Start/End**  
Athens to Athens

FROM **£1,265** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Acropolis & Parthenon in Athens
- Mycenae
- Mediterranean coast at Nafplion
- Palamidi fortress
- Ancient theatre of Epidauros
- Birth place of the Olympics at Olympia
- Temple of Apollo at Delphi
- Clifftop monasteries at Meteora



Compact and very well organised. The locations were ideal and beautiful, with lovely hotels throughout.

**Shanthi, TourRadar**



# Classic Greece & Santorini

► Shoestring



## GREECE

10

Days

10 Days / 9 Nights



Start/End

Athens to Athens

FROM **£2,055** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Acropolis & Parthenon in Athens
- UNESCO World Heritage site of Mycenae
- Nafplion & Palamidi fortress
- Birth place of the Olympic Games at Olympia
- Temple of Apollo at Delphi
- Clifftop monasteries at Meteora
- Beaches of Santorini

Excellent introduction to Classical Greece. Our guide, Georgina, was super knowledgeable, capable and friendly.

Jaime, TourRadar



**Group Size**

Min: 4 | Max: 50



**Meals**

9 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 3 Dinners



**Accommodations**

4-star hotels



**Transport**

A/C car/minibus & ferry

### Day 1: Arrive in Athens, transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Athens airport, a representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax, settle in, and explore the area independently before starting your sightseeing tours the next day.

### Day 2: Athens, city tour

Your Athens tour begins at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. You'll visit several sites, including the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, and the Acropolis, which offers panoramic views of the city. At the Acropolis, you'll explore the Parthenon, the Temple of Nike, and the Erechtheion, and learn about the ancient artifacts housed in the museum there.

### Day 3: Olympia via Mycenae, Palamidi fortress & Nafplion

Depart early from Athens, crossing the Corinth Canal to reach Mycenae, where you'll see the Lions Gate, royal tombs, and Cyclopean walls. Continue to Nafplion, the first capital of Greece, with its charming town nestled at the base of the Palamidi Fortress. The day ends with a drive to Olympia, where you'll stay overnight.

### Day 4: Olympia, drive to Delphi

Visit Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, and explore the Temple of Zeus, the Stadium, and the museum with its statue of Hermes. In the afternoon, drive over the Rio-Antirio Bridge to Delphi.

### Day 5: Tour of Delphi, then through Central Greece to Kalambaka

Tour the ancient site of Delphi, known as the center of the ancient world, including the Temple of Apollo and the Archaeological Museum. Then, travel through Central Greece, visiting traditional villages and towns, before arriving in Kalambaka, near the Meteora mountains.



### Day 6: Clifftop monasteries of Meteora. Return to Athens

Explore the monasteries of Meteora, perched atop towering cliffs, offering breathtaking views across the valleys. Note the strict dress code for visiting the monasteries. Afterward, return to Athens, stopping at the Leonidas Monument in Thermopylae along the way. You'll arrive back in Athens in the evening.

### Day 7: Ferry to Santorini

Transfer from your hotel to the port to catch a ferry to Santorini, arriving in the afternoon. Once on the island, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to start exploring Santorini's stunning scenery and unique architecture. A local representative will provide a briefing on the island and optional activities.

### Day 8: Santorini, free day

Spend a free day exploring Santorini. Optional boat trips around the caldera include hiking up the active volcano, swimming in hot springs, or snorkeling at Red Beach and White Beach. Other options include winery tours, cooking classes, and visiting ancient Akrotiri. You can also hike between the villages on the caldera's edge, taking in spectacular views and ending your day with a sunset in Oia.

### Day 9: Santorini, return to Athens

Depart Santorini early and take the ferry back to Athens. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon for final sightseeing or shopping before your departure the next day.

### Day 10: Athens, transfer to airport

Your tour concludes after breakfast. Enjoy some free time before being transferred to the airport for your departure flight. Extra nights in Athens can be arranged upon request.

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# Africa



Embark on an African adventure through Botswana's wildlife, Eritrea's historic architecture, Kenya's savannahs, Malawi's serene lakes, Morocco's vibrant markets, Namibia's deserts, South Africa's diverse landscapes, Sudan's ancient pyramids, Tanzania's majestic Kilimanjaro, Uganda's gorilla treks, Zambia's stunning Victoria Falls, and Zimbabwe's rich heritage. Each destination offers unique and unforgettable experiences.



# Moroccan Circuit

► Private



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 16



**Meals**  
8 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 3 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3 to 4-star hotels & Berber camp



**Transport**  
AC Minivan, Minibus or 4x4

## Day 1: Arrive in Marrakech, transfer to hotel

Welcome to Morocco! Upon arrival at Marrakech airport, we will transfer you to your hotel. The day is free to relax by the pool or explore Marrakech independently. A welcome meeting with the tour guide and fellow travelers is scheduled for 6:00 pm. Dinner at the hotel is included.

## Day 2: To Boumalne Dades via Ait Benhaddou

Our journey begins with a scenic drive across the High Atlas Mountains to Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its unique architecture and as a filming location for movies like "Gladiator" and "Game of Thrones." We'll also visit Ouarzazate, the "Hollywood of North Africa," before continuing through the Roses Valley to Boumalne Dades, where we'll spend the night.

## Day 3: Visit the Todra Gorge before a camel trek into the Sahara

Today, we travel to the Todra Gorge, an oasis with stunning gorges, before heading to the Erg Chebbi dunes of Merzouga. We'll enjoy a camel trek into the Sahara Desert, ending the day at a Berber camp where we'll dine, enjoy traditional music, and sleep under the stars.

To ensure the well-being of the camels, our policies include limiting rides to 1 hour per day, providing ample rest and care, and only allowing one rider per camel.

## Day 4: Drive to Fes via Ziz Valley, High Atlas, and Ifrane

After breakfast, we drive through the Ziz Valley, known for its date palms, and traverse the High and Middle Atlas Mountains. We will stop at the Cedar Forest to observe Barbary macaque apes and visit Ifrane, an alpine town. We then arrive in Fes for the night.



## Day 5: Full day exploring Fes

Fes, over 1,200 years old, is known for its bustling Medina, filled with narrow streets, mosques, souks, and various crafts. Our guided tour will explore the Medina, dye-pits, tanneries, a Moroccan pharmacy, and pottery shops. The evening offers an optional traditional meal with live Moroccan entertainment.

## Day 6: Head to the Blue City of Chefchaouen

Today we travel to Chefchaouen, a tranquil city in the Rif Mountains. Known for its blue doors and white-walled medina, Chefchaouen offers a relaxed atmosphere with cafes, a market, and the historic Kasbah.

## Day 7: Explore Rabat en-route to Casablanca

We start early to visit Rabat, Morocco's capital. A guided tour will take us to landmarks such as the Hassan Tower, the Mausoleum of King Mohamed V, and the Oudaya Kasbah. After lunch, we proceed to Casablanca, where an optional visit to the Hassan II Mosque is available.

## Day 8: Return to Marrakech. Optional city tour

After breakfast, we return to Marrakech. The afternoon is free for relaxation or exploring independently. Optional activities include a city tour, a hammam spa experience, or visiting the Majorelle Gardens. Don't miss the iconic Koutoubia Mosque and the lively Djemaa el-Fna square, filled with entertainers, vendors, and local delights.

## Day 9: Tour ends in Marrakech

The tour concludes after breakfast. You have free time until your departure. Assistance with airport transfers is available, or you can choose to extend your stay in Marrakech.



## MOROCCO



**Days**  
9 Days / 8 Nights



**Start/End**  
Marrakech to Marrakech

FROM **£949** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca
- Rabat Royal Palace
- Chefchaouen Blue City
- Medina, tanneries in Fes
- Atlas Mountains
- Erg Chebbi Saharan sand dunes
- Camel trek & Berber desert camp
- Ait Benhaddou



Every booking donates £10 to the Ait Ouham village association – funding schools, a library and projects in the Atlas Mountains.

# Morocco Encompassed



► Small Group



## MOROCCO

14

Days

14 Days / 13 Nights



Start/End

Casablanca to Marrakech

FROM **£1,249** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Casablanca
- Rabat
- Chefchaouen
- Fes
- Sahara Berber Camp
- Todra Gorge & Ait Benhaddou
- Essaouira

#### Day 1: Casablanca Meet & Greet

Land at Casablanca Airport, where you are transferred to your hotel. After time to rest and settle in, join your tour guide for an early-evening welcome meeting to run through the itinerary ahead and meet your fellow travellers.

#### Day 2: Imperial Rabat & Tetouan

We drive up the Atlantic coast to Rabat, Morocco's capital, visiting the Mausoleum of Mohamed V, the unfinished Hassan Tower and the blue-and-white lanes of the Oudaya Kasbah, before continuing north to the white city of Tetouan.



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 16



#### Meals

13 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 5 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3 to 4-star hotels & Berber camp



#### Transport

AC Minivan, Minibus & public coach

#### Day 3: Tetouan to Chefchaouen

We drive into the Rif Mountains to Chefchaouen, where an orientation walk introduces the blue painted alleys, main square and kasbah of this beautiful hill town. The rest of the day is free to explore or relax.

#### Day 4: Volubilis & Meknes to Fes

We visit the UNESCO-listed Roman ruins of Volubilis, with its triumphal arch and magnificent mosaics, then continue to the imperial city of Meknes to see the monumental Bab El Mansour gate and medina walls before driving on to Fes.

#### Day 5: Full Day Exploring Fes

A guided day exploring the medieval medina of Fes, one of the world's largest, wandering narrow streets filled with souks, palaces, tanneries and dye pits, plus a traditional pharmacy and pottery workshop. An optional dinner with Moroccan entertainment is offered tonight.

#### Day 6: Midelt Berber Family Visit & Mountain Hike

We cross the Moyen Atlas cedar forests to the quiet mountain town of Midelt. Here we visit a local Berber family to share a few hours in their way of life, and enjoy a short hike in the surrounding hills.

#### Day 7: Into the Sahara & Erg Chebbi

The landscape turns desert as we drive to Merzouga on the edge of the Sahara. A camel trek takes us into the dunes of Erg Chebbi to watch the sunset and reach our traditional Berber camp for dinner and a night beneath the stars.

#### Day 8: Merzouga to Todra Gorge

We leave the desert and drive via oasis towns to the towering cliffs of Todra Gorge, where we enjoy an easy walk beneath the sheer rock walls beside streams and palm groves. The rest of the day is free.

#### Day 9: Southern Valleys to Ait Benhaddou

We follow the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs through the Dades and Skoura valleys to Ouarzazate, then continue to Ait Benhaddou, the famous fortified ksar that has starred in many films, which we explore on foot.



#### Day 10: Atlas Crossing to Essaouira

We drive over the High Atlas and across open plains to the Atlantic coast and the laid-back port town of Essaouira. The rest of the day is free to wander the white-and-blue medina, stroll the sea ramparts and watch the woodworkers and fishing boats at work.

#### Day 11: A Relaxed Day in Essaouira

A full free day in Essaouira to do as much or as little as you like - browse the UNESCO-listed medina and former Portuguese fortifications, watch the colourful fishing harbour and its seafood grills, try kite surfing on the windy bay, or simply relax by the ocean.

#### Day 12: Essaouira to Marrakech

We leave the coast and drive inland across plains and farmland to Marrakech, the famous ochre city at the foot of the High Atlas. The remainder of the day is free to rest or begin exploring - don't miss the famous square at dusk.

#### Day 13: A Day at Ease in Marrakech

A free day in Marrakech to explore at your own pace, from the winding souks and historic medina to the gardens, palaces and the famous Jemaa el-Fna square, where storytellers, musicians and food stalls gather as evening falls. An optional city tour is available.

#### Day 14: Marrakech, tour ends

A final free morning in Marrakech to finish your journey, with time for last-minute shopping in the souks, a farewell mint tea or perhaps a traditional hammam, before the tour comes to an end in the red city.

# 10 day Garden Route

► Shoestring



**Group Size**  
Min: 4 | Max: 12



**Meals**  
8 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 4 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
Hostels or Guesthouses/  
Boutique Hotels



**Transport**  
AC minibus/coach

## Day 1: Arrival in Cape Town

Your tour begins with your arrival in Cape Town, known as the Mother City. You'll be transferred from Cape Town International Airport to your accommodation.

## Day 2: Free Time in Cape Town

Today is free for you to explore Cape Town on your own. There are many sites to visit, such as Robben Island, Table Mountain, the V&A Waterfront, Signal Hill, and the Constantia wine region. You might consider the city sightseeing bus tour or book optional day tours, including a Cape Peninsula or Cape Winelands Tour.

## Day 3: Another Day at Leisure in Cape Town

You have another free day to explore more of Cape Town and its surroundings, giving you a chance to visit any places you missed on Day 2.

## Day 4: Hermanus and Cape Agulhas

Today, the group travels from Cape Town to Hermanus, a seaside town famous for its whale-watching opportunities during the season (July-November). On the way, you'll stop at Betties Bay to see a colony of endangered African penguins. Those who opt for shark cage diving will miss the morning activities but will rejoin for the visit to Cape Agulhas, the southernmost tip of Africa where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet.

## Day 5: Route 62, Winery Stop, Ostrich Farm

Leaving Cape Agulhas, you will travel along Route 62 towards Oudtshoorn, the longest wine route in South Africa. Enjoy a winery lunch and tasting before continuing to Oudtshoorn, known as the Ostrich Capital of the World. You'll stay overnight on a game farm and visit an ostrich farm with views of the



Outeniqua and Swartberg mountains.

## Day 6: Wilderness National Park, Sedgefield

Today's adventure takes you through the scenic Outeniqua Mountain Pass to Wilderness National Park, a haven of diverse habitats and wildlife. You'll explore by canoeing down the Touw River and hiking to a waterfall and rock pool. The day concludes with relaxation on the pristine beaches of Sedgefield.

## Day 7: Knysna, Tsitsikamma National Park, Bloukrans Bungee (Optional)

The journey continues to Knysna, where you'll enjoy stunning views of the river estuary and the Indian Ocean. Next, head to Tsitsikamma National Park, stopping at Bloukrans Bridge for an optional bungee jump. In the park, explore beaches and forests, hike, swim, and cross a suspension bridge over a river mouth. Later, travel to Addo.

## Day 8: Game-Viewing in Addo, On to Wilderness

Embark on a safari in Addo Elephant National Park, home to around 600 elephants, lions, buffalo, black rhinos, and other wildlife. After the safari, return to the Garden Route, staying overnight in Wilderness.

## Day 9: Activities in Mossel Bay, Back to Cape Town

Travel to Mossel Bay, where you can hike the Cape St. Blaize Trail, visit beaches, and explore the Diaz Museum Complex. Optional activities include skydiving, sandboarding, or ziplining over the ocean. In the afternoon, return to Cape Town.

## Day 10: Departure from Cape Town

The tour concludes today. You have free time until your transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your departure.



## SOUTH AFRICA



**Days**  
10 Days / 9 Nights



**Start/End**  
Cape Town to Cape Town

FROM **£1,079** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Cape Town & Cape Agulhas
- Route 62 wine tasting
- Oudtshoorn & Klein Karoo ostrich farm
- Easy canoeing in Wilderness NP
- Knysna Heads viewpoint
- Sedgefield beaches
- Tsitsikamma NP
- Big 5 safari in Addo Elephant Park
- Mossel Bay



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# Grand Southern Safari

► Overland



## SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE

20

Days

20 Days / 19 Nights



Start/End

Cape Town to Victoria Falls

FROM **£2,799** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

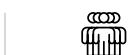
- Cape Town & Orange River
- Cederberg Region & Fish River Canyon
- Giants Playground & Sesriem Canyon
- Namib Desert & Dune 45, Swakopmund
- Brandberg rock art & Etosha National Park
- Okavango Delta
- Moremi Game Reserve & Chobe National Park

#### Day 1: Cape Town to Citrusdal

We leave Cape Town and travel north into the Cederberg region, where rugged mountains and rooibos farmland replace the city. A traditional dinner at our Citrusdal lodge offers a relaxed chance to meet your fellow travellers.

#### Day 2: Citrusdal to the Orange River

Travelling on through increasingly arid Namaqualand, we reach our riverside accommodation on the Orange River. Between July and September, seasonal wildflowers can carpet the region in spectacular colour after good rains.



#### Group Size

Min: 4 | Max: 20



#### Meals

19 Breakfasts, 17 Lunches, 16 Dinners



#### Accommodations

2 to 4-star hotels, lodges or camping



#### Transport

Overland expedition vehicle, 4x4 safari vehicles

#### Day 3: Orange River to Fish River Canyon

We travel inland to the vast Fish River Canyon, one of Africa's largest, enjoying a short walk along the rim, then overnight in Keetmanshoop. An optional canoe trip is available on the river.

#### Day 4: Quiver Trees & Giants Playground to Namib-Naukluft

From Keetmanshoop we visit the Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground, then drive northwest through remote terrain to our base near the great dunes.

#### Day 5: Dune 45, Sossusvlei, Deadvlei & Sesriem Canyon

An early climb of Dune 45 catches sunrise, before a 4x4 shuttle takes us into Sossusvlei and Deadvlei to walk among the clay pans and ancient dead trees.

#### Day 6: Namib-Naukluft to Swakopmund

Crossing gravel plains, we pause at the Tropic of Capricorn and join a guided desert walk, before ending in coastal Swakopmund.

#### Day 7: Free day in Swakopmund

A free day in this German-influenced seaside resort. Stroll the streets, walk the beach or simply rest, with optional activities from sandboarding to scenic flights.

#### Day 8: Lichen Fields, Brandberg & Rock Art

Travelling north we stop at the lichen fields before turning inland to Brandberg, Namibia's highest massif, for a guided hike to the ancient White Lady rock painting.

#### Day 9: Brandberg to Etosha

We leave the desert behind for Etosha National Park, where flat savannah replaces rugged mountains, and enjoy our first afternoon game drive. Overnight Okaukueji.

#### Day 10: Etosha afternoon game drive

An afternoon game drive explores Etosha's savannah and waterholes, watching for elephants, antelope and predators. An optional full-day 4x4 safari is also available. Overnight Okaukueji.

#### Day 11: Etosha full-day wildlife encounter

A full-day game drive covers Etosha's waterholes, plains and woodland in search of predators and large herds, before we leave the park to overnight nearby.

#### Day 12: Etosha to the Kavango River

We drive northeast towards the Kavango River, the scenery turning steadily greener, and settle into our riverside lodge at Divundu for two nights.

#### Day 13: Popa Falls & Mahangu National Park

We cruise upriver to the cascades and rapids of Popa Falls, watching for crocodiles, hippos and birds, then head into Mahangu National Park for a game drive among elephant and plains game.

#### Day 14: Kavango morning cruise to Maun

A leisurely morning boat cruise on the Kavango offers views of the water and floodplain, before we cross into Botswana and drive to Maun, gateway to the Okavango Delta.

#### Day 15: Maun to Khwai Conservation Area

Leaving Maun in smaller safari vehicles, we travel to the Khwai Conservation Area on the edge of the delta. An optional scenic flight over the delta is available. Overnight Khwai tented camp.

#### Day 16: Moremi Game Reserve Area

A full day of 4x4 game driving in Moremi Game Reserve, traversing wetlands, grasslands and woodland in search of elephants, big cats and rich wildlife, returning to our Khwai camp.

#### Day 17: Khwai to Nata salt pans

Departing at first light in open safari vehicles, we rejoin our expedition truck for a long travel day across central Botswana to Nata and its salt pans.

#### Day 18: Chobe River sunset cruise

We head to Kasane and board a boat for a sunset cruise on the Chobe River, watching elephants, buffalo and other wildlife gather at the water's edge.

#### Day 19: Kasane to Victoria Falls

We cross into Zimbabwe and drive to Victoria Falls, with time for a first falls visit and a free evening. An optional Chobe game drive is available this morning.

#### Day 20: Victoria Falls tour end

The tour ends after breakfast. Transfers to the airport are provided, and optional extras include a guided falls tour, helicopter flight and sunset boat cruise.

# Gorillas & Plains

► Overland



#### Group Size

Min: 4 | Max: 20



#### Meals

14 Breakfasts, 14 Lunches, 14 Dinners



#### Accommodations

2 to 4-star hotels, lodges & camps



#### Transport

Overland expedition vehicle, minibus & 4x4 safari jeeps

### Day 1: Nairobi to the Masai Mara

Leaving Nairobi, we travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of the world's most famous safari destinations, known for its vast landscapes and diverse wildlife, including the Big Five and the great wildebeest migration. Traveling by minibus, we switch to a game vehicle upon arrival.

### Day 2: Exploring the Masai Mara

The Masai Mara's plains offer great game viewing. You may spot the Big Five, as well as cheetahs, gazelles, hippos, and crocodiles. The Mara River is famous for the dramatic wildebeest crossings. We will spend the entire day on game drives exploring the reserve.

### Day 3: Travel to Lake Nakuru

We begin the day with wildlife viewing as we leave the Masai Mara and head to Lake Nakuru National Park, arriving in the afternoon. Here, we embark on a game drive to see large flocks of flamingos, pelicans, and other bird species. The park is also home to leopards, lions, black and white rhinos, and species of antelope.

### Day 4: Lake Nakuru to Jinja

Today, we depart Kenya into Uganda, stopping at the Equator before continuing to Jinja, Uganda's second-largest city. Jinja is known for being the source of the Nile River, which flows out of Lake Victoria.

### Day 5: Jinja to Masindi and Murchison Falls National Park

After a night in Jinja, we head towards Murchison Falls National Park, one of Uganda's top wildlife destinations. The park, located along the Nile River and Lake Albert, is home to four of the Big Five: lions, leopards, buffalo, and elephants. Upon arrival, your guide will brief you on the next day's activities.

### Day 6: Chimp Trek and Boat Cruise in Budongo Central Forest Reserve

We visit Budongo Central Forest Reserve, East Africa's largest mahogany forest and home to the largest population of chimpanzees in Uganda. A guided trek will take us in search of these primates, followed by a game drive and a boat cruise in the park.

