# **EXPLORE**!

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Travel has really opened back up again this year and I, like many of you, have really appreciated getting back out there, enjoying new places and experiences.

As well as getting all our tours up and running again, we've also completed a huge carbon measurement project in the last few months, measuring the footprint of every single one of our trips as part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

This brochure is bursting with our newest and most popular trips, but you'll find hundreds more on our website too.

Here's to 2023 and plenty more adventures!

Michael

Michael Edwards, Managing Director



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# Why Explore?

We've been leading tours to extraordinary destinations all over the world for more than 40 years. There's a reason why 98% of customers say they'd book with us again.





# Unforgettable experiences

From big wows to hidden gems, our tours leave you feeling that you've really explored. We'll take you closer to the country, its culture and people, often in spontaneous, impossibleto-replicate ways. You'll come home having seen and experienced the destination in a way that others might never have.







# Responsible at heart

Our sustainable approach and flexible booking policies set us apart. We're committed to reducing our impact on the planet and working towards a sustainable future. Every single one of our trips now has a carbon label (see page 12).

We've always had flexible booking conditions, and were praised for doing the right thing throughout the pandemic, so you can continue to book with confidence (see page 8).



# Expert local guides

Chosen for their expertise and passion, Explore leaders use their insider knowledge to make the most of extraordinary and unexpected opportunities. They're on-hand to make sure your trip goes smoothly and are trained by our team to ensure consistently high standards.



# Small groups

Our average group size is just 12 people - big enough to meet like-minded people but small enough to get to the heart of a destination. Groups are usually a mix of solos, couples, family and friends, united by an adventurous spirit and a sense of fun.



# reasons to try small group travel

# Travel with like-minded people

Our groups are small, informal, welcoming and fun. You'll be sharing once-in-a-lifetime experiences with similar people; some will be solo travellers, others will be couples or friends who are travelling together. Our average group size is just 12; big enough to meet like-minded people but small enough to get right to the heart of our destination.

# Local tour leaders mean you really explore

Our wonderful local tour leaders are the glue that holds our trips and experiences together and, travelling with a local, you'll get to see your destination at its best. An invaluable source of information on local culture and ways of life, as well as incredibly knowledgeable about history and passionate about sites, your tour leader will ensure you come away having really explored.

# It's ideal for solo travellers

Solo travellers on our tours are in good company - around half of the travellers in our groups are usually travelling on their own. A real variety of people, of all ages, choose to travel solo. If you're happy to share with another traveller of the same sex, you'll never pay extra. Of course if you'd prefer your own room, that's fine too, and a supplement will apply.

# You'll still get time to yourself

How much free time you'll get depends on the pace of trip you choose. 'Relaxed' tours have the most free time, while 'Full On' tours are packed with all the must-sees so you don't need to compromise, but have less downtime. Evenings are usually left free to do as you like – eat with members of the group, or opt for a quiet dinner with recommendations from your tour leader.



# You'll feel safer than going it entirely alone

The safety of our customers and staff is our top priority. In a small group, you'll have the extra security and reassurance of travelling with other people, and you'll have an experienced tour leader with you throughout. As a local, they'll be able to advise you on local customs and etiquette, common phrases and what to look out for.

# Minimum hassle; maximum enjoyment

The logistics will all be handled for you – no queuing for site entry tickets, or working out the best bus to take, so your time is best spent experiencing your destination and making memories. Our trips have all been hand-designed by an expert product team that know the destination inside-out; and when you're on tour, the leader will ensure everything runs smoothly.

# Choose a style of travel that suits you

Whether you're looking for an active walking or cycling holiday, a cultural tour, safari or foodie experience, you're sure to find a small group trip that suits you. We've chosen a popular selection for this brochure, but you'll find our full programme of 400+ trips on our website.

# Ready to give it a go?

Take a look at our top 23 trips for 2023 and get some ideas of where to go.





Australia

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# Book and travel with confidence

We've always been known for our flexible booking conditions, and were recognised through the Coronavirus pandemic for doing the right thing by our customers.

# NEW! ALL departures guaranteed

We're excited to announce that we're guaranteeing almost ALL departures for 2023 and beyond! So once you book, you're going – it's as simple as that!\*

\*Ts&Cs apply. Excludes certain trips which require a minimum number to run. For more details see exploreworldwide.com.au/booking-conditions or exploreworldwide.co.nz/booking-conditions



Giving you peace of mind and booking flexibility.

# Travelling as planned?

# Booking peace of mind

Flexible booking conditions and hassle-free experiences as standard.

# ✓ On-trip safety

Responsible travel always, with staff and leaders kept up to date on local regulations and health & safety protocols.

# Changing your destination or date?

# ✓ 10-day no-fee flexibility

If you decide to transfer to another trip or date, rather than cancel, we can arrange that for you. Or choose a credit voucher for any money paid minus irrecoverable costs.

# ✓ Financial security

While Explore feels like a small business, we're actually part of a much bigger cooperative family.

# ✓ Need to cancel?

If you'd like to cancel and it's 70 days or more until your trip, you can opt to receive a credit voucher valid for bookings made within a year. Or you can cancel altogether, and we'll send you a cancellation invoice in accordance with our booking conditions.

# Feefo Gold Trusted Service Award



We've been named a Gold Trusted Service Award Winner, following two years of

consistent, independently-moderated reviews via Feefo. These awards are based purely on feedback from customers, showing our commitment to outstanding customer service.



# The Explore loyalty club

# Our travellers are everything to us

To thank you for your ongoing support, you can now be part of the Explore loyalty club straight after your first trip. Climb quickly through the levels, unlocking trip discounts and early access to new trips and promotions. You'll also get access to exclusive offers and partner discounts, plus big savings when you recommend a friend to Explore.

# Recommend a friend and receive \$175 credit

If you know someone who would enjoy our trips as much as you have, why not introduce them to Explore? For every friend who books, we'll give you (and them!) a \$175\*\* credit as a thank you.

# Gather up 8 friends and YOU travel FREE

Considering a trip with a group of friends or a walking or cycling club? Gather up eight friends who are new to Explore and you'll get the ninth place FREE as long as you are all travelling on the same trip\*\*.

| VIP Benefits  | EXPLORE!<br>Dronze<br>Explorer<br>after completing<br>your 1st trip | EXPLORE!<br>Silver<br>Explorer<br>after completing<br>your 2nd trip | EXPLORE!<br>Cold<br>Explorer<br>after completing<br>your 4th trip | <b>EXPLORE!</b><br><b>Automotion</b><br><b>EXPLORE!</b><br><b>Automotion</b><br><b>Platinum</b><br><b>Explorer</b><br>after completing<br>your 9th trip |
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| <b>Trip discount</b><br>Your welcome home offer     |   | <b>5% off</b><br>third and subsequent<br>bookings*                  | <b>7% off</b><br>fifth and subsequent<br>bookings*                | <b>10% off</b><br>tenth and subsequent<br>bookings*   |
| Save money on your next trip when you refer friends | ×   | ~   | ~   | ~   |
| Get early access to discounts and special offers    | ×   | ~   | ✓   | Priority access   |
| Receive exclusive discounts with select partners    | ✓   | ~   | ✓   | ~   |
| Dedicated priority phone line                       |   | ~   | <b>~</b>  | ¥   |
| Early access to new trips                           |   | ~   | ×   | Priority access   |
| The chance to provide input on new itineraries      |   |   |   | ~   |
| Access to exclusive events                          |   |   |   | ~   |
| A tree planted in your name after your 10th trip    |   |   |   | ~   |

A different loyalty scheme applies for Family Adventures.

## **NEW! Switch and save**

Loyal to another adventure brand? We're so sure you'll love our trips that we REALLY want you to try them. Book your next trip with Explore and we'll reward your previous loyalty... even if it wasn't to us!

Find out how to switch your loyalty at exploreworldwide.com.au/loyalty-switch exploreworldwide.co.nz/loyalty-switch

## **NEW!** Pass it on

Extend your loyalty membership to your family with our new pass it on scheme! Share your loyalty benefits with up to five members of your family. So, whatever discount you get on our trips, they'll get too! The perfect way to introduce your family to your favourite way of travelling the world.

It's really easy, just go to exploreworldwide.com.au/pass-it-on exploreworldwide.co.nz/pass-it-on

<sup>\*</sup>The welcome home discount applies to the land only element of your booking and excludes flights. For full Ts&Cs see exploreworldwide.com.au/loyalty | exploreworldwide.co.nz/loyalty \*\*See exploreworldwide.co.nz/recommend-a-friend for full terms. | exploreworldwide.co.nz/recommend-a-friend for full terms.

# We're Clear on Carbon

Earlier this year, we undertook the largest carbon measurement project of its kind in the travel industry to date. Working with our partners at ecollective, we individually measured the carbon footprint of every single one of our small group tours – including transport, accommodation, activities and leaders – as well as all operational activities involved in running the Explore business, in the UK and globally.

It was a huge undertaking. The Product team at Explore, responsible for designing our itineraries all over the world, added nearly 10,000 lines of data to be processed and fact-checked by ecollective. Between them, they individually calculated almost 2,000 accommodation types and 24 types of transport.

Carbon measurement is part of our three-part Climate Action Plan to Measure, Reduce and Mitigate carbon emissions across our trips and operations. We're committed to reducing emissions across our programme, with the target of a 50% reduction by 2030.

Now that we're Clear on Carbon, you can be too.

# Look out for the carbon footprint icon displayed on every one of our trips, in this brochure and on our website.

Full details can be found at exploreworldwide.com.au/carbon exploreworldwide.co.nz/carbon



# In other news...

While we're working to reduce our carbon footprint, we continue to mitigate residual carbon, offsetting all our trips and working with Rewilding Britain, Cool Earth and Ecologi to protect and restore our environment.

# **Rewilding Britain**

This small, independent charity is committed to championing rewilding for people, nature and in the fight against the climate emergency.

# **Cool Earth**

We work with Cool Earth to support indigenous communities in the Peruvian Amazon through community engagement, education and empowerment.

### Ecologi

Ecologi's goal is to reduce 50% of global CO2 emissions by 2040 and, alongside its partners, to plant a billion trees.

# New Europe tour

These brand new trips travel slowly through Europe, taking in the highlights but seeing lesser-known parts of the countries too - often by public transport, with opportunities to explore on foot and really get under the skin of these beautiful countries. Choose from Italian trips by rail, from Rome to Venice or Venice to Rome, then on to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast. Go island hopping in Greece or Croatia, or travel overland through Spain, Portugal and Morocco, watching the scenery gradually change from Europe to Africa.

#### NEW TRIP



#### **Highlights of Greece**

A week-long highlights tour of the ancient Greek world. Explore the Parthenon in Athens, spend the night in a mountain lodge, and take a memorable train journey through tunnels, over heady ravines and past rushing waterfalls, to Kalavryta, a small village with a gigantic history.

Trip code: GG



### Highlights of the Greek Islands

An eight-day long highlights trip of the Greek islands. Starting in cosmopolitan Athens, travel by ferry to experience the best of the Cyclades Islands. Sample delicious Greek food, explore remote whitewashed towns and villages, and enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Santorini. Trip code: GI



### Dubrovnik to Lake Bled

Travel through Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia exploring walled cities, rolling countryside and glacial lakes. Walk across Stari Most Bridge and along the cobbled streets of Mostar, learn the secrets of truffle-hunting on the outskirts of an Istrian village, and swim in the warm waters of Lake Bled.

Trip code: DB



### Discover Madrid, the Basque Country, Rioja and Barcelona

Stroll the manicured parks and broad boulevards of Madrid, explore Bilbao's cobble-street old town, and wonder at the magnificent Guggenheim Museum. Sip glasses of Rioja and wonder at Gaudi's fantasy-style architecture in Barcelona.

Trip code: MBB

# NEW TRIP

#### Barcelona, Provence and the Italian Riviera

A Grand Tour through Spain, France and Italy that arcs around the Mediterranean coastline. Kick things off in Barcelona, track north to France to Languedoc's vineyards, walk in the Camargue, and marvel at Avignon's Popes Palace. Then it's into Italy, for a tour of the postcardpretty Cinque Terre fishing villages, a chance to prop up the leaning tower of Pisa and a grand-finale stroll along the famed Ponte Vecchio in Florence.

Trip code: BF





### Spain and Portugal Iberian Explorer

A two-week journey through the highlights and hidden gems of Spain and Portugal. Explore metropolitan Madrid, Tarragona's ancient amphitheatre, Seville's winding backstreets and Cordoba's mosque. Slurp fresh oysters, toast your trip with cava, and try Lisbon's beloved custard tarts.

Trip code: SPI

### Find more online

These are just a handful of our new European tours. Hear all about the trips, direct from the Product Managers who designed them, and see the full collection online! Scan the QR code.





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# A world of taste

Discovering local food and drink is key to our travel experiences. Our new collection of food adventures recognises this, putting the destinations' cuisine front and centre. You'll still explore the highlights, cities and sites, learning about a country's culture and history through its food. Tasting the delicious produce, naturally, but also meeting local producers and vendors, visiting markets and even having a go at preparing dishes yourself.



### Peru

Peru's award-winning culinary scene spans flavours from the mountains to the coast. Create ceviche in Lima, eat an Andean lunch from a Quechua huatia (earth oven) and visit a potato engineer in the Sacred Valley.

Trip code: XPF



### Vietnam

Fragrant pho, creamy egg coffee, smoky barbecued fish and sticky rice cakes; an explosion of flavours awaits as we sample Saigon's street food and learn to cook with a local family in Vietnam's mountainous north.

### Trip code: XVN



# Georgia

As a food destination, Georgia flies under the radar. But its superb wines, deeply cheesy khachapuri bread, tender meats with fresh pomegranate marinades and herby khinkali dumplings are set to surprise and delight. **Trip code: XGE** 



# Japan

This food odyssey transports us from Tokyo's eclectic street food to the green tea fields in the south. Try matcha ice cream, have a tea ceremony in traditional Kyoto and fly through the land of sushi on a bullet train. **Trip code: XJF** 

# South India (Kerala)

On this diverse trip around South India, we sample Sadhya cuisine, pluck tea with the locals and make our own cuppa, try delicious masala dosa and learn how to make fish curry on a Keralan houseboat.

Trip code: XKB

### Portugal

Portugal is really making a name for itself in the food world. On this trip full of highlights, we sample oysters fresh from the sea, take a Pastel de Nata (custard tart) workshop and dine at a vineyard in the Douro Valley.

Trip code: XNP

#### Jordan

Shawarma, dates and Arabic coffee are all part of our desert adventure. Along the way, we'll visit a non-profit restaurant run by local women, picnic Bedouin-style in Wadi Rum, and meet the spice-sellers of Amman's souks.

Trip code: XJD

#### Turkey

Between visits to a wealth of ancient sites, we'll feast on Turkish meze and baklava. Try savoury pastries like gozleme, learn how to stuff vine leaves and make cacik (tzatziki), and tour a wine cellar in fairytale Cappadocia.

Trip code: XTU





A country's food and drink has always been so entwined with our holidays; a key part of a destination's culture and our experience of it. Not just trying local food and drink, but also seeing how things are grown and prepared, learning about the process involved in making dishes, and visiting markets where fresh produce is sold.

Now for 2023 we bring you a new collection of food adventures, putting cuisine right up front and centre. Leading the charge was our Programme Manager and avid foodie, James Adkin.

"Since moving to Spain in my early 20s and falling in love with the food, and then travelling and tour leading further afield, broadening my palate as I went, my passion for food has continued to grow.

It's been an incredible journey putting together this new collection of food adventures, and a real labour of love. You'll discover local dishes, drinks and ingredients, visit markets, learn about the providence, see how they are grown, farmed, fished or made and sometimes learn how to prepare a dish for yourself. And all this, of course, while also taking in the countries' cultural highlights. I hope you love them as much as I do."

James Adkin Programme Manager

# Looking for more inspiration?

These are just the latest additions to our popular collection of foodie adventures. Get to know your tacos from your tlayudas and cook up a mean mole on our Tastes of Mexico trip; try your hand at making orecchiette pasta or discover the secrets of parmesan production on our food-focused walking trips through Puglia and Emilia Romagna; and sample regional wines in Spain, Portugal or even Argentina. The world is your oyster.

Scan the QR code to see all our food and drink tours.





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# What to expect from a Classic Discovery holiday

Our Classic Discovery and Wildlife small group tours are our bestselling adventures. You'll get up close and personal with the destinations and communities you travel through, seeing the cultural and historical highlights, natural wonders and wildlife, and local hidden gems.

# Small groups of like-minded travellers

All sorts of people travel on our small group trips. If you'd like to know the breakdown of the group travelling on a particular trip, we can share some of the detail with you – the number of couples vs solo travellers, for example, and the range of ages. Our average group size is just 12; big enough to meet like-minded people but small enough to get right to the heart of a destination.

# **Expert local guides**

Tour leaders are the glue that holds everything together on a group trip, and we believe we've got the best in the business! Chosen for their travel experience, passion for their country and their ability to make a truly memorable experience, our leaders go out of their way to ensure you have the trip of a lifetime.

# Trip pace to suit you

We've graded our trips according to pace, as we know everyone travels differently. Some like to squeeze everything they can out of each day, while others like to relax and enjoy the view.

Our 'Relaxed' trips build in plenty of downtime, with opportunity to immerse yourself in the local surroundings. 'Moderate' trips combine fuller days with some downtime too, while 'Full On' trips have mostly busy days and some early starts, but all trips are full of amazing experiences.

# A good night's sleep

We hand-pick accommodation that balances comfort with location, and support small, family-run hotels wherever we can.

Where you stay will depend on what's available in the places you visit – we choose each night's stay to suit the itinerary, not the other way around. We try to include characterful gems too – from stilt houses in Vietnam to Bedouin-style camps in Jordan. Your accommodation will always be clean, comfortable, and well located for your journey.

# Choose what interests you most

Explore Sicily's ancient history with a specialist guide; experience the colourful Punakha Festival in Bhutan; kayak, walk and cycle on a multi-activity holiday to Turkey; go on safari in Botswana or discover the tastes of Mexico.

With cultural, festival, multi-activity, wildlife, and food and drink tours available, we offer hundreds of Classic Discovery holidays to extraordinary destinations all over the world.



# There's so much more on Me

We offer hundreds of Classic Discovery trips to extraordinary destinations all over the world. We've hand-picked just some of our favourites to go in this brochure, but if you've got somewhere particular in mind, head to our website where you'll find all the trips we offer.

From classic itineraries to lesser-known tours away from the well-trodden path, we have something for everyone. Here are just a few of our less-discovered itineraries that might just pique your wanderlust.



#### Ancient Macedonia

Uncover the ancient history and contrasting cultures of Bulgaria, Greece and North Macedonia. Stay overnight in a Macedonian monastery, walk the winding cobbled streets of Kratovo, a town in the crater of an extinct volcano, and discover Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great.





#### Malta and Gozo Discovery

Explore historical sites and stunning scenery on the islands of Malta and Gozo. Visit Ggantija, a megalithic temple complex believed to be the world's oldest free-standing structure, marvel at Dwejra, Gozo's most spectacular natural landmark, and enjoy a Maltese food and wine tasting. **Trip code: MLA** 



### Spirit of Laos

Travel the length and breadth of the least-visited but most charming country in South East Asia. Cruise on slowboats along the Mekong River, trek past rice paddies and dip in turquoise waterfalls in Laos' remote south.

Trip code: LA



### Kolkata to Amritsar

Travel on India's extensive rail network from buzzing Kolkata in the East to Amritsar's Golden Temple. Sail along the Ganges, ride the iconic toy train to Shimla, and watch the sun rise over the iconic Taj Mahal.

Trip code: RBA



Cross five Central American countries in just two weeks and experience rich wildlife, rainforests and volcanoes, as well as sacred Mayan sites, revolutionary cities and local indigenous villages.

Trip code: CAQ





### **Benin and Togo Voodoo Discovery**

This diverse trip through Benin and Togo is an opportunity to understand tribal cultures directly from a village Chief. Witness intriguing Voodoo rituals, spend a night in a stilt village on Lake Nokwe, and meet the friendly people of these two small but mighty West African countries.

Trip code: BWA

Remember, we add new trips all the time, so for the latest trip information always head to our website.

# **Northumberland Coast and Castles**

TRIP CODE - NTH | ENGLAND



The rolling hills and dramatic castlecrowned coastline of this borderland county beckons. Stroll its long silvery beaches, try its famous kippers, sip its sweet mead, and visit Alnwick Castle that had a starring role in both *Downton Abbey* and the *Harry Potter* films.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Ancient castles | Bamburgh, Alnwick and the ruins of Dunstanburgh

Hadrian's Wall | Housesteads Fort, Vindolanda Settlement and walk along the wall

Holy Island | Lindisfarne Castle and Priory

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefo<sup>eo</sup>

## ITINERARY

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Alnwick.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Discover the impressive Norman<br>stronghold at Bamburgh Castle.<br>Scenic coastal stroll to magnificent<br>ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle.             |
| DAY 3: | A full day to explore the<br>fascinating castle and stunning<br>gardens in the charming market<br>town of Alnwick.                                    |
| DAY 4: | Visit UNESCO Site of Hadrian's<br>Wall and Vindolanda Roman<br>archaeological site. Take an<br>optional walk to Sycamore Gap<br>and Housesteads Fort. |
| DAY 5: | Drive the causeway to the Holy<br>Island of Lindisfarne. Afternoon<br>visit to walled town of Berwick-<br>upon-Tweed.                                 |
| DAY 6: | Trip ends in Alnwick.   |





MEALS: Breakfast: 5

PRICES FROM

 NEW
 76kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

We offer a whole collection of UK trips, showcasing the very best spots and bringing you unforgettable moments you wouldn't easily get on your own.

See our website for details.



# Iceland - Land of the Midnight Sun

TRIP CODE - SUN | ICELAND



### BEST SELLER

Explore Iceland's fairytale-esque scenes of troll-haunted peaks and glacier-carved valleys on this fast-paced circle of the entire island that bags all the bucket-list sites beneath the midnight sun. An ideal itinerary for first-time visitors to the 'Land of Fire and Ice.'

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

**Golden Circle** | See the remarkable natural wonders of Thingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss

Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon | Drift past icebergs on a boat trip across the lagoon

Eastern Fjords | Spot puffins and discover mountainous landscapes carved by glaciers PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>e9</sup>

DAY 1: Join trip in Reykjavik.

# AU\$5310 NZ\$5510 per person, trip only. (9 days) AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights comfortable hotel 1 night simple hotel Optional single rooms available TRANSPORT: Boat | Minibus MEALS: Breakfast: 8 9 NEW 184kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D

PRICES FROM



### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE... A winter adventure to Iceland with the chance to watch the Aurora Borealis light up the sky.

Trip code: ICE



#### Explore the Golden Circle. Witness DAY 2: the eruptions of Geysir. DAY 3: Compare the waterfalls at Seljalandfoss and Skogafoss. Walk on the black sand of Reynisfjara beach. DAY 4: Explore Skaftafell National Park and spot icebergs on Diamond beach. DAY 5: Travel through the Eastern Fjords, a haven for birdlife in the summer months. DAY 6: Visit the thundering Dettifoss waterfalls and Studlagil Canyon. **DAY 7:** Chance to go on a whale watching trip or relax in geothermal baths. DAY 8: Discover dramatic waterfalls in Kolugljufur Canyon. Return to Reykjavik.

DAY 9: Trip ends in Reykjavik.



# **Madeira Island Discovery**

TRIP CODE - MDR | PORTUGAL



### BEST SELLER

A comprehensive tour of this lush and mountainous Portuguese archipelago offering leisurely walks, dolphin and whale spotting by boat, and a vineyard visit to sample Madeira wine - all using Funchal, which sailors nicknamed 'Little Lisbon', as a base.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

**Porto da Cruz** | Discover the history of Madeira's sugar and rum industry and sip a glass of poncha

Levada walk | See the rugged landscapes on an easy walk along Madeira's vast levada network

Afternoon tea | Take in the ocean views, at Madeira's colonial Reid's Palace Hotel PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>e9</sup>

# PRICES FROM **AU\$1750 NZ\$1820** per person, trip only. (8 days) AT A GLANCE



**NEW 279kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





#### WHY NOT TRY?

Walking in Madeira. Discover levadas, ancient footpaths and stunning cliff top views. **Trip code: TM** 

The people are wonderful and

The people are wonderful and the food is fabulous. Jan, June 2022



# DAY 1: Join trip in the island's charming capital, Funchal.

- DAY 2: Full day tour of the north of the island. Easy walk along a scenic levada trail.
- DAY 3: Walking tour of Funchal and visit the colourful Lavradores market and the historic old town. Afternoon tea at Reid's Hotel.
- DAY 4: Take in spectacular views from Arieiro peak, see the colourful A-frame houses of Santana and try rum from a 16th century sugar mill.
- DAY 5: Boat trip to the Desertas Islands in search of whales and dolphins.
- DAY 6: Free day to explore. Chance to take the ferry to Porto Santo and relax on the white sand beach.
- DAY 7: Take a scenic drive along the dramatic cliffs of the south coast. Join a Madeira wine tasting at historic Quinta.
- DAY 8: Trip ends in Funchal.



# **Highlights of Spain, Portugal & Morocco**

TRIP CODE - SPM | MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, SPAIN



#### **NEW TRIP**

This sunny trio blends southern Europe and north Africa to serve up a feast for the senses. From the bairros of Lisbon and the covered food halls of Madrid to the wines of Porto, the rich sherries of Jerez de la Frontera and the spicescented souks of Fes and Marrakech.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Douro Valley** | Travel by train through the beautiful landscape of northern Portugal

Seville | Charming Moorish architecture and renowned architecture

Chefchaouen | Morocco's picturesque blue city

# PRICES FROM AU\$4670 NZ\$4850 per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:

 13 nights comfortable hotel
 1 night premium hotel
 Optional single rooms available

 TRANSPORT:

 Bus | Taxi | Train



 NEW
 422kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WHY NOT TRY?

Focusing on just Spain and Portugal instead. Taste cava in Catalonia and visit the Alhambra.

### Trip code: SPI

Hear all about our new European trips, direct from the Product Managers who designed them!

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| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Lisbon.   |
|---------|--|
| DAY 2:  | Explore the bairros of Lisbon on foot.   |
| DAY 3:  | Follow the coastline to Porto, visiting Obidos and Nazare.   |
| DAY 4:  | Walking tour and port tasting in<br>Porto. Scenic train ride along the<br>Douro Valley.                  |
| DAY 5:  | Discover the Unesco World<br>Heritage city of Salamanca.   |
| DAY 6:  | See Segovia's Disney-like Alcazar<br>Fortress. Drive to Madrid.  |
| DAY 7:  | Walking tour of lively Madrid.   |
| DAY 8:  | Visit the Mezquita Mosque in<br>Cordoba. Continue to Seville via<br>the pretty white village of Carmona. |
| DAY 9:  | Discover beautiful Seville on foot, optional visit to the Alcazar.                                       |
| DAY 10: | Sherry tasting in Jerez de la<br>Frontera. Relax on the beach in<br>Tarifa.                              |
| DAY 11: | Ferry to Tangier. Drive to<br>Chefchouen, Morocco's blue city in<br>the Rif Mountains.                   |
| DAY 12: | Bus to Fes, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities.   |
| DAY 13: | Morning tour of Fes. Train to<br>Marrakech.  |
| DAY 14: | Explore the colourful souks and iconic Djemaa el-Fnaa Square on foot.                                    |
| DAY 15: | Trip ends in Marrakech.  |

# **Moorish Andalucia**

TRIP CODE - SP | SPAIN



Famed for its flamenco, bullfighting, and the intricate beauty of its Moorish architecture, the rolling southern Spanish region of Andalucia craves your camera's attention and casts a lasting spell. This comfortable ten-day tour introduces you to all her ancient charms.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cordoba Mezquita** | Discover the Moorish architecture from the golden era of Al-Andalus

**Grazalema** | Hike through dramatic limestone scenery from Puerto del Boyar to Benaocaz

Seville | Explore this characterful city and the stunning UNESCO-listed Alcazar Palace PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>e9</sup>

# PRICES FROM AU\$3060 NZ\$3170

per person, trip only. (10 days)

#### AT A GLANCE





MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D





| YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE<br>Our shorter Highlights of Andalucia<br>trip which visits Granada, Seville and<br>Cordoba. |  |  |
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| Trip code: QAH   |  |  |
| Entering the Mezquita<br>Mosque-Cathedral in Cordoba<br>was definitely a 'wow' moment.<br>Jonathan, June 2022    |  |  |



| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Malaga.   |
|---------|--|
| DAY 2:  | Travel to Ronda. Explore on foot<br>to see the iconic Puente Nuevo<br>Bridge. Optional gorge walk.               |
| DAY 3:  | Day trip to explore stunning<br>limestone scenery of Grazalema<br>National Park. Walk between<br>white villages. |
| DAY 4:  | Bus to Seville. Walk in the historic centre, visit the Alcazar Palace.   |
| DAY 5:  | Free day to explore Seville.   |
| DAY 6:  | Train to Cordoba. Visit the famed<br>Mezquita Mosque and explore the<br>Jewish Quarter.                          |
| DAY 7:  | Travel to Granada. Walk through<br>the old silk trading area and<br>Moorish Quarter.                             |
| DAY 8:  | Visit the Alhambra Palace<br>including Nasrid Palace and the<br>beautifully sculpted gardens.                    |
| DAY 9:  | Free morning in Granada before travelling to Malaga.   |
| DAY 10: | Trip ends in Malaga.   |



# Rome to Venice - Highlights of Northern Italy

TRIP CODE - RTV | ITALY



#### NEW TRIP

A 12-day grand tour of northern Italy that mixes free and full days and brims with bucket-list moments, from Rome's Colosseum and Pisa's Leaning Tower, to fashionable Milan, glamorous Lake Como and the traffic-free Tuscan jewel of Siena, plus hiking and wine-tasting.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuscany and Umbria | Visit hill-top towns and Renaissance cities Florence and Siena

**Cinque Terre and Lake Como** | Explore villages and footpaths on coast and lakeside walks

Fabulous food and drink | Enjoy regional Italian dishes and locally produced wines

# PRICES FROM AU\$5080 NZ\$5270 per person, trip only. (12 days) AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Full-on ACCOMMODATION: 11 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available TRANSPORT: Train | Bus | Ferry | Funicular MEALS:

Breakfast: 11

NEW217kg of CO2eAverage carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





| YOU MIGHT      | ALSO LIKE    | E       |
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| Our one-week   | Venice to F  | Rome by |
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trip which takes in Venice, Bologna, Florence, Pisa and Rome. **Trip code: VTR** 

Rail



#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Rome.   |
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| DAY 2:  | Guided visit to the Colosseum,<br>Roman Forum and Palatine Hill.<br>Free afternoon to explore Rome.        |
| DAY 3:  | Visit historic Orvieto and taste<br>delicious Tuscan wines in hilltop<br>Montepulciano.                    |
| DAY 4:  | Explore Siena before taking the train to Florence and discovering this magnificent city on a walking tour. |
| DAY 5:  | Free day to take in the architecture, galleries and museums of Florence.                                   |
| DAY 6:  | Visit Pisa and see the iconic<br>Leaning Tower. Take the train to La<br>Spezia on the Ligurian Riviera.    |
| DAY 7:  | Explore the villages and footpaths of the Cinque Terre National Park.                                      |
| DAY 8:  | Visit II Duomo, Milan's fabulous<br>Gothic cathedral, before<br>continuing to Lake Como.                   |
| DAY 9:  | Discover the towns and villas<br>around Lake Como on foot and<br>by ferry.                                 |
| DAY 10: | Take in a bird's-eye view of Venice<br>from San Giorgio Maggiore Bell<br>Tower on a walking tour.          |
| DAY 11: | Explore the canals and piazzas of Venice by boat and on foot.  |

DAY 12: Trip ends in Venice.

# Barcelona, Provence and the Italian Riviera

TRIP CODE - BF | FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN



A Grand Tour through Spain, France and Italy brimming with bucket-list stopovers. Kick things off in Barcelona, track north to France for wines, walks and Avignon's Popes Palace, and then it's on to Italy's Cinque Terre before a grand-finale stroll along the Ponte Vecchio.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cinque Terre villages** | Walk, boat and train between the colourful fishing villages

Saint Jean Cap Ferrat peninsula | Explore the so called 'billionaires' playground'

**Regional cuisine** | Enjoy fresh seafood and artisan coffee

PRODUCT RATING: \*\* \* \* \* | feefoes

# PRICES FROM AU\$5310 NZ\$5510

per person, trip only. (12 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:

 nights comfortable hotel
 Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat | On Foot | Taxi | Train

- MEALS: Breakfast: 11
- NEW
   189kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

   Average carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE... Experiencing France and Spain's iconic

week rail adventure.

Trip code: RLM

food, culture and scenery on a one-



# ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Catalonia.  |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Morning in Barcelona with<br>orientation walk through the cobbled<br>streets of the old city.                           |
| DAY 3:  | Take the train to Carcassonne in<br>France. Walking tour of the medieval<br>hill top fortress.                          |
| DAY 4:  | Languedoc vineyard visit, walk in the<br>Camargue Natural Park and travel on<br>to Provence.                            |
| DAY 5:  | In Provence enjoy a walking tour<br>of Avignon's medieval streets and<br>historic buildings, optional trip to<br>Arles. |
| DAY 6:  | TGV train to the French Riviera. Walk<br>the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat peninsula<br>then spend the night in Nice.           |
| DAY 7:  | Free day in Nice, option to visit<br>Monaco by train.   |
| DAY 8:  | Travel by train to La Spezia, on the<br>Italian Riviera.  |
| DAY 9:  | The Cinque Terre, walk, train<br>and boat between the villages<br>of Vernazza, Monterosso and<br>Riomaggiore.           |
| DAY 10: | Train to Pisa, visit the famous leaning<br>tower in Campo del Miracoli then on<br>to Florence.                          |
| DAY 11: | Explore the historic heart of Florence<br>on foot. Afternoon free to visit Lucca<br>by train.                           |

DAY 12: Trip ends in Florence

# **Classical Sicily**

TRIP CODE - CS | ITALY



### BEST SELLER

This fast-paced tour visits Sicily's ancient historical sites, plus snow-capped Mount Etna and the resort town of Taormina, favoured by DH Lawrence and Oscar Wilde. Fuel up for busy days on the delicious local food, widely considered to be the best in Italy.

### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Agrigento** | Visit Sicily's most famous Classical remains in the Valley of the Temples

**Erice** | Discover this walled medieval hilltop town with its maze of narrow winding streets

Villa Romana del Casale | See some of the best-preserved Roman mosaics left in Europe PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>e9</sup>

# PRICES FROM AU\$2950 NZ\$3060

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



MEALS: Breakfast: 7

NEW202kg of CO2eAverage carbon footprint pp





#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Combine this trip with our Malta and Gozo Discovery for a longer tour of these varied Mediterranean islands. **Trip code: MLAS** 





| DAY 1: | Join trip in Syracusa.   |
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| DAY 2: | Discover Syracusa's Neapolis<br>Archaeological Park with a local<br>guide and the beautiful Ortygia<br>Island. Drive to the small town<br>of Piazza Armerina.                        |
| DAY 3: | See the colourful and intricately<br>designed mosaic floors at Villa<br>Romana del Casale and the<br>towering columns at Agrigento's<br>Valley of the Temples. Arrive<br>in Marsala. |
| DAY 4: | Take in the coastal views from the<br>charming hilltop medieval town<br>of Erice and see the Greek ruins<br>at Segesta. Drive to Palermo,<br>the island's capital.                   |
| DAY 5: | Visit the Palatine Chapel and<br>Monreale Cathedral with a local<br>guide. Free afternoon in Palermo<br>to visit the Botanical Gardens<br>or the extensive catacombs.                |
| DAY 6: | Explore the picturesque fishing<br>village of Cefalu and see the<br>coastal scenery en route to the<br>seaside town of Giardini Naxos.   |
| DAY 7: | Opportunity to go up Mount Etna<br>by cable car and 4WD coach to<br>see its craters and lava fields.<br>Guided walking tour of Taormina<br>including the Greek theatre.              |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Giardini Naxos.   |

# **Historic Baltic Republics**

TRIP CODE - HB | ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA



### BEST SELLER

Zigzagging through Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, you'll take in the three capital cities, marvel at the meteor-created 4,000-year-old Kaali Crater, see the much-photographed 'Hill of Crosses,' stroll the amber-studded beaches of Nida and try delicious local beer.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Three Baltic Capitals | Explore the medieval centres of Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius on foot

Saaremaa | See time-worn windmills and juniper groves on Estonia's largest island

**Curonian Spit National Park** | Search for birdlife and walk among the golden sand dunes

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

# PRICES FROM

# AU\$3880 NZ\$4020

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION: 14 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available
   TRANSPORT: Bus | Ferry
- MEALS: Breakfast: 14
- NEW
   585kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

   Average carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Exploring on foot instead. Discover cities, national parks and even learn to bog walk.