### Day 7: Lake Kikorongo

We travel through Uganda to reach the edge of Queen



Elizabeth National Park, staying overnight at an accommodation overlooking Lake Kikorongo.

### Day 8: Crossing the Equator to Lake Bunyoni

We cross the Equator again, heading to Lake Bunyoni, known for its rich bird life and picturesque surroundings. This evening, we'll have a briefing about the next day's gorilla trek.

### Day 9-10: Gorilla Trekking and Lake Bunyoni

We spend one of these days trekking to see mountain gorillas. This unique experience helps fund the conservation efforts for these rare animals. The remaining day offers optional activities, such as visiting a Pygmy village, hiking, or exploring Rwanda.

### Day 11: Lake Mburo

We travel to Lake Mburo, known for its diverse bird species and beautiful scenery. The park is a haven for birdwatchers and features rolling hills, grasslands, and woodlands.

### Day 12-13: Jinja

Returning to Jinja, you have free time to enjoy various activities, such as river rafting, kayaking, horse riding, and quad biking.

### Day 14: Back to Kenya

We leave Jinja, cross the border back into Kenya, and travel to Eldoret, Kenya's fifth-largest city, located in the Great Rift Valley.

### Day 15: Finish in Nairobi

The tour concludes in Nairobi. We recommend booking an extra night post-tour in case of delays. We can assist with additional accommodation if needed.

**Note:** This itinerary is flexible and may change to enhance wildlife viewing opportunities. Gorilla permit prices can change without notice.



## KENYA & UGANDA



Days

15 Days / 14 Nights



Start/End

Nairobi to Nairobi

FROM **£3,249** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Masai Mara Reserve safaris
- Masai tribe
- Lake Nakuru
- The equator
- Murchison Falls
- Chimpanzees
- Lake Bunyoni
- Mountain gorillas



Lots of animal sightings, a wonderful tour manager and driver, and a great group of fellow travellers.

**Angelica, TourRadar**



# Savannahs & Sands

► Overland



## KENYA & TANZANIA

10

Days

10 Days / 9 Nights



Start/End

Nairobi to Stone Town

FROM **£2,269** p/p

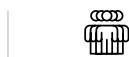
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### Highlights

- Incredible wildlife of the Ngorongoro Crater
- Endless savannahs of the Serengeti National Park
- Coral reefs and beautiful beaches of Zanzibar
- Stone Town

The wildlife we saw was breathtaking, the Tanzanian people were so kind, and the beaches of Zanzibar sparkled.

**Marsha, TourRadar**



#### Group Size

Min: 4 | Max: 20



#### Meals

9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 6 Dinners



#### Accommodations

2 to 4-star hotels, lodges or camping



#### Transport

Overland expedition vehicle & ferry

#### Day 1: Nairobi to Arusha

Departing Nairobi we travel south through Maasai country to the border, completing Tanzania formalities and watching the landscape grow steadily more open and rural. On arrival in Arusha, set beneath Mount Meru, we settle into our lodge and prepare for the safari ahead.

#### Day 2: Arusha to the Serengeti

We leave Arusha early in our safari vehicles, heading west as farmland gives way to acacia-dotted plains. Game viewing begins en route as we enter the Serengeti valley, a first taste of the incredible wildlife to come, and we reach our camp in time to watch the evening activity at the waterhole.

#### Day 3: Full-day Serengeti safari

A full day of game driving across the Serengeti's savannah and woodland ecosystems, searching for lions, elephants, cheetahs and more among the vast plains. We return to our tented camp at Seronera as the sun sets.

#### Day 4: Ngorongoro Crater & Karatu

Driving into the Ngorongoro highlands, we descend 600 metres to the crater floor for a morning safari among exceptional wildlife densities, from zebra and wildebeest to elephants, lions and possibly rare black rhino. We continue to Karatu.

#### Day 5: Karatu to Arusha via Mto wa Mbu

Dropping down the Rift Valley escarpment, we explore Mto wa Mbu and its colourful market, where fruit stalls and woven baskets crowd the lanes of this diverse farming community, with a local guide introducing the village's cultures and crafts. We return to Arusha.



#### Day 6: Arusha to Bagamoyo

A long drive southeast brings us down from the highlands, through villages and busy roadside markets where farmers sell mangoes and cashews, to the humid coast and historic Bagamoyo. This old caravan and trading port retains crumbling coral-stone buildings and quiet sandy lanes. The rest of the day is free to rest or wander.

#### Day 7: Ferry to Zanzibar & Nungwi beach

We drive to Dar es Salaam and board the ferry across the Indian Ocean to Zanzibar, watching the city skyline recede. On arrival we transfer up the coast, the road threading between villages and coconut groves, to the white sands and clear turquoise water of Nungwi. The rest of the day is free.

#### Day 8: Free day on Nungwi beach

A full free day on Nungwi's beautiful northern shoreline. Swim or paddle in the warm Indian Ocean, walk the beach, or simply relax at your beachfront hotel - optional boat trips, snorkelling over nearby reefs and sunset dhow cruises can all be arranged locally.

#### Day 9: Spice farm & Stone Town

Heading south, we visit a spice farm to see - and taste - the island's historic spice trade, from cloves to cinnamon. We continue to UNESCO-listed Stone Town, whose labyrinth of narrow alleys, carved doors and bustling bazaars rewards hours of wandering. Overnight Stone Town.

#### Day 10: Stone Town departure

The tour ends after breakfast in Stone Town, leaving a final morning to enjoy the coral-stone buildings, seafront promenade and coastal atmosphere. Continue with your own arrangements, or extend your stay to enjoy more of Zanzibar's beaches - your guide can help plan.

# Deserts & Delta Family Overland

► Family



**Group Size**  
Min: 8 | Max: 18



**Meals**  
15 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 11 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
Camping, hotels/lodges & permanent camps



**Transport**  
Overland expedition vehicle, 4x4 safari vehicles & minibus

## Day 1: Arrive in Victoria Falls

On arrival at Victoria Falls airport you will be met and transferred to your lodge in town. The rest of the day is free to relax by the pool, explore the shops or plan optional activities. Overnight Victoria Falls.

## Day 2: Victoria Falls visit

We spend the morning at Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, walking rainforest pathways between viewpoints and feeling the spray from the largest curtain of falling water on earth. The afternoon is free. Overnight Victoria Falls.

## Day 3: Victoria Falls to Chobe, river safari

Crossing the border into Botswana we drive to Kasane on the edge of Chobe National Park. In the evening we take a boat safari on the Chobe River, watching for elephants, hippos, crocodiles and rich birdlife. Overnight Kasane.

## Day 4: To Ngepi Camp on the Okavango River

We cross into Namibia and drive through the Caprivi Strip to Ngepi Camp on the Okavango River, settling into this remote riverside setting. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

## Day 5: Ngepi Camp & Okavango leisure

A free day at Ngepi Camp on the Okavango River, the pan handle of the delta. Rest, swim or watch the birdlife, with optional mokoro dugout canoe and 4x4 safaris available nearby. Overnight Ngepi.

## Day 6: Ngepi to Rundu & sunset cruise

We travel along the Okavango River to the bustling town of Rundu, stocking up on provisions on the way. In the evening we enjoy a sunset boat cruise on the Kavango floodplain, watching for birdlife and river wildlife. Overnight Rundu.

## Day 7: Rundu to Etosha

Driving west from Rundu the landscape turns drier as we approach Etosha National Park. An evening game drive searches for elephants, antelope and predators, like lions and hyenas, before dark brings other animals to the floodlit waterhole at our camp. Overnight Namutoni.



## Day 8: Etosha National Park safari

A full day on safari in Etosha, driving between waterholes and open plains in our expedition vehicle, looking out for four of the Big Five and the park's remarkable concentration of wildlife. Overnight Halali.

## Day 9: Etosha morning safari & Himba village camp

A final morning game drive takes us towards the park gate, collecting last sightings at the waterholes. We then drive into a remote desert region to Ozohere Camp, a simple family-run site supporting the local Himba community.

## Day 10: Cape Cross seals & Swakopmund

Travelling west to the Atlantic coast we visit Cape Cross, home to one of the world's largest Cape fur seal colonies, then drive south along the Skeleton Coast to Swakopmund. The evening is free. Overnight Swakopmund.

## Day 11: Free day in Swakopmund

A free day in Swakopmund, Namibia's adventure capital. Stroll the streets, walk the beach, or try optional activities such as sandboarding, skydiving or a scenic flight above the dunes. Overnight Swakopmund.

## Day 12: Bushman's Camp & guided walk

We drive south into the Namib Desert to remote Bushman's Camp. A guided desert walk with local experts reveals the Little 5 and the survival strategies of the plants, animals and people of the dunes.

## Day 13: Sesriem, Sossusvlei & Deadvlei

Continuing to Sesriem, gateway to the great dunes, we explore Sossusvlei's towering red dunes and the white clay pan of Deadvlei, where ancient scorched trees stand against the sand. We camp inside the national park.



## NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE



**Days**

15 Days / 14 Nights



**Start/End**

Victoria Falls to Windhoek

FROM **£3,145** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Victoria Falls
- Okavango Delta & Chobe river cruise
- Rundu living museum & Ngepi
- Etosha National Park
- Ozohere Himba Village
- Cape Cross Seal Colony & Swakopmund
- Kalahari Desert, Sossusvlei & Dune 45
- Windhoek

## Day 14: Dune 45 & return to Windhoek

An early climb of Dune 45 rewards us with sweeping views over the sea of sand, with breakfast at the bottom. We then drive north through changing scenery to Windhoek for a final group evening.

## Day 15: Farewell to Windhoek

After breakfast we transfer you to Windhoek's international airport for your departure flight, bringing our adventure through Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia to an end. Extra nights in Windhoek can be arranged if needed.

# Namibia & Botswana Uncovered

► Overland



**Group Size**  
Min: 4 | Max: 20



**Meals**  
9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 7 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
2 to 4-star hotels, lodges & camps



**Transport**  
Overland expedition vehicle, 4x4 safari vehicles

## Day 1: Windhoek to Etosha & afternoon safari

Leaving Windhoek we travel north through Namibia's farming heartland to Etosha National Park, settling into our lodge before an afternoon game drive across the reserve's plains, woodland and the edge of the famous white salt pan, where elephants, giraffe and lion gather at busy waterholes as the day cools.



## Day 2: Etosha to Divundu

We leave Etosha's salt pans behind and drive northeast, the landscape turning steadily greener and lush as fields of maize and millet replace thorn scrub, arriving at Divundu for our overnight stay beside the Kavango River, in time to watch the sunset.

## Day 3: Kavango River scenic cruise

We enjoy a relaxed boat cruise on the Kavango River, drifting past reed beds, riverbank forests and local fishermen, watching for birdlife, hippos and crocodiles while kingfishers flash along the banks. An optional afternoon game drive in nearby Mahangu National Park is also available.

## Day 4: To Maun, gateway to the Delta

Crossing the border into Botswana, we drive to Maun, the busy safari town at the heart of the Okavango Delta. The afternoon is free to relax at the lodge, browse the craft stalls, or watch the river drift by.

## Day 5: Maun to Khwai & sunset mokoro

Travelling in smaller safari vehicles we reach the Khwai Conservation Area on the edge of the delta. At sunset we glide quietly through reed channels by traditional pole-punted mokoro canoe, watching for frogs and kingfishers as hippos grunt nearby. An optional scenic flight is available. Overnight Khwai.



## Day 6: Full-day safari in Moremi Game Reserve

A full day of 4x4 game driving in Moremi Game Reserve, traversing wetlands, grasslands and woodland in search of elephants, buffalo herds, big cats and the reserve's rich wildlife, with a picnic lunch in the bush. We return to our tented camp at Khwai.

## Day 7: Khwai to Nata salt pans

We depart Khwai at first light in open safari vehicles, rejoin our expedition truck and settle in for a travel day across central Botswana, passing villages and cattle posts, to Nata, stopping at a salt pans viewpoint where conditions allow.

## Day 8: Nata to Chobe riverside

We drive northeast to Kasane on the Chobe River, where green riverine vegetation replaces the dry interior. An afternoon boat cruise offers wonderfully relaxed game viewing - this river is famed for its elephants, with buffalo and fish eagles never far away - and a memorable sunset over the water.

## Day 9: Kasane to Victoria Falls

We cross from Botswana into Zimbabwe and drive to Victoria Falls, where the spray of one of the world's greatest natural wonders is often visible long before the falls themselves. The rest of the day is free to follow the rainforest paths for a first, rain-soaked view. An optional Chobe game drive is available this morning.

## Day 10: Free time at Victoria Falls, tour end

The tour ends after breakfast. A final free morning allows time for optional extras such as a guided tour of the falls, a helicopter flight over the gorge, or a sunset boat cruise and bridge tour, before your onward arrangements or onward flight home.

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## NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE



**Days**  
10 Days / 9 Nights



**Start/End**  
Windhoek to Victoria Falls

FROM **£1,999** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Swakopmund
- Etosha National Park
- Okavango Delta
- Moremi Game Reserve
- Chobe National Park
- Victoria Falls

Chobe National Park was outstanding – one of the best safaris I have ever been on.

**Tara, TourRadar**

# East African Odyssey

► Overland



**Group Size**  
Min: 4 | Max: 20



**Meals**  
21 Breakfasts, 20 Lunches,  
19 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
2 to 4-star hotels, lodges or  
camping



**Transport**  
Overland expedition vehicle,  
4x4 safari jeeps & ferry

## Day 1: Livingstone to Lusaka

Today we travel to Lusaka, East Africa unfolds before us with vibrant markets, lively villages, and peaceful countryside views. Upon arrival, we enjoy a delicious meal and receive a briefing from our guides about the upcoming adventures.

## Day 2: Petauke

Leaving Lusaka, we head east toward Petauke along the Great East Road, a crucial link to Malawi. The journey offers glimpses of rural Zambia with its vibrant villages and small farms. We cross the mighty Luangwa River and visit the bustling Luangwa Market.

## Day 3 & 4: South Luangwa National Park

We travel to the banks of the Luangwa River, stopping at Chipata, known for its cotton and vibrant textiles. From March to December, an optional tour of local workshops is available. Don't miss the spectacular sunset over the Luangwa River.

## Day 4: South Luangwa National Park

Spend the day exploring South Luangwa National Park. Optional morning safaris are available and in the evening experience a sunset drive and witness nocturnal wildlife emerging.

## Day 5 & 6: Zambia to Malawi

We leave Zambia for Malawi traveling to Lake Malawi, the third largest lake in Africa. Known for its diverse fish species, Lake Malawi is a natural wonder and offers a stunning location to unwind by its shores. We visit a nearby village.

## Day 7: Sunset on Lake Malawi

We travel to the northern banks of Lake Malawi to enjoy a breathtaking sunset over the water. Your guide will help plan activities for the next few days, or you can continue to relax.

## Day 8: Cross into Tanzania

We head north from the lake, crossing into Tanzania and arriving at Utengule Coffee Lodge for an overnight stay.

## Day 9: Coffee Plantation, Great Rift Valley

After visiting a coffee plantation to learn about coffee production and sample fresh coffee, we journey up the

Great Rift Valley towards Iringa, which overlooks the Ruaha River Valley.

## Day 10: Exploring Mikumi National Park

An early start takes us to Mikumi National Park, Tanzania's fourth largest national park. Optional game drives are available in the afternoon to spot wildlife, including lions, elephants, and buffalo.

## Day 11: Mikumi

Enjoy more optional safaris or cultural tours in Mikumi National Park.

## Day 12: Mikumi to Dar es Salaam

We head to Dar es Salaam for an overnight stay before catching the ferry to Zanzibar Island the next morning.

## Day 13: Ferry to Zanzibar

An early ferry ride takes us to Zanzibar Island, where we head to Stone Town and settle into our hotel.

## Day 14 & 15: Zanzibar Beaches

We begin with a walking tour of Stone Town, exploring its rich history and landmarks, followed by a guided spice tour on our way to our beachside accommodation for the next two nights.

## Day 16: Back to Bagamoyo

We take the ferry back to Dar es Salaam and drive to Bagamoyo, preparing for our journey to Arusha the next day.

## Day 17: Through Rural Tanzania to Arusha

Travel north to Arusha, a gateway to some of Tanzania's top attractions like the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Mount Kilimanjaro.

## Day 18: Karatu

We head to Karatu, a convenient base for exploring the Ngorongoro Crater and optional activities. Those who booked the Serengeti excursion depart from Arusha.

## Day 19: Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti NP

An early start takes us to the Ngorongoro Crater, home to diverse wildlife. We spend the day exploring before heading to our camp in Serengeti National Park.



## KENYA, TANZANIA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA



**Days**  
22 Days / 21 Nights



**Start/End**  
Livingstone to Nairobi

FROM **£3,479** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Victoria Falls
- South Luangwa National Park
- Lake Malawi
- Diving & Snorkelling
- Zanzibar
- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater

## Day 20: Serengeti Game Drive

Enjoy an early game drive through Serengeti NP in search of more wildlife before returning to Karatu in the afternoon.

## Day 21: Back to Arusha

We drive back to Arusha, where we share stories of our safari experiences.

## Day 22: Arusha to Nairobi

Our journey ends as we travel to Nairobi, Kenya. Ensure to book flights the following day to allow for possible delays.

# Eritrea Encounters

► Small Group



## ERITREA



Days

7 Days / 6 Nights



Start/End

Asmara to Asmara

FROM **£2,799** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Asmara
- Keren Villages
- Local Markets
- Massawa
- Dahlak Archipelago
- Coral Reefs
- Beach camping



Fabulous trip. I want to come back.

**Carol Vanleet, Google**



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 12



#### Meals

6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners



#### Accommodations

Local guesthouses, camping



#### Transport

Local minibuses or 4x4 vehicles, Dahlak Cruise

#### Day 1: Arrive in Asmara, Transfer to Hotel, Afternoon Guided Sightseeing

Upon arrival in Asmara, our driver will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel. In the afternoon, join a guided tour of Asmara, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its early 20th-century architecture and vibrant colors. Key sites include the Romanesque Santa Maria Cathedral, the Coptic Church Nda Mariam, the historic Medeber market, and the unique Fiat Tagliero garage. Return to the hotel in the evening.

#### Day 2: Optional Steam Locomotive, Head to Keren

This morning, you have the option to ride a historic steam locomotive along a scenic route through mountains. This experience, available for an additional fee, depends on the train's operational status. If the train is not running, we'll spend more time in Asmara before heading to Keren, where we will spend the night.

#### Day 3: Exploring Keren, See the Black Madonna

Explore Keren, a city known for its markets and cultural diversity. We'll visit the vibrant local market, moving through sections dedicated to food, tailoring, silversmithing, and more. A highlight is the Sanctuary of Mariam Dearit, home to a Black Madonna venerated by both Christians and Muslims. We'll also visit Italian, Askari, and British war cemeteries before returning to Asmara for the night.



#### Day 4: To Massawa, Cruise to the Dahlak Islands

Depart Asmara for Massawa, descending 2,450 meters in just 100 km. From Massawa, we board a motorboat to the Dahlak Islands in the Red Sea, known for their rich coral reefs and marine life. We'll camp on one of the islands for two nights, with igloo-style tents provided. Meals prepared by a cook will feature fresh fish, traditional Danakil bread, and more. Facilities are basic, with limited fresh water and 'bush-style' toilets. Four drinks per person per day are included.

#### Day 5: Exploring the Dahlak Islands

Spend the day exploring the Dahlak Archipelago, which boasts over 200 islands and a pristine ecosystem. The waters are rich in marine life, including unique fish, corals, manta rays, turtles, and dolphins. Continue exploring the islands and spend another night camping under the stars.

#### Day 6: Return to Asmara via Massawa

Return to Massawa by boat and, if time permits, enjoy a brief city tour before heading back to Asmara for the final night. This evening, consider purchasing souvenirs or having a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

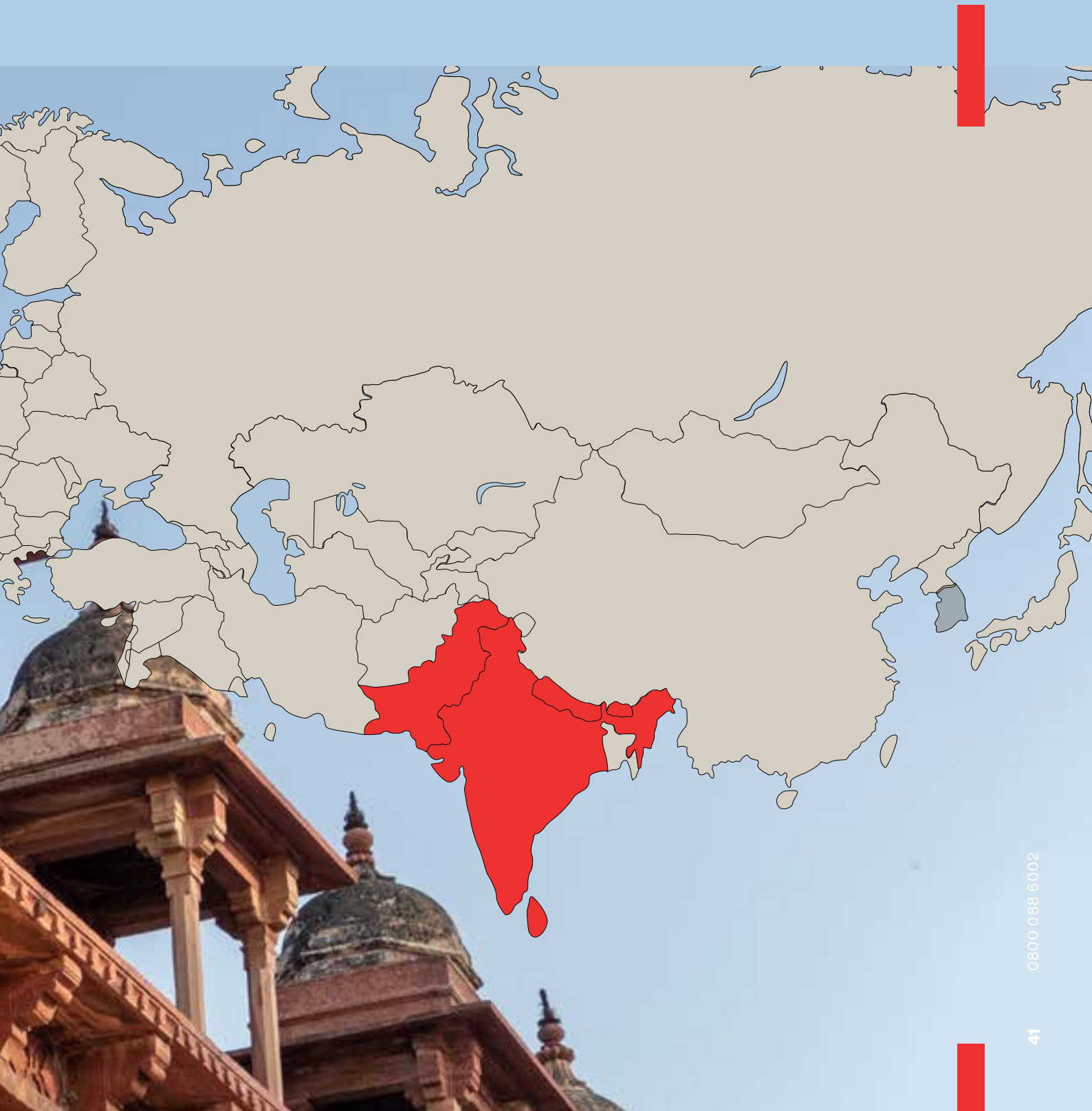
#### Day 7: Free Time in Asmara, Transfer to Airport for Departure (Extensions Available)

Enjoy some free time in Asmara before your airport transfer for departure. For those wishing to extend their stay, a 2-night extension is available, including tours to Kohaito, Adi Quala, and more.