Trip code: ELL





| DAYS<br>1-2:   | Join trip in Tallinn, Estonia. Chance to visit the Maritime Museum.  |
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| DAY 3:         | Tour of Saaremaa Island. See Koguva and the Kaali Meteorite Crater.  |
| DAY 4:         | Explore Kuressare including Saint<br>Laurentius Church. Chance to visit<br>the Bishop's Palace.                                |
| DAY 5:         | Travel to Tartu, the oldest town in<br>Estonia via the coastal town of Parnu.  |
| DAY 6:         | Walking tour of Tartu including<br>Toomemagi Cathedral Hill and the<br>'Kissing Students' statue.                              |
| DAY 7:         | Stop in Cesis in the Gauja National<br>Park and Sigulda en route to Riga,<br>Latvia. Visit Turaida Castle.                     |
| DAYS<br>8-9:   | Walking tour of Riga's old town to<br>see the Freedom Monument and<br>the cathedral. Free day in the city.                     |
| DAY 10:        | Visit 18th century Rundale Palace<br>and the Hill of Crosses en route to<br>Klaipeda in Lithuania.                             |
| DAY 11:        | Explore the Curonian Spit National<br>Park. See the Hill of Witches, twisted<br>trees and amazing sand dunes.                  |
| DAY 12:        | Walking tour of Kaunas including<br>the castle ruins. Chance to visit the<br>Holocaust Memorial.                               |
| DAY 13:        | Drive to Vilnius via the large<br>Baroque Pazaislis Monastery and<br>red-bricked Trakai Castle, set on<br>an island in a lake. |
| DAYS<br>14-15: | Walking tour of Vilnius. Trip ends in<br>Vilnius, Lithuania.   |

# **Croatia's Dalmatian Island Hopping**

TRIP CODE - DC | CROATIA



# PRICES FROM AU\$3020 NZ\$3130 per person, trip only. (7 days) AT A GLANCE



MEALS: Breakfast: 6



# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our new overland journey from Dubrovnik to Lake Bled. Explore varied scenery, try kayaking and paddle boarding, and sample regional specialities on this journey through Croatia, Bosnia, and Slovenia. **Trip code: DB** 





### NEW TRIP

A relaxed island-hopping tour of Croatia's southern region that combines the cities of Split and Dubrovnik with a gentle lavender-field walk in Hvar, a bike ride around parts of pine tree-clad Korcula and a day trip to the white-sand beaches of Mljet National Park.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Dubrovnik | Explore the Old Town's incredible architecture and sea kayak alongside the city walls

Korcula | Cycle past the vineyards and olive groves of Lumbarda and visit a local winery

Hvar | Walk through villages and past lavender fields. Take in the sunset in trendy Hvar Town PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | feefo<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Split.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Explore ancient Split and take a ferry along the Dalmatian coast to Hvar Island.          |
| DAY 3: | Walk through old stone villages<br>and amongst lavender fields in<br>Hvar.                |
| DAY 4: | Take a ferry to Korcula Island<br>and cycle through vineyards.<br>Afternoon wine tasting. |
| DAY 5: | Hike, bike, kayak, swim or snorkel<br>around Mjlet Island National Park                   |
| DAY 6: | Discover ancient Dubrovnik.<br>Optional sea kayaking around the<br>city walls at sunset.  |
| DAY 7: | Trip ends in Dubrovnik.   |



# **Highlights of Albania**

TRIP CODE - AB | ALBANIA



### BEST SELLER

Boasting snow-capped mountains and beautiful Adriatic beaches, this fast-paced tour of the historically rich republic takes in all the highlights, from the capital Tirana and UNESCO-listed Berat to ancient Lake Ohrid.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Butrint** | Discover one of the greatest archaeological sites in the Balkans

**Llogara National Park** | Explore the pristine forests and admire the fantastic views

**Gjirokastra** | Stroll along the cobbled streets and visit its hilltop castle

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefoes

# PRICES FROM AU\$2450 NZ\$2540 per person, trip only. (11 days) AT A GLANCE Markon Common Co

MEALS: Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 1

 NEW
 364kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D

#### WHY NOT TRY?

Walking through the little-visited Albanian Alps. Discover spectacular scenery and traditional villages. **Trip code: ALW** 







| DAY 1:           | Join trip in Tirana, Albania's capital.  |
|------------------|--|
| DAY 2:           | Visit Petrela Fortress and Bektashi<br>World Centre. Explore Tirana<br>including the old bazaar.   |
| DAY 3:           | Go to Elbasan Fortress. Stop in the<br>fishing village of Lin en route to<br>Pogradec on Lake Ohrid.   |
| DAY 4:           | Drive via Voskopoja to Korca.<br>Explore the old town and visit the<br>cathedral and Medieval Museum.  |
| DAY 5:           | Drive on one of the most scenic<br>routes in Albania, the Barmash<br>Pass. Countryside walk in Benja.  |
| DAY 6:           | Walk to Leusa Church. Drive<br>to UNESCO-listed Gjirokastra.<br>Visit the castle and Ethnographic<br>Museum.   |
| DAY 7:           | See the karstic spring, 'the Blue<br>Eye', and explore Butrint, one of<br>the great archaeological sites.  |
|                  |  |
| DAY 8:           | Visit Ali Pasha Fortress en route to<br>Llogara National Park. Afternoon<br>hike and stay in the park.   |
| DAY 8:<br>DAY 9: | Visit Ali Pasha Fortress en route to<br>Llogara National Park. Afternoon   |
|                  | Visit Ali Pasha Fortress en route to<br>Llogara National Park. Afternoon<br>hike and stay in the park.<br>See Flag Square and the Muradi<br>Mosque in Vlora. Visit the ancient<br>Roman site of Apollonia. |



# **Peloponnese Explorer**

TRIP CODE - GX | GREECE



PRICES FROM

# AU\$3720 NZ\$3860

per person, trip only. (13 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

 TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:
 12 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Public Bus | Taxi

MEALS: Breakfast: 12

 NEW
 437kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Spending a week in mainland Greece. Sip ouzo, visit the birthplace of the Olympics and take a memorable train journey to Kalavryta, a small village with a gigantic history. **Trip code: GG** 





Time travel on this comprehensive loop of the Peloponnese's legend-filled landscapes, from the ruins of Mycenae, whose King Agamemnon famously invaded Troy, to the Mani Peninsula, a chiselled turquoise coastline where the inhabitants share Spartan roots.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens | Explore one of the world's oldest cities including the impressive Acropolis

**Delphi** | Take a guided tour of the Temple of Apollo, on the rocky slopes of Mount Parnassos

**Olympia** | Birthplace of the Olympics, discover the magnificent ancient ruins including the arena PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Athens.  |
|----------------|---|
| DAY 2:         | Orientation walk of Athens<br>including a guided tour of the<br>famed Acropolis.                            |
| DAY 3:         | Public bus to Nafplion with an orientation walk on arrival and the chance to stroll to the local beach.     |
| DAY 4:         | Walk to Palamidi Fortress. Public<br>bus to Epidavros to see the well<br>preserved ancient theatre.         |
| DAY 5:         | Drive to Areopolis on the Mani<br>Peninsula via the fascinating<br>ancient ruins at Mycenae.                |
| DAY 6:         | Free day in Areopolis. Option to<br>join a trip to Monemvasia on a<br>small island off the coast.           |
| DAY 7:         | Discover the Mani Peninsula<br>including the fortified village of<br>Vathia and Cape Tenaro.                |
| DAY 8:         | Drive to Pylos via the ruins of<br>medieval Mystras, perched in the<br>Taygetos Mountains.                  |
| DAY 9:         | Visit Neokastro Castle. Free<br>afternoon in Pylos. Option to visit<br>the Venetian fortress at Methoni.    |
| DAY 10:        | Visit the Vaulted Tomb of Ano<br>Anglianos. Discover Olympia,<br>once home to the ancient Olympic<br>Games. |
| DAY 11:        | Guided tour of Delphi, including<br>the Temple of Apollo and visit to<br>the museum.                        |
| DAYS<br>12-13: | Visit Lower Delphi en route back to Athens, where our trip ends.  |

It's hard to pick highlights as the whole trip was wonderful. The holiday was made special by a great group of people and an excellent Tour Leader (Peter).

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★ ★ ★ ★ ↓ **feefo**<sup>ee</sup> | Felicity, June 2022
# **Greek Island Wanderer**

TRIP CODE - GW | GREECE



## PRICES FROM AU\$3710 NZ\$3850 per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE







#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Walking through the little-known islands of Andros and Tinos. exploreworldwide.co.nz/WAT exploreworldwide.com.au/WATQ



#### BEST SELLER

Forget grappling with timetables, we take all the stress out of Greek islandhopping on this relaxed two-week tour. Starting in Athens you'll sail around the whitewashed towns and beaches of the Cyclades via ferry with plenty of free days built in for solo exploration.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Santorini | Discover its volcanic scenery and whitewashed churches with blue-domed roofs

**Syros** | Opportunity to take coastal walks and sample cuisine in authentic seafront tavernas

 Paros | Chance to walk along an ancient

 Byzantine road and go snorkelling

 PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:       | Join trip in Athens.   |
|--------------|--|
| DAY 2:       | Walking tour of Athens. Chance to visit the Acropolis.   |
| DAYS<br>3-4: | Ferry to Syros. Opportunity for an<br>easy walk from Galissas to Kini and<br>to join an island tour and sample the<br>sweet, Loukoumi. |
| DAY 5:       | Free time, with the chance to take<br>a number of coastal walks. Evening<br>ferry to Paros.  |
| DAYS<br>6-7: | Free time on Paros to perhaps walk<br>along the Byzantine road<br>and take a caique boat cruise.                                       |
| DAY 8:       | Visit the ancient site of Akrotiri;<br>ferry to Naxos, afternoon<br>orientation tour of the old town.                                  |
| DAY 9:       | Full day Naxos tour including the<br>picturesque villages of Halki and<br>Moni and a gentle walk in the<br>mountains.                  |
| DAY 10:      | Free day in Naxos with the option to visit Delos and Mykonos by boat.  |
| DAY 11:      | Ferry to Santorini; opportunity to go wine tasting.  |
| DAY 12:      | Santorini. Caldera walk to Oia; free<br>afternoon to visit the Museum of<br>Ancient Thira.   |
| DAY 13:      | Santorini. Free day with the chance to join a volcano excursion by boat.   |
| DAY 14:      | Trip ends in Santorini.  |

# **Active Turkey**

TRIP CODE - MAT | TURKEY



#### PRICES FROM

## AU\$1390 NZ\$1440

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION:
   7 nights comfortable hotel
   Optional single rooms available
   TRANSPORT:
- Bus | Boat | Bike MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4
- NEW
   85kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

   Average carbon footprint pp





#### WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring Turkey's Turquoise Coast on two wheels, cycling through farmland, hills and forests. **Trip code: CTT** 





#### **BEST SELLER**

Switch things up and swap ancient sites and beaches for this activity-packed tour of Turkey's famously beautiful Lycian coastline, combining hiking, biking, kayaking and snorkelling through its pine-clad mountains and sparkling sea nicknamed the 'Turquoise Coast.'

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Kekova Bay | Sea kayak to the sunken city of Kekova and the village of Simena

Xanthos | Visit the ancient capital of Lycia and canoe down the river to Patara Beach

**Taurus Mountains** | Cycle and walk among the tree-covered foothills

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Kas. Free time to relax<br>by the harbour.  |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Trek in the ruggedly beautiful<br>foothills of the Taurus Mountains<br>with a picnic lunch along the way.<br>Take in the views from Bozkava<br>summit.               |
| DAY 3: | Visit ancient Xanthos before<br>canoeing on the river. Stop for<br>a riverside barbecue lunch and<br>swim at Patara Beach.   |
| DAY 4: | Free day to go scuba diving, horse<br>riding or there's the chance to<br>visit the Greek island of Meis.<br>Alternatively, relax in Kas or<br>beside the hotel pool. |
| DAY 5: | Early morning sea kayaking in<br>Kekova Bay to view the ruins of<br>the sunken city. Visit to Simena<br>Castle to admire the view over<br>the bay.                   |
| DAY 6: | Cycle through the forest-covered<br>foothills of the Taurus Mountains.<br>Stop for a picnic lunch and to cool<br>off at Kaputas Beach.                               |
| DAY 7: | Gulet boat trip, with lunch included,<br>around the bays surrounding Kas.<br>Take the opportunity to snorkel<br>and swim in turquoise waters.                        |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Kas.  |

# **Turkey in Depth**

TRIP CODE - TU | TURKEY



#### PRICES FROM AU\$2490 NZ\$2580 per percent frin only (15 days)



#### WHY NOT TRY?

Visiting Turkey in winter, for warm weather and fewer crowds. Stay at a vineyard and discover ancient sites. **Trip code: WT** 





#### BEST SELLER

A history-rich whirlwind tour of Turkey. Marvel at Istanbul's Blue Mosque and Konya's Whirling Dervishes, visit ancient Troy (namechecked in the Iliad), and explore UNESCO-listed Hierapolis and the terraces of Pamukkale – and that's just the start!

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Cappadocia** | Explore the fairy-tale chimneys and rock-carved cave dwellings

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Gallipoli | Discover the poignant World War I memorials including the Lone Pine Cemetery

**Turquoise Coast** | Take a tranquil boat ride to Caunos and swim at Iztuzu Beach

PRODUCT RATING: \*\*\*\*\* I feefoeo

| DAYS<br>1-2:              | Join trip in Istanbul. Tour of the<br>Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia.<br>Cross the Bosphorus.   |
|---------------------------|---|
| DAYS<br>3-4:              | In Ankara see Ataturk's Mausoleum<br>and the Museum of Anatolian<br>Civilisations. Visit Kaymakli.  |
| DAY 5:                    | Explore the remarkable Uchisar<br>Castle and Goreme Open Air<br>Museum in Cappadocia.   |
| DAY 6:                    | See the home of the Whirling<br>Dervishes in Konya. Continue to<br>the coastal city of Antalya.   |
| DAY 7:                    | Journey to Kas via ancient<br>Olympos. See the Chimaera –<br>the eternal flame.   |
| DAY 8:                    | Free time in Kas on the Turquoise<br>Coast, with the chance to sea<br>kayak.  |
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| DAY 9:                    | Boat ride to the rock-carved tombs<br>at Caunos. Chance to swim at the<br>beautiful Iztuzu Beach.   |
| DAY 9:<br>DAY 10:         | Boat ride to the rock-carved tombs<br>at Caunos. Chance to swim at the<br>beautiful Iztuzu Beach.   |
|                           | Boat ride to the rock-carved tombs<br>at Caunos. Chance to swim at the<br>beautiful Iztuzu Beach.<br>Visit the amazing white terraces of<br>Pamukkale and the ancient Roman   |
| DAY 10:<br>DAYS           | Boat ride to the rock-carved tombs<br>at Caunos. Chance to swim at the<br>beautiful Iztuzu Beach.<br>Visit the amazing white terraces of<br>Pamukkale and the ancient Roman<br>spa town of Hierapolis.<br>Discover the famed Greco-Roman<br>sites of Aphrodisias and Ephesus,<br>including the Temple of Artemis.   |
| DAY 10:<br>DAYS<br>11-12: | Boat ride to the rock-carved tombs<br>at Caunos. Chance to swim at the<br>beautiful Iztuzu Beach.<br>Visit the amazing white terraces of<br>Pamukkale and the ancient Roman<br>spa town of Hierapolis.<br>Discover the famed Greco-Roman<br>sites of Aphrodisias and Ephesus,<br>including the Temple of Artemis.<br>See Pergamon Acropolis in the<br>typical Turkish town of Bergama |

# London to Istanbul by Train

TRIP CODE - RLA | UK, FRANCE, ITALY, AUSTRIA, CROATIA, SERBIA, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, TURKEY



Rediscover the romance of rail travel with our fast-paced take on the classic Orient Express route that ticks off a raft of bucket-list sites, such as Venice's Doge's Palace, alongside our signature off-thebeaten-track experiences, like Serbia's gruesome skull tower.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

**Train travel** | Travel on everything from modern to ex-Soviet and sleepers to narrow-gauge lines

Venice and Istanbul | Bookend your trip with stays in the canal city and ancient Constantinople

Hidden gems | Take a boat trip through Croatian wetlands and wine-taste in Serbia

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefoes

## PRICES FROM AU\$5560 NZ\$5770

per person, trip only. **(15 days)** 

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:

 13 nights comfortable hotel
 1 night simple overnight train
 Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat | Train

MEALS: Breakfast: 14

NEW **707kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip and visit Cappadocia. See the fairy-tale chimneys and carved rock churches. **Trip code: RLAC** 





#### DAY 1: Board Eurostar and meet your group in Paris. Train to Milan. DAY 2: Chance to visit the famous Last Supper painting. Train to Venice. Try local 'ciccheti', or Venetian small plates. DAYS Explore the canals and islands of 3-4: Venice. Train to Zagreb, Croatia. DAY 5: Visit the medieval town of Varazdin, with its pastel houses and the castle of Stari Grad. DAY 6: Walking tour of Zagreb. Train to Osijek in Croatia's Slavonia region. DAY 7: Take a boat trip through the Kopacki Rit wetlands and spot an array of birdlife.

DAY 8: Train and bus to Mokra Gora. Take a mountain ride on the historic Sargan 8 steam train. DAY 9: Nip into Bosnia to explore Visegrad and the Bridge over the Drina. DAYS Wine-tasting experience in rural 10-11: Serbia. Sample tasty burek pastries in Nis. DAY 12: Cross into Bulgaria. Free afternoon in the capital, Sofia. DAY 13: Discover the ancient Roman amphitheatre at Plovdiv. Overnight train to Istanbul. DAY 14: Wake up at the gateway to Asia.