# Indian Subcontinent



Embark on a journey through Bhutan's serene monasteries, India's diverse wonders, Maldives' pristine beaches, Nepal's majestic Himalayas, Pakistan's rich heritage, and Sri Lanka's lush landscapes. Each country offers a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and unforgettable experiences, making this an extraordinary travel adventure.



# Classic Nepal

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 12



**Meals**  
14 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 2 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3-star hotels & trekking lodges



**Transport**  
A/C minibus & 4x4 jeeps

## Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu, Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival at Kathmandu airport, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel in the Thamel tourist district. Our representative will help you settle in and get familiar with the local area.

## Day 2: Thamel Rickshaw Ride, Durbar Square, Swayambunath Stupa

The tour begins with a rickshaw ride through Thamel's backstreets to Durbar Square, passing tiny shops, temples, and stupas. After lunch at a rooftop restaurant, we drive to Swayambunath Stupa, also known as the "monkey temple," for panoramic city views.

## Day 3: Drive to Chitwan National Park

Today, we drive to Chitwan National Park in Nepal's Terai region (7-8 hours). Along the way, you can opt for white water rafting on the Trisuli River (advance booking required). In Chitwan, we'll explore a local village to observe the lifestyle of the Tharu people.

## Day 4: Chitwan National Park

We spend the day in Chitwan National Park, where activities include a jungle walk, canoe trip, and jeep safari to spot wildlife like the Asian one-horned rhino, deer, monkeys, and various bird species. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Tharu dance performance.

## Day 5: Chitwan to Bandipur, Walking Tour

This morning, a bird-watching walk is available before we drive to Bandipur, an ancient hilltop village. After a guided walking tour of Bandipur's restored, vehicle-free center, enjoy free time to explore, hike to Siddha Cave, or visit Thani Mai Temple for sunset views.

## Day 6: Drive to Pokhara, tours & activities

We head to Pokhara today, located at the base of the Annapurna mountains. The afternoon includes visits to Devi Falls, the Tibetan Refugee Camp, and the Peace Pagoda. After a short hike & boat ride on Lake Phewa, we end the day with a momo-making class.

## Day 7: Drive to Naya Pul, Trek to Ghandruk

The trek begins in Naya Pul, following the Modi Khola River to Ghandruk, a key village in the Annapurna Conservation Area. The trek covers approximately 5-6 hours, ascending through scenic landscapes.

## Day 8: Trekking from Ghandruk to Tadapani

Today's 4-hour trek from Ghandruk to Tadapani passes through rhododendron forests, with beautiful spring blooms and views of Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, and Machhapuchhare.

## Day 9: Trekking from Tadapani to Ghorepani

The trail to Ghorepani winds through river valleys and rhododendron forests. We trek for about 4-5 hours, enjoying forested landscapes and panoramic mountain views.

## Day 10: Sunrise on Poon Hill, Trekking from Ghorepani to Tirkhedunga

An early morning climb to Poon Hill offers stunning views of the Annapurna Range. After breakfast, we trek down to Tirkhedunga, passing through forests and villages (5-6 hours).

## Day 11: Finish Trek, Free Time in Pokhara

The final trek from Tirkhedunga to Naya Pul takes about 3 hours. After returning to Pokhara, the rest of the day is free to relax or explore.

## Day 12: Transfer from Pokhara to Kathmandu

We travel back to Kathmandu by bus (7-8 hours) or by optional flight. The evening is free to explore the city.

## Day 13: Bhaktapur, Pottery Lesson, Head to Nagarkot

After a morning mountain flight option to see Everest, we tour Bhaktapur's ancient center and participate in a pottery class. In the afternoon, we drive to Nagarkot for an overnight stay, known for its stunning valley views.

## Day 14: Walk to Changu Narayan Temple, Pasupatinath, and Boudhanath

After sunrise in Nagarkot, we hike to Changu Narayan Temple and visit Pasupatinath and Boudhanath in Kathmandu. The evening is free for a farewell meal in Thamel.

## Day 15: Kathmandu, transfer to Airport

Enjoy free time in Kathmandu until your transfer to the airport for departure. Optional extensions include more trekking or a visit to Bardia National Park.



## NEPAL



**Days**

15 Days / 14 Nights



**Start/End**

Kathmandu to Kathmandu

FROM **£1,799** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Kathmandu
- Mountain views from Nagarkot
- Bhaktapur ancient centre
- Trisuli river rafting option
- Chitwan wildlife safaris
- Lakeside Pokhara
- Trekking to Poon Hill
- Hilltop village of Bandipur



Where itineraries allow we stay at the carbon-neutral Bardia Eco Lodge – built and run for the benefit of the local community.

# Everest Base Camp Trek

► Small Group



## NEPAL



Days

15 Days / 14 Nights



Start/End

Kathmandu to Kathmandu

FROM **£1,399** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Kathmandu
- Everest Base Camp trek
- Sherpa village of Namche Bazaar
- Side walks from Dingboche
- Amazing views from Kallar Patar
- Friendly trekking lodges
- Trekking guide & porters

#### Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu

On arrival at Kathmandu airport our representative will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in the Thamel district. The rest of the day is free to settle in and soak up the city.

#### Day 2: Fly to Lukla, trek to Phakding

An exhilarating mountain flight to Lukla starts the adventure. We then trek gently downhill along the Dudh Kosi river to Phakding, a relatively easy first stage that eases you into the days ahead.



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 12



#### Meals

2 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 0 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3-star hotels & trekking lodges



#### Transport

A/C minibus & flight

#### Day 3: Ascent to Namche Bazaar

Entering Sagarmatha National Park we follow the river, cross several high suspension bridges and climb steadily through pine forest to Namche Bazaar, the colourful Sherpa heartland, rewarded along the way with our first views of Everest. Overnight Namche Bazaar.

#### Day 4: Acclimatisation in Namche Bazaar

A rest and acclimatisation day in Namche Bazaar. Explore the shops, bakeries and local viewpoints while your body adjusts to the altitude, or simply rest ahead of the higher climbs to come.

#### Day 5: Trek to Thengboche Monastery

Leaving Namche we descend through beautiful forest before a demanding climb to Thengboche, where the famous monastery sits ringed by some of the world's highest peaks, an unforgettable arrival scene in the heart of the Khumbu.

#### Day 6: High valley trek to Dingboche

Trekking through woodland and Sherpa villages the landscape grows more rugged as we enter the Imja Valley, arriving at the stone-walled village of Dingboche, framed by towering peaks, where we spend two nights acclimatising.

#### Day 7: Dingboche acclimatisation day

A second acclimatisation day at Dingboche, kept deliberately flexible. Rest or take optional high-elevation walks from the village, with the wide valley and stunning surrounding Himalayan scenery making even the downtime rewarding.

#### Day 8: Trek to Lobuche

We climb gradually through the valley to Dughla and ascend the Thokla Pass, where stone memorials to climbers line the trail beneath icy walls, then follow the glacial moraine to Lobuche as the scenery turns stark.

#### Day 9: Everest Base Camp

Following the rocky Khumbu Glacier to Gorak Shep, we then hike to Everest Base Camp itself, standing beneath the world's highest mountain and its tumbling icefall - an iconic achievement - before retracing our steps to Gorak Shep for the night.



#### Day 10: Kala Patthar & descent to Dughla

An early ascent of Kala Patthar, the famous viewpoint offering one of the best close-up views of Mount Everest, weather permitting. We then descend through rugged scenery to Dughla, easing the altitude.

#### Day 11: Descent to Pheriche or Pangboche

We begin the descent, with today's overnight lodge chosen en route according to the group's comfortable walking pace, around Pheriche or Pangboche. Regular stops allow us to look back at the peaks and side valleys.

#### Day 12: Khumbu descent to Namche Bazaar

Continuing down through the Khumbu we retrace familiar trails until the streets of Namche Bazaar come into view, bringing welcome comforts such as hot water, shops and internet. Overnight Namche Bazaar.

#### Day 13: Final trek back to Lukla

Our final walking day retraces forested valleys and suspension bridges back to Lukla, passing familiar villages and river crossings. On arrival we celebrate the completion of our Everest Base Camp trek. Overnight Lukla.

#### Day 14: Fly to Kathmandu

We fly back from Lukla to Kathmandu and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the day is free for shopping, relaxing or exploring the lively lanes of Thamel at your own pace.

#### Day 15: Farewell to Kathmandu

Free time this morning before your transfer to Kathmandu airport for your onward flight. Optional extras include an Everest mountain flight, white-water rafting and extensions such as Bardia National Park. The tour ends here.

# Taj to Varanasi

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 12



**Meals**  
10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 1 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3-star hotels and heritage properties



**Transport**  
A/C minivan/minibus and trains

## Day 1: Welcome to Delhi, Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival in Delhi, our local staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Once settled, you'll receive a briefing on the tour itinerary and local area.

## Day 2: Exploring Delhi, Rickshaw Ride & Street Food Tasting

Start your day with a tour of New Delhi, visiting landmarks like India Gate, the President's Palace, and Humayun's Tomb. Take the metro to Old Delhi, explore Chandni Chowk and Chawri Bazar, and enjoy street food tasting. The tour also includes a rickshaw ride and a visit to Jama Masjid mosque.

## Day 3: Head to Agra, Sherone Hangout, Mughal Heritage Walk, and Taj Mahal

Travel to Agra, where you'll visit Sherone Hangout Café, run by acid attack survivors. After lunch, check into your hotel and take a Mughal Heritage Walk in Kachhpura village, learning about local life and history. End the day with a sunset view of the Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh. An optional evening cooking lesson with a local family is available.

## Day 4: Taj Mahal Sunrise, Drive to Suroth Mahal, and Village Walking Tour

Experience the Taj Mahal at sunrise, followed by breakfast. Then, drive to Suroth in rural Rajasthan to stay in a former palace turned hotel. Enjoy a walking tour of the village, interact with locals, and explore shops and a small temple. A cooking demonstration and dinner at the hotel conclude the day.

## Day 5: To Jaipur via Abhaneri Step Well, Optional Bollywood Movie or Cooking Demo

Drive to Jaipur, stopping at the Abhaneri step well, known for its impressive architecture. In Jaipur, you

have free time to explore or participate in optional activities, such as watching a Bollywood movie at the Raj Mandir cinema or joining a local family for a cooking demonstration and dinner.

## Day 6: Amber Fort & Jaipur City, Block Printing Workshop

Choose an early morning hot air balloon ride over Jaipur or visit Amber Fort, known for its grandeur and stunning architecture. Later, explore Jaipur city, visiting Jantar Mantar and City Palace, and learn about local crafts in a block printing workshop. The day also includes demonstrations of gemstone cutting and other local crafts.

## Day 7: Return to Delhi (Optional Multimedia Show at Akshardham Temple)

Return to Delhi, with an optional visit to the Akshardham Temple for a multimedia water show. The evening is free for shopping or exploration.

## Day 8: Morning Train to Varanasi, Evening Aarti Ceremony by the Ganges

Board the Vande Bharat train to Varanasi, arriving in the afternoon. In the evening, attend the Aarti ceremony on the Ganges River, witnessing this important Hindu ritual.

## Day 9: Sunrise on the Ganges, Varanasi Exploration, and Visit to Sarnath

Start with a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges, observing the sacred activities along the river. Explore Varanasi's streets, temples, and markets, and visit Sarnath, where Buddha gave his first sermon.

## Day 10: Train to Delhi, Free Afternoon

Take the train back to Delhi and enjoy a free afternoon for last-minute shopping or sightseeing.

## Day 11: Bon Voyage! Airport Transfer Included

Spend your final morning in Delhi before being transferred to the airport for your departure. Consider extending your trip with an optional safari in Ranthambore National Park or a beach stay in Goa.



## INDIA



**Days**  
11 Days / 10 Nights



**Start/End**  
Delhi to Delhi

FROM **£1,379** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Old and New Delhi
- Agra & Taj Mahal
- Local village in Suroth Mahal
- Pink city of Jaipur & hill top fort
- Abhaneri step well
- River Ganges at Varanasi
- Buddhist site at Sarnath



Includes the Mughal Heritage Walk through Kachhpura village, designed by a local NGO so income from your visit stays local.

# Southern India Uncovered

► Small Group



## INDIA

13

Days

13 Days / 12 Nights



Start/End

Chennai to Kochi

FROM **£1,799** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Chennai & Mahabalipuram
- Pondicherry French Quarter
- Tanjore Brihadeshvara Temple
- Ancient Madurai
- Kochi
- Tea Plantations of Munnar
- Town of Thekkady & Periyar NP
- Kumarakom backwaters & houseboat stay



Includes the Kumarakom village experience – a shikara ride and craft demonstrations that support local livelihoods in Kerala.



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 12



#### Meals

12 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 1 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3 to 5-star hotels, deluxe AC houseboat



#### Transport

A/C minivan/minibus, houseboat

#### Day 1: Welcome to Chennai. Transfer to hotel

Arrive in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, where you'll be greeted by our local team and transferred to your hotel. We'll review the tour itinerary and brief you on the local area. If you arrive early, consider joining an optional half-day Chennai City Tour starting at noon.

#### Day 2: Travel to Pondicherry via the UNESCO-listed Mahabalipuram Temples

We'll drive south from Chennai along the coast to Pondicherry, stopping at the Mahabalipuram temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its rock-cut architecture and intricate carvings depicting Hindu mythology. After exploring these ancient sites, we'll continue to Pondicherry, where you'll have free time in the evening.

#### Day 3: Exploring Picturesque Pondicherry

Discover Pondicherry's French Quarter, with its charming villas, cafes, and colonial architecture. Visit the Sri Aurobindo Ashram for a spiritual experience, explore the Manakula Vinayagar temple, and enjoy the evening at Promenade Beach. The French Quarter offers many dining options for dinner.

#### Day 4: Learn About Local Culture at the Mohanam Cultural Centre. Drive to Tanjore

Visit the Mohanam Cultural Centre, which preserves Tamil Nadu's cultural heritage through arts and education. Enjoy a village tour, traditional dance, a Tamil-style lunch, and a visit to a bamboo farm. In the afternoon, we'll drive to Tanjore.

#### Day 5: Visit the Brihadeeswarar Temple in Tanjore. Afternoon Drive to Madurai

Explore Tanjore's Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its towering vimana and intricate carvings. In the afternoon, we'll head south to Madurai.

#### Day 6: Visiting the Old City of Madurai, Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, and Spiritual Aarti Ceremony

Today, explore Madurai's historic Old Town, visit the grand Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, and experience the spiritual atmosphere at the Meenakshi Amman Temple, where we'll participate in the evening aarti ceremony.



#### Day 7: Head into Kerala State and the Tea Growing Region of Munnar

Leave Tamil Nadu and travel to Munnar in Kerala, known for its rolling green hills and tea plantations. Enjoy the cooler climate and scenic beauty as we reach this popular retreat.

#### Day 8: Exploring the Markets and Tea Plantations of Munnar

Explore Munnar's local market, famous for spices and handicrafts. Visit a tea plantation to learn about tea production and enjoy a tea tasting session.

#### Day 9: Continue to Thekkady and Take a Boat Ride in Periyar NP

Travel to Thekkady, the gateway to Periyar National Park. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Periyar, where you might spot elephants, deer, and a variety of birds. Spend the rest of the day exploring Thekkady.

#### Day 10: Craft and Backwaters of Kumarakom

Drive to Kumarakom, famous for its backwaters. Enjoy a Shikara ride through the canals and explore local crafts like coir making and mat weaving. Consider trying an Ayurvedic treatment.

#### Day 11: Explore Keralan Backwaters

Experience a day & night on a traditional Kettuvallam houseboat, cruising through Kerala's serene backwaters. Enjoy the tranquility and local wildlife.

#### Day 12: Disembark and Enjoy the Keralan Beaches

After breakfast on the houseboat, we'll return to Kochi and head to a beach resort for relaxation.

#### Day 13: Transfer to Kochi Airport

Spend some free time shopping for gifts before we transfer you to Kochi Airport for your departure flight.

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# Bhutan Encounters

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 12



**Meals**  
7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3-4 star hotels & village homestay



**Transport**  
A/C minibus/people-carrier

## Day 1: Arrive Paro, National Museum, Dzong & Incense Factory

After our dramatic Himalayan arrival we transfer to our hotel, then visit Ta Dzong, home of the National Museum, walk down to Paro Dzong, and watch incense being hand-rolled at the Nado Poizokhang factory. Overnight Paro.

## Day 2: Paro to Punakha via Dochu La

We drive over Dochu La Pass, where 108 chortens stand beneath sweeping Himalayan views, then descend to the warmer Punakha Valley. A hike through fields and village paths brings us to the fertility temple of Chimi Lhakhang.

## Day 3: Khamsum Chorten, Punakha Dzong & Phobjikha homestay

We walk beside the Mo Chhu river and through terraced fields to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Chorten, explore magnificent Punakha Dzong at the river confluence, then climb to Gangtey in the Phobjikha Valley for a village homestay.

## Day 4: Phobjikha nature walk & Gangtey Monastery

A gentle nature walk through this beautiful glacial valley, home to black-necked cranes in season, is followed by a visit to hilltop Gangtey Monastery and time with our host family to learn about everyday rural life.

## Day 5: Gangtey to Thimphu

Recrossing Dochu La Pass we stop at Rinchen gang Village, known for its traditional stone masonry, with views over Wangdue Phodrang Dzong, before continuing to the capital, Thimphu, where we spend two nights.



## Day 6: Thimphu sightseeing

A full day in the capital takes in the Memorial Chorten, Folk Heritage Museum, School of Arts and Crafts, artisan workshops, the Takin Conservation Centre, a nunnery and the weekend market, with archery if timing allows.

## Day 7: Tiger's Nest & farmhouse farewell

We hike through pine forest up to Taksang Monastery, the famed Tiger's Nest clinging to its cliff, then visit Drukgyel Dzong ruins and 7th-century Kyichu Lhakhang. A hot stone bath and farmhouse farewell dinner complete the day.

## Day 8: Farewell to Paro

Enjoy a free morning in Paro for last-minute shopping or quiet reflection before we transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. Extensions to Kathmandu, Delhi or Bangkok can be arranged.



## BHUTAN



**Days**  
8 Days / 7 Nights



**Start/End**  
Paro to Paro

FROM **£2,299** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Tiger's Nest monastery
- Punakha & Paro Dzongs
- Phobjikha Valley
- Thimphu market
- Buddhist culture



Includes a Phobjikha Valley homestay – income goes direct to your host family and to protecting the valley's rare black-necked cranes.

# Himalayan Kingdoms

► Small Group



## NEPAL & BHUTAN



Days

12 Days / 11 Nights



Start/End

Kathmandu to Kathmandu

FROM **£2,749** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Kathmandu's temples & stupas
- Paro Dzong & National Museum
- Thimphu weekend market
- Dochu La Pass & Punakha Dzong
- Phobjikha Valley
- Taktshang monastery
- Nepalese & Bhutanese food & culture
- Beautiful Himalayan scenery & easy hikes



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#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 12



#### Meals

11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3-4 star hotels & village homestay



#### Transport

A/C minibus/people-carrier

#### Day 1: Kathmandu meet & greet

On arrival at Kathmandu airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the Thamel district. The rest of the day is free to rest or begin exploring the vibrant streets nearby.

#### Day 2: Kathmandu heritage & city life

A rickshaw ride through the backstreets of Thamel leads us on foot to Kathmandu Durbar Square's carved temples and palaces, before we climb to Swayambhunath, the monkey temple, for sweeping valley views. An optional Everest mountain flight is available.

#### Day 3: Fly to Paro & cultural introduction

We fly across the Himalaya to Paro, enjoying possible views of snow-capped peaks from the aircraft. After transferring to our hotel we visit Ta Dzong and Paro Dzong, then the Nado Poizokhang incense factory. Overnight Paro.

#### Day 4: Paro to Punakha via Dochu La

Driving over Dochu La Pass and its 108 chortens, we descend to the warmer Punakha Valley and hike through village paths and fields to Chimi Lhakhang, the fertility temple of the Divine Madman. Overnight Punakha.

#### Day 5: Khamsum Chorten, Punakha Dzong & Phobjikha homestay

We walk beside the Mo Chhu river to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Chorten and explore Punakha Dzong at the confluence of two rivers, then climb to Gangtey in the Phobjikha Valley for a night with a village host family.

#### Day 6: Phobjikha walk & Gangtey Monastery

A gentle nature walk through this beautiful glacial valley, home to black-necked cranes in season, is followed by a visit to hilltop Gangtey Monastery and time with our host family learning about rural highland life.

#### Day 7: Phobjikha Valley to Thimphu

Recrossing Dochu La we stop near Wangdue Phodrang to visit Rinchengang Village, famed for its traditional stone masonry and its views over the ruined dzong, before continuing on to the capital, Thimphu.



#### Day 8: Thimphu sightseeing

A full day in the capital includes the Memorial Chorten, Folk Heritage Museum, the School of Arts and Crafts - where students master traditional painting, carving and sculpture - plus artisan workshops, the Takin Conservation Centre, a nunnery and the weekend market, with archery if timing allows.

#### Day 9: Tiger's Nest hike

We hike through pine forest and up a steep mountain path to Taktshang Monastery, the iconic Tiger's Nest clinging to a sheer cliff face, said to be where Guru Rinpoche arrived on the back of a flying tigress. We also visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong and ancient Kyichu Lhakhang. Overnight Paro.

#### Day 10: Fly to Kathmandu & transfer to Nagarkot

We fly back over the Himalaya to Kathmandu and continue by road into the surrounding hills to Nagarkot, a ridge-top village known for its sweeping Himalayan panoramas, where we settle in and can watch the mountains turn gold at sunset.

#### Day 11: Nagarkot sunrise, Bhaktapur & sacred Kathmandu

Sunrise from Nagarkot's viewpoints, with peaks such as Langtang and even Everest faintly visible on clear mornings. We continue to medieval Bhaktapur for its Durbar Square and a hands-on pottery class, then visit riverside Pashupatinath and join pilgrims circling the great Boudhanath stupa.

#### Day 12: Kathmandu leisure time & departure

A final free morning in Kathmandu for last-minute shopping in Thamel or a final plate of momos, before your transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Extensions in Nepal, from trekking and rafting to Chitwan, can easily be arranged.

# Karakorum Highlights

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 16



**Meals**  
14 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches, 13 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
2 to 4-star hotels, guesthouses & cabins



**Transport**  
4x4 jeep

## Day 1: Arrive in Islamabad, City Tour

Arrive in Islamabad, where we'll transfer you to your hotel. At 2pm, enjoy a city tour of Pakistan's modern capital. Highlights include the Faisal Mosque, the sixth-largest in the world, the Pakistan Monument symbolizing national unity, and the Heritage Museum showcasing Pakistan's diverse history and traditions.

## Day 2: Islamabad to Naran via Jaulian Monastery & Sirkup Old City, Naran Bazaar

Depart Islamabad and journey through the scenic Kaghan Valley. Visit the ruins of the Buddhist Jaulian Monastery and the ancient city of Sirkup. Arrive in Naran, a popular summer destination on the banks of the Kunhar River, and explore the lively Naran Bazaar.

## Day 3: Cross the Babussar Pass, Hike to Fairy Meadows

Travel to the Babussar Pass, with its hairpin bends, and descend toward Chilas, stopping at Lulusar Lake. Continue to Raikot Bridge and take a jeep to Tato village before embarking on a challenging hike to Fairy Meadows (3300m). This stunning spot offers breathtaking views of Nanga Parbat (8125m).

## Day 4: Free Time or Treks in Fairy Meadows

Spend the day at Fairy Meadows. Choose a gentle 2-3 hour trek to Beyal Camp (3500m) with views of Nanga Parbat, or for experienced trekkers, hike to Nanga Parbat Base Camp (3967m). Alternatively, explore the area, and enjoy the remote, picturesque surroundings.

## Day 5: Hike Down to Tato, Drive to Tarashing

Hike back to Tato and drive through the beautiful Astore Valley to Tarashing, a remote village at the head of the jeep road toward the Rupal face of Nanga Parbat. Enjoy the stunning scenery and the flower-filled fields in summer.



## Day 6: Hike to Nanga Parbat-Herrligkoffer Base Camp

Drive from Tarashing into the Rupal Valley and hike to the Herrligkoffer Base Camp (3550m), named after the German mountaineer who led the first successful expedition to Nanga Parbat. The trek offers spectacular mountain views and encounters with local wildlife.

## Day 7: To Skardu via Deosai National Park

Travel through Deosai National Park's flower-filled meadows, home to diverse wildlife. Continue to Skardu, the capital of Baltistan, known as 'Little Tibet'. Visit the beautiful Satpura Lake and the ancient Manthal Buddha on the way.

## Day 8: Day Trip to Shigar Valley

Explore the lush Shigar Valley, visiting the historic Amborik Mosque and having lunch at Shigar Fort. Back in Skardu, hike to Khorpocho Fort for panoramic views of the area.

## Day 9: Skardu to Gilgit via Katchura Lake

Drive along the Indus River to Gilgit, stopping at Katchura Lakes. In Gilgit, visit the Kargah Buddha, explore the lively bazaar, and if possible, watch a Polo match, a regional favorite.

## Day 10: Hunza Valley, Borith Lake, Passu Glacier View

Travel through the Hunza Valley to Borith Lake, hike to a viewpoint near the Passu Glacier to enjoy stunning scenery, and the unique culture of the Hunza region.

## Day 11: Passu to Karimabad

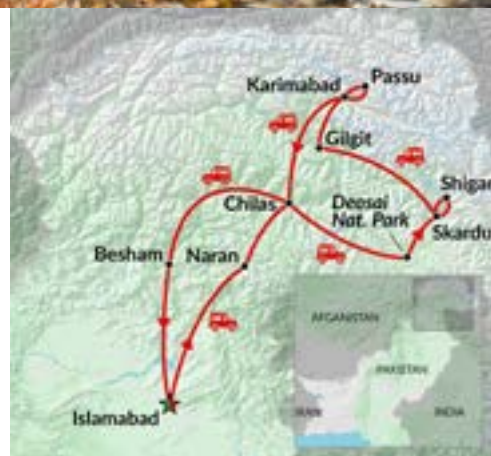
Visit the Hussaini Suspension Bridge and explore Gulmit village. In Karimabad, tour the Baltit Fort, a 700-year-old fortress perched on a cliff edge.

## Day 12: Altit Fort & Village, Duikar Viewpoint

Tour Altit Fort and village, and visit the CIQAM project, which supports local artisans. Later, drive to Duikar for a panoramic sunset view of the Hunza Valley.

## Day 13: Karakoram Highway to Besham or Naran

Drive back down the Karakoram Highway, stopping at Shatial to see ancient petroglyphs. Depending on



## PAKISTAN



**Days**  
15 Days / 14 Nights



**Start/End**  
Islamabad to Islamabad

FROM **£2,495** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Karakoram Highway
- Hikes to Fairy Meadows, Beyal Camp, Nanga Parbat BC (optional), Herrikoffer BC & Passu Glacier
- Deosai Plains, Shigar Valley & Khorpocho
- Baltit & Altit Forts
- Borith Lake & Hussaini hanging bridge
- Sunset at Duikar viewpoint.

conditions, stay overnight in either Besham or Naran.

## Day 14: Return to Islamabad via Taxila

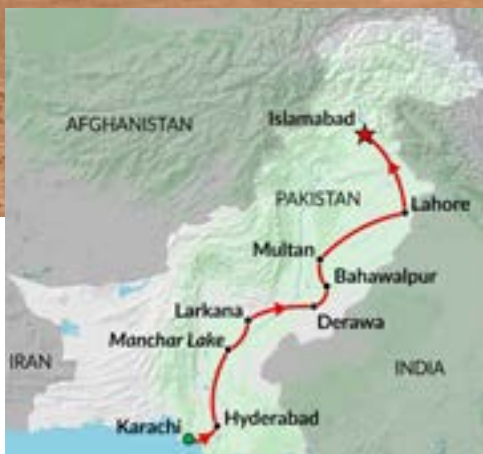
On your return to Islamabad, visit the historic site of Taxila, once a hub of learning and culture. End the day with a tour of the bustling Raja Bazaar in Rawalpindi.

## Day 15: Departure from Islamabad

Enjoy some free time before transferring to Islamabad airport for your departure. Extra nights and tours are available if you wish to extend your stay.

# Indus Domes & Deserts

► Small Group



## PAKISTAN

15

Days

15 Days / 14 Nights



Start/End

Karachi to Lahore

FROM **£2,599** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Karachi
- Manchar Lake
- Hyderabad
- Mohenjo-Daro
- Sukkur
- Cholistan Desert
- Derawar Fort
- Bahawalpur
- Lahore

#### Day 1: Karachi arrival & city tour

We meet you at Karachi Airport and transfer to your hotel before a guided city tour taking in the National Museum, Sufi shrines and the Mohammad Ali Jinnah Mausoleum, ending at Clifton Beach.

#### Day 2: Thatta heritage route to Hyderabad

We visit the carved Chaukundi Tombs and blue-tiled Shah Jahan Mosque at Thatta, then walk through UNESCO-listed Makli Necropolis, one of the world's largest graveyards, stopping at Kinjhar Lake before continuing to Hyderabad.



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 16



#### Meals

14 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches, 13 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3 to 4 star hotels and guesthouses



#### Transport

A/C car/landcruiser

#### Day 3: Sindh craft villages & Sufi heritage

Today we visit Hala's family-run workshops to see glazed ceramics and terracotta being made, trying a pottery session ourselves, then visit the shrine of Sufi poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai at Bhit Shah and discover how ajrak cloth is block-printed.

#### Day 4: Ranikot Fort & Sehwan

We explore vast Ranikot Fort, the Great Wall of Sindh, walking its ramparts for panoramic views, then drive to Sehwan to visit the shrine of revered Sufi saint Lal Shahbaz Qalandar, joining pilgrims at this colourful complex.

#### Day 5: Manchar Lake & Mohenjo Daro

We join the Mohana houseboat community on Manchar Lake to see how they fish these waters with cormorants, then explore UNESCO-listed Mohenjo Daro, with streets and brick houses over 4,000 years old, before driving to Larkana.

#### Day 6: Kot Diji Fort to Sukkur

We visit the Bhutto Family Mausoleum at Garhi Khuda Bakhsh, then explore Kot Diji Fort, a pre-Indus site crowned by impressive fortifications, before driving on to Sukkur on the Indus River.

#### Day 7: Sukkur sacred island & Indus heritage

We take a boat to Sadhu Belo Island's Hindu temples and enjoy a scenic Indus River ride, then visit the Indus Dolphin Conservation Centre and climb Masoon Shah Jo Minaro for views over the city and river.

#### Day 8: Sukkur to Bahawalpur via Bhong Mosque

Driving north through rural Punjab we stop at Bhong Mosque, famed for intricate decoration blending Pakistani, Iranian and Turkish influences and awarded the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, before continuing to Bahawalpur, capital of a former princely state.

#### Day 9: Derawar Fort & Uch Sharif

We cross the Cholistan Desert to mighty Derawar Fort, walking its massive circular bastions and visiting the white-domed mosque and the Nawabs' royal graveyard. At Uch Sharif we admire the glazed tilework of Bibi Jawindi's tomb.



#### Day 10: Bahawalpur heritage & Multan

We tour Bahawalpur's royal landmarks, visiting Nur Mahal, the city's mosques, museum and bazaar, and learning how the former princely state's rulers shaped the city, before driving on to Multan, city of saints.

#### Day 11: Multan shrines & old city

We discover Multan's spiritual and craft heritage, visiting Sufi shrines glittering with blue glazed tiles, the historic Eidgah Mosque and the bustling old-city bazaar, where artisans still work amid a devotional atmosphere.

#### Day 12: Harappa & journey to Lahore

We drive to Harappa, another great centre of the Indus Valley Civilisation, exploring foundations of houses and streets dating back millennia, then continue east to Lahore, Punjab's vibrant capital.

#### Day 13: Lahore imperial landmarks

We explore UNESCO-listed Lahore Fort and the vast Badshahi Mosque, visit Jahangir's Tomb and the Lahore Museum's superb collections, and end the evening on the Old City's food street.

#### Day 14: Old Lahore walk & Wagah ceremony

We walk the Old Walled City's narrow alleys from Sarafa Bazaar to Kashmiri Bazaar, discovering brassware and handicrafts, and visit the restored Shahi Hamam and beautifully tiled Wazir Khan Mosque. This evening we attend the patriotic flag-lowering ceremony at the Wagah Border.

#### Day 15: Lahore leisure & departure

We enjoy free time in Lahore this morning to shop for souvenirs, revisit favourite spots or simply soak up the city's atmosphere, before an included transfer to Lahore Airport for your departing flight, ending a memorable journey through Pakistan.

# Maldives Uncovered

► Small Group



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 8



#### Meals

7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 5 Dinners



#### Accommodations

Local guesthouses



#### Transport

Minivan & local ferries or speedboats

#### Day 1: Arrive Male & transfer to Hulhumale

On arrival at Male airport you will be met and transferred by shuttle taxi to your guesthouse on nearby Hulhumale island, just minutes away across the lagoon. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for a first taste of island life - stroll the palm-fringed beach, swim in the warm shallows, and watch your first Indian Ocean sunset.

#### Day 2: Male city tour & ferry to Guraidhoo

A short ferry brings us to the capital for a guided city tour of this densely packed island city, taking in the coral-stone Friday Mosque, the National Museum and the leafy Sultan Park, plus a glimpse of the bustling fish market and harbour. We then travel by local ferry across South Male Atoll to the quiet island of Guraidhoo, watching dolphins if luck is with us. Overnight Guraidhoo.

#### Day 3: Guraidhoo reef snorkelling & hedika

We snorkel two vibrant coral reefs with our guide, discovering clouds of colourful reef fish among the corals, with full instruction for beginners. Back on Guraidhoo we take a discovery walk through the village's sandy lanes and quiet boatyard, finishing with a traditional hedika tasting of local sweet and savoury snacks with tea. Overnight Guraidhoo.

#### Day 4: Guraidhoo to Maafushi & marine conservation

A short ferry hop brings us to bustling Maafushi. We visit Renee's Coral Garden to learn how local initiatives rehabilitate damaged reefs and why seagrass meadows matter, then hear about sea turtle conservation at an Olive Ridley Project presentation. Optional diving and manta ray trips are available this afternoon.



#### Day 5: Turtle snorkelling, sandbank & tree planting

We snorkel a reef known for its resident sea turtles, drifting above soft coral gardens as clouds of reef fish part around you, then boat out to a deserted sandbank for a picnic lunch and a swim in the shallows. Back on Maafushi we plant coconut palms as part of a local conservation project.

#### Day 6: Speedboat to Gulhi & island discovery

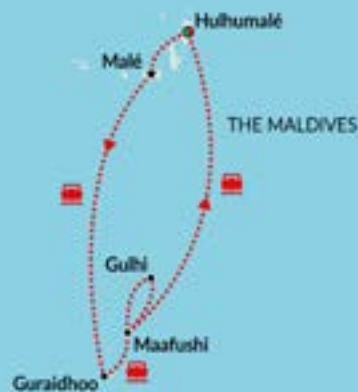
A short speedboat ride brings us to peaceful Gulhi, a small traditional island far from the bustle of the capital. We walk the boatyards where dhoni fishing boats are still built by hand, explore the sandy village streets, enjoy a fresh coconut in the shade, and join a community beach clean. Free time follows for swimming. Overnight Gulhi.

#### Day 7: Gulhi free day & local family dinner

A full free day on Gulhi to do as much or as little as you please - swim in the clear lagoon, laze in a hammock under the palms, snorkel the house reef, or join optional boat trips to nearby reefs and sandbanks. In the evening we are welcomed into a local family's home for a traditional Maldivian dinner - fragrant fish curry, roshi flatbreads and coconut-based dishes - a genuine taste of island hospitality. Overnight Gulhi.

#### Day 8: Gulhi to Male ferry & airport transfer

We take the morning ferry back across the atoll to Male, watching islands and resort sandbanks slip past, and transfer across to the airport island, where the tour concludes. Optional extensions include a four-night Gulhi island stay to unwind further, or a relaxing dhoni cruise drifting through the atolls with snorkelling stops en route.



## MALDIVES



#### Days

8 Days / 7 Nights



#### Start/End

Male to Male

FROM **£1,139** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

#### Highlights

- Visits to 3 local islands in South Male Atol
- Boat trips, guided snorkelling over the coral reefs
- Visits to uninhabited islands & sand bars
- Beach barbecues
- Dining with local families
- Hedika experience
- Scuba-diving diving options



On Maafushi every guest and tour leader plants a coconut palm - a hands-on contribution to help the island's reforestation.

# Maldives Conservation Cruise

► Small Group



## MALDIVES



Days

8 Days / 7 Nights



Start/End

Male to Male

FROM **£1,899** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Whale Shark Research Program
- Coral Nurseries & Beach Cleans
- Learn about conservation challenges faced by the Maldives
- Enjoy beautiful scenery and delicious meals



Includes snorkelling the seagrass beds and a visit to Renee's Coral Garden, seeing how local initiatives rehabilitate the reef.



### Group Size

Min: 6 | Max: 12



### Meals

7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners



### Accommodations

S/Y Felicity safari boat or similar



### Transport

A/C car & S/Y Felicity safari boat

### Day 1: Male to Maafushi arrival & marine orientation

We meet you at Male airport and transfer you to the MV Felicity, where you settle into your cabin and sail to Maafushi. A snorkelling briefing prepares you for the reefs ahead, and this evening Save the Beach introduces local conservation efforts. Once on board, you'll meet the Maldives Whale Shark Research Program (MWSRP) team and cruise to South Male Atoll. A responsible snorkeling briefing will prepare you for your first underwater adventure. The day ends with a sunset view from a sandbank and a briefing from the NGO, Save the Beach, about local coral reefs and conservation challenges.

### Day 2: Maafushi reef restoration & seagrass

We visit a coral rehabilitation site near Maafushi to see how fragments are grown and transplanted, then snorkel over seagrass meadows, learning how these vital habitats shelter marine life, store carbon and stabilise the coastline. All meals are included on board.

### Day 3: South Ari Atoll marine life & island culture

We cruise to South Ari Atoll, watching for dolphins on deck, then snorkel over colourful reefs. In the late afternoon we visit Dhungethi to sample traditional hedika snacks, and this evening the MWSRP team explains whale shark behaviour and their code of conduct.

### Day 4: Dhigurah whale shark research & conservation

We search the reefs near Dhigurah for whale sharks, entering the water for ethical encounters when conditions allow, and help record size, markings and behaviour for research. We also land on an uninhabited island for a beach clean-up before an evening biology talk.



### Day 5: Manta Point, whale sharks & forest walk

The boat cruises to Rangali Madivaru, known as Manta Point, where an early snorkel may reward us with manta rays sweeping gracefully past on their feeding loops. We continue monitoring for whale sharks, practising identification as citizen scientists, then walk Dhigurah's lush tropical forest to learn how island flora protects fragile shorelines.

### Day 6: Island cruise, Gulhi visit & cultural evening

We begin cruising back towards Male with two snorkel stops in sheltered reefs, then visit the quiet fishing island of Gulhi, seeing the boatyard where dhonis are still built and repaired by hand and cooling off with a fresh coconut in the shade. Tonight a Maldivian theme night brings energetic Bodu Beru drumming and dancing on deck.

### Day 7: Villimale marine finale & coastal conservation

We enjoy a final snorkel, with chances to see turtles, rays or reef sharks as a last farewell to the underwater world. On nearby Villimale we meet Save the Beach again to see how coastal development and urban pressures affect the reefs, and what's being done to protect them for the future.

### Day 8: Transfer to Male airport, departure

After a final breakfast on deck we disembark the MV Felicity and an included transfer takes you to Male International Airport in time for your onward flight, where our services end. Optional post-tour extras include an extra day in Hulhumale or a relaxing four-night Gulhi island extension.

# Sri Lanka on a Shoestring

## ► Shoestring



**Group Size**  
Min: 4 | Max: 20



**Meals**  
11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 0 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
Hostels, guesthouses & 1 night camping



**Transport**  
A/C minivan/minibus, public transport inc. trains

### Day 1: Colombo introduction

We meet our Adventure Leader and fellow travellers for the pre-departure briefing in Colombo, then take an evening walk through the historic old town, discovering its landmarks and evening atmosphere as our Sri Lankan adventure begins.

### Day 2: Negombo coast to Dambulla

We start at the lively Negombo fish market, watching fishermen auction their morning catch, then drive inland via Kurunegala, visiting the Sputnik Volunteer Centre. We finish at Dambulla's UNESCO cave temple complex, admiring centuries-old Buddhist murals and statues.

### Day 3: Sigiriya Rock Fortress & free time

After breakfast we climb the iconic Sigiriya Rock Fortress, exploring its ancient ruins and royal history and enjoying sweeping views from the summit. We then return to Dambulla for free time.

### Day 4: Manigala Trail & journey to Kandy

We hike the scenic Manigala Trail through the Knuckles Mountain Range, enjoying panoramic viewpoints and diverse forest landscapes. A picnic lunch is included before we drive on to Kandy in the misty hill country.

### Day 5: Kandy to Kitulgala, white-water rafting

We spend the morning at leisure in Kandy, perhaps strolling by the lake, then drive to the rainforest town of Kitulgala for an included white-water rafting adventure on the Kelani River, navigating rapids amid lush jungle.