Explore the atmospheric markets and mosques of Istanbul. DAY 15: Trip ends in Istanbul.

# **Explore the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

TRIP CODE - KSA | SAUDI ARABIA



#### PRICES FROM

## AU\$8710 NZ\$9030

per person, trip only. (13 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:
 8 nights comfortable hotel
 2 nights comfortable lodge
 2 nights premium hotel
 Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | 4WD

MEALS: Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 4

**NEW 1288kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



Nabatean tombs at Hegra. Also the Wahba crater! Almost too much to mention in a country that is so different from where we all came from.

Peter, December 2021





#### BEST SELLER

One of the world's most secretive kingdoms, Saudi Arabia, only opened to tourists in late 2019. It's time to discover what lies beyond the headlines as we explore its mishmash of ultra-modern cities and ancient desert landscapes on this action-packed two-week tour.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Hegra (Mada'in Saleh) | Discover this ancient Nabatean city and sleep in a desert camp

Jeddah | Explore the scented souks and alleyways of the UNESCO Old Town

Lush mountains | Visit Al Bahah, a region of hidden villages and hairpin roads

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Riyadh.   |
|---------|--|
| DAY 2:  | Meet with a local Saudi lady and<br>discover the city on foot, through<br>her eyes. Get a birds-eye view at<br>the Kingdom Towers. |
| DAY 3:  | Drive past sand dunes to the<br>ancient mud-brick village of<br>Ushaiqer. Continue to Buraidah.                                    |
| DAY 4:  | Experience the clamour of the<br>Buraidah camel market. Explore<br>Ha'il's hilltop fortress of Aarif.                              |
| DAY 5:  | Find prehistoric rock art in Jubbah.<br>Drive to AlUla and sleep in the<br>desert.   |
| DAY 6:  | Peer into the tombs at the ancient<br>Nabatean city of Hegra, and watch<br>the sunset over Elephant Rock.                          |
| DAY 7:  | Drive to the holy city of Medina<br>through Lawrence of Arabia<br>country.   |
| DAY 8:  | Walk at the Al Wahbah crater.<br>Drive to Ta'if.   |
| DAY 9:  | Walking tour of the 'City of Roses'.<br>Continue into the mountains,<br>towards Al Bahah.  |
| DAY 10: | Visit the mountain village of Thee<br>Ain and take an exhilarating 4WD<br>ride up Shada Mountain                                   |
| DAY 11: | Drive along the Red Sea to Jeddah.<br>Walk along the lively corniche (sea<br>front) in the early evening.                          |
| DAY 12: | Walking tour of the UNESCO-<br>listed old town. Enjoy a delicious<br>meal of fresh fish and seafood this<br>evening.               |
| DAY 13: | Trip ends in Jeddah.   |

" It exceeded everything I thought it would be, it was just epic! Plus, the tour guide was amazing, just brilliant. I can't find the right words to praise it enough. I would recommend this holiday to anyone. I'm giving it 15 out of 10. <sup>1)</sup>

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PETRA | JORDAN

# Jordan Discovery

TRIP CODE - JD | JORDAN



#### PRICES FROM AU\$2170 NZ\$2260 per person, trip only. (9 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:
 3 nights comfortable hotel
 1 night simple tented camp
 4 nights premium hotel
 Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | 4WD

MEALS: Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 2

NEW **476kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

Walking Jordan's Spice Trails. Trek across wild plateaus to Petra and explore breathtaking canyons in Wadi Rum. **Trip code: TP** 





#### BEST SELLER

Mention Jordan and most think of UNESCO-listed Petra and the desert scapes of Wadi Rum. This tour explores these in-depth and then takes you beyond - from the preserved Roman town of Jerash and camping in a Bedouin goat-hair tent, to floating in the salty Dead Sea.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Mount Nebo | Learn about Jordan's biblical heritage as we travel in the footsteps of Moses

**Petra** | Spend two full days discovering the historic and remarkable 'Rose Red City'

Wadi Rum | Eat a traditional Bedouin barbecue, and sleep under a blanket of stars

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Amman.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Visit Jerash, a wonderfully<br>preserved Roman town, before<br>a guided tour of Amman's<br>ancient citadel.   |
| DAY 3: | Explore Mount Nebo and the<br>mosaics at Madaba before<br>travelling to Petra. Take a chance<br>to see Petra at night, lit by<br>hundreds of candles. |
| DAY 4: | Take a guided tour of ancient<br>Petra, a city carved into rock by<br>the Nabataeans, including the<br>famous facade of the Treasury.                 |
| DAY 5: | Free time to discover Petra.<br>Trek to the Monastery or High<br>Place of Sacrifice for views over<br>the Negev Desert.                               |
| DAY 6: | Travel through Wadi Rum in<br>a 4WD. Spend the night in<br>a Bedouin camp in the desert.  |
| DAY 7: | Travel to Aqaba for a relaxing day.<br>Opportunities to snorkel, swim<br>and take a boat trip on the Red<br>Sea.                                      |
| DAY 8: | Leave Aqaba and descend to the<br>lowest point on Earth for time<br>to float in the salty waters of the<br>Dead Sea.                                  |
| DAY 9: | Trip ends in Amman.   |

# Mountains, Deserts and Coast of Oman

TRIP CODE - OM | OMAN



#### **BEST SELLER**

Known as the 'Switzerland of the Middle East', laidback Oman is a land of contrasts. from modern Muscat to the wild Wahiba Sands. Watch dhow builders at work in Sur, have lunch with a local family in Al Hamra, perhaps see green turtles at Ras Al Jinz and camp beneath the stars. Muscat | Discover impressive forts, and the Royal Palace and Corniche of the capital

Wahiba Sands | Explore by 4WD and camp among spectacular sand dunes

Nizwa | Visit the impressive Jebel Shams 'Grand Canyon' PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoed

## PRICES FROM AU\$3480 NZ\$3610

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights simple camping 5 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat | 4WD

MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 3

NEW 563kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D





## WHY NOT TRY?

Trekking through Oman's remarkable natural beauty and contrasting landscapes. Trip code: WOM



| DAY 1: | Join trip in Muscat. Explore<br>the walled city and Portuguese<br>fortresses.  |
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| DAY 2: | Visit the Grand Mosque and drive<br>to the wild camp at Finns Beach.<br>Time to relax and swim in the sea.   |
| DAY 3: | Learn the history of Oman at<br>the dhow shipyard. Go on a late<br>evening excursion in search of<br>turtles nesting on the beach.                   |
| DAY 4: | Drive deep into the heart of the<br>shifting Wahiba Sands for amazing<br>sunset views, and spend a night<br>camping under the stars.                 |
| DAY 5: | Cross the desert, stopping at a<br>Bedouin market town on the way<br>to Nizwa, the former capital.   |
| DAY 6: | Visit Nizwa Fort, have lunch with<br>an Omani family and drive to the<br>Jebel Shams viewpoint to see<br>Oman's 'Grand Canyon'. Return<br>to Muscat. |
| DAY 7: | Take the opportunity to enjoy<br>a sunset cruise on a traditional<br>dhow vessel, looking for dolphin.   |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Muscat.   |





# **Classic Egypt with Nile Cruise**

TRIP CODE - EG | EGYPT



#### BEST SELLER

A journey as old as time – Cleopatra took Julius Caesar on the same route – this unforgettable voyage tracing the Nile from Cairo to Aswan stops at all the major sites and includes lesserknown temples too, such as the fully symmetrical and mysterious Kom Ombo.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

Ancient history | See the pyramids, temples and sphinxes for which Egypt is famed

**Nile cruise boat** | Watch the sun set over the Nile on a luxury cruise from Aswan to Luxor

**Egyptian life** | People-watch as you sail down the Nile, the country's lifeline PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$2970 NZ\$3080

per person, trip only. (10 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:
 3 nights premium boat
 5 nights premium hotel
 1 night simple overnight train
 Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat | Train

MEALS: Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 4

 NEW
 369kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip with three days relaxing on the coast by the Red Sea. Choose to snorkel, scuba or simply unwind on the beach. **Trip code: EGR** 





| DAY 1: | Join trip in Cairo.  |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Discover the magnificent Great<br>Pyramid of Giza, Sphinx and the<br>Egyptian Museum.  |
| DAY 3: | Free day in Cairo for a chance to<br>return to the extensive Egyptian<br>Museum to explore further. Take<br>an overnight train to Aswan. |
| DAY 4: | Discover Aswan, including time<br>to visit Philae Temple and enjoy a<br>traditional Nubian village dinner.                               |

- DAY 5: An early morning option to visit Abu Simbel. Board river cruise boat.
   DAY 6: Choose to take a boat journey and camel ride to visit St Simeon's Monastery. Relax aboard a luxurious Nile riverboat while cruising to Kom Ombo Temple.
- DAY 7: Explore Edfu Temple. Spend an afternoon enjoying the riverboat's facilities including the pool or find a shady spot to admire the passing scenery. Evening arrival into Luxor.
   DAY 8: Disembark in Luxor and visit
- Karnak Temple. Chance to watch Karnak's evening sound and light show.
- DAY 9: Explore Deir El Medina, an ancient Egyptian village and visit the royal tombs within Valley of the Kings.
- DAY 10: Trip ends in Luxor.

# London to Marrakech Train Adventure

TRIP CODE - RLMO | UK, FRANCE, SPAIN, MOROCCO



All aboard for this epic 19-day journey from Europe to Africa! Train hopping through France, Spain and Morocco you'll walk a section of the Camino de Santiago, snack on San Sebastian's famous pintxos (tapas) and lose yourself in the winding souks of Fes.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Food** | Taste wine in Bordeaux, share Spanish tapas and try flavoursome Moroccan tagine

Spanish contrasts | From faded Basque glamour to Moorish Granada

Marrakech | Explore the busy souks of the 'Red City' and the iconic Djemaa el Fna Square

PRODUCT RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★ ↓ feefo<sup>e9</sup>

# PRICES FROM AU\$6080 NZ\$6310

per person, trip only. (19 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION:

   18 nights comfortable hotel
   Optional single rooms available
   TRANSPORT:

   Train | Public Bus | Boat
- MEALS: Breakfast: 18
- NEW
   516kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

   Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

The other trips in our London2 train tours collection. Enjoy the journey just as much as the destination!

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| DAY 1:         | Board Eurostar and meet your group in Paris. Train to Bordeaux.  |
|----------------|--|
| DAYS<br>2-3:   | Taste some famous Bordeaux<br>wines, and travel to San Sebastian<br>where a feast of pinxtos (Basque<br>tapas) awaits. |
| DAY 4:         | Walk on the famous Camino de<br>Santiago to the fishing village of<br>Pasaia.  |
| DAYS<br>5-7:   | Train to UNESCO-listed Segovia and continue to Malaga.   |
| DAY 8:         | Visit the UNESCO old town<br>of Cordoba and explore the<br>remarkable Mezquita.  |
| DAYS<br>9-10:  | Stroll the winding streets of<br>Moorish Granada and tour the<br>magnificent Alhambra Palace.                          |
| DAY 11:        | Step back in time with a trip to the white villages of rural Andalucia.  |
| DAY 12:        | Train through beautiful rolling<br>countryside, cross the Straits of<br>Gibraltar to Morocco.                          |
| DAYS<br>13-14: | Wander the souks and medinas<br>of Fes, famous for its artisanal<br>products. Visit Roman Volubilis.                   |
| DAY 15:        | Train journey to Rabat. Discover<br>the cobbled streets of Kasbah des<br>Oudaias.                                      |
| DAYS<br>16-18: | Stop by Casablanca en route to<br>Marrakech. Walk through colourful<br>souks and the iconic Djemaa el<br>Fna Square.   |
| DAY 19:        | Trip ends in Marrakech.  |

# **Best of Morocco**

TRIP CODE - MR | MOROCCO



#### PRICES FROM AU\$1940 NZ\$2010 per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 12 nights comfortable hotel 1 night premium hotel 1 night simple camp Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | 4WD

MEALS: Breakfast: 14 | Dinner: 1

NEW 693kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: F M A M J SOND



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Take more time to explore the culture and scenery of Morocco, on our 20day Grand Tour. Trip code: MGT





#### **BEST SELLER**

Uncover Morocco on this two-week tour that circles from shabby-chic Casablanca through ancient Fes and the UNESCOlisted Roman ruins of Volubilis, up into the Atlas Mountains, and onto the souks of Marrakech and the 15th-century Portuguese outpost of Essaouira.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Atmospheric medinas | Get lost in the colourful alleyways of the cities' old towns

Todra Gorge | Walk in Morocco's Grand Canyon through spectacular rock formations

Essaouira | Relax in the traditional and charming port town on the Atlantic coast

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Casablanca.   |
|----------------|--|
| DAY 2:         | Visit the extraordinary Hassan II<br>Mosque. Take a city tour of Rabat<br>and continue to Meknes.                      |
| DAY 3:         | Discover the imperial city of<br>Meknes and visit the ancient<br>Roman site of Volubilis, Morocco's<br>former capital. |
| DAY 4:         | Explore Fes, the artisan capital of<br>Morocco with its maze of narrow<br>streets and vibrant markets.                 |
| DAY 5:         | Drive over the Middle Atlas<br>Mountain range and discover rich<br>Berber culture and heritage.                        |
| DAY 6:         | Travel into the desert by 4WD<br>and sleep under the stars in<br>a Berber camp.  |
| DAYS<br>7-8:   | Watch sunrise over the dunes and<br>experience a camel ride. Explore the<br>magnificent Todra Gorge on foot.           |
| DAY 9:         | Visit the UNESCO fortified Berber<br>settlement of Ait Ben Haddou and<br>the Valley of 1,000 Kasbahs.                  |
| DAY 10:        | Cross the highest pass in Morocco<br>through the Atlas Mountains. Join<br>a family for mint tea.                       |
| DAYS<br>11-12: | Stroll around the 15th century<br>coastal town of Essaouira, or relax<br>on the beach.                                 |
| DAYS<br>13-14: | Discover the incredible city of<br>Marrakech. Explore markets, souks<br>and mosques.                                   |
| DAY 15:        | Trip ends in Marrakech.  |

# 📽 Gorilla and Chimp Safari

TRIP CODE - UG | UGANDA



#### BEST SELLER

Few experiences on Earth can rival the electrifying thrill of looking into the warm brown eyes of an endangered mountain gorilla. This bucket-list trip takes you to Uganda's Bwindi National Park to do just that, and also includes chimp tracking and a night drive to spot leopard.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

**Kibale Forest National Park** | Spend a day tracking chimpanzee through the jungle

**Queen Elizabeth National Park** | Safari in search of lion, elephant and buffalo

**Kazinga Channel** | Take a cruise looking out for hippo, crocodile, elephant and birdlife PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

DAY 1: Join trip in Kampala.

## PRICES FROM AU\$8890 NZ\$9220

per person, trip only. (11 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 7 | Dinner: 9



## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

Discovering exotic wildlife, contrasting cultures and spectacular scenery on a two-week tour to Madagascar. **Trip code: MD** 



#### DAY 2: Drive to Kibale Forest National Park, past villages and rolling hills dotted with tea plantations. DAY 3: Encounter the chimpanzee of Kibale as they swing through the trees and howl, hoot and play. DAY 4: Walk in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains, through small villages, in search of waterfalls. DAY 5: Spend the day on safari, including a cruise along the river in Queen

- Elizabeth National Park to see elephant, kob and hippo. DAY 6: Drive to Ishasha to look for the famous tree-climbing lions. Travel to Bwindi. DAY 7: Today we come face to face with the mountain gorilla in Bwindi National Park. DAY 8: Free time in Bwindi to explore this beautiful national park, with its nature trails and village walks. DAY 9: Drive to Lake Mburo. Night safari in search of leopard.
- DAY 10: Take a walking safari through Lake Mburo National Park looking for antelope and zebra.
- DAY 11: Trip ends at Entebbe Airport.

# 📽 Namibia Lodge Safari

TRIP CODE - NL | NAMIBIA

PRICES FROM



## AU\$5310 NZ\$5510 per person, trip only. (12 days) AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Full On ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights comfortable hotel 8 nights comfortable lodge 1 night premium lodge Optional single rooms available TRANSPORT: Truck | 4WD MEALS: Breakfast: 11 | Lunch: 9 | Dinner: 4 NEW 423kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D



## WHY NOT TRY?

Search for the Big Five in Tanzania's Serengeti. Sleep under canvas in the bush and watch the sun go down over the plains. **Trip code: TL** 



#### BEST SELLER

Hitting all the highlights, this Namibia safari takes in cosmopolitan Windhoek, the soaring sands of the Namib Desert, the massive Cape Cross seal colony on the Skeleton Coast, colonial Swakopmund and the saline spread of Etosha National Park – one of Africa's finest.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Sossusvlei** | The world's highest sand dunes in the world's oldest desert

**Damaraland** | See ancient Bushmen rock art and meet the Himba people

**National parks** | Home to the Big Five and the largest population of cheetah in Africa

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Windhoek.  |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Travel to Sesriem via the Namib<br>Desert, the oldest on the planet.  |
| DAY 3:  | Explore the Sesriem Canyon. See<br>the magnificent sand dunes of<br>Sossusvlei.   |
| DAY 4:  | Drive to Swakopmund, stopping<br>at Walvis Bay to look for flamingo<br>and pelican.   |
| DAY 5:  | Free day to explore the colonial<br>town of Swakopmund. Learn<br>about Namibia's intriguing history.                            |
| DAY 6:  | Drive via Cape Cross Seal Reserve<br>to Damaraland. Discover rock art<br>of the San Bushmen.                                    |
| DAY 7:  | Visit the indigenous Himba village.<br>Make our way to the salt pans of<br>Etosha National Park.                                |
| DAY 8:  | Game drives in Etosha. Stay up<br>to spot a rhino having a late night<br>drink at the watering hole.                            |
| DAY 9:  | Search for lion, cheetah, elephant,<br>leopard, springbok, hyena and<br>giraffe in Etosha.                                      |
| DAY 10: | Visit the Cheetah Conservation<br>Foundation. Drive to the<br>Waterberg Plateau.  |
| DAY 11: | Free morning to explore on foot or<br>take an extra game drive. Visit a<br>local craft market, before returning<br>to Windhoek. |
| DAY 12: | Trip ends in Windhoek.  |

# 📽 Botswana Wildlife Safari

TRIP CODE - BW | BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA



#### PRICES FROM AU\$6220 NZ\$6460 per person, trip only. (15 days)





The camping in the desert was amazing. The elephants and hyenas ambling round the camp at night made it very exciting.