### Day 6: Kitulgala to Ella via Hatton, scenic rail

We transfer to Hatton station and ride one of the world's most scenic railways through tea country, passing forests, villages and sweeping landscapes. On arrival in Ella we hike gentle trails up Little Adam's Peak.

### Day 7: Ella highland trails & leisure

With a packed breakfast we hike Pekoe Trail stages 15 and 16 through forest, tea plantations and village paths, taking in Ella Rock and the Nine Arches Bridge before ending at the Demodara Railway Loop. Evening free in Ella.



### Day 8: Ella cooking class & leisure

We join a hands-on Sri Lankan cooking class today, learning to prepare traditional dishes with local spices and techniques, and tasting what we create. The rest of the day is free to enjoy Ella's cafes and viewpoints.

### Day 9: Ella to Udawalawe, jeep safari

We hike to Mini World's End for dramatic sunrise views over the valleys, then visit the ancient Buduruvagala rock carvings. Driving on to Udawalawe, an afternoon jeep safari searches for elephants and birdlife before we overnight at our campsite.

### Day 10: Udawalawe to Unawatuna via Handunugoda

We leave the plains for the south coast, stopping at Handunugoda Tea Estate to learn about its artisanal coastal-grown teas and taste fresh brews. The journey ends at Unawatuna for three relaxed beachside nights.

### Day 11: Surfing, mask painting & free time

We take a beginner-friendly surfing lesson on Unawatuna's scenic coastline, then join a traditional mask-painting workshop, creating our own mask and learning the symbolism behind the designs. The rest of the day is free.

### Day 12: Tuk-tuk to Galle Fort & free time

We ride a tuk-tuk along the coast to UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, exploring its ancient ramparts, lighthouse, colonial architecture, boutiques and seaside viewpoints, before returning to Unawatuna for free time.

### Day 13: Temple pooja & return to Colombo

We participate in a traditional pooja blessing ritual at a Buddhist temple, meeting the priest and experiencing local spirituality, then drive north along the coast to Colombo, where our adventure ends on arrival.



## SRI LANKA



**Days**  
13 Days / 12 Nights



**Start/End**  
Colombo to Colombo

FROM **£1,259** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Colombo
- Negombo, & Dambulla
- Sigiriya
- Knuckles
- Kandy
- Kitulgala
- Ella
- Unawatuna
- Galle



As a first time solo female traveller my trip was absolutely incredible – every stop was worthwhile.

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# South America



Embarking on a South American adventure, we explored Argentina's vibrant Buenos Aires and majestic Iguazu Falls. In Bolivia, the surreal Salar de Uyuni and historic La Paz captivated us. Chile offered the stunning Atacama Desert and dynamic Santiago. Peru's highlight was the iconic Machu Picchu and the cultural richness of Cusco.



# Machu Picchu Calling

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 14



**Meals**  
11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
Guesthouses, simple hotels & camping



**Transport**  
Local buses, sleeper bus, train & flight

## Day 1: Arrive in Lima. Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival in Lima, our staff will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel to start your trip.

## Day 2: Lima, Drive to Ballestas Islands

We depart Lima and head south to the Ballestas Islands in the Paracas National Reserve. A boat ride offers views of exotic birds and sea mammals, making this a crucial marine reserve.

## Day 3: Drive through the Ica Desert to the Oasis of Huacachina

This morning we make the short drive through the Ica Desert to the heart of Peru's wine region. Visiting the Tacama winery we have the chance to sample the local wine as well as the country's national drink, Pisco. We then head to the nearby Oasis of Huacachina - a palm fringed lake surrounded by sand dunes where we can relax on the beach and enjoy a swim before we take things up a notch with a thrill inducing dune buggy ride over the massive sand dunes. This evening enjoy the desert sunset as we make camp and sleep under the stars.

## Day 4: Visit the Nazca Lines & Chauchilla Cemetery, Drive to Arequipa

Today we travel to one of South America's most mysterious sites as we visit the intriguing Nazca Lines. Believed to have been present for over 2,000 years these huge figures carved into the desert floor were only discovered 80 years ago from the air and as such there are many contrasting theories as to what they actually signify - feel free to ask the locals! We then head to the Chauchilla Cemetery famous for its well-preserved mummies before saying goodbye to the Atacama Desert to begin our climb into the Andes towards Arequipa.



## Days 5-8: Arequipa and the Colca Canyon

The next four days are spent in and around Colca Canyon and the surrounding areas. We include an overnight visit to the Colca Canyon, which at 900m is not only one of the deepest in the world but also the home of the majestic Condors that circling lazily in the thermals rising from the canyon floor. Other activities to arrange in this beautiful part of Peru include white water rafting, cycling, horse riding and trekking.

## Day 9: Arrive in Cuzco, Sacred Valley of the Incas Tour

An overnight coach journey carries us through the Andes to Cuzco - the adventure capital of Peru and starting point of the Inca trail. We spend time to explore the dramatic landscape and learn about the unique cultures that have existed here for thousands of years. Arriving early morning we have chance to tour the stunning Sacred Valley of the Incas, home to temples, terrace fields and bustling local markets before returning to Cuzco.

## Days 10-13: Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu

We head out early from Cuzco to the Urubamba Valley from where we begin our 4-day trek along the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. A stunning combination of panoramic views, Inca ruins and magnificent mountains make this one of the most exotic adventures in the world. Reaching over 4,200m in places the trail winds up through lush valleys and tiny, hospitable villages where we spend the nights. All guides and porters are included on the trek.

## Days 14-15: Cuzco, Free Time & Departure

After completing the trek, we have two free days in Cuzco to explore the city or join an optional white water rafting trip. On Day 15, we transfer to the airport for a flight back to Lima, where the trip concludes. Extra nights in Lima are available on request.



## PERU



**Days**  
15 Days / 14 Nights



**Start/End**  
Lima to Lima

FROM **£2,949** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Inca Trail to Machu Picchu
- Quaint Cuzco
- Condors of Colca Canyon
- Boat ride to the Ballestas Islands
- Oasis of Huacachina
- Nazca Lines & Chauchilla Cemetery



I loved the trip - from the hotels to the guides, driver and all the sites visited. Truly an amazing experience.

**Phyllis, TourRadar**



# Walking with the Incas

► Small Group



## PERU

19

Days

19 Days / 18 Nights



Start/End

Lima to Lima

FROM **£4,099** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Exotic birds & marine life of Ballestas Islands
- Oasis of Huacachina
- Nazca Lines
- Colonial Arequipa
- Quaint Cuzco
- Majestic Machu Picchu
- The Amazon

Exactly as advertised – airport pickup, excellent guides, good vehicles and good hotels.

**Brian, TourRadar**



**Group Size**

Min: 2 | Max: 14



**Meals**

16 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 6 Dinners



**Accommodations**

Guesthouses, simple hotels & camping



**Transport**

Local buses, sleeper bus, train, boat & flights

### Day 1: Arrive in Lima

Upon arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Lima to start your adventure.

### Day 2: Lima to Ballestas Islands

Depart Lima for the Paracas National Reserve, where you'll take a boat tour of the Ballestas Islands, home to rare birds and sea mammals.

### Day 3: Ica Desert and Oasis of Huacachina

Drive through the Ica Desert to Peru's wine region. Visit the Tacama winery for wine and Pisco tasting. Then, head to the Oasis of Huacachina for a relaxing swim and an exciting dune buggy ride. Camp overnight under the desert stars.

### Day 4: Nazca Lines & Chauchilla Cemetery, Drive to Arequipa

Explore the Nazca Lines, ancient geoglyphs shrouded in mystery, and visit the Chauchilla Cemetery with its well-preserved mummies. Then, ascend into the Andes, heading toward Arequipa.

### Days 5-8: Arequipa and Colca Canyon

Spend four days in the Arequipa area, focusing on Colca Canyon, one of the world's deepest canyons. Enjoy activities like viewing condors, white water rafting, cycling, horse riding, and trekking.

### Day 9: Arrive in Cuzco, Sacred Valley of the Incas Tour

Take an overnight bus to Cuzco, the starting point of the Inca Trail. Spend the day touring the Sacred Valley, home to ancient temples, terrace fields, and vibrant markets. Return to Cuzco to rest before your trek.



### Days 10-13: Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

Begin a four-day trek along the Inca Trail, a journey through stunning landscapes, Inca ruins, and mountain villages. Reach Machu Picchu on the final day, followed by a train ride back to Cuzco.

### Days 14-15: Cuzco, Free Time

Enjoy two free days in Cuzco to relax, explore the city, and engage in optional activities like white water rafting or shopping for local crafts.

### Day 16: Fly to Puerto Maldonado, Tambopata-Candamo Reserve

Fly to Puerto Maldonado and enter the Tambopata-Candamo Reserve. Cruise along the Madre de Dios River to your jungle lodge. In the afternoon, take a guided tour of the local flora and fauna.

### Days 17-18: Tambopata, Jungle Exploration

Spend two days exploring the reserve with guided walks and canoe trips. Discover exotic wildlife, including monkeys, macaws, and possibly giant river otters and caimans.

### Day 19: Return to Lima

We leave the jungle this morning by boat back to Puerto Maldonado where we will board our flight back to the capital Lima.



# Bolivia Encounters



## Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 18



**Meals**  
14 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 5 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
Guesthouses & 2-star hotels



**Transport**  
Local buses, sleeper bus & train

### Day 1: Arrive in La Paz

Upon arrival in La Paz, our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

### Day 2: La Paz Tour

Explore La Paz on a half-day tour, visiting Murillo Square, the Cathedral, Government Palace, the Incan Gold Museum, and the Witches Market. Enjoy panoramic views from Killi Killi lookout. The rest of the day is free.

### Day 3: La Paz to Uyuni

The morning is free to explore La Paz. In the afternoon, take a bus to Oruro, then board a train to Uyuni, arriving in the evening.

### Day 4: Uyuni and the Salt Flats

After breakfast, embark on a 4WD journey through the Salt Flats. Visit the Train Cemetery, Colchani village, and Huasi Island near Tunupa Volcano. End the day in San Juan village.

### Day 5: Salt Flats Exploration

Continue south through the Salt Flats, visiting Canapa and Hedionda lagoons, the Siloli Desert, and the Red Lagoon, a wildlife sanctuary for Andean Flamingos. Overnight in Wayllajara Village.

### Day 6: Sol de Mañana and Rock Valley

Depart early to see the Sol de Mañana Volcano Crater, with its geysers and volcanic mud pools. After breakfast by Challviri Lagoon, pass through Dali's Desert and visit the Green Lagoon near Licancabur Volcano. Return to Uyuni via Rock Valley.



### Day 7: Uyuni to Potosi

Leave the Salt Flats behind and travel to Potosi. The day is free to explore or visit the nearby Silver Mines.

### Day 8: Potosi to Sucre

Spend the morning in Potosi before boarding a bus to Sucre, known for its charming streets and historical significance as the place where Bolivia declared independence.

### Day 9: Sucre and Overnight Bus to La Paz

Visit Cretaceous Park in the morning to see dinosaur footprints. The afternoon is free to explore Sucre or visit Asur Textile Museum. In the evening, take an overnight bus back to La Paz.

### Day 10: Free Day in La Paz

Arrive in La Paz and enjoy a free day to relax or explore the city.

### Day 11: La Paz to Rurrenabque and Madidi National Park

Fly to Rurrenabque and head to Madidi National Park by boat. Take a jungle walk to discover local flora and fauna, followed by an evening jungle walk.

### Day 12: Madidi to Pampas

Spend the morning in the jungle before traveling by 4WD to Yacuma River. Continue by boat to the lodge, spotting wildlife along the riverbank.

### Day 13: Pampas Jungle Tour

Navigate the Yacuma River into the Pampas, a grasslands ecosystem. Search for wildlife, including anacondas, and enjoy piranha fishing and swimming with pink dolphins.

### Day 14: Pampas to Rurrenabque and Return to La Paz

Take a final morning jungle tour to see various monkey species. In the afternoon, return to Rurrenabque for your flight back to La Paz.

### Day 15: Departure from La Paz

Enjoy some last-minute sightseeing or shopping before your transfer to the airport for departure.



## BOLIVIA



**Days**  
15 Days / 14 Nights



**Start/End**  
La Paz to La Paz

FROM **£2,399** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Bright & bustling La Paz
- Uyuni & the world's largest salt flats
- The churches of Potosi
- Colonial city of Sucre,
- Flora and fauna of Madidi & the pampas



Cannot say enough good things about the tour. An amazing experience we will remember for the rest of our lives.

**Guillermo, TourRadar**



# Mountains to the Lakes

► Small Group



## BOLIVIA & PERU

21

Days

21 Days / 20 Nights



Start/End

Lima to La Paz

FROM **£3,499** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Wildlife of the Ballestas Islands
- Nazca Lines
- Condors of Colca Canyon
- Inca ruins at Machu Picchu
- Colonial Cuzco
- Waters of Lake Titicaca
- Impressive La Paz



A marvellous way to be immersed in the culture. The route is well planned and the stops were all well chosen.

**Elysebeth, TourRadar**



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 14



#### Meals

20 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners



#### Accommodations

Guesthouses & simple hotels



#### Transport

Local buses, sleeper bus & train

#### Day 1: Arrive in Lima, Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival in Lima, our staff will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

#### Day 2: Lima to Paracas National Reserve, Ballestas Islands

We depart Lima and head south to the Paracas National Reserve. A boat ride to the Ballestas Islands offers views of rare birds and sea mammals in one of the world's most important marine reserves.

#### Day 3: Ica Desert to Huacachina Oasis

We journey through the Ica Desert to Peru's wine region, visiting the Tacama winery to sample local wines and Pisco. At Huacachina Oasis, enjoy the serene palm-fringed lake, swim, and experience a thrilling dune buggy ride. We camp overnight under the stars.

#### Day 4: Nazca Lines & Chauchilla Cemetery

Today, we visit the enigmatic Nazca Lines, which have puzzled historians for years. Optional flights over the lines are available. We then explore the Chauchilla Cemetery, known for its well-preserved mummies, before heading into the Andes towards Arequipa.

#### Day 5-7: Arequipa and Colca Canyon

Arriving in Arequipa, you'll have three days to explore the town and Colca Canyon, one of the world's deepest canyons and home to the majestic Condors. Optional activities include white-water rafting, cycling, horse riding, and trekking.

#### Day 8: Arequipa Free Day

Enjoy a free day in Arequipa with various optional activities before boarding an overnight coach to Cuzco.



#### Day 9: Arrive in Cuzco, Sacred Valley of the Incas

We arrive in Cuzco, the starting point for our Inca Trail adventure. Explore the Sacred Valley, home to ancient temples, terraced fields, and bustling markets before preparing for the trek.

#### Day 10-13: Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

We begin our four-day trek on the Inca Trail, passing through lush valleys, ancient ruins, and small villages. The trek reaches over 4,200m, offering stunning views. On Day 13, we complete the trek at Machu Picchu and return to Cuzco by train.

#### Day 14-15: Cuzco Free Days

Recover from the trek with two free days in Cuzco. Explore the city, visit museums and churches, or shop for local crafts. Optional activities include white-water rafting.

#### Day 16-17: Lake Titicaca

Travel to Lake Titicaca, home to the Uros Indians and their floating reed islands. Spend the night with a local family on one of the lesser-known islands like Isla Amantani or Taquile.

#### Day 18: Puno Free Time

Relax in Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

#### Day 19: Lake Titicaca to Bolivia

Cross the border into Bolivia, arriving in the picturesque lakeside village of Copacabana for the night.

#### Day 20-21: La Paz

Continue to La Paz, Bolivia's impressive capital. Enjoy free time to explore the markets and museums before your departure.

# Galapagos Essentials

## ► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 12



**Meals**  
6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 0 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3 to 5-star hotels



**Transport**  
Domestic flight, ferry, speedboat, mini-van

### Day 1: Arrive in Quito, welcome briefing

Welcome to Quito, the Cultural Capital of South America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site! Nestled in a valley on the equator, Quito boasts the largest and most well-preserved colonial center in the Americas. Upon arrival, you can explore the captivating old town and its surroundings. Our team can assist with arranging a Quito City Tour if desired. Join us at the hotel lobby at 6pm for a welcome briefing with one of our trip leaders to discuss the upcoming adventure and address any questions. Take today to acclimate and enjoy your first taste of Quito!

### Day 2: Fly to Baltra Island. Visit the highlands in search of Giant Tortoises

Today, you'll fly to Baltra Island in the Galapagos, usually with a stop in Guayaquil. Upon arrival, you'll take a ferry to Santa Cruz Island and then drive to the highlands to see the famous Galapagos giant tortoises. Enjoy lunch at a private ranch before exploring the tortoises' natural habitat and fascinating lava tubes. In the evening, check into your hotel, meet your local guide, and get briefed on the itinerary. Enjoy the rest of the evening exploring the island at your leisure.

### Day 3: Boat trip to Academy Bay for snorkeling. Afternoon hike and visit Playa de los Perros

After breakfast, embark on a half-day tour to Academy Bay. Pack your snorkeling gear (provided for free) and prepare to swim with vibrant fish, marine life, and playful sea lions. Look out for blue-footed boobies as well. Hike to a nearby viewpoint to spot white-tipped reef sharks and then stroll along Playa de los Perros, where you can see sunbathing marine iguanas. The striking landscape of giant cacti, red rocks, and turquoise ocean offers fantastic photo opportunities.



### Day 4: Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. Speedboat to San Cristobal Island

In the morning, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about the endemic species and conservation efforts in the Galapagos. In the afternoon, take a speedboat to San Cristobal Island, keeping an eye out for dolphins and whales, especially from July to October. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel and prepare for the next part of your adventure.

### Day 5: Exploring Isla Lobos

After breakfast, take a short boat ride to Isla Lobos. Look out for marine animals en route. On the island, enjoy a guided tour to observe frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, manta rays, sea lions, and possibly sharks. Relax on San Cristóbal's pristine white coral beaches, take a dip in the clear waters, or simply unwind in the sun. Return to Puerto Baquerizo Moreno with wonderful memories of the day.

### Day 6: Free time before flying back to Quito

Enjoy a leisurely morning before heading to the airport in San Cristóbal for your flight back to Quito (usually with a stop in Guayaquil). Upon arrival in Quito, you'll be transferred to your hotel. Relax and enjoy your final evening before concluding your adventure.

### Day 7: Tour ends in Quito

Cherish the memories and photos from your trip to Ecuador. We hope you'll return to explore more of this enchanting land in the future. Until then, we wish you a fond farewell and a "buen viaje!"

**Note:** An airport transfer on departure day is not included but can be arranged upon request.



## ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS



**Days**  
7 Days / 6 Nights



**Start/End**  
Quito to Quito

FROM **£2,079** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Explore the wildlife snorkeling with sea turtles, rays, penguins and sea lions
- Visit highlands with the wild giant tortoises
- Visit Academy bay
- Visit the lava tunnels and Isla Lobos
- Relax on white sand beaches



We support the Pan Animalia veterinary clinic, protecting the Galapagos' unique wildlife from disease carried by domestic animals.

# Galapagos Uncovered

► Small Group



## ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS

10

Days

10 Days / 9 Nights



Start/End

Quito to Quito

FROM **£3,829** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Kicker Rock
- Sierra Negra Volcano visit, Lava trails
- Snorkel with sea turtles, rays, penguins and sea lions
- Tintoreras and Lava tunnels
- Explore the Charles Darwin Research Station
- Encounters with Giant Tortoises

We enjoyed this tour very much! Our guide made sure we felt safe and comfortable throughout our journey.

**Judith B, TripAdvisor**



**Group Size**

Min: 2 | Max: 12



**Meals**

9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 0 Dinners



**Accommodations**

3 to 5-star hotels



**Transport**

Domestic flight, ferry, speedboat, mini-van

### Day 1: Arrive in Quito, welcome Briefing

Welcome to Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled in a valley at the base of the Pichincha volcano. Known as the Cultural Capital of South America, Quito boasts the largest and best-preserved colonial center in the Americas. Upon arrival, you can explore the captivating old town with an optional city tour. This evening at 6 PM, join us in the hotel lobby for a welcome briefing, where our trip leader will discuss the exciting adventure ahead. Today is a day for acclimation, so relax and enjoy your first taste of Quito.

### Day 2: Fly to San Cristóbal Island. Afternoon Wildlife Viewing and Snorkeling

Our Galapagos adventure begins with a flight from Quito to San Cristóbal Island. After settling into our hotel, we'll explore "La Lobería," a haven for Galapagos sea lions. Here, you'll witness sea lions frolicking in the waves and basking on the sandy shore. Keep an eye out for marine iguanas, yellow warblers, and Darwin finches. Enjoy a refreshing swim and snorkeling session in the crystal-clear waters.

### Day 3: Snorkeling at Kicker Rock and Cerro Brujo

Today, we embark on a speedboat adventure to Kicker Rock, an iconic geological formation. As we approach, we'll see tropicbirds, frigate birds, and boobies. Beneath the surface, the waters are filled with vibrant tropical fish and various sharks, including hammerheads. In the afternoon, we'll visit Cerro Brujo, where you can snorkel and observe blue-footed and Nazca boobies.

### Day 4: Exploring Isabela Island and Tortoise Breeding Centre

This morning, a short flight takes us to Isabela Island, the largest and most volcanically active in the Galapagos. We'll explore the island's diverse wildlife, including flamingos, marine iguanas, and sea lions. The highlight is the Tortoise Breeding Centre, where we'll learn about the life cycle of giant tortoises. We'll also visit the Wall of Tears, a reminder of the island's penal colony past.

### Day 5: Snorkeling at Tintoreras

Today's adventure takes us to Tintoreras Islet, a short distance from Puerto Villamil. Enjoy snorkeling in turquoise waters, where you'll encounter white-tipped reef sharks, Galapagos penguins, marine turtles, and sea lions. Afterward, take a leisurely stroll along the islet's beaches, home to marine iguanas.