Beatrix, October 2019.



#### BEST SELLER

Looping through Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe this epic trip has you sleeping beneath canvas or on a houseboat in some of Africa's most jaw-dropping wildlife hotspots. Explore ancient San bushman rock paintings, Moremi and Savuti Game Reserves, and Victoria Falls.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Game viewing | Explore Botswana's finest game reserves during seven days of safari

Okavango Delta Panhandle | Search for waterdwelling wildlife and exotic birds

**Chobe National Park** | A wildlife sanctuary, world famous for its huge elephant population PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>ee</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAYS<br>1-2:   | Join trip in Maun. Scenic journey to<br>private houseboat in the Okavango<br>Delta Panhandle region. |
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| DAY 3:         | Take boat trips around the<br>Okavango Delta Panhandle, for<br>fantastic bird and hippo sightings.   |
| DAY 4:         | Discover San Bushman art in Tsodilo<br>Hills, viewing 24,000 year-old<br>paintings at a UNESCO Site. |
| DAY 5:         | Journey from Botswana to<br>Zimbabwe, via Namibia, in one day<br>through the Caprivi Strip.          |
| DAY 6:         | Explore Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural Wonders of the World.                               |
| DAYS<br>7-8:   | Take game drives in Chobe National<br>Park, famous for its huge numbers<br>of elephant.              |
| DAY 9:         | Safari through the wetlands of<br>Savuti Marsh, a region known for<br>large lion prides.             |
| DAYS<br>10-11: | Explore the pans, floodplains,<br>lagoons and deep mopane forest of<br>Moremi Game Reserve.          |
| DAY 12:        | Venture deeper into the delta to<br>Xakanaxa hoping to see the herds<br>of lechwe and big cats.      |
| DAY 13:        | Full day safari. The area is home to many different birds including fish eagle and bee-eater.        |
| DAY 14:        | Return to Maun. Afternoon<br>opportunity to take a flight over the<br>Okavango Delta.                |
| DAY 15:        | Trip ends in Maun.   |

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per person, trip only. **(15 days)** 

# 📽 Serengeti Wildlife Experience

TRIP CODE - TL | TANZANIA



Capturing the very essence of Africa, this trip boasts some of best safari opportunities on the continent. Search for the Big Five, sleep under canvas in the bush and watch the sun go down over the plains.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

Serengeti | The most iconic and prolific national park in Africa

Ngorongoro Crater | The world's largest complete caldera home to rhino, leopard and giraffe

**Tarangire** | Huge herds of elephants and tree climbing lions in baobab dotted plains

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>eo</sup>

#### PRICES FROM AU\$7180 NZ\$7450 per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On

ACCOMMODATION: 6 nights comfortable tented camp 1 night comfortable lodge Optional single rooms available



MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 7 | Dinner: 6

 NEW
 344kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WHY NOT TRY?

A once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the endangered mountain gorilla in their natural habitat, Bwindi National Park. **Trip code: UG** 





# or have a wander around this small<br/>town.DAY 2:Head to Lake Manyara National Park<br/>for our first game drives, overnight<br/>in safari lodge.DAY 3:Enter the world famous Serengeti<br/>National Park, stopping at Olduvai<br/>gorge on route.DAY 4:Game drives in the Serengeti,<br/>searching for lions, leopards,<br/>cheetahs and their prey.DAY 5:Drive through Masai settlements

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Arusha, relax by the pool

- and stay in a colonial style farmhouse in Karatu.
- DAY 6: Journey into the Ngorongoro crater, a great place to see rhino, elephant and buffalo.
- DAY 7: Explore Tarangire National Park, sensational landscape dotted with ghostly Baobab trees.
- **DAY 8:** Early morning safari before heading back to Arusha where the trip ends.



# 📽 South Africa and Eswatini

TRIP CODE - ZK | SOUTH AFRICA, ESWATINI



## PRICES FROM AU\$3260 NZ\$3390 per person, trip only. (10 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:
 1 night simple bungalow

6 nights comfortable lodge 2 nights comfortable rondavel Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Minibus | 4WD

MEALS: Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 2

NEW449kg of CO2eAverage carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WHY NOT TRY?

A walking and wildlife trip showcasing the diverse landscapes and wildlife of the KwaZulu-Natal region. **Trip code: WSA** 





#### BEST SELLER

Keep your eyes peeled for the 'Big Five' amid South Africa's game reserves. Tour Zulu battlefields before journeying into landlocked Eswatini – Africa's last absolute monarchy – to sleep in beehiveshaped huts and trail walk in the Big Catfree Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Kruger** | Explore the most iconic national park in South Africa, home to the Big Five

Hluhluwe-iMfolozi | Discover the home of the biggest rhino population in Africa

Mlilwane | Walking safari in this wildlife sanctuary beneath the Nyonyane Mountains PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Johannesburg. Drive to the Drakensberg Mountains.  |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Walk and discover the beauty<br>of the Drakensberg Mountains.<br>Free afternoon or walk to nearby<br>San Bushman paintings.           |
| DAY 3:  | Visit the battlefields of the Zulu<br>War at Isandlwana and then drive<br>to our coastal home for the next<br>three nights, St Lucia. |
| DAY 4:  | Game drives in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi<br>Game Reserve amongst the<br>densest rhino population in Africa<br>and over 500 bird species.      |
| DAY 5:  | Free day to enjoy St Lucia Wetland<br>Park. Walks, game drives, beaches<br>and boat trips are on offer.                               |
| DAY 6:  | Enter Eswatini, the last remaining<br>monarchy in Africa. Sleep in dome<br>shaped rondavels.  |
| DAY 7:  | Walking safaris in Mlilwane<br>Wildlife Sanctuary looking for<br>zebra, wildebeest and impala.  |
| DAY 8:  | Travel to Kruger National Park.<br>Afternoon game drive in safari<br>vehicles for great wildlife sightings.                           |
| DAY 9:  | Game drives to spot lion, elephant,<br>cheetah, leopard, hyena and<br>abundant bird species.  |
| DAY 10: | Beautiful drive along the<br>Panorama Route to Johannesburg<br>Airport where the trip ends.   |

# Madagascar: The Lost Continent

#### TRIP CODE - MD | MADAGASCAR



## PRICES FROM AU\$3980 NZ\$4130

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On ACCOMMODATION: 1 night simple community house 8 nights comfortable hotel 3 nights simple hotel 2 nights comfortable lodge Optional single rooms available TRANSPORT: Minibus | Boat | Flight MEALS: Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 7

NEW 694kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e 9 Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

Getting off the beaten track and trekking through Madagascar's verdant rainforests and dramatic landscapes. Trip code: MF





#### **BEST SELLER**

A Jungle Book-esque jumble of baobab alleys, spiny forests and volcanoes teeming with wildlife found nowhere else on Earth. Go in search of the country's 100-plus species of lemur, visit Madagascar's Grand Canyon and snorkel off white-sand beaches.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Andasibe Reserve | Track the indri lemur at sunrise to hear their morning call

Highland scenery | See the rice paddies and isolated villages

Ranomafana | Walk in the rainforest observing lemur, chameleon and amphibians PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefoes

| DAY 1:            | Join trip in Antananarivo.  |
|-------------------|---|
| DAY 2:            | Nature walks in Andasibe Reserve,<br>searching for the indri, the largest<br>living lemur.  |
| DAY 3:            | Spend the morning looking for<br>black and white ruffed lemur and<br>a variety of birds.  |
| DAY 4:            | Explore the colonial architecture<br>and churches of the spa town of<br>Antsirabe.  |
| DAY 5:            | Walk around the stunning crater<br>at Lake Tritriva. Enjoy a night of<br>traditional Malagasy food and<br>dancing.                          |
| DAYS<br>6-7:      | Journey to Ranomafana National<br>Park, looking for rare golden<br>bamboo lemur.  |
| DAYS<br>8-9:      | Two days to travel to and explore<br>Madagascar's Grand Canyon in<br>Isalo National Park.   |
| DAY 10:           | Cross the cactus-filled spiny desert<br>and visit the Mahafaly Tombs on   |
|                   | the way to Toliara on the coast.  |
| DAYS<br>11-12:    | the way to Toliara on the coast.<br>Free time by the rich turquoise<br>waters of the Indian Ocean. Boat<br>trip to the reefs of Nosy Ve.    |
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| 11-12:<br>DAY 13: | Free time by the rich turquoise<br>waters of the Indian Ocean. Boat<br>trip to the reefs of Nosy Ve.<br>Take a boat to Toliara and fly back |

# The Best of Georgia and Armenia

TRIP CODE - GF | ARMENIA, GEORGIA



#### BEST SELLER

Straddling the border between Europe and Asia, underrated Georgia and littleknown Armenia make for an intriguing adventure. One is the birthplace of wine, the other the world's first Christian state, and between them they serve up a slew of unforgettable UNESCO-listed sites.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

Yerevan | Wander through ancient monasteries and stay in the shadow of Mount Ararat

**Tbilisi** | Explore the narrow medieval streets of the Old Town where East meets West

**Gudauri** | Walk in the foothills of the Greater Caucasus and visit Gergeti Trinity Church PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$4360 NZ\$4520 per person, trip only. (16 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



MEALS:

Breakfast: 15 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 6

**NEW 651kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D

#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE? Extend your trip with three days exploring Azerbaijan. a fascinating

exploring Azerbaijan, a fascinating contrast to Georgia and Armenia. Trip code: GFA





| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Yerevan.  |
|----------------|--|
| DAY 2:         | Explore Yerevan, lying in the<br>shadow of Mount Ararat. Visit the<br>Holy City of Echmiadzin.                               |
| DAY 3:         | Discover the Hellenistic temple<br>at Garni before continuing to the<br>UNESCO-listed Geghard Monastery.                     |
| DAYS<br>4-5:   | Marvel at the imposing Amberd<br>Fortress and sample some Armenian<br>wine in the village of Areni.                          |
| DAY 6:         | Explore the dramatic monastery of<br>Haghpat, then cross into Georgia<br>and continue onto its medieval<br>capital, Tbilisi. |
| DAYS<br>7-8:   | Drive onto Kutaisi to explore this<br>ancient city. Take a day trip to the<br>Black Sea coastal town of Batumi.              |
| DAY 9:         | Visit the UNESCO-listed monastery<br>at Gelati and discover some of the<br>area's underground caves.                         |
| DAY 10:        | Walk through the tunnels and stairways of the remarkable cave town of Vardzia.   |
| DAYS<br>11-12: | Stop off at the birthplace of Stalin<br>before taking a gentle walk in the<br>Kazbegi Mountains.                             |
| DAYS<br>13-14: | Explore the atmospheric city of<br>Tbilisi with its narrow streets,<br>churches, synagogues and<br>mosques.                  |
| DAY 15:        | Stroll around the farmers' market<br>in Telavi and gain an insight into  |

local wine production.

DAY 16: Trip ends in Tbilisi.

# The Silk Road of Uzbekistan

TRIP CODE - UZ | UZBEKISTAN



#### PRICES FROM AU\$3520 NZ\$3650 per person, trip only. (11 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Full On
   ACCOMMODATION:

   7 nights comfortable hotel
   2 nights simple hotel
   1 night simple yurt
   Optional single rooms available

   TRANSPORT:

   Bus | Flight | Train
- MEALS: Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1
- NEW **811kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Contrast Uzbek deserts with Kyrgyzstan's lush meadows on our three-week combination trip. Trip code: KRU





#### BEST SELLER

The ancient Silk Road strung together many countries, but Uzbekistan was its central jewel. Feel like an explorer of old as you wander its cities adorned with azure majolica tiles, see caravanserais traders once slept in, and overnight in a yurt, as you trace its millennia-spanning history.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Khiva | Step back in time as you walk the streets of this 'open air museum'

**Yurt stay** | Sample nomadic life when sleeping in a traditional felt tent

Samarkand | Discover the ornate turquoise mosaics of Registan Square

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Tashkent. Explore the city and its eccentric metro stations.                       |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Fly to Urgench in western<br>Uzbekistan. Drive to ancient Khiva.                                |
| DAY 3:  | Step back in time discovering the ancient and well-preserved city of Khiva.                     |
| DAY 4:  | Travel along the old Silk Road and<br>take in the wide open scenery on<br>the drive to Bokhara. |
| DAY 5:  | Learn about the rich and extensive<br>history of the UNESCO World<br>Heritage City of Bokhara.  |
| DAY 6:  | A free day in Bokhara to allow<br>for further discovery of this<br>beautiful city.              |
| DAY 7:  | Take a camel ride across the desert and stay overnight in a traditional yurt.                   |
| DAY 8:  | Drive onto the fabled city<br>of Samarkand and view the<br>madrassahs of Registan Square.       |
| DAY 9:  | Follow in the footsteps of Genghis<br>Khan and Alexander the Great<br>discovering Samarkand.    |
| DAY 10: | Free time to explore before<br>catching the high-speed train<br>to Tashkent.                    |
| DAY 11: | Trip ends in Tashkent.  |

# Pakistan's Karakoram Highway

TRIP CODE - KKH | PAKISTAN



Discover Pakistan as you snake through the staggering glacier-licked peaks of the Karakorams. From approaching Nanga Parbat Base Camp on foot to exploring the spectacular Hunza Valley, this is a land of stunning natural beauty.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Fairy Meadows | Walk amongst alpine forests, crystal clear lakes and meadows of wildflowers

Hunza Valley | Explore the forts, castles and bazaars of the ancient Kingdom of Hunza

Khunjerab Pass | Visit the highest border crossing in the world

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★ | feefo<sup>e●</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$5350 NZ\$5550

per person, trip only. **(14 days)** 

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Full On
   ACCOMMODATION:
   10 nights comfortable hotel
   2 nights simple mountain hut
   1 night simple guesthouse
   Optional single rooms available
- TRANSPORT: Bus | 4WD | Flight
- MEALS: Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 13 | Dinner: 13
- **NEW 905kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D



#### WHY NOT TRY?

An all-encompassing, ever-changing journey through the Stans of the Silk Road. **Trip code: STA** 



| DAY 1:         | Trip starts in Islamabad with an afternoon orientation tour of the capital.                                |
|----------------|--|
| DAY 2:         | Fly to Skardu to explore the<br>mountain village of Shigar and<br>Kharpocho Fort.                          |
| DAY 3:         | A full day discovering the towering<br>forts and remote villages of the<br>Skardu Valley.                  |
| DAY 4:         | Drive across the Deosai Plateau,<br>stopping at the turquoise waters<br>of Satpura Lake.                   |
| DAYS<br>5-6:   | Walk up to Nanga Parbat Base<br>Camp. Join the Karakoram<br>Highway and drive to Gilgit.                   |
| DAY 7:         | Travel to Karimabad to discover<br>the mighty Baltit Fort and take in<br>the sunset over the Hunza Valley. |
| DAY 8:         | A full day exploring the Hunza<br>Valley with a walk out on the<br>Hoper Glacier.                          |
| DAY 9:         | Drive up to the Khunjerab<br>Pass, the highest point on the<br>Karakoram Highway.                          |
| DAY 10:        | Ride a local Jeep up mountain<br>roads, then continue on foot to<br>the beautiful Fairy Meadows.           |
| DAY 11:        | Explore Fairy Meadows with<br>a walk in the mountains. Stay<br>overnight in rustic log cabins.             |
| DAYS<br>12-13: | Cross the Babusar Pass and return<br>to Islamabad, stopping via Lulsar<br>Lake and Naran.                  |
| DAY 14:        | Trip ends in Islamabad.  |

# **The Golden Triangle**

TRIP CODE - GTI | INDIA



## PRICES FROM AU\$1420 NZ\$1470

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:
 7 nights comfortable hotel
 Optional single rooms available

#### TRANSPORT: Bus | Rickshaw

MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1

 NEW
 512kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp





#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip by four days and search for the majestic Bengal tiger in Ranthambore National Park. **Trip code: RTE** 





#### BEST SELLER

Travellers often compare India to Marmite – you either love it or hate it. This one-week tour of the north is the ideal toe-dip into the dazzling sights, smells and charm of this people-packed country, while also including some of its most-iconic sites.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Agra** | See the Taj Mahal up close and watch as the sun rises over the iconic building

Kalakho | Join the prayer ceremony then sleep like a Maharajah in heritage accommodation

Jaipur | Explore the historical Amber Fort, the Observatory and the Palace of the Winds PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Delhi and explore        |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
|        | Old Delhi's narrow lanes by metro     |
|        | and rickshaw.                         |
| DAY 2: | See a different side to the capital   |
|        | in New Delhi, including Qutub         |
|        | Minar and India Gate. Drive to        |
|        | Agra.                                 |
| DAY 3: | Watch the sun rise over the           |
|        | Taj Mahal. Visit Agra Fort and        |
|        | Itimad-ud-Daulah, known as the        |
|        | baby Taj. Join a local family to cook |
|        | up a feast, learning how to make      |
|        | the perfect curry.                    |
| DAY 4: | Explore the abandoned city of         |
|        | Fatehpur Sikri. Visit the Chand       |
|        | Baori stepwell on route to Kalakho.   |
|        | Stay in a heritage palace and         |
|        | imagine life as a Maharajah.          |
| DAY 5: | Take an early morning stroll          |
|        | through our hotels organic            |
|        | vegetable garden. Drive to            |
|        | Jaipur and see the phenomenal         |
|        | Observatory and the City Palace.      |
| DAY 6: | Discover Jaipur's Palace of the       |
|        | Winds and Amber Fort, a hill-top      |
|        | palace with intricate Mughal          |
|        | architecture and carvings inside its  |
|        | beautiful courtyards.                 |
| DAY 7: | Drive back to Delhi via India's       |
|        | Heritage Transport Museum.            |
| DAY 8: | Tour ends in Delhi.                   |

# **Kerala Backwaters**

TRIP CODE - KB | INDIA



#### PRICES FROM AU\$1880 NZ\$1950 per person, trip only. (9 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:

 night simple boat
 nights simple homestay
 nights comfortable hotel
 Optional single rooms available

 TRANSPORT:

 Bus | Boat

MEALS: Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 3

NEW **397kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE...