### Day 6: Exploring and Snorkeling at the Lava Tunnels

We explore the mesmerizing lava formations at Los Tuneles, sculpted by volcanic eruptions. The crystal-clear waters are teeming with marine life, including sea turtles, eagle rays, and reef sharks. This site offers an unparalleled snorkeling experience, allowing you to swim alongside sea turtles and encounter the Galapagos penguin.

### Day 7: Santa Cruz and Academy Bay Exploration

Today, we travel to Santa Cruz for a half-day tour of Academy Bay. Snorkel alongside playful sea lions and keep an eye out for blue-footed boobies. We'll also visit Playa de los Perros, where sunbathing sea iguanas and giant cacti create a stunning contrast against the turquoise waters.

### Day 8: Visit Charles Darwin Research Station

This morning, we visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, where we'll learn about the unique species we've encountered and the conservation efforts to protect them. The station's researchers will share insights into the challenges facing these vulnerable species and the strategies being implemented to preserve the ecosystem.

### Day 9: Free Time Before Flying Back to Quito

Enjoy a leisurely morning before we fly back to mainland Ecuador. Upon landing in Quito, you'll be transferred to your hotel for a relaxing final evening.

### Day 10: Tour Ends in Quito

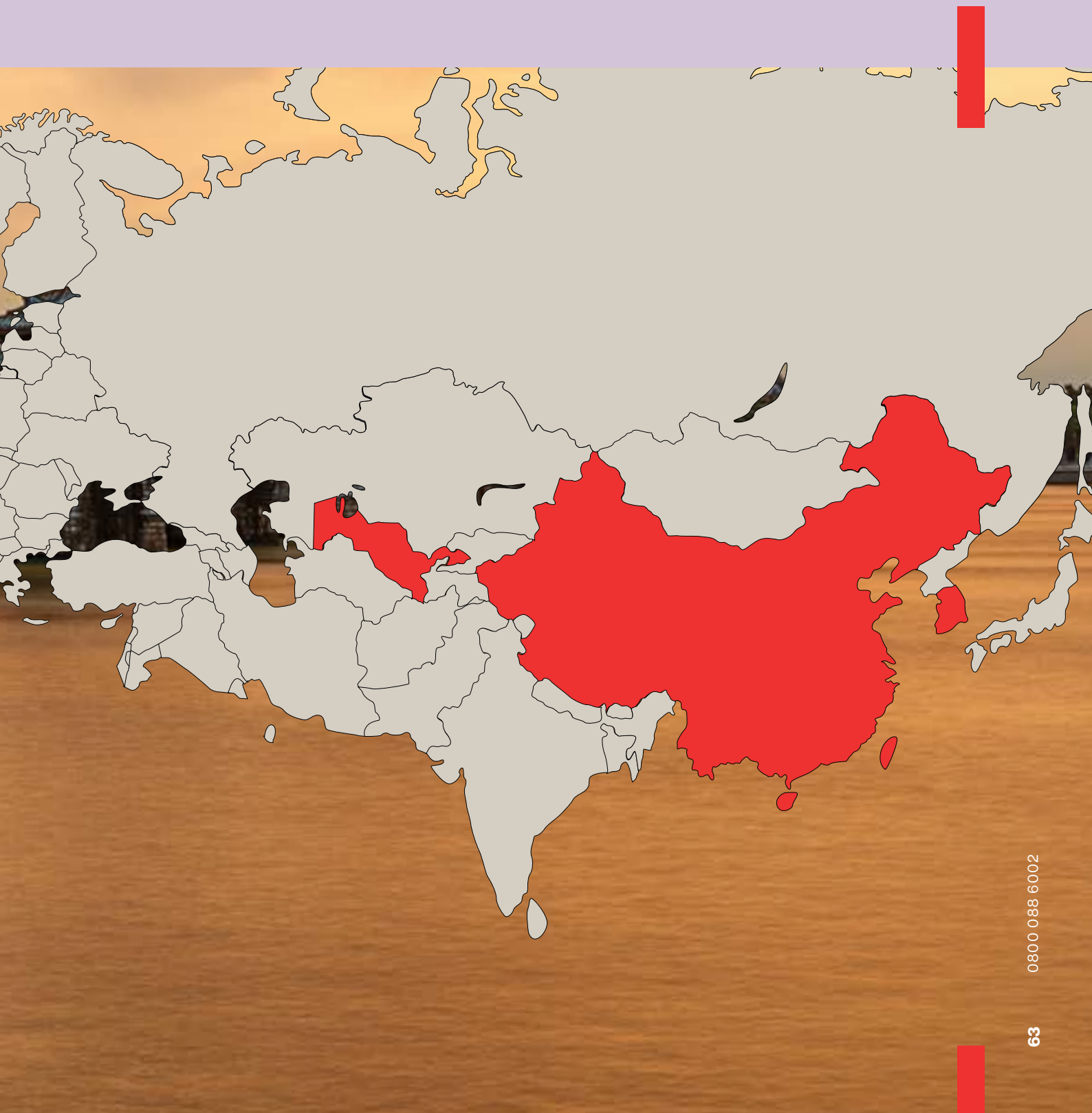
Your adventure concludes in Quito. We hope you treasure your memories and that a part of you will always remain in Ecuador. Safe travels, and we hope to see you again soon!

**Note:** An airport transfer on departure day is not included but can be arranged upon request.

# Asia



Discover the wonders of China's Great Wall, South Korea's dynamic cities, Tibet's spiritual highlands, and Uzbekistan's Silk Road treasures. Each destination offers a unique blend of historical grandeur, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes, promising an enriching and unforgettable travel experience.



# China on a Shoestring

## ▶ Shoestring



**Group Size**  
Min: 7 | Max: 20



**Meals**  
0 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 0 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
Hostels, camping & overnight train



**Transport**  
Trains, buses & public transport

### Day 1: Hong Kong

Meet your group and Adventure Leader for a pre-trip briefing, then head up Victoria Peak for sunset views over one of the world's most spectacular skylines. Later, watch the Symphony of Lights show and browse the stalls of Temple Street Night Market.

### Day 2: Hong Kong to Yangshuo

Board the high-speed train to Guilin West, leaving the skyscrapers behind for the limestone karst scenery of Guangxi. On arrival in Yangshuo, settle into your hostel and soak up the riverside town's relaxed atmosphere.

### Days 3-5: Yangshuo

Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace, plus a countryside bike ride through rice fields and villages beneath the karst peaks. A bamboo raft trip down the Yulong River offers picture-perfect views of the mountains.

### Day 6: Yangshuo to Chongqing

Travel by train to the dramatic river city of Chongqing. Take a cruise on the mighty Yangtze, then explore the illuminated, multi-level Hongya Cave complex.

### Day 7: Chongqing

A free day with options including Liziba's famous monorail-through-a-building, historic air-raid shelters and the People's Great Hall. Don't miss the spectacular confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers.

### Day 8: Chongqing to Chengdu

Ride the train into Sichuan Province. On arrival, visit People's Park for a taste of everyday Chengdu life and wander the restored historic streets of Kuanzhai Alley.

### Days 9-10: Chengdu

Visit the world-leading Giant Panda Breeding Centre and take an included Mandarin lesson. A free day follows to enjoy Chengdu's teahouses, temples and famous spicy cuisine.

### Day 11: Chengdu to Xi'an

Travel by train to the ancient imperial capital of Xi'an. Walk the historic city walls and dive into the bustling Muslim Quarter with its markets and street food.

### Day 12: Xi'an

Visit the legendary Terracotta Warriors, thousands of life-size statues guarding Emperor Qin Shi Huang's

mausoleum. The rest of the day is free for further exploration.

### Days 13-14: Dengfeng & Shaolin Kung Fu

Travel to Dengfeng, home of the legendary Shaolin Temple. Take a Kung Fu lesson led by a Shaolin master and watch a spectacular performance, with a free day to follow.

### Days 15-16: The Great Wall

Return north by train and continue to a remote, unrestored section of the Great Wall. Hike along the ridge and camp overnight on the wall itself (seasonal guesthouse alternative), waking to a breathtaking sunrise before returning to Beijing.

### Day 17: Imperial Beijing

After an optional visit to Tiananmen Square, explore the vast Forbidden City, a maze of 980 buildings that housed 24 emperors. Climb Jingshan Park for panoramic views, with an optional acrobatics show or Peking Roast Duck in the evening.

### Day 18: Beijing to Hangzhou

Visit the Temple of Heaven and the traditional Nanluoguxiang hutongs before boarding the overnight train south to Hangzhou.

### Day 19: Hangzhou

Explore UNESCO-listed West Lake with its gardens and causeways, with free time for the National Tea Museum or Lingyin Temple. Finish with a sunset hike up Jiuyao Mountain.

### Day 20: Hangzhou to Shanghai

Hike the shaded woodland trails and streams of Nine Creeks before a bullet train whisks you to vibrant Shanghai.

### Days 21-22: Shanghai

Two free days to enjoy the city at your own pace — museums, markets, gardens and the waterfront Bund — with an optional Mandarin lesson available.

### Day 23: Shanghai

Walk the tree-lined streets of the French Concession, browse the artsy lanes of Tianzifang, and take in sweeping views from the Jinmao Tower observation deck.



## CHINA



**Days**  
27 Days / 26 Nights



**Start/End**  
Hong Kong to Hong Kong

FROM **£2,349** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Bright lights of Hong Kong
- Active adventure in Yangshuo
- Cute Pandas
- The Terracotta Warriors
- Kung Fu monks of Shaolin
- Bustling Beijing & Great Wall of China
- Rural landscapes of Fujian & Hangzhou

### Day 24: Journey to Fujian

Take the bullet train south into Fujian Province and continue by road into Hakka hill country. Spend the night inside a traditional UNESCO-listed Hakka tulou roundhouse.

### Days 25-26: Fujian Countryside

Explore the fortified earthen tulou villages, join a tea ceremony amid mountain tea fields, and cycle through the countryside to visit the region's largest roundhouse.

### Day 27: Return to Hong Kong

Transfer to Zhangzhou for the train to Hong Kong, tour ends.

# Exploring South Korea

► Shoestring



## SOUTH KOREA



Days

12 Days / 11 Nights



Start/End

Seoul to Jeju Island

FROM **£1,899** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Visit the Demilitarized Zone
- Take a Taekwondo class and a K-pop dance class
- Enjoy views of Seoul from Mt. Namsan
- Visit Gyeongbokgung Palace
- Explore Seoraksan National Park
- Take a cycling tour of Gyeongju
- Explore Chunmachong Ancient

Our guide CheongAn was super nice, friendly, knowledgeable and so thoughtful – I loved this tour's free time.

**Andrea, TourRadar**



**Group Size**

Min: 4 | Max: 18



**Meals**

4 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 2 Dinners



**Accommodations**

Hostels, hotels & temple stay



**Transport**

Local Transport

### Day 1: Seoul

Meet your guide and group for a welcome briefing, then jump straight into Korean culture with an introductory Taekwondo class. In the evening, ride the cable car up Namsan Mountain for night-time panoramas of the city from Seoul N Tower.

### Day 2: Royal Seoul

Visit magnificent Gyeongbokgung Palace to watch the colourful Royal Guard Changing Ceremony, and explore the palace grounds — perhaps in traditional hanbok dress. The rest of the day is free to discover Seoul's neighbourhoods, museums and cafés.

### Day 3: The Demilitarized Zone

Travel north to the Korean DMZ, visiting Dorasan Station, Dora Observatory and the 3rd Tunnel, with views across the border into North Korea. Back in Seoul, switch gears with a fun K-pop dance class led by a professional instructor.

### Day 4: Seoraksan Mountains & Sokcho

Head east to Seoraksan National Park, hiking among forested valleys, rocky peaks and waterfalls — with an optional cable car ride. Continue to coastal Sokcho, crossing to Abai Village by traditional gatbae boat, and end the day with a Korean liquor tasting.

### Day 5: East Coast to Golgulsa Temple

Drive the scenic east coast, stopping at the beach made famous by a BTS music video. Continue to Golgulsa Temple near Gyeongju for an overnight temple stay, experiencing monastic life, meditation and Sunmudo training.

### Day 6: Gyeongju

Wake early for morning chanting with the monks, then travel to Gyeongju, ancient capital of the Silla



Kingdom. A cycling tour takes in the Cheonmachong royal tombs and the Cheomseongdae observatory, with free time to explore further.

### Day 7: Gyeongju to Busan

Ride the KTX bullet train to bustling Busan. Explore the colourful hillside alleys of Gamcheon Village, ride the Songdo Marine Cable Car over the bay, and finish at lively BIFF Square before heading to Haeundae Beach.

### Day 8: Busan

Visit picturesque Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, one of Korea's few seaside temples, set on a rocky shoreline. The rest of the day is free — relax in a jjimjilbang spa, take a harbour cruise, or see Gwanggan Bridge lit up at night.

### Day 9: Fly to Jeju Island

Enjoy a final free morning in Busan before a short flight to Jeju Island, Korea's holiday paradise. The evening is yours to explore Jeju City's markets and local food scene.

### Day 10: Jeju Island

Discover Jeju's volcanic landscapes: Jeongbang Waterfall plunging directly into the sea, a scenic stretch of the Jeju Olle Trail, and a hike up Seongsan Ilchulbong (Sunrise Peak), a UNESCO-listed volcanic crater.

### Day 11: Jeju Island Farewell

Set sail on an included yacht trip along Jeju's coast, passing bays and volcanic cliffs. The afternoon is free before a farewell BBQ dinner with your group — a sociable final evening on the island.

### Day 12: Tour Ends

The tour ends this morning at your Jeju City hotel. Continue your onward travels, or extend your stay to enjoy more of the island.



# South East Asia

Explore Southeast Asia's wonders with Cambodia's ancient temples, Laos's serene landscapes, Thailand's vibrant culture, and Vietnam's historic sites. Each country offers a unique blend of rich history, stunning natural beauty, and captivating traditions, promising an unforgettable and diverse travel experience.



# Thailand Encounters

► Private



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: Any



**Meals**  
9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3 to 4 star hotels, raft house, sleeper train & trekking huts



**Transport**  
A/C minibus & sleeper train

## Day 1: Arrive in Bangkok, Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival at Bangkok airport, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure—settle in, relax, or start exploring the local area.

## Day 2: Bangkok City Tour

Discover Bangkok's essence on a tuk-tuk and long-tailed boat tour. Visit the Grand Palace, Wat Po, the canals of Thonburi, and the iconic Wat Arun. The latter's spire is decorated with pottery shards from a century-old shipwreck, adding to its charm.

## Day 3: Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

Travel to Kanchanaburi, known for the historic Bridge Over the River Kwai. This bridge, built by WWII POWs, is a poignant reminder of the past. Explore the Allied War Cemetery, museum, and enjoy a train ride along the bridge before staying overnight in a floating raft-house.

## Day 4: Kanchanaburi, Erawan Falls National Park

Visit Erawan Falls National Park, famous for its stunning waterfalls and ancient caves. Named after a mythical three-headed elephant, this park offers a serene natural experience.

## Day 5: Kanchanaburi, Ayutthaya Tour, Train to Chiang Mai

Depart for Ayutthaya, the former Siamese capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore its ancient temples and palaces. In the evening, board the overnight train to Chiang Mai.

## Day 6: Arrive in Chiang Mai, Free Day

Arrive in Chiang Mai, a city nestled among Thailand's highest mountains. Spend the day exploring local



attractions, such as the zoo or Buddhist temples, and enjoy dining in one of the city's restaurants.

## Day 7: Chiang Mai, Begin Trekking

Travel to Mae Malai market and Pang Lan Waterfalls. Start a trek into Huay Nam Dang National Park and reach the Karen village of Baan Mae Jok for an overnight stay, immersing yourself in hill-tribe culture.

## Day 8: Forest Trekking

Enjoy a morning trek through the tropical jungle to the village of Baan Pa Khao Lam. Continue your journey through the forest, ending the day at a rafting camp.

## Day 9: Trekking and Bamboo Rafting

Experience bamboo rafting along the Mae Tang river. The journey includes stops at tribal settlements before arriving at Shan village, where you'll transfer back to Chiang Mai.

## Day 10: Chiang Mai, Free Day, Overnight Train to Bangkok

Relax in Chiang Mai after your trek. Options include a Thai cooking class, exploring markets, or enjoying a local massage. In the evening, board the overnight train back to Bangkok.

## Day 11: Arrive in Bangkok, Free Day

Arrive in Bangkok and transfer to your hotel. Spend the day exploring the city. Visit Patpong, a snake farm, or shop at modern malls.

## Day 12: Bangkok, Departure Transfer to Airport

Enjoy a free day in Bangkok before your departure. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.



## THAILAND

12

Days

12 Days / 11 Nights



Start/End

Bangkok to Bangkok

FROM **£2,449** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Floating markets in Bangkok
- Famous Death railway
- Erawan Falls National Park
- Ancient Ayutthaya
- Trekking, bamboo rafting and hill tribe village around Chiang Mai



Every detail of the tour was smooth and right on time, and our guide was funny, kind and very knowledgeable.

**Mariel M, TripAdvisor**



# Wet & Wild in Thailand

► Family



## THAILAND



Days

12 Days / 11 Nights



Start/End

Bangkok to Bangkok

FROM **£1,929** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Bangkok sightseeing
- Khao Sok National Park
- Lake canoeing
- Jungle walks
- Krabi's beaches, mangrove & canyon kayaking

These tours are made by the guide – ours was excellent, full of energy, passion and information.

**Tony, TourRadar**



#### Group Size

Min: 3 | Max: 16



#### Meals

10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 3 Dinners



#### Accommodations

3-5 star hotels, sleeper train, raft house & tree house



#### Transport

A/C minibus, sleeper train & flight

#### Day 1: Arrive in Bangkok

Upon arrival at Bangkok airport, we will transfer you to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to settle in and relax.

#### Day 2: Bangkok, Grand Palace Tour

Today, embark on a half-day tour of Bangkok. Visit the Grand Palace and the Royal Temple of the Emerald Buddha, then stop at Wat Po to see the largest reclining Buddha. Your afternoon is free for exploration or relaxation.

#### Day 3: Bangkok, Cycling Tour & Boat Ride

Begin the day with a cycling tour through Bangkok's countryside. Visit the Kamalulislam mosque, explore canals, fish farms, rice mills, and traditional Thai houses before reaching Nong Chock. Here, switch to boats for a scenic cruise down the Saen Seab canal. In the evening, board an overnight sleeper train to Surat Thani in a second-class, air-conditioned berth.

#### Day 4: Khao Sok National Park

Arrive in Surat Thani for breakfast, then transfer to Khao Sok National Park. Explore the rainforest, waterfalls, limestone cliffs, and riverside trails with a local guide. After lunch, visit small caves and a village temple. Overnight in treehouses with beds, shower, and toilet amidst the forest canopy.

#### Day 5: Khao Sok National Park, Boat Ride & Hike

Transfer to Raja Phraba Lake and board a boat to reach floating raft houses. After lunch, enjoy a boat trip and a 2 to 3-hour hike to a scenic viewpoint. After dinner, join a guided walk to experience the rainforest's nightlife.



#### Day 6: Khao Sok National Park, Boat Ride

Start early for a hike into the jungle to discover local flora and fauna, including giant trees and wild orchids. Return to the raft houses for a late lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to swim or go tubing on the river.

#### Day 7: Khao Sok National Park, Transfer to Krabi

Relax in the park during the morning. After lunch, transfer to Krabi, where you'll check into a luxurious beach resort. Spend the afternoon unwinding on the beach.

#### Day 8: Krabi, Boat Cruise

Take a boat cruise to explore beautiful beaches, islands, and coral reefs. Visit Rai Leh Beach for swimming, rock climbing, or hiking. Snorkel around nearby islands to see stunning corals and vibrant fish.

#### Day 9: Krabi, Mangrove Kayaking

Enjoy a kayaking trip through Krabi's mangrove forests and river estuary. Look out for water monitors, monkeys, and gibbons. Paddle beneath Khanab Nam Mountain, a canyon with lush vegetation. Spend the afternoon relaxing at your hotel.

#### Day 10: Krabi, Free Time

Spend the day at your leisure in Krabi. Relax at your resort or explore more activities if you wish.

#### Day 11: Krabi, Free Time, Flight to Bangkok

Enjoy a final day of relaxation or exploration in Krabi before transferring to the airport for your flight back to Bangkok.

#### Day 12: Bangkok, transfer to Airport

In Bangkok, use the morning for last-minute sightseeing or shopping. We will then transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

# Vietnam Encounters

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 12



**Meals**  
8 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 3 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3 to 4-star hotels, junk boat & sleeper train



**Transport**  
A/C minibus, junk boat, sleeper train, flight & riverboat

## Day 1: Arrive in Hanoi, transfers included

Your local guide welcomes you at Noi Bai International Airport and transfers you to your Hanoi hotel, introducing the city's fascinating history and offering tips for your first evening. The rest of the day is free to rest or begin wandering the bustling Old Quarter.

## Day 2: Hanoi heritage & Old Quarter flavours

We visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, before sampling local flavours on an Old Quarter street food walk. We pause for famous egg coffee beside the rattling tracks of Train Street, and this evening we dine at KOTO, a celebrated social enterprise restaurant training disadvantaged young people. Overnight Hanoi.

## Day 3: Halong Bay junk boat cruise

We drive through the green rice paddies of the Red River Delta to Halong Bay and board a traditional junk boat, cruising between towering limestone karsts while a fresh seafood lunch is served on deck. A steep viewpoint hike rewards us with a panoramic sweep of the bay before dinner and our overnight stay aboard.

## Day 4: Halong Bay to Hue overnight train

We greet the day with sunrise tai chi on deck, kayak through Luon Cave into a sheltered lagoon, and join an onboard cooking demonstration before lunch. Returning to Hanoi, there is free time before we board the Reunification Express sleeper train south to Hue.