Extend your trip and take the train to Kovalam to relax on the beach for two nights. **Trip code: KBB** 





#### BEST SELLER

A week of total immersion in 'God's Own Country,' taking in tea plantations, the elaborate Kathakali dance – said to express the Keralan soul – and an unforgettable glimpse of backwaterlife while sleeping aboard a traditional houseboat.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Kochi** | Explore the Fort, St Francis Church and Mattancherry Palace

Alleppey | Witness waterfront village life as you cruise through the tranquil 'backwaters'

**Periyar** | Search for elephant and other wildlife in Periyar National Park PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | **feefo**<sup>ee</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:       | Join trip in Kochi.   |
|--------------|---|
| DAY 2:       | Discover Kochi's Dutch and Jewish<br>heritage, Chinese fishing nets and<br>spectacular Kathakali dancing.   |
| DAY 3:       | Drive through rolling hills of spice<br>and tea plantations to the town<br>of Munnar.   |
| DAY 4:       | Visit a tea museum before<br>travelling through rolling<br>plantations to Thekkady. Learn<br>about pepper, Kerala's 'black gold'<br>at a spice garden.                              |
| DAY 5:       | Take a walk through the dense<br>tropical forests of Periyar National<br>Park. Drive to Alleppey and meet<br>our homestay hosts.  |
| DAY 6:       | Spend a day exploring local<br>villages, helping out in the<br>veg garden, learning to cook a<br>traditional curry or trying your<br>hand at carrom, a unique Indian<br>board game. |
| DAYS<br>7-8: | Board our houseboat and float<br>through the tranquil lakes and<br>backwaters. Return to Kochi.   |
| DAY 9:       | Trip ends in Kochi.   |

#### WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring Kerala by bike instead. Pedal along beautiful coastline, through tropical forests and tea plantations. **Trip code: CKB** 

# 😵 Discover Nepal

TRIP CODE - DN | NEPAL



#### BEST SELLER

With a skyline alive with fluttering prayer flags and gilded temples, Nepal is infused with spirituality. Discover authentic Nepal, from browsing Kathmandu's bazaars and watching the sun rise over the Himalayas to visiting the Tibetan refugee settlement of Tashiling.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Kathmandu Valley | Visit the medieval city of Bhaktapur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

**Pokhara** | Take moderate walks in and around the picturesque lakeside town

Chitwan National Park | Search for one-horned rhino on a walking safari PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | feefo<sup>eo</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$3340 NZ\$3460

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate

12 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights comfortable lodge Optional single rooms available



MEALS: Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 7



#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Travel from Delhi to Kathmandu. Sail on the Ganges and explore Varanasi, Chitwan National Park and Pokhara. **Trip code: DKD** 





| DAY 1:                    | Join trip in Kathmandu.   |
|---------------------------|---|
| DAY 2:                    | Walk through the temples and<br>bazaars of Kathmandu's Durbar<br>Square and visit the Hindu and<br>Buddhist shrines of Pashupatinath<br>and Boudhanath. |
| DAY 3:                    | Explore Bhaktapur, the 'city of devotees', and drive to Nagarkot.   |
| DAY 4:                    | Watch the sun rise over the<br>Himalayas and explore the villages<br>and farms of Nagarkot.   |
| DAY 5:                    | Option to try whitewater rafting on the Trisuli River or relax in Kurintar.   |
| DAY 6:                    | Visit the home of the Gurkha<br>soldiers. Walk to a ridge for views<br>of the Annapurna and Manaslu<br>ranges.  |
| DAYS<br>7-8:              | Drive to Pokhara and explore the<br>town. Walk to the Peace Pagoda,<br>with views over Phewa Lake and<br>the Annapurnas as a backdrop.                  |
| DAY 9:                    | Visit Pokhara's Mountain Museum and the Tibetan settlement  |
|                           | of Tashiling.   |
| DAY 10:                   | of Tashiling.<br>Drive to Bandipur. Visit the temple<br>and stroll through the bazaar.  |
| DAY 10:<br>DAYS<br>11-12: | Drive to Bandipur. Visit the temple   |
| DAYS                      | Drive to Bandipur. Visit the temple<br>and stroll through the bazaar.<br>Search for the rare one-horned   |

" The cultural sights continued to surpris and awe me on a daily basis. The Dambulla cave experience was overwhelming in beauty... Adams **Peak and Lion Rock** provided a physical challenge that was well worth the journey. ★ ★ ★ ★ ↓ feefo<sup>ee</sup> | Kathleen, Apri



# 📽 Sri Lanka in Depth

TRIP CODE - SL | SRI LANKA



#### PRICES FROM AU\$3970 NZ\$4120 per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE





#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

End your break with a relaxing dhoni cruise in the Maldives.

Trip code: SLM

#### WHY NOT TRY?

Hiking through tea plantations, primary rainforest and climbing Adam's Peak **Trip code: WSL** 





#### BEST SELLER

Easily deserving of its 'Paradise Island' moniker, Sri Lanka has so much to offer its visitors. Explore towering tiers of tea plantations, cerulean seas curling onto white-sand beaches and gilded Buddhist temples, and go out in search of indigenous wildlife by Jeep safari.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Wildlife | Search for leopard, elephant, sambar deer and sloth bear by Jeep

Ancient capitals and temples | Climb Lion's Rock to soak up the views from Sigiriya's rock fortress

Hill country | Explore the Temple of the Tooth and the lush tea plantations in cooler climates PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Negombo.   |
|----------------|---|
| DAY 2:         | Take a Jeep safari in Wilpattu<br>National Park.  |
| DAY 3:         | Explore the UNESCO Site of<br>Anuradhapura and the sacred peak<br>at Mihintale.                     |
| DAY 4:         | See the giant Standing Buddha at<br>Aukana and explore Dambulla's<br>painted cave temples.          |
| DAY 5:         | Explore the ancient city of<br>Polonnaruwa.   |
| DAY 6:         | Climb Lion's Rock and discover the sky fortress hidden on top!                                      |
| DAY 7:         | Visit the sacred Temple of the<br>Tooth and the colourful Peradeniya<br>Botanical Gardens in Kandy. |
| DAYS<br>8-9:   | Join pilgrims for an ascent of<br>Adam's Peak. Drive to Nuwara<br>Eliya via a tea plantation.       |
| DAY 10:        | Cross the Nine Arch Bridge on the train journey to Ella.  |
| DAY 11:        | Search for elephant on a Jeep<br>safari in Udawalawe National Park.                                 |
| DAYS<br>12-13: | Travel to Unawatuna. Explore the cobbled streets of Galle Fort and relax on the beach.              |
| DAY 14:        | Drive to Colombo for a city tour of the capital.  |
| DAY 15:        | Trip ends in Colombo.   |

NOTE: Departures from July to December will visit Horton Plains instead of climbing Adam's Peak.

# **Maldive Dhoni Cruise**

TRIP CODE - MC | MALDIVES



#### BEST SELLER

See another side of the Maldives on this authentic tour sleeping aboard a traditional dhoni that visits remote fishing communities and uninhabited islands, takes in a traditional Bodu Beru performance and has you dining on local curries and freshly caught fish each day.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**ITINERARY** 

**Unspoilt Maldives** | Visit small idyllic islands, far away from the tourist resorts

**Snorkelling and swimming** | Enjoy warm, clear water to spot manta ray, turtle and clown fish

**Traditional fishing villages** | Spend time with the local people and learn about their way of life

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$2650 NZ\$2750

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 6 | Dinner: 7

 NEW
 348kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Add on two weeks in Sri Lanka. Discover ancient cities, gilded temples and wildlife-filled national parks. **Trip code: SLM** 





# DAY 1: Join trip in Male. Take an afternoon walk around the town. DAY 2: Board the dhoni and cruise to the South Male Atoll. Explore idyllic Kuda Anbaraa Island. DAY 3: Relax on board or snorkel in the clear waters of the Meemu Atoll seeking out the colourful sea life. DAY 4: Cruise to Dhiggaru Island for a display of Bodu Beru – the indigenous drum music of the islands. DAY 5: Discover how the islanders live at

 the traditional village of Felidhoo.

 DAY 6:
 Witness the exotic underwater life of Hulhidhoo reef before sailing back to Fulidhoo.

 DAY 7:
 Sail back to Male, stopping en route to snorkel at Emboodhoo Reef.

DAY 8: Trip ends in Male.



# **The Best of Northern Thailand**

TRIP CODE - OS | THAILAND



#### BEST SELLER

Bus, boat and train from Bangkok to Chiang Mai on this fast-paced adventure that includes two nights on a jungle raft house, the film-famous Bridge over the River Kwai and the quirky Maeklong Railway Market that quickly folds up with each train that rumbles through.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Bangkok | Explore the glittering Grand Palace complex and Wat Po

Sukhothai | Cycle around the historic park and sleep overnight in a homestay

Chiang Mai | Witness the excellent conservation work being done at Elephant Nature Park PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | feefo<sup>e9</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Bangkok.  |
|---------|--|
| DAY 2:  | Take in the Grand Palace and the<br>vast reclining Buddha of Wat Po.<br>Take a sleeper train north.    |
| DAY 3:  | Explore tranquil Chiang Mai with<br>a walking tour of its charming<br>old town.                        |
| DAY 4:  | Visit Elephant Nature Park, and see elephant roaming in their natural habitat.                         |
| DAY 5:  | Drive to Si Satchanalai Temple<br>and continue to the homestay in<br>Nathon Chan village.              |
| DAY 6:  | Cycle through the old capital of<br>Siam and visit the UNESCO site<br>of Kamphaengphet.                |
| DAY 7:  | Experience the sights and colours<br>of a local market early in the<br>morning.                        |
| DAY 8:  | Ride along the Death Railway<br>when visiting the Bridge over the<br>River Kwai. Stay in a raft house. |
| DAY 9:  | Explore the surrounding jungle by<br>bamboo raft and visit the area's<br>minority villages.            |
| DAY 10: | Take a longtail boat down-river,<br>before returning to the bustling<br>metropolis of Bangkok.         |
| DAY 11: | Trip ends in Bangkok.  |

#### AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Full On ACCOMMODATION: 1 night simple homestay 6 nights comfortable hotel 1 night simple overnight train 2 nights simple raft house Optional single rooms available TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat | Train MEALS:

AU\$2710 NZ\$2820

per person, trip only. (11 days)

PRICES FROM

Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 3

**NEW 630kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

End your break with three days relaxing on the tropical beaches of Rayong. **Trip code: KS** 





# **Simply Vietnam**

TRIP CODE - QVN | VIETNAM



This short break encompasses the best of Vietnam in just 10 days. Using local transport and staying in simple hotels, we experience lush landscapes, discover harrowing history and sample incredible fresh food.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Hanoi | Wander through the bustling narrow streets of the Old Quarter

Hoi An | Take a cookery course or try out traditional lantern making

Mekong Delta | Meander along palm-lined canals and barter for exotic fruit

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★ | feefo<sup>e●</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$1710 NZ\$1780

per person, trip only. (10 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION:

   8 nights comfortable hotel
   1 night simple overnight train
   Optional single rooms available

   TRANSPORT:
  - Bus | Boat | Flight | Train | Taxi
- MEALS: Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 1
- NEW **505kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

# MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

For those with more time, add on a journey through Thailand and Cambodia. **Trip code: QBV** 



| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Ho Chi Minh City.   |
|---------|--|
| DAY 2:  | Crawl through the Cu Chi Tunnels<br>and learn about Vietnam's history<br>at the War Remnants Museum.                     |
| DAY 3:  | Fly up to Hoi An and discover<br>Chinese temples and wooden<br>houses in this old trading port.                          |
| DAY 4:  | A free day in Hoi An with the<br>option for a cookery class, fishing<br>lesson or more time to explore.                  |
| DAY 5:  | Embark on a scenic drive along<br>the coast on the stunning Hai<br>Van Pass to Hue.                                      |
| DAY 6:  | Explore the Imperial Citadel of<br>Hue and cruise along the Perfume<br>River. Take an overnight train<br>north to Hanoi. |
| DAY 7:  | Travel through the towering<br>limestone cliffs of Halong Bay by<br>traditional wooden junk boat.                        |
| DAY 8:  | Uncover the charm of Hanoi's<br>Old Quarter on a tour of its<br>narrow streets.  |
| DAY 9:  | A free day in Hanoi with the<br>option to explore the French<br>Quarter by bicycle.                                      |
| DAY 10: | Trip ends in Hanoi.  |

# **Malaysia and Singapore Explorer**

TRIP CODE - MAS | MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE



#### NEW TRIP

Travel from the skyscraper-dominated skyline of sovereign Singapore to the tropical beaches of Langkawi. Along the way, lift the lid on real life with a homestay, where you'll help to prepare a traditional dinner, and share stories with locals over bowls of nasi goreng.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Singapore** | Discover the incredible architecture of the marina and explore Little India

**Malacca** | Stroll through this charming Dutch colonial trading port. Take an evening river cruise

**Cameron Highlands** | Walk through the mossy forest and try tea picked from plantations

#### PRICES FROM AU\$3180 NZ\$3300 per person, trip only. (13 days) AT A GLANCE MARCE TRIP PACE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 11 nights comfortable hotel 1 night simple homestay. Optional single rooms available TRANSPORT: Bus | Ferry MEALS:

Breakfast: 12 | Dinner: 2



MONTHS OF TRAVEL:







| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Singapore and<br>embark on an evening streetfood<br>experience.                            |
|----------------|---|
| DAY 2:         | Explore Singapore's Marina Bay,<br>Little India and Chinatown on foot.                                  |
| DAYS<br>3-4:   | Wander the Dutch colonial<br>streets of old Malacca and take an<br>evening river cruise.                |
| DAY 5:         | Discover the Petronas Towers and sights of Kuala Lumpur.  |
| DAY 6:         | Climb the stairs up to Batu Caves<br>then stay in the rural countryside<br>at a lake-side homestay.     |
| DAY 7:         | Free morning to relax around the<br>lake with optional kayaking. Then<br>continue to Cameron Highlands. |
| DAY 8:         | Wander through the tea<br>plantations of the Cameron<br>Highlands and visit the 'Mossy<br>Forest'.      |
| DAY 9:         | Explore the temples and gardens<br>of Penang, and sample its<br>incredible array of food.               |
| DAYS<br>10-12: | Free time to relax on the white-<br>sand beaches of Langkawi.<br>Optional cycling or island hopping.    |
| DAY 13:        | Trip ends in Langkawi.  |

ACON! " So many highlights for me, every day was different! Seeing Mount Fuji as a backdrop over the sea from Kamakura was very special. "

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# **Simply Japan**

TRIP CODE - QJS | JAPAN



#### BEST SELLER

Japan has a culture of shyness that can be hard to penetrate, but this tour takes you beyond Tokyo's neon-lit Akihabara district to stay in a family run ryokan, join monks for morning prayer at the 7thcentury Zenkoji monastery and visit the 'chayas' (teahouses) of Kanazawa.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

**Tokyo** | Explore ultra-modern Tokyo, with the option to visit nearby Mount Fuji

**Kyoto** | Experience traditional Japan with temples, Zen gardens and geishas

Kanazawa | Discover the Samurai district and the secrets of the Ninja Temple

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefo<sup>e9</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$7200 NZ\$7470

per person, trip only. **(14 days)** 

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION:
   11 nights comfortable hotel
   1 night simple temple
   1 night simple ryokan
   Optional single rooms available
- TRANSPORT: Train | Bus | Boat
- MEALS: Breakfast: 13
- NEW **516kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



A food-filled adventure discovering the best of Japanese cuisine. Visit Tokyo's famous Tsujiki fish market, take a street food tour and fill up on sake and sushi. **Trip code: XJF** 





#### DAY 1: Join trip in Tokyo. DAYS Explore Tokyo with the option 2-3: to visit Hakone National Park for views of Mount Fuji. DAY 4: Travel by train to Matsumoto and discover Crow Castle. DAY 5: Meet the snow monkey of Jigokudani and spend the night in a temple. DAY 6: Join the monks for morning prayers and explore the Samurai district of Kanazawa. DAY 7: Free time in Kanazawa to try sushi at the Omichi Fish Market or discover the 'Ninja Temple'. DAY 8: Try sake in the old town of Takayama and stay in a familyrun ryokan. Travel by train to Hiroshima and DAY 9: experience the poignant Peace Park and Peace Museum. DAY 10: Take the ferry to Miyajima Island, meet the tame deer and see the floating torii gate. DAYS Take the bullet train to Kyoto. Free 11-12: time to explore the Zen gardens, temples and geisha district. DAY 13: Continue to explore Kyoto before travelling to Osaka for a final night among neon lights.

DAY 14: Trip ends in Osaka.



# Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast

TRIP CODE - RK | CANADA



#### BEST SELLER

The Canadian Rockies serves up scenery on steroids. Travelling between rugged Vancouver Island and rodeo-city Calgary, you'll be immersed in landscapes of alpine lakes, jagged ice-capped peaks and hot spring-studded parks brimming with wapiti, elk, moose and bear.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

Banff National Park | Including picture-postcard Lake Louise, Banff's scenery is hard to beat

**Icefields Parkway** | This epic drive is packed full of glaciers, lakes, waterfalls and bears

Pacific Rim National Park | Hike in temperate rainforest on Vancouver Island

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

## PRICES FROM AU\$6940 NZ\$7200

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:
 10 nights comfortable hotel
 2 nights comfortable lodge

2 nights comfortable cabins Optional single rooms available

Ferry | Minibus

#### MEALS: No meals are included



MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

#### WHY NOT TRY?

Hiking in the awe-inspiring Rockies, walking through some of the most spectacular landscapes on Earth. Trip code: WRK





#### DAYS Join trip in Calgary. Head to 1-2: Canmore, in the Rockies. DAY 3: Walk past tall pines and emerald lakes in Banff National Park. Choose to soak in hot springs. DAY 4: Visit world-famous Lake Louise one of Canada's most photographed natural features. DAY 5: Drive the epic Icefields Parkway to Jasper. Discover creaking glaciers and immense mountains, and spot bear en route. DAY 6: Spend a full day in Jasper National Park. Explore Maligne Canyon and look out for bear, elk and moose. DAY 7: Drive via Spahats Falls and Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rocky Mountains, to Clearwater. DAY 8: Hire a canoe in Wells Grav Provincial Park, or spot wildlife on the trails. Visit the massive Helmcken Falls. DAYS Journey to the pretty alpine village of Whistler. Take a cable car ride or go 9-10: hiking on mountain trails. DAY 11: Take a ferry to Vancouver Island and drive to the Pacific Rim National Park's wild rainforests. DAY 12: Free day on Vancouver Island for optional sea kayaking, whale watching or black bear spotting. DAY 13: Spend a day in coastal Victoria, exploring British Columbia's provincial capital. DAYS Walking tour of Vancouver, including 14-15: Stanley Park. Trip ends in Vancouver.