## Day 5: Hue Imperial Citadel & river life

Arriving in Hue, we transfer to our hotel before touring the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel, once the seat of the Nguyen emperors, with its palaces, gates and flag tower. We then cruise the Perfume River by traditional dragon boat to visit Thien Mu Pagoda, its seven-storey tower watching over the river bends.

## Day 6: Hue to Hoi An, ancient town & lanterns

We drive the scenic Hai Van Pass, the "ocean of clouds", with sweeping coastal views, to Hoi An. In the UNESCO-listed Ancient Town we visit family chapels, Chinese assembly halls, temples and the Japanese Covered Bridge, then craft our own silk lantern and release it with a wish on the Hoai River at dusk.



## Day 7: Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City

A free morning in Hoi An - perhaps a cooking class at Tra Que village, a cycle through the rice paddies, or a fitting at the town's famous tailors, who can run up a suit in a day - before we transfer to Da Nang for our included flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival a transfer takes us to our hotel, with the evening free.

## Day 8: Mekong Delta river life

We drive to Cai Be and board a boat for the lively floating market, where vendors pile their sampans high with pineapples and pomelos, plus craft villages and family workshops along the creeks. On Tan Phong Island we visit a bee farm, tasting honey tea amid the orchards while folk musicians play, then row along narrow canals to our ecolodge for "ditch slapping" fishing and a home-cooked dinner.

## Day 9: Tan Phong Island villages & return to HCMC

We cycle Tan Phong Island's quiet lanes, stopping at family homes to watch rice paper rolls drying in the sun, banana-rope hammocks being woven, water hyacinth weaving and bamboo crafts, and join a jackfruit leaf cake cooking class. A local ferry then carries us back upriver towards Ho Chi Minh City, watching delta life glide past.

## Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City departure

We enjoy free time in Ho Chi Minh City for last sightseeing or shopping - perhaps the War Remnants Museum, the Reunification Palace, or a final bowl of pho and banh mi sandwich from a street stall - before an included transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your onward flight. Optional extras include a Cu Chi Tunnels tour or a Cambodia extension.



## VIETNAM



**Days**  
10 Days / 9 Nights



**Start/End**  
Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City

FROM **£1,149** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Ancient Hanoi tours
- Street food walk
- Halong Bay overnight junk boat cruise
- Perfume river in Hue
- Colonial Hoi An
- Boat trip and overnight eco-lodge on the Mekong Delta



In Hanoi we dine at KOTO - a restaurant training disadvantaged young people for hospitality careers. Your meal funds their future.

# Vietnam Family Adventure

► Family



## VIETNAM

13

Days

13 Days / 12 Nights



Start/End

Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City

FROM **£1,999** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Night on a junk boat in Halong Bay
- Hanoi's Old Quarter
- Traditional cooking class
- Quaint riverside town of Hoi An
- Energetic old Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)
- Exploring the cramped Cu Chi tunnels

#### Day 1: Arrive Hanoi and Transfer to Hotel

Arrive at Hanoi Airport where our representative will assist you through customs and immigration before transferring you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for rest or exploring the area around your hotel.

#### Day 2: Hanoi, Full Day City Tour

Embark on a full-day guided tour of Hanoi. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex, including the Mausoleum, stilt-house residence, Presidential Palace, and Museum. Next, explore the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. After a



#### Group Size

Min: 3 | Max: 16



#### Meals

11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 2 Dinners



#### Accommodations

2 to 4-star hotels, junk boat & sleeper train



#### Transport

A/C minibus, junk boat, sleeper train & flight

local lunch, visit the Museum of Ethnology, with its life-size structures of Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups. Explore Ngoc Son Temple on Hoan Kiem Lake and a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet performance.

#### Day 3: Hanoi, Vietnamese Cooking Class

Begin the day with a visit to the Hanoi Cooking Centre for a cooking class. Start with 'La Han' Vietnamese tea and an introduction to Vietnamese cuisine. Tour Chau Long Market with the chef, discovering local ingredients. Back at the Cooking Centre, participate in the cooking class, sample your creations, and take the recipes home. Enjoy a meal prepared by you and receive a HCC 'Going Home' gift. Optional purchase of Vietnamese spices and cooking tools is available.

#### Day 4: Halong Bay Cruise

Drive east to Halong Bay and board a restored junk boat. Explore the bay's jade green waters and limestone formations. Visit Sung Sot Cave for hiking and Titop Island for swimming. In the evening, join a cooking demonstration or relax with a seafood dinner as you watch the sunset.

#### Day 5: Halong Bay Cruise

Start with an early Tai Chi class on the boat's deck. Sail further, visiting a floating fishing village by canoe or kayak to see local aquaculture. After lunch, kayak around Drum Cave and enjoy free time before dinner. A cooking class and squid fishing are available.

#### Day 6: Halong Bay, Hanoi, then Train to Danang

Optional Tai Chi on the deck before visiting Luon Cave by kayak or bamboo boat. Return to Hanoi for breakfast and free time or activities. Transfer to the train station for an overnight journey on the Reunification Express to Danang. Accommodations are in simple but comfortable four-berth cabins.

#### Day 7: Travel to Hoi An and Explore the Town

Arrive in Danang and transfer to Hoi An, with early check-in subject to availability. Explore Hoi An's Ancient Quarter, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the Assembly Hall, Tam Ky House, and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Hoi An, a former international port, is known for its well-preserved architecture and vibrant silk trade.



#### Day 8: Hoi An, Farmer & Fisherman Tour

Cycle to Tra Que village, known for its fresh vegetables. Learn about the village's history and participate in farming activities. After a cooking demonstration, cruise the river to meet local fishermen, try river net fishing, and paddle a bamboo coracle in the coconut palm waterways.

#### Day 9: Hoi An, Lantern Making

Visit a local craftsman to learn about the history and production of Hoi An's lanterns. Create your own lantern to keep as a souvenir. Enjoy a cycle ride back to your hotel.

#### Day 10: Hoi An, Free Day

Spend the day at leisure, relaxing on the beach or having clothes made by Hoi An's famous tailors.

#### Day 11: Hoi An, Danang, then Flight to Ho Chi Minh

Transfer to Danang Airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and explore the city at your leisure. Visit sites like Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Palace, or the War Remnants Museum, or simply enjoy a street-side cafe.

#### Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City, Half Day Cu Chi Tunnels

Take a morning bus to the Cu Chi Tunnels. After an introductory video, explore the tunnels and see mantraps and bomb craters. Visit a cricket farm to learn about and sample crickets in a spring roll. Return to Ho Chi Minh City for the afternoon free to relax or further explore the city.

#### Day 13: Depart Ho Chi Minh City

At leisure, until you are transferred from the hotel to the airport for your departure flight.

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# Cambodia Encounters

► Small Group



#### Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 12



#### Meals

5 Breakfasts, 0 Lunches, 1 Dinner



#### Accommodations

4-star hotels



#### Transport

A/C minibus/car

### Day 1: Arrival in Phnom Penh

We meet you on arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport and transfer you to your hotel, where a short briefing introduces the days ahead. The rest of the day is free to rest, settle in and take your first look at Cambodia's bustling riverside capital.

### Day 2: Phnom Penh history & royal heritage

Today confronts Cambodia's tragic recent history with visits to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former school turned prison, and the moving Choeung Ek Killing Fields memorial - essential context for understanding modern Cambodia. In brighter mood, we then explore the National Museum's superb Khmer sculpture collection and the glittering Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, whose floor is tiled with solid silver. The evening is free for the street food and night markets along the riverside promenade.

### Day 3: Phnom Penh to Tonle Sap & Kulen Mountain

Driving north we stop at Skun's famous spider market, where fried tarantulas are a local delicacy, and watch craftsmen at a stone carving workshop, then cross the ancient Naga Bridge. We take a boat through Kampong Khleang, one of the largest and least-visited floating villages on Tonle Sap Lake, seeing whole communities of towering stilt houses living with the rhythm of the water. We overnight at a resort beneath sacred Kulen Mountain.

### Day 4: Phnom Kulen & rural communities

We explore Phnom Kulen, Cambodia's most sacred mountain, walking the River of a Thousand Lingas - carvings channelled along the riverbed - visiting the hilltop pagoda and giant reclining Buddha, with a picnic lunch and a swim beside the waterfalls. In the



Tbeng community we meet village families, see local crafts and receive a traditional Buddhist blessing, finishing at Siem Reap's lively Street 60 night market.

### Day 5: Angkor temples & Khmer heritage

We spend a full day among the great Khmer temples: passing through the monumental gates of Angkor Thom to the enigmatic smiling faces of the Bayon, wandering the vast galleries, towers and bas-reliefs of magnificent Angkor Wat itself, and ending at jungle-clad Ta Prohm, where giant tree roots erupt through the crumbling temple walls. Tonight we dine at Spoons, a social enterprise restaurant training local young people in hospitality.

### Day 6: Siem Reap leisure & departure

We enjoy free time in Siem Reap this morning to revisit favourite spots, browse the cafes, boutiques and markets of the old town, or simply unwind by the pool, before an included transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your onward flight. Optional tours include silk farms, countryside cycling and more remote temples.



## CAMBODIA



#### Days

6 Days / 5 Nights



#### Start/End

Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

FROM **£849** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

- Phnomh Penh - Toul Sleng Museum, Choeung Ek Killing Fields, Royal Palace & Silver Pagoda, Skonn district market
- Kulen Mountain walks & homestay
- Siem Reap - Angkor Watt temples, Ta Prohm, street food walk



In Siem Reap we dine at Spoons - a social enterprise set up to train underprivileged Cambodian youth in hospitality skills.



# Vietnam & Cambodia Encounters

► Small Group



## VIETNAM & CAMBODIA



Days

15 Days / 14 Nights



Start/End

Hanoi to Siem Reap

FROM **£2,149** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

### Highlights

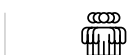
- Ancient Hanoi
- Halong Bay cruise
- Colonial Hoi An
- Mekong Delta homestay & boat trip
- Saigon
- Phnom Penh sites, local markets
- Kulen mountain waterfalls, statues & homestay
- Angkor Wat temples, Ta Prohm

#### Day 1: Arrive in Hanoi, transfers included

Your local guide welcomes you at Noi Bai International Airport and transfers you to your Hanoi hotel, with tips for your first evening. The rest of the day is free to rest or wander.

#### Day 2: Hanoi heritage & Old Quarter flavours

We visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature, then sample local flavours on an Old Quarter street food walk. After egg coffee at Train Street we dine at social enterprise KOTO. Overnight Hanoi.



Group Size

Min: 2 | Max: 12



Meals

13 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners



Accommodations

3 to 4-star hotels, junk boat, sleeper train & eco-lodge



Transport

A/C car/minibus, boats & domestic flight

#### Day 3: Halong Bay junk boat cruise

We drive through the Red River Delta to Halong Bay and board a traditional junk boat, cruising among limestone karsts with fresh seafood lunch on board. A steep viewpoint hike rewards us with a panoramic sweep of the bay before we overnight aboard.

#### Day 4: Halong Bay to Hue overnight train

We start with sunrise tai chi on deck, kayak through Luon Cave into a sheltered lagoon, and join an onboard cooking demonstration. Returning to Hanoi, we have free time before boarding the Reunification Express sleeper train to Hue.

#### Day 5: Hue Imperial Citadel & river life

Arriving in Hue, we transfer to our hotel before touring the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel, once the seat of the Nguyen emperors. We then cruise the Perfume River by dragon boat to Thien Mu Pagoda.

#### Day 6: Hue to Hoi An, ancient town & lanterns

We drive the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hoi An and explore the UNESCO-listed Ancient Town - family chapels, Chinese assembly halls, temples and the Japanese Covered Bridge - then craft a silk lantern and release it on the Hoai River at dusk.

#### Day 7: Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City

A free morning in Hoi An for last exploration or shopping, then we transfer to Da Nang Airport for an included flight to Ho Chi Minh City, where a transfer takes us to our hotel.

#### Day 8: Mekong Delta river life

We drive to Cai Be and board a boat for the floating market, craft villages and family workshops. On Tan Phong Island we visit a bee farm and orchards with folk music, then row canals to our ecolodge, where we catch fish and cook dinner.

#### Day 9: Tan Phong Island villages & return to HCMC

We cycle Tan Phong Island's quiet lanes, visiting family homes to see rice paper rolls, hammock weaving, water hyacinth crafts and bamboo work, and join a cooking class. A local ferry then carries us back towards Ho Chi Minh City.



#### Day 10: Overland to Phnom Penh

We leave Ho Chi Minh City by road, crossing into Cambodia at Moc Bai and following the highway to Phnom Penh. The rest of the day is free to explore the riverside and night markets at your own pace.

#### Day 11: Phnom Penh history & royal heritage

We visit Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Choeung Ek Killing Fields to understand Cambodia's recent past, then explore the National Museum, Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before free time this evening.

#### Day 12: Tonle Sap route to Kulen Mountain

Leaving Phnom Penh we stop at Skun's quirky spider market and a stone carving workshop, then boat through Kampong Khleang's stilt and floating villages on Tonle Sap Lake, ending at our Kulen Mountain resort.

#### Day 13: Phnom Kulen & village life

We climb into the sacred Phnom Kulen Mountains to see the River of a Thousand Lingas, a hilltop pagoda with its reclining Buddha, and the waterfalls. After the Tbeng community visit and a monk's blessing, we explore Siem Reap's Street 60 night market.

#### Day 14: Angkor temples & Siem Reap evening

We spend a full day in Angkor Archaeological Park, entering Angkor Thom's South Gate to explore the Bayon's smiling faces and terraces, then visit magnificent Angkor Wat and jungle-swallowed Ta Prohm. Tonight we dine at Spoons, a social enterprise restaurant.

#### Day 15: Siem Reap departure

Enjoy a final breakfast before an included transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your onward flight. Extra nights in Siem Reap are available if you wish to explore more of the temples.

# Oceania



Our trip to Tonga was a tropical paradise. We swam in crystal-clear waters, snorkeled among vibrant coral reefs, and experienced the warm hospitality of the locals. Exploring secluded beaches and lush landscapes made for an unforgettable island adventure.



# Tonga Whale Encounters

► Small Group



**Group Size**  
Min: 2 | Max: 10



**Meals**  
9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners



**Accommodations**  
3-star hotel, island beach fales



**Transport**  
A/C minibus/car, flights & boat

## Day 1: Arrive Tongatapu

Land in the Kingdom of Tonga, where you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel on the main island of Tongatapu. With no organised sightseeing planned, the rest of the day is yours to ease into the relaxed island atmosphere and prepare for the coastal adventures ahead.

## Day 2: Fly to Ha'apai

Take a scenic domestic flight over Tonga's turquoise waters and scattered outer islands to the remote Ha'apai group. On arrival, transfer to your beachfront fales at Kite Surf Tonga on Uoleva Island - a solar-powered eco-resort steps from the water. Settle in, swim or snorkel from the beach, and attend the whale briefing ahead of your first safari.

## Day 3: Whale Swim Safari

Board the whale-watching vessel for your first humpback encounter. Under the guidance of an experienced crew, you'll enter the water with these gentle giants - witnessing their graceful movements and hearing their haunting songs echo through the water. Few places on Earth offer such an intimate wildlife experience.

## Day 4: Ha'apai at Leisure

A completely free day to experience the islands at your own pace. Make use of the resort's free paddleboards, kayaks and snorkelling gear, relax on the quiet beaches, or explore the small local communities and open coastal scenery.

## Day 5: Whale Swim Safari

Head out by boat once more in search of humpbacks, with further chances to swim alongside mothers, calves and courting adults. Every encounter is different, and the whales set the agenda - the



afternoon is free for snorkelling, kayaking or beach time.

## Day 6: Whale Swim Safari

Your final whale swimming safari offers one last chance for an unforgettable in-water encounter with these magnificent creatures. After returning to the island, spend the remainder of the day at leisure, soaking up your last full day in this island paradise.

## Day 7: Sustainability Tour

Enjoy a relaxed morning before a fascinating 2-hour guided tour of the resort's off-grid sustainability initiative. Learn how solar power, composting and hydroponic food production make genuine self-sufficiency possible in such a remote island environment.

## Day 8: Ha'apai at Leisure

Another free day to embrace the slower rhythm of island life - swim in the lagoon, snorkel among tropical fish, paddleboard along the shoreline, or simply unwind on the sand and enjoy the view.

## Day 9: Fly to Tongatapu

Say goodbye to Ha'apai and fly back to Tongatapu, where you'll transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for optional exploration or a final taste of Tongan culture and cuisine.

## Day 10: Departure

Enjoy a leisurely morning on Tongatapu before your transfer to the airport, where the tour concludes and your onward journey begins.



## TONGA



**Days**  
10 Days / 9 Nights



**Start/End**  
Tongatapu to Tongatapu

FROM **£3,099** p/p

See our website for full dates & prices

## Highlights

- Swimming with humpback whales
- Snorkelling
- Free paddle board
- Sea kayak & bike hire
- Optional scuba diving
- Tongan feast & island tours
- Relaxing beach time



Includes a tour of the resort's off-grid systems - solar power, composting and hydroponics - showing how island life can tread lightly.



ENCOUNTERS FOR GOOD

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TRAVEL

# Travel that gives back

Tourism touches the **fragile** places and cultures we travel to see. We work to leave every one of them a little better than we found it.

**10**

COUNTRIES

**20**

PROJECTS SUPPORTED

**£10**

PER MOROCCO BOOKING

**25%**

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## ENCOUNTERS FOR GOOD

### Projects we're proud of

#### INDIA

Sheroes Hangout Cafe & the community-run Mughal Heritage Walk.

#### NEPAL

Carbon-neutral Bardia Eco Lodge & trekking porter protection.

#### BHUTAN

Phobjikha Valley homestays support families & rare cranes.

#### MALDIVES

Beach clean-ups, palm planting & coral garden care.

#### VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

KOTO & Spoons restaurants train young people in hospitality.

#### JORDAN

As-Salt community trail & the Wild Jordan nature centres.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Missionvale Care Centre & African Penguin Sanctuary.

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## UNCOVER THE WORLD TRAVEL - BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is very important that you, the Client, read and understand the following booking conditions before you decide to book with Uncover the World Travel Ltd. It is also important that you read the relevant itinerary and understand what is involved in the type of Tour you are intending to book. Uncover the World Travel Ltd. only accepts bookings subject to the following booking conditions. By making a booking you agree that you have fully read and understand these terms and conditions.

These booking conditions, the relevant web pages, each itinerary that the Client has booked, the booking form, our privacy policy, and, where a holiday is booked via our website, our website terms of use, all of which are hereby incorporated into and form the basis of your contract with us.

### BOOKING

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:-

- a. He/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
- b. He/she consents to our use of personal data in accordance with our Privacy Policy and is authorised on behalf of all persons named on the booking to disclose their personal details to us, including where applicable special categories of data (such as information on health conditions or disabilities and dietary requirements);
- c. He/she is over 18 years of age and resident and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services;
- d. He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

Your Booking is made with Uncover the World Travel Ltd., also trading as 'Encounters Travel', Egypt Uncovered, and 'Oasis Overland', herein referred to as 'the Company' or 'We'. Our registered office is Plumpton Cottage, Mitchell Lane, Bradford, BD10 0TA, United Kingdom. Registered No. 7660987, VAT No. GB24418513.

Bookings made in Australia and New Zealand are processed through our Australian agent Uncover the World Pty Ltd, ABN 79 123 060 579.

### PAYMENT AND DEPOSIT

A Contract enters into force only after the Company receives a non-refundable booking fee, and a signed and completed booking form, which may be submitted by post or through an online form and the Company issues the Client or their agent with confirmation of acceptance in writing with a confirmation invoice. The booking fee will normally be GBP150 / USD250 / CAD400 / EUR250 / AUD300 / NZD300 / ZAR 3000 / INR 15,000 per person for all group tours or 25% of the cost of the tour for all private and tailor-made tours or 50% of the cost of the tour for discounted/ voucher bookings made through agents of the Company, in addition to the full price of any internal or international flights and travel insurance booked as part of the package. The price of any flights or travel insurance booked as part of the package will be added to the booking fee, which is paid at the time of booking, is accepted as part of the total holiday cost and will not be refunded, unless the applicant cannot be offered a place or the Company exercises its discretion to refuse a booking. Some tours may require a higher booking fee, which will be advised to the Client at the time of booking. If a tour booking is made within 60 days of departure the booking fees will be the entire tour price. Signed and completed booking forms must be received by the Company within 10 days of receipt of completed fees by the Company or the booking will not be accepted by the Company. The balance of the total cost, where relevant, must be paid no later than 60 days before departure for tours. If the balance has not been received at this time before departure, the Company reserves the right to treat the contract as cancelled by the Client and our cancellation charges will be applicable; please see below.

### FINANCIAL PROTECTION

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked with the Company and for the repatriation of British and EU citizens in the event of our insolvency.

We are therefore pleased to confirm that, at no extra cost to you, all passengers booking with the Company are fully protected for the initial deposit, and subsequently the balance of monies paid as detailed in your booking confirmation invoice. This protection is provided via the 'Protected Processing' and 'Protection Only' schemes operated by Trust My Travel Ltd. Funds paid by consumers are protected via an Insurance policy held by Trust My Travel. Each traveller and the description of services sold is declared against Trust My Travel's insurance policy directly against our financial failure. In the event of our insolvency you will be refunded for any unfulfilled products and/or repatriation to the UK (where applicable). Your email receipt is confirmation to you that your transaction has been declared against Trust My Travel's insurance policy.

All bookings processed through this website are financially protected by Trust My Travel. Please use the following links for more information on Trust Protects financial protection and Trust My Travel's terms and conditions which form part of this contract.

Bookings for packages including flights:

We do not sell packages including flights departing from the United Kingdom. Flight based packages may be made available from other international destinations. Financial protection for any flight inclusive packages will cover the land portion of the booking only and not the airline ticket or airline failure.