# **Fall Colours from Montreal to Boston**

TRIP CODE - NE | CANADA, USA



#### NEW TRIP

Soak up the sublime russets, reds, cinnamons, lemons and ambers that spread across northeast America and southwest Canada every fall. This tour stops at the most scenic lookouts and throws in a moose-spotting safari, a stop at witchy Salem and food sampling galore.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

National parks | Revel in the great outdoors, including a cable car up Cannon Mountain

Local cuisine | Try poutine, visit a maple sugar shack and sip Canadian wine

Boston | Take a student-led tour of Harvard University and walk along the 'Freedom Trail'

## PRICES FROM AU\$7550 NZ\$7830

per person, trip only. (12 days)

#### **AT A GLANCE**

| Ō | TRIP PACE: Moderate  |
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|   | ACCOMMODATION:   |
|   | 11 nights comfortable hotel  |
|   | Optional single rooms available                                      |
| ļ | TRANSPORT:<br>Ferry   Minibus  |
| × | MEALS: Breakfast: 6   Lunch: 2                                       |
| Q | <b>NEW 375kg</b> of CO <sup>2</sup> e<br>Average carbon footprint pp |

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Seeing spectacular autumn colours in Japan during October and November. Trip code: JS





| DAY 1:        | Join trip in Montreal (Canada).  |
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| DAY 2:        | Feast on a traditional rural lunch<br>at a rustic Canadian sugar shack (a<br>maple-producing cabin).                         |
| DAY 3:        | Sip wine at a local vineyard, try a poutine lunch and drive to leafy Magog.  |
| DAY 4:        | Walk in Orford National Park;<br>taste cheese made by monks at<br>the beautiful Abbaye Saint Benoit<br>monastery.            |
| DAY 5:        | Drive to Conway (USA) via<br>the stunning colours on the<br>Kancamagus Scenic Byway. Take a<br>cable car up Cannon Mountain. |
| DAY 6:        | Evening moose safari and walk in<br>Crawford Notch Park.   |
| DAY 7:        | Drive to Bar Harbor on the Eastern<br>Seabord of Maine.  |
| DAY 8:        | Explore Acadia National Park and its spectacular fall colours.   |
| DAYS<br>9-10: | Continue to Boston via<br>Kennebunkport and Salem.<br>Autumnal tour of the Salem Witch<br>Museum.                            |
| DAY 11:       | Take a student-led tour of Harvard<br>University. Afternoon at your<br>leisure to discover historic Boston.                  |
| DAY 12:       | Trip ends in Boston.   |



TRIP CODE - AKH | USA



## PRICES FROM AU\$8150 NZ\$8460 per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- TRIP PACE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION:
   9 nights comfortable hotel
   3 nights simple hotel
   1 night simple cabins
   Optional single rooms available
- TRANSPORT: Ferry | Minibus
- MEALS: No meals are included



## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WHY NOT TRY?

Discovering the jaw-dropping scenery and dramatic landscapes of New Zealand. **Trip code: NZL** 

Trip code: N





#### **BEST SELLER**

With 57 million acres untouched by man, Alaska offers a bear-claw handshake with nature that makes you feel alive. A collision of glaciers, canyons and snowcapped mountains peopled by bears, caribou, wolves and moose, you'll try to see it all on this epic road trip.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Denali National Park** | Wilderness hiking trails and abundant wildlife

**Seward** | Gateway to the spectacular landscapes of Kenai Fjords National Park

Valdez | Ferry ride across the Prince William Sound, with views to the Columbia Glacier PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:                                      | Join trip in Anchorage.  |
|---|--|
| DAY 2:                                      | Drive to Valdez, on the Prince<br>William Sound.   |
| DAY 3:                                      | Visit the waterfalls of Keystone<br>Canyon. Drive to McCarthy past<br>spectacular rivers and glaciers.   |
| DAY 4:                                      | Spot wildlife while walking amid the<br>towering mountains of Wrangell-St.<br>Elias National Park.   |
| DAY 5:                                      | Free day. Hike, whitewater raft or<br>take a scenic flight for stunning aerial<br>views of the national park.  |
| DAY 6:                                      | Head across tundra and past<br>glacial lakes to Tangle Lakes. See<br>magnificent views of Denali.  |
| DAYS  | Hike the park trails in Denali National  |
| 7-8:  | Park, a great place to try and spot<br>grizzly bear and caribou.   |
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| 7-8:<br>DAY 9:                              | Park, a great place to try and spot<br>grizzly bear and caribou.<br>Demonstration of the Denali<br>National Park's sled dogs. Drive to   |
| 7-8:<br>DAY 9:                              | Park, a great place to try and spot<br>grizzly bear and caribou.<br>Demonstration of the Denali<br>National Park's sled dogs. Drive to<br>the old mining town of Talkeetna.<br>Travel through the mountainous<br>landscapes of Hatcher's Pass and  |
| 7-8:<br>DAY 9:<br>DAY 10:<br>DAYS<br>11-12: | Park, a great place to try and spot<br>grizzly bear and caribou.<br>Demonstration of the Denali<br>National Park's sled dogs. Drive to<br>the old mining town of Talkeetna.<br>Travel through the mountainous<br>landscapes of Hatcher's Pass and<br>visit the famous gold mine.<br>Discover the glaciers, birdlife and<br>whale of the Kenai Fjords National<br>Park. Opt to take a cruise around |

# Western USA National Parks Explorer

TRIP CODE - YG | USA



Follow in the footsteps of movie stars on this unforgettable road trip through some of southwest USA's most iconic sites, from the Navajo Nation's Monument Valley and America's first national park, Yosemite, to getting your kicks on the famed 'Route 66'.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**San Francisco** | See Alcatraz from the heights of the Golden Gate Bridge

National Parks | Hike in Zion and the Grand Canyon; explore Yosemite and Capitol Reef

Las Vegas | End the trip in America's surreal and extravagant playground PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | feefo<sup>e9</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in San Francisco.           |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| DAY 2:  | Soak up the relaxed vibe of this      |
|         | hilly city, with views over the       |
|         | Golden Gate Bridge and an evening     |
|         | trip into chaotic Chinatown.          |
| DAY 3:  | Get out of the city and into verdant  |
|         | Yosemite, driving over the Sierra     |
|         | Nevada Mountains.                     |
| DAY 4:  | Walk the trails of Yosemite           |
|         | National Park, taking in its          |
|         | spectacular cliffs and waterfalls,    |
|         | and looking for wildlife.             |
| DAYS    | Cross Death Valley on the way to      |
| 5-6:    | the iconic city of Las Vegas. Opt for |
|         | a limo ride.                          |
| DAY 7:  | Journey to Zion National Park and     |
|         | explore on foot, walking to the       |
|         | Emerald Lakes.                        |
| DAY 8:  | Full day of walks in Zion National    |
|         | Park. Options include Angel's         |
|         | Landing and the Narrows River hike.   |
| DAY 9:  | View sunrise from Bryce Canyon        |
|         | and hike amid its multi-coloured      |
|         | landscape of ancient rock formations. |
| DAY 10: | Drive to Monument Valley. Free        |
|         | afternoon. Opt to take a Jeep tour    |
|         | with a Navajo guide.                  |
| DAYS    | Awe-inspiring views of the Grand      |
| 11-12:  | Canyon's south rim. Chance for        |
|         | a helicopter flight.                  |
| DAY 13: | Drive along the historic Route 66,    |
|         | rich in Americana, to Las Vegas.      |
|         | Check out the casinos of 'Sin City'.  |
| DAY 14: | Trip ends in Las Vegas.               |
|         |                                       |

## PRICES FROM AU\$7350 NZ\$7620 per person, trip only. (14 days) AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Full On

ACCOMMODATION: 11 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights premium hotel Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Minibus

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

MEALS: No meals are included

 NEW
 348kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

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WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE? If two weeks aren't enough, longer

itineraries are available that include the ancient cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde, and watching the sun set over

Arches National Park. Trip code: YG



# **Contrasts of Mexico**

TRIP CODE - MX | MEXICO, GUATEMALA, BELIZE



#### BEST SELLER

Combine Mexico, Guatemala and Belize on a journey through the ancient heartland of the Aztecs and Maya. Visit the indigenous Tzotzil community and the great Maya metropolis of Tikal, or book to travel over the famous Day of the Dead Festival.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Palenque | Uncover Maya history at these mysterious ruins, shrouded in dense jungle

**Oaxaca** | Wander the streets and markets of this delightful UNESCO World Heritage City

**Day of the Dead** | Experience this iconic festival, with special departures available

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>co</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$4090 NZ\$4250

per person, trip only. (15 days)





#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip with two nights on idyllic Caye Caulker, Belize, and visit Chichen Itza on the Yucatan Peninsula. **Trip code: MXY** 

YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE... Trying homemade tamales and mezcal on a foodie tour of Mexico's highlights.

Trip code: MXF



| DAY 1:        | Join trip in Mexico City.  |
|---------------|--|
| DAYS<br>2-3:  | Explore like a local, on foot and<br>by public transport. Visit the<br>Teotihuacan Pyramids.             |
| DAYS<br>4-5:  | Walking tour of the colonial city of<br>Oaxaca, and the ancient complex<br>of pyramids at Monte Alban.   |
| DAY 6:        | Visit the Zapotec site, Mitla, and the 2,000 year old Tule tree en route to the isthmus of Tehuantepec.  |
| DAY 7:        | Take a boat trip through the vast<br>Sumidero Canyon. Continue to the<br>highland town of San Cristobal. |
| DAY 8:        | Discover the indigenous village of<br>San Juan Chamula on foot. Explore<br>the colourful markets.        |
| DAYS<br>9-10: | Travel to the important Maya site<br>of Palenque, covered in rainforest,<br>and bathe in waterfalls.     |
| DAY 11:       | Explore Bonampak and Yaxchilan<br>ruins. Discover the well-preserved<br>Maya murals and carvings.        |
| DAY 12:       | Cross over to the Guatemalan<br>rainforest by boat, and choose to<br>take a trip onto Lake Peten Itza.   |
| DAY 13:       | Discover Tikal's magnificent<br>20-storey-high temples and<br>pyramids, poking out of the jungle.        |
| DAY 14:       | Drive into Belize and explore the little-known Xunantunich ruins.  |
| DAY 15:       | Head to Belize City Airport where the trip ends.   |


TRIP CODE - **BL** | BELIZE, GUATEMALA



#### PRICES FROM AU\$5000 NZ\$5190 per person, trip only. (13 days) AT A GLANCE MIP PACE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 8 nights comfortable hotel 4 nights comfortable lodge Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat

MEALS: Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 2



## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





#### WHY NOT TRY?

If you're looking for stunning beaches, iconic wildlife and culture then you might also be interested in Sri Lanka. **Trip code: SL** 



#### **BEST SELLER**

Seemingly straight from the pages of an adventure novel, Central America's second-smallest country is a jungleclad wildlife haven where you can hike, snorkel and dine on freshly-caught lobster. Spend your free time soaking up the Caribbean vibe.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Maya sites | Get up close to the temples of Tikal and float down the river to Lamanai

Belize Barrier Reef | Snorkel in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea

Wildlife | Find monkey, toucan, crocodile and many more in diverse natural habitats

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

| DAY 1:        | Join trip in Belize City.  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| DAY 2:        | Visit the Maya site of Altun Ha and<br>drive to Crooked Tree wetlands for<br>a sunset bird watching cruise.  |  |
| DAY 3:        | Boat journey along the river to<br>explore the remote jungle ruins of<br>Lamanai, bird watching en route.  |  |
| DAYS<br>4-5:  | Visit a baboon sanctuary and<br>continue to Placencia. Snorkel off<br>tropical islands.  |  |
| DAY 6:        | Walk through pristine tropical<br>forest in the Cockscomb Jaguar<br>Sanctuary. Take a refreshing dip<br>at the Blue Hole en route to San<br>Ignacio. |  |
| DAY 7:        | Explore the Xunantunich<br>archaeological site including the<br>massive pyramid of El Castillo.  |  |
| DAY 8:        | Take a day at leisure. Visit the<br>impressive Belize Botanical<br>Gardens or paddle by canoe<br>through tropical forest.                            |  |
| DAYS<br>9-10: | Discover the great Maya temples<br>of Tikal, Guatemala, that pierce the<br>dense jungle canopy.  |  |
| DAY 11:       | Return to Belize City. Take a short<br>boat ride to the idyllic Caribbean<br>island of Caye Caulker.   |  |
| DAY 12:       | Relax on the island. Spot manatee<br>at Goff's Caye, or take a trip to Hol<br>Chan Marine Reserve, one of the<br>best snorkelling spots in Belize.   |  |
| DAY 13:       | Trip ends on Caye Caulker.   |  |

Birds everywhere! Beautiful hummingbirds in the cloud forest – amazing being in the clouds as the mist filtered through the forest trees.

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## Sosta Rica Wildlife Tour

TRIP CODE - CC | COSTA RICA



#### BEST SELLER

Home to half a million species – from algae-cloaked sloths to the emerald Resplendent Quetzal – Costa Rica packs a huge wildlife punch. Brave a night walk to spot tarantulas, cruise through jungle canals and tuck into a meal at a traditional finca. Welcome to 'La Pura Vida.'

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tortuguero** | Cruise the jungle waterways and explore the rainforest of this 'mini Amazon'

**Rafting** | Whitewater raft through rainforest on the Pacuare River

Manuel Antonio | Share the white-sand beaches with capuchin monkey and iguana

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefoes

### PRICES FROM AU\$5170 NZ\$5370

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate

ACCOMMODATION: 6 nights comfortable lodge 5 nights comfortable hotel 3 nights premium hotel Optional single rooms available

- TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat
- MEALS: Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 3
- NEW **172kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### WHY NOT TRY?

Discovering the beauty and diversity of Costa Rica by bike, cycling from the Caribbean to Pacific coast.

Trip code: CCR





| DAY 1:         | Join trip in San Jose.   |
|----------------|--|
| DAY 2:         | Walk to the volcanic crater of<br>Poas and try out traditional oxcart<br>painting.   |
| DAYS<br>3-4:   | Discover the Savegre Cloud Forest<br>and spend time spotting vibrant<br>bird species on the forest trails.                       |
| DAYS<br>5-6:   | Drive to Turrialba. Eat at a traditional <i>finca</i> and whitewater raft on the forest-covered Pacuare River.                   |
| DAY 7:         | Journey by bus and boat to<br>Tortuguero National Park wetlands,<br>often described as a 'mini Amazon'.                          |
| DAY 8:         | Cruise the jungle waterways<br>searching for wildlife including<br>monkey and toucan.  |
| DAY 9:         | Return by boat to Cano Blanco and<br>drive to Sarapiqui. Take a night walk<br>through the forest.                                |
| DAY 10:        | Discover wildlife hidden amongst the<br>trees of the Selva Verde Rainforest<br>Reserve. Head to Arenal for volcano<br>views.     |
| DAY 11:        | Free day to explore Arenal's<br>National Park. Discover waterfalls<br>and wildlife in the shadow of<br>Arenal's conical volcano. |
| DAY 12:        | Walk the beautiful trails of the<br>Carara Biological Reserve and drive<br>to Manuel Antonio.                                    |
| DAYS<br>13-14: | Relax on the white-sand beaches<br>of Manuel Antonio National Park,<br>snorkel or look for sloth in the park.                    |
| DAY 15:        | Drive back to San Jose International<br>Airport where the trip ends.   |

## **Cuba Libre!**

TRIP CODE - CL | CUBA



Castro, cigars and fifties-style Cadillacs - Cuba is a time warp of immeasurable charm. Travel the length of the Caribbean's largest island, from colonial Santiago and creative Camaguey in the wild east to salsa-capital Havana and the tobacco fields of Vinales in the west.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Trinidad | Music bursts from every corner of this colonial town; explore it from a homestay

**Escambray Mountains** | Swim in fresh water pools and camp out under the stars

**Revolutionary history** | Visit Castro's mountain hideout and the Bay of Pigs museum PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star$  | **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

#### PRICES FROM AU\$3060 NZ\$3170 per person, trip only. (15 days)

AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Full On
 ACCOMMODATION:

 nights comfortable hotel
 nights comfortable casa particular
 nights simple camping
 Optional single rooms available

 TRANSPORT:
 Bus

 MEALS:
 Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 2

 MEXX 492kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e
 Average carbon footprint pp

 MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

 I I M A M J J A S I N D



Our shorter Best of Western Cuba tour, which covers the highlights of Havana, Trinidad and the coast in just eight days. **Trip code: CN** 





| DAYS<br>1-2:   | Join trip in Havana and experience<br>the faded colonial splendour of<br>Cuba's capital.                  |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| DAY 3:         | Drive to Vinales and explore the dramatic limestone landscape and tobacco fields on foot.                 |  |
| DAY 4:         | Visit the paradise orchid gardens<br>at Soroa and continue to Santa<br>Clara via the Che Memorial.        |  |
| DAY 5:         | Take a pilgrimage to Che Guevara's<br>Mausoleum, learning about the<br>revolutionary's life and work.     |  |
| DAY 6:         | Jump in a bicitaxi to explore<br>Camaguey and then drive into the<br>Sierra Maestra Mountains.            |  |
| DAY 7:         | Trek through the jungle to the site<br>of Castro's rebel headquarters,<br>Comandancia de la Plata.        |  |
| DAYS<br>8-9:   | Explore Santiago de Cuba on foot<br>and drive to Trinidad via the beach<br>at Santa Lucia.                |  |
| DAY 10:        | Walking tour through the narrow streets and twisting alleyways of colonial Trinidad.                      |  |
| DAY 11:        | Drive to the Escambray Mountains<br>and walk to waterfalls, stopping<br>for a dip. Camp out in haciendas. |  |
| DAY 12:        | Walk to La Batata and El Altar<br>caves, spotting bird en route.<br>Overnight camp.                       |  |
| DAY 13:        | Visit the museum dedicated to the<br>Bay of Pigs and swim in a <i>cenote</i><br>(limestone cave).         |  |
| DAYS<br>14-15: | Free day to explore Havana where the trip ends.   |  |

## Volcanoes and Galapagos

TRIP CODE - GPS | ECUADOR, THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



#### **BEST SELLER**

Blending culture and creatures, this tour of Ecuador and the Galapagos takes you from the UNESCO-listed cobbled streets of Quito to Charles Darwin's 'little world within itself' to snorkel, scale a volcano and see world-famous wildlife.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

DAY 1:

Avenue of the Volcanoes | Hike under the snow-capped cone of Cotopaxi Volcano

Mindo Cloud Forest | Spot hummingbird and visit a community project

Galapagos | Get up close to Darwinian wildlife on these paradise islands

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**eo

## PRICES FROM AU\$6330 NZ\$6560

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### **AT A GLANCE**

TRIP PACE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 9 nights comfortable hotel

> 4 nights comfortable lodge 1 night comfortable hostel Optional single rooms available

TRANSPORT: Bus | Boat | Flight

MEALS: Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 3



MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

Average carbon footprint pp

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#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Visit Machu Picchu too, on a tour combining two of South America's most iconic destinations. Trip code: GSM





#### airport. Drive into the rural Andes. Visit a DAY 2: condor sanctuary and experience the colours and sounds of Otavalo's indigenous market. Walk around Cuicocha Lake and DAY 3: share a traditional lunch in an indigenous community. DAYS Spot butterfly, orchid and 4-5: hummingbird at the Mindo Cloud Forest Reserve. DAY 6: Return to Quito and discover the

Join trip in Tumbaco, near Quito's

|                | colonial capital with its splendid churches and cobbled plazas.  |
|----------------|--|
| DAYS<br>7-8:   | Walk in the Cotopaxi National Park<br>before flying to the Galapagos.<br>Search for giant tortoise in<br>Santa Cruz. |
| DAY 9:         | Sail to volcanic Isabela Island.<br>Walk through wetlands to a turtle<br>breeding centre.                            |
| DAY 10:        | Hike the Sierra Negra Volcano to<br>admire panoramas of the islands.<br>Afternoon snorkelling excursion.             |
| DAYS<br>11-12: | Yachting trips to spot wildlife such<br>as land iguana, sea lion, Galapagos<br>penguin and blue-footed booby.        |
| DAY 13:        | View the turtle nesting ground at<br>Tortuga Bay and the Charles Darwin<br>Research Station.                         |
| DAYS<br>14-15: | Return to the mainland. Choose to take a guided city tour of Guayaquil   |

where the trip ends.