In order to deal promptly with any claim hereunder it is essential that you retain all confirmation invoices, receipts, and other documents relating to your travel arrangements. Claims must be submitted within six months of date of insolvency through Trust Protects

You can access The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 here: The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations

### SURCHARGE

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

We also reserve the right to increase the price of confirmed holidays solely to allow for increases which are direct consequence of changes in:

- (i) the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or other power sources;
- (ii) the level of taxes or fees chargeable for services applicable to the holiday imposed by third parties not directly involved in the performance of the holiday, including tourist taxes, entrance fees to sites visited, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports; and
- (iii) the exchange rates relevant to the package.

Such variations could include but are not limited to airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport providers.

We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangement (which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 8% of the price of your confirmed travel arrangements (excluding any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (if this is of lower quality you will be refunded the difference in price), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid to us, except for any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements and/or credit card fees. We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you have not made or initiated any claims or are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to do so within 7 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice. There will be no charge made to the price of your confirmed holiday within 20 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period. Should the price of your holiday go down due to the changes mentioned above then any refund due will be paid to you less any fee to cover any administrative expenses incurred. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

From time to time we may offer temporary discounts on our holidays. These discounts only apply to new bookings made during the promotional period through sources advertising those discounts and cannot be applied to existing bookings or bookings made during the promotional period through other sources.

### INSURANCE

Travel insurance is vital. It is your responsibility to ensure that you take out a comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover you during your travel. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including pre-existing medical conditions, cancellation charges, medical expenses and repatriation in the event of accident or illness. We will require full details of your insurance before you travel. You will not be able to travel without valid travel insurance. We will not be liable for any losses however arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available.

### ACCURACY

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate; however occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all the other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

### PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to check and fulfil the passport, visa, health and other immigration requirements applicable to your itinerary. We can only provide general information about the passport and visa requirements for your trip. Your specific passport and visa requirements and other immigration requirements for you and your party are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. We can provide general information about any health formalities required for your trip but you should check with your own doctor for your own specific circumstances. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel, or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. You agree to indemnify us in relation to any costs which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check the US Embassy. For further information contact the Passport Office on 0870 5210410 or visit the UK Passport Office. It is your responsibility to check visa requirements for your destination. Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) provide up to date information on safety issues worldwide visits. Know Before You Go website. Non-British Citizens, including other EU nationals, should contact the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination, for up to date advice on passport requirements

### ITINERARY AMENDMENTS MADE BY YOU

If you wish to change any part of your booking after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you must inform us in writing as soon as possible. This should be done by the first named person on the booking. We will do our best to assist you in altering your arrangements after booking, but cannot guarantee that this will be possible. Where we can meet a request, all changes except for the addition of options offered as standard on the tour will be subject to payment of an administration fee of GBP50 / USD75 / CAD100 / AUD100 / NZD100 / EUR75 / ZAR1000 / INR5000 per person per change as well as any costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this change. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable in accordance with these booking conditions.

### TRANSFER OF BOOKING TO ANOTHER PERSON

The Client may transfer their booking or any Credit on File to another person who satisfies all the relevant conditions to the tour, provided that we are notified not less than 7 days before departure, and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. The Client and new booker are jointly and severally responsible for any outstanding payments and a transfer administration fee of GBP50 / USD75 / CAD100 / AUD100 / NZD100 / EUR75 / ZAR1000 / INR5000 or GBP100 / USD150 / CAD200 / AUD200 / NZD200 / EUR150 / ZAR2000 / INR10,000 if the transfer is made less than 60 days before departure. Important Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended or transferred after they have been confirmed (for example flight tickets, Gorilla Permit and any other alteration could incur a cancellation and rebooking charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

### CANCELLATION OR CHANGE OF DATE BY YOU BEFORE DEPARTURE

You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements or change your date of departure at any time. The cancellation or date change will take effect from the date that written notification from the person who made the booking is received at our offices/ via email. We recommend that you use recorded delivery/read receipt. Any cancellation or date change will incur a charge to reflect the reasonable costs incurred by us in arranging and cancelling your booking or changing your date. Should one or more members of a party cancel, it may increase the per person holiday price of those still travelling and you will be liable to pay this increase. Charges for cancellation or changing date after the balance due date will vary due to the complex nature of our travel itineraries. Please note, the costs of many international flights are non-refundable. This will be advised to you at the time of booking. The full costs of cancellation or changing date will be communicated to you at the point of cancellation or changing date. We have prepared the following cancellation and date change charges below as a guide only, and these are subject to variation.

(The cancellation / date change charge detailed will be calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling):-

| Time before departure: | Charge:                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| More than 60 days      | Loss of deposit                   |
| 42 to 59 days          | 35%, or loss of deposit if higher |
| 28 to 41 days          | 70%                               |
| 15 to 27 days          | 90%                               |
| 0-14 days              | No refund                         |

Please note, flight cancellation charges and any other unrecoverable costs (eg. Gorilla permits) will be applicable in addition to the cancellation fees outlined above.

If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

### CANCELLATION BY YOU DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE & EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES:

You have the right to cancel your confirmed holiday before departure without paying a cancellation charge in the event of 'unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances' occurring at your holiday destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affecting the performance of the holiday or significantly affecting the transport arrangements to the destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity after your booking has been confirmed. If this level of advice is already in place at the time you confirm your booking, you are deemed to have accepted the risks of travelling with that advice level in place and no refund or additional compensation will be payable. 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.

This clause outlines the rights you have if you wish to cancel your booking. Please note that there is no automatic statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 (Directive 2011/83/EU).

### FLIGHTS

Flight cancellation fees are set by our flight agents and the airline concerned and the Company will follow these rules. Any refunds for cancelled flights will only be paid once received from the airline/flight agent. We strongly recommend that you to take out insurance against irrecoverable cancellation costs.

### CHANGES AND CANCELLATION BY US

As we plan your holiday arrangements many months in advance we may occasionally have to make changes or cancel your booking and we reserve the right to change or cancel any tour without prior notice. We strongly recommend that you to take out insurance against irrecoverable cancellation costs.

Changes: If we make a minor change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure but we will have no liability to you. Examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject to change.

Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Examples of 'significant changes' include the following, when made before departure:

- (a) A change of accommodation area for the whole or a significant part of your time away;
- (b) A change of accommodation to that of a lower standard or classification for the whole or a significant part of your time away;
- (c) A change of outward departure time or overall length of your arrangements by more than 12 hours;
- (d) A significant change to your itinerary, missing out one or more destination entirely.

Cancellation: We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 56 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn't been reached. We may cancel your holiday before this date if, e.g. the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled.

If we cancel or make a significant change, we will notify you as soon as practically possible and offer you the choice of (i) (for significant changes) accepting alternative arrangements; (ii) if available and where we offer one, accepting an offer of an alternative holiday (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value) (iii) cancelling your holiday with full refund. You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If we do not hear from you within 7 days, we will contact you again to request notification of your choice. If you fail to respond again, we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

### Compensation

In addition to a full refund of all monies paid by you, we will pay you compensation as detailed below, in the following circumstances:

- (a) If, where we make a significant change, you do not accept the changed arrangements and cancel your booking;
- (b) If we cancel your booking and no alternative arrangements are available and/or we do not offer one.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

| No. of calendar days notice prior to date of departure | Compensation per Passenger                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Over 70 days                                           | Nil                                                                 |
| 69-43 days                                             | GBP10 / USD15 / CAD20 / AUD20 / NZD20 / EUR15 / ZAR170 / INR1000    |
| 42-28 days                                             | GBP20 / USD30 / CAD40 / AUD40 / NZD40 / EUR30 / ZAR340 / INR2000    |
| 27-14 days                                             | GBP40 / USD50 / CAD80 / AUD80 / NZD80 / EUR60 / ZAR690 / INR4000    |
| 0-14 days                                              | GBP50 / USD75 / CAD100 / AUD100 / NZD100 / EUR75 / ZAR800 / INR5000 |

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances:

- (a) where we make a minor change;
- (b) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements more than 60 days before departure;
- (c) where we make a significant change and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;
- (d) where we have to cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time;
- (e) where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you;
- (f) where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure.

If any additional expenses are incurred through delays, accidents or disruption of planned itineraries because of situations or events beyond the Company's control or considered advisable by the Company, such expenses are to be borne by the Client. The Client accepts that situations or events beyond the control of the Company may prevent the Company from supplying services and/or itineraries as described.

### CHANGES DURING THE HOLIDAY

If we are unable to provide a significant proportion of your holiday whilst you are away, suitable alternative arrangements will be made for you at no extra cost or, alternatively, you will be returned to your point of departure and given a pro-rata refund for any part of the holiday not received. This does not apply to minor changes in your accommodation, itinerary or transportation, or if you need to quarantine or self isolate following exposure to Covid-19 or for other reasons. If any additional expenses are incurred through delays, accidents or disruption of planned itineraries because of situations or events beyond the Company's control or considered advisable by the Company, such expenses are to be borne by the Client. The Client accepts that situations or events beyond the control of the Company may prevent the Company from supplying services and/or itineraries as described.

### GROUP SIZE

The Company runs small group departures generally ranging from 2-20 travellers though group sizes do vary between tours. Shoestring type tours generally have a larger maximum group size. Group sizes indicated on our website, brochure and other marketing literature are for guide purposes only. The company retains the right to change the maximum group size for any of its tours at any time without prior notice.

### FORCE MAJEURE

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected "Force Majeure". For the purposes of these Booking 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 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 and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned or control.

Brexit implications: please note that certain travel arrangements may be affected as a result of the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union. This could include an unavailability of certain flight routes, access to certain ports and airports and changes to the visa requirements of British citizens travelling to, within or through the EU. Please rest assured that this is something we will continue to monitor and will advise our customers as soon as possible if we become aware of any confirmed bookings that will be affected. However, since this is something which is completely unprecedented and outside our control, we would treat any such changes as Force Majeure, and whilst we will endeavour to provide suitable alternative arrangements or refunds where possible, we will not be liable to pay you any compensation

LEAVING THE TOUR

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any travel arrangements you have not used. If you cut short your holiday or return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. The Company will have no responsibility for repatriation or any other expenses, which may arise out of such an event. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with them. If a Client becomes ill, all hospital expenses, doctor's fees and repatriation costs are the Client's responsibility and the Company shall not be liable for any refund of the Tour cost.

TRAVEL DELAYS

We have based our holidays on the services of major international airlines and whilst these airlines are rarely subject to lengthy delays, there are occasions regrettably when delays do occur. Whilst we will do all we can to provide you with prompt assistance in such circumstances, where the flight concerned was not booked via us and does not form part of the package then unfortunately we cannot accept responsibility for such events and we cannot cover the costs of meals, overnight accommodation or any other cost resulting from a delay. If you face a delay or are denied boarding we advise you to first contact your airline, who may be able to assist. See the next section of these booking conditions.

DELAYS, MISSED TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you or any member of your party misses your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Under EU Law, you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from the airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority. Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons of Force Majeure (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be dispatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

Please note the existence of a "Community list" (available for inspection at European Commission Website) detailing air carriers that are subject to an operating ban with the EU Community.

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

PROMPT ASSISTANCE

If, whilst you are on holiday, you find yourself in difficulty for any reason, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is appropriate in the circumstances. In particular, we will provide you with appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance, and assistance with distance communications and finding alternative travel arrangements. Where you require assistance which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractors we will not be liable for the costs of any alternative travel arrangements, or any other expenses you may incur. Any supplier, airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these Booking Conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. Furthermore, we reserve the right to charge you a fee for our assistance in the event that the difficulty is caused intentionally by you or a member of your party, or otherwise through your or your party's negligence.

OUR LIABILITY

Tours operated or supplied by the Company have been designed to provide participants with an exposure to the true nature of the environment visited and therefore involve an element of potential risk and exposure to potential hazards over and above those associated with normal "package" holidays. All bookings are accepted on the understanding that the Client appreciates such risks and hazards and that they undertake all tours, treks and other activities at their own volition.

(1) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Booking 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.

(2) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, cost or other claim of any description if it results from: (a) the acts and/or omissions of the person affected; or (b) the acts and/or omissions of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (c) Force Majeure.

(3) We limit the amount of compensation we may have to pay you if we are found liable under this clause: (a) loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions and money: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims 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.

(b) Claims not falling under (a) above and which don't involve injury, illness or death: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is up to three times the price paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you or your party has not received any benefit at all from your booking.

(c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel: (i) The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we were carriers under the appropriate Conventions, which include The Warsaw/Montreal Convention (international travel by air), The Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel), The Berne/Cotif Convention (with respect to rail travel) and The Paris Convention (with respect to hotel arrangements). You can ask for copies of these Conventions from our offices. Please contact us. In addition, you agree that the operating carrier or transport company's own 'Conditions of Carriage' will apply to you on that journey. When arranging transportation for you, we rely on the terms and conditions contained within these international conventions and those 'Conditions of Carriage'. You acknowledge that all of the terms and conditions contained in those 'Conditions of Carriage' form part of your contract with us, as well as with the transport company and that those 'Conditions of Carriage' shall be deemed to be included by reference into this contract.

ii) In any circumstances in which a carrier is liable to you by virtue of EC 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption), any liability we may have to you under our contract with you, arising out of the same facts, is limited to the remedies provided under the Regulation as if (for this purpose only) we were a carrier. iii) When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question.

(4) It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this clause that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these conditions.

(5) Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it (and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to us or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require.

(6) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss or expense or other sum(s) of any description: (a) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you; (b) relate to any business; (c) indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(7) We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you.

(8) 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 three 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.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

The Company shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to baggage, personal possessions, passports and other documents or any consequential loss resulting there from, and its staff or agents are not authorised to accept responsibility for their safekeeping. We strongly recommend that you to take out insurance against loss of or damage to personal belongings.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Excursions or other tours that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of your contracted arrangements with us. This applies even if the optional excursions are listed on our website or in our brochure. For any excursion or other tour that you book while you are on holiday, your contract will be with the operator of the excursion or tour and not with us. We are not responsible for the provision of the excursion or tour or for anything that happens during the course of its provision by the operator.

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS REQUIRED AS PART OF A TOUR

In some circumstances domestic or international flights may be required as part of the tour itinerary. These flights are not included in your package booked with the Company. You may book these flights yourself or include them as part of your main international flight ticket. Should you choose to purchase these flights from the Company, this would be as a separate booking and the flights would not be financially protected under the ATOL Scheme.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND BEHAVIOUR

You agree to comply strictly with the laws and customs of all countries visited, whether in respect of health, immigration, exchange control, drugs or any other matter. You agree to accept the authority of and to comply with all reasonable instructions of the tour leaders, employees and agents. You agree to behave in a considerate and respectful manner to other participants in your tour, to our staff, and to local people. Your behaviour must not prejudice the satisfactory progress of the tour or any participant's safety or wellbeing. You accept that any liability and responsibility that we bear to you immediately ceases if you arrange any extra tours or activities independently during the tour that do not form part of the tour itinerary. We reserve the right to exclude you from the whole or any part of the tour if we consider that you are likely to prejudice the safety, good order or discipline of the tour, including as a result of you failing to comply with the tour leader's instructions, breaking any law or regulation of the country you are travelling in, or failing to adhere to the code of conduct described above, provided that we exercise our discretion reasonably in this regard. In such event you will reimburse to us any reasonable costs, expenses or losses which we incur or suffer as a result of our decision to exclude you. No refunds will be given in the event of you being excluded from a tour, and you agree that we are not responsible for, and you will indemnify us against any costs you may incur including costs of repatriation eg. transport and flights and accommodation.

It is your responsibility to be in possession of a valid passport, visas, permits, necessary certificates, logbooks and medical certificates, as required for the tour. The Company accepts no responsibility for failure in visas or requirements for visas. The Company is not held responsible for the failure of a Client to obtain or produce the necessary visas, certificates, logbooks or medical certificates. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

CONDITIONS OF SUPPLIERS

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions, which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from us or the supplier concerned.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

All Clients must satisfy the Company and themselves, prior to confirmation of booking, that they are fit and able to undertake and complete their chosen tour as outlined in the relevant itinerary details published on the website or in correspondence. No unaccompanied minors (under 18 years of age) are accepted on any of the Company's tours. Any Client with an illness or disability, or undergoing treatment for such a condition must declare the exact nature of the condition at the time of booking and make provision for any treatment or medication required during the Tour. For tours which involved a high level of physical exertion we may require participants to complete a medical questionnaire. Any failure to make this disclosure will constitute a breach of these booking conditions and may result in the termination of the Contract, in which case all monies paid to the Company will be forfeit. On tours that include any activities or travel in or on water including diving, cruises, sailing, rafting or any other transfer by boat, the Client must declare at the time of booking if they are unable to swim. Clients unable to swim will not be excluded from a tour, with the exception of a rafting, snorkelling or diving tour, but rather the Company will take additional precautions, where necessary, to ensure the safety of the Client. In the case of diving, snorkelling and rafting, any Client unable to swim will be excluded from the tour. Before commencing any diving tour the Client must declare that they have met the requirements of a standard PADI diving medical questionnaire. Any failure to make these disclosures will constitute a breach of these booking conditions and result in the termination of the Contract, and all monies paid to the Company will be forfeit. Some activities may be unsuitable for young children and some tours may have a minimum age limit.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation or in any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed by us. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met.

DISABILITIES AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS

We are not a special disabled holiday company, but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your booking, please provide us with full details before you make your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft to the Authorities before the aircraft leaves the UK. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after, you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for your flight. Where we collect this data, we will treat it in accordance with our privacy policy.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL ADVICE

You are responsible for making yourself aware of the United Kingdom Government's travel advice in regard to the countries and areas in which you will be travelling (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>). This advice covers health, safety, security, terrorism and entry requirements. This information is subject to change at short notice and we recommend you check the government website regularly. You should only make your decision to travel after considering any risks identified. If you choose to book travel to a destination, or agree in writing to continue to a destination which is identified as high risk or to which the UK government advises against all but essential travel, you do so accepting this risk. You may be required to declare your acceptance of this risk in writing. Your cancellation rights will be affected after agreeing to travel to a destination in these circumstances.

Advice from the UK Government Foreign and Development Office to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure.

DATA PROTECTION

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 we are a data controller. In order to process your booking and to ensure that your travel arrangements can be properly performed we need to collect certain personal details from you. These will include, where applicable, the names and addresses of party's members, credit/debit card or other payment details and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect the chosen holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs. We must pass on your personal details to the companies and organizations who need to know them so that your holiday can be provided (for example your airline, hotels, transport companies, credit/debit company or bank). The information may also be provided to security or credit checking companies, public authorities such as customs/immigration if required by them, or otherwise as required by law. Where you provide us with personal details such as those mentioned above, you consent to this information being used as described above in accordance with our privacy policy. We have appropriate security measures in place to protect the personal details you give us. We may have to pass your details to organisations outside the European Economic Area, (EEA), controls on data protection in these places may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country.

You are entitled to ask us (by letter or e-mail) what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed.

We may take photographs during the trip which we wish to use for our own purposes and which may include your image. We will notify you prior to us taking any such photographs and will give you the opportunity to opt out from featuring in them. Where you consent to being included in a photograph, you give us permission to store the photograph, copy the photograph and publish copies of the photograph on our website and social media pages and direct marketing, including emails and flyers, worldwide for advertising purposes. We will always process the use of your personal data, including any such photographs, in accordance with our privacy policy.

Where you do consent to us using your image, you have the right to subsequently withdraw the consent at any time by telephoning the Company on +44 (0)800 088 6002 or writing to us at [info@wttravel.com](mailto:info@wttravel.com) or Leigh House, Varley Street, Pudsey, West Yorkshire, LS28 6AN, United Kingdom. This will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out by the Company before you withdraw your consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

Clients are only accepted on the understanding that they accept, appreciate and understand the possible risks of adventure travel, and that they agree to take these risks of their own free-will. Clients acknowledge that they may be travelling during the Covid-19 pandemic and that they accept, appreciate and understand the risks of travelling during the pandemic of their own free-will. The Company will undertake reasonable steps to ensure Clients' health and safety and may require them to follow additional safety protocols during their Tour. Failure to follow these protocols will result in the cancellation of all unused services with no recourse to compensation. The Company will provide assistance should a Client develop symptoms of Covid-19, including helping with access to testing. However, all expenses for testing, treatment or self-isolation whether as a result of personal symptoms or as a close contact, as well as onward transport following release from isolation will be covered by the Client.

It is a condition of booking that Clients agree not to travel with Covid-19 symptoms or if they have tested positive for Covid-19 within 4 weeks of their date of departure, and to inform the Company if they should develop Covid-19 symptoms or test positive for Covid-19 within 14 days of the end of their tour. Clients may be required to provide a written declaration to this effect and no refund will be available should this not be provided upon request.

Clients acknowledge that their decision to travel is made in light of consideration of this information and they accept that they are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept no liability in relation to these additional risks.

The Client will comply strictly with the laws and customs of all countries visited, whether in respect of health, immigration, exchange control, drugs or any other matter.

The Client agrees to comply with all reasonable instructions of the Tour leaders, employees and agents.

COMPLAINTS

We make every effort to ensure that your holiday arrangements run smoothly but if you do have a problem during your holiday, please inform the relevant supplier (e.g. your hotelier) immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please contact us by telephone. Contact numbers for our local suppliers will be provided before departure and they should be contacted first as they will be best placed to resolve the problem quickly. You may also contact us in the UK on +44 (0)800 088 6002 (office hours) or +44 (0) 0203 6333041 (24 hours). Failure to do so will affect ours and the applicable supplier's ability to investigate your complaint, and will affect your rights under this contract. If the problem cannot be resolved and you wish to complain further, you must send formal written notice of your complaint to us within 28 days of the end of your stay, giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise and to the point. This will assist us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you.

Alternatively you can access the European Commission Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

JURISDICTION

These Booking Conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by English law. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of England and Wales only. You may however, choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you live in those places and if you wish to do so.



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