## **Classic Peru**

TRIP CODE - PS | PERU



#### BEST SELLER

Combine Peru's wild landscapes, such as volcano-ringed Arequipa and condorpatrolled Colca Canyon, with a chance to immerse yourself in its Incan heritage, from UNESCO-listed Machu Pichu to a stay on Taquile Island, where the locals still speak Quechua.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

DAY 1: Join trip in Lima.

Lake Titicaca | Enjoy local hospitality in a homestay on this magnificent lake

**Misminay** | Stargaze with this indigenous community in the Sacred Valley

Inti Raymi | Witness the Inca Festival of the Sun on our special June departure

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefo<sup>eo</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$4200 NZ\$4360

per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:

 12 nights comfortable hotel
 1 night simple village house
 Optional single rooms available

 TRANSPORT:

 Bus | Boat | Flight | Train

#### MEALS: Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1



## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip and take a boat into the Peruvian Amazon, spending three nights at a jungle lodge. **Trip code: AMZ** 





#### Fly to Arequipa. Free afternoon to DAY 2: explore the cobbled streets of this beautiful colonial city. DAY 3: Get lost at the fascinating 500 year-old Santa Catalina Convent, an enormous citadel within the city. DAYS Drive north to the altiplano. 4-5: Visit Colca Canyon and spot the Andean condor flying overhead. DAY 6: Sail Lake Titicaca and discover floating islands made of reeds. Homestay on Taquile Island. **DAY 7:** Walk to Inca ruins with panoramic views of the lake, before sailing back to Puno. **DAY 8:** Journey over high Andean passes

|        | and past Inca sites to reach the  |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
|        | Sacred Valley.                    |
| DAY 9: | Free day. Go whitewater rafting   |
|        | or visit the Maras and Moray salt |

bit viate the hards and hordy surface terraces. Dinner and stargazing evening in the Sacred Valley.DAY 10: Travel to the ancient mystical site of Machu Picchu by train and bus.

Explore on foot with a local guide.DAY 11:Free time in Aguas Calientes.<br/>Opt to revisit the site or hike up<br/>Huayna Picchu. Train and bus<br/>to Cusco.DAYSWalking tour of the city. Visit the<br/>I2-13:<br/>Sacsayhuaman Fortress and the<br/>Inca Temple of the Sun.

DAY 14: Trip ends in Cusco.

## **Adventures in Patagonia**

TRIP CODE - PA | ARGENTINA, CHILE



#### PRICES FROM AU\$7350 NZ\$7620 per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

 TRIP PACE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:

 13 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available
 TRANSPORT: Bus | Ferry | Flight

MEALS: Breakfast: 13 | Dinner: 3







#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Trekking through the heart of Los Glaciares National Park to the magnificent Fitz Roy Massif and hiking the famous 'W' Trek. **Trip code: TPF** 





#### **BEST SELLER**

Spanning the southern tip of Argentina and Chile, Patagonia boasts some of Earth's most jaw-dropping landscapes and is the prime place to unleash your inner explorer, whether it's hiking past emerald lakes, or walking on South America's most magnificent glacier.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Perito Moreno Glacier** | Get closer with an exciting boat trip or hike on the ice itself

**Torres del Paine** | Walk among glacial lakes and mountain ranges in this immense national park

**Buenos Aires** | See live tango in La Boca and discover arty San Telmo

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**es

| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Buenos Aires.   |
|----------------|--|
| DAY 2:         | Explore the capital's diverse<br>barrios, from colourful La Boca<br>to arty San Telmo. Sample local<br>pastries at a cafecito.       |
| DAY 3:         | Fly to Ushuaia. Free afternoon. Set<br>sail to see glaciers or penguin in<br>the Beagle Channel.                                     |
| DAY 4:         | Walk coastal trails in Tierra del<br>Fuego National Park. Discover its<br>forests, lakes and wildlife.                               |
| DAYS<br>5-6:   | Travel by bus and ferry to Punta<br>Arenas in Chile. Continue to<br>Torres del Paine National Park.                                  |
| DAY 7:         | Experience breathtaking glaciers,<br>waterfalls, lakes and jagged<br>mountain peaks.   |
| DAY 8:         | Nature walks with stunning views<br>of Lake Pehoe. Zodiac trip to<br>Serrano Glacier available.                                      |
| DAY 9:         | Drive to El Calafate, gateway to<br>Los Glaciares National Park.   |
| DAY 10:        | View the incredible Perito Moreno<br>Glacier. Opportunity to trek on the<br>ice or take a boat ride up close to<br>the glacier face. |
| DAY 11:        | Drive to El Chalten. Spot wildlife in<br>the Huemul Reserve, or hike to the<br>Vespignani Glacier lookout.                           |
| DAY 12:        | Hike to the base of the Fitz Roy<br>Massif for spectacular views.  |
| DAYS<br>13-14: | Fly to Buenos Aires where the trip ends.   |



## Get ready for an unforgettable trip to the polar circles

If you enjoy wildlife and wilderness, and you're looking for an experience unlike any other, the Polar Regions should not be missed. Choose from the Arctic – home to polar bear and walrus – or Antarctica, for its towering icebergs and bustling penguin rookeries.

# What to expect from a Polar voyage?



#### Unforgettable experiences

Our aim is to maximise your time spent off the ship, seeing amazing landscapes and wildlife up-close.



#### Expert knowledge

All of our polar ships have an on-board team of highly experienced expedition crew and naturalist guides.



### Small ships

Enjoy a small ship experience with fewer passengers on board.

### Responsible at heart

We select partners who subscribe to the highest environmental and safety guidelines.





## Arctic vs Antarctica

#### The Arctic

Go in search of polar bear, walrus, arctic fox and seal on a voyage to the Arctic. In true expedition style, you'll need to expect the unexpected; each trip is unique as itineraries change to make the most of the conditions and wildlife sightings. The Arctic offers unparalleled encounters with the natural world at its most rugged and wild.

Zodiac-cruise through drifting pack ice, keeping a lookout for seal and whale; explore majestic fjords where glaciers meet the ocean, and step ashore to uncover rare flora and fauna existing in the bleak tundra. Immerse yourself in rich history, fascinating traditional culture and experience the warm welcome of local Inuit people in remote Greenland settlements.

#### Antarctica

Sail across the renowned Drake Passage to reach the Great White Continent or make the journey by plane on one of our fly and cruise trips. Antarctica is a place like no other, home to enchanting wildlife and mind-blowing panoramas of frozen landscapes that invoke a deep sense of peace.

> "If I could pocket the feeling, I would. It's like nowhere else on earth!" Vanessa Fowler, Polar Product Manager

Meander through the ice-choked waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula with towering icebergs jolting out of the calm inky-blue waters, as you go in search of penguin, seal and a plethora of seabirds. Learn all about the region's fascinating history and the intrepid explorers who first discovered it, including Sir Ernest Shackleton and Roald Amundsen.

You'll find some of our most popular polar trips on the next page, but there are dozens more online. You can also request a copy of our Polar voyages brochure to find out more – it's packed full of information about when to visit, the wildlife you'll see, what activities are available, and the expert leaders who'll accompany you on your trip.

To see our Polar brochure online, go to: exploreworldwide.com.au/brochures or exploreworldwide.co.nz/brochures

# Polar Voyages

We offer a whole range of Polar voyages and, whether you choose the Arctic or Antarctica, it's sure to be one of the most awe-inspiring and rewarding journeys you'll ever make. We've handpicked some of our favourites to get you started but head to our website to see all the Polar trips we offer.

#### Realm of the Polar Bear in Depth

Enjoy the best of Svalbard, a world of endless daylight where polar bear sightings quicken your pulse, guillemot cries echo from sea cliffs and mink whales rise from the sea. Explore tundra adorned with wildflowers, historic camps of explorers and beautiful Norwegian fjords.

Trip code: GMSO



For more information check online or contact your travel agent.



#### Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland

Zodiac-cruise among spectacular icebergs, keeping watch for seabirds, walrus and polar bear. Visit Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements on earth, hike through the arctic tundra and visit the Land of Fire and Ice.

Trip code: GMGI



#### The Northwest Passage

Sail the Northwest Passage, carving through the labyrinthine maze of waterways that hug the islands of Arctic Canada. Visit historic sites, meet the incredible folk that call this region home, and search for iconic wildlife.

Trip code: SENW



Immerse yourself in the raw beauty of the Great White Continent. Explore the ice-filled waters by Zodiac and take part in immersive shore landings. Visit penguin rookeries, spot humpback and minke whale and look out for leopard seal, all while calving glaciers can be heard in the distance.

Trip code: OECA





#### The Antarctic Peninsula and Weddell Sea

This voyage gives you the best of both sides of the Antarctic Peninsula; the wildlife-filled and ice-packed channels of the west, and the rugged remoteness and vast wilderness of the east. See huge tabular icebergs and feel the true sense of isolation experienced by Shackleton and his crew.

Trip code: OEWS



Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica

Discover the fascinating history and spectacular birdlife of the Falkland Islands, marvel at awe-inspiring king penguin colonies in South Georgia, and Zodiac-cruise past iridescent blue icebergs.

Trip code: SEFS





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A walking holiday is an ideal way to explore a destination in depth and take in its landscapes. From mountains to coastlines, deserts to villages, nothing gets you closer to a country than walking through it. We've got trips to suit walkers of all levels and interests.

# How fit do I need to be?

All our Walking holidays are graded from 'Leisurely' through to 'Challenging and Tough'. On our online trip pages you'll find a chart showing the daily walk distances, timings and information on the route including the terrain, ascents and descents. Generally, no specific training is needed but it's always a good idea to get out walking a few times in the lead-up to your trip.

For more information on walking grades, see page 88.

# What will the group be like?

As with all our trips, every group is different but the 'average' group consists of roughly half solo travellers and the rest made up of couples, friends and family travelling together.

You'll always have someone to keep you company along the route, but you don't always have to walk together. Wherever possible your Explore leader will allow everyone to walk at their own pace, regrouping regularly along the route.

# What about the logistics?

On nearly all our Walking trips, your main luggage will be transported for you, so you're free to walk with just a light rucksack. We recommend you carry water, snacks, a camera, a small first aid kit and any extra clothing or sun protection. On more remote or challenging treks, additional guides are there to assist the leader and provide support to the group.

# Will I need to walk every day?

Typically, we select the very best walks in a country or region, include any must-see highlights along the way and also build in some free time. Some of our most popular European trips are Centre-Based. This relaxed style of holiday involves staying in one place and getting to know the area in greater depth. It's very flexible and you can choose to do as many (or few) of the walks as you like. We also have Point-to-Point trips where almost the entire journey is on foot and you'll need to take part in all the walks.



# Choosing your Walking holicay

Our walks and treks are all graded by difficulty taking into consideration the daily distances covered, the terrain, ascents and descents, climate and altitude. The Trip Notes on our website contain detailed information about what to expect to help you choose a trip which suits your fitness and experience level.

## Walking grades



Good paths, low altitude and mostly undemanding terrain, with plenty of nonwalking time in the itinerary. Ideal for those in good health who can walk three to five hours in a day. Previous walking experience is not necessary.



Expect a mix of leisurely and moderate walks on fairly good paths at low altitude, with some more demanding ascents and descents and occasionally tricky terrain to spice it up just a little.



With generally good paths at low altitude (mainly below 2,500m), this is best for fit and active people who can walk three to seven hours a day with some more challenging terrain and demanding ascents and descents.



Combining moderate walks with some challenging hikes and demanding treks on difficult terrain or at higher altitudes, this is perfect for fit walkers who want to challenge themselves.



Trekking days are generally between six to eight hours, with some long, steep ascents and descents, sometimes at high altitude and on difficult terrain. A good fitness level and previous trekking experience is recommended.



Difficult terrain often at high altitudes and long trekking days (sometimes over nine hours). Requires a high level of fitness and you should be a confident, experienced trekker.

## Walking trips

Here's a summary of all the Walking trips we offer and where to find out more. We've included some of our favourites on the following pages, but you'll find our full programme on our website.

| COUNTRIES   | TRIP NAME  | POINT-TO-<br>POINT | CENTRE-<br>BASED | DAYS         | TRIP CODE         | PAGE |
|---|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|------|
| LEISURELY   |  |                    |                  |              |                   |      |
| ITALY   | A TASTE OF ITALY - WALKING IN EMILIA ROMAGNA   |                    |                  | 8            | TOER              |      |
| ITALY   | A TASTE OF ITALY - WALKING IN PUGLIA   |                    |                  | 8            | TOP               |      |
| MOROCCO   | WALKING IN MOROCCO - ATLAS TO ATLANTIC   |                    |                  | 8            | MAA               |      |
| NEW ZEALAND<br>PORTUGAL   | WALKING IN NEW ZEALAND<br>★ BEST SELLER WALKING IN PORTUGAL - EASTERN ALGARVE  |                    | ✓                | 19<br>8      | WZN<br>WIA        |      |
| SPAIN - PORTUGAL  | WALKS AND WINE TASTING IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL   |                    | •                | 12           | MWW               | 91   |
| LEISURELY AND MODERATE  | WAEKSAND WINE IASTING IN SPAIN AND FORTOGAE  |                    |                  | 12           |                   | /1   |
| GREECE  | GREEK CRUISE AND ISLAND WALKING  |                    | ~                | 8            | GCW               |      |
| ITALY   | LAKE COMO WALKING  |                    | <b>~</b>         | 8            | LC                |      |
| ITALY   | ★ BEST SELLER AMALFI COAST WALKING   |                    | ~                | 8            | NAW               | 97   |
| ITALY   | WALKING IN SICILY  |                    | ~                | 8            | SIT               |      |
| MONTENEGRO - CROATIA  | WALKING MONTENEGRO AND THE CROATIAN ISLANDS  |                    |                  | 8            | WCM               |      |
| NEPAL - BHUTAN  | WALKING IN BHUTAN  |                    |                  | 11           | WBHU              |      |
| NORTH CYPRUS  | ★ BEST SELLER WALKING IN NORTHERN CYPRUS   |                    | ~                | 8            | LNC               | 102  |
| PORTUGAL (AZORES)   | ★ BEST SELLER WALKING IN THE AZORES  |                    |                  | 14           | AZ                |      |
| PORTUGAL  | ★ BEST SELLER WALKING IN PORTUGAL - REMOTE COASTAL TRAILS  |                    | ~                | 8            | POR               | 93   |
| SLOVENIA  |  |                    | ✓                | 8            | WSO               |      |
| SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS)<br>TURKEY  | CANARY ISLANDS WALKING - LANZAROTE   |                    | ~                | 8            | LZT               |      |
|   | WALKING TURKEY'S TURQUOISE COAST<br>WALKING IN VIETNAM   |                    | ✓                | 8            | WTC<br>WVN        | 111  |
| VIETNAM<br>UNITED KINGDOM   | WALKING IN VIETNAM<br>WALK NORTHUMBERLAND  |                    | ~                | 14<br>6      | WNU               | 111  |
| UNITED KINGDOM  | WALKING SCOTLAND'S ORKNEY ISLANDS  |                    | *<br>*           | 7            | ORK               |      |
| MODERATE  | WALKING SCOTLAND S OKKILLI ISLANDS   |                    | •                | ,            | OKK               |      |
| ALBANIA   | ★ BEST SELLER WALKING ALBANIA  |                    |                  | 8            | ALW               | 101  |
| ANDORRA   | WALKING IN THE ANDORRAN PYRENEES   |                    | ~                | 8            | PAW               |      |
| CANADA  | WALKING IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES  |                    |                  | 13           | WRK               | 113  |
| CROATIA   | ★ BEST SELLER WALKS AND COASTAL TOWNS OF CROATIA   |                    |                  | 8            | СО                | 99   |
| CROATIA   | NEW WALKING CROATIA'S ISTRIAN PENINSULA  |                    |                  | 8            | WCI               | 100  |
| GEORGIA   | HIKING IN THE GEORGIAN CAUCASUS  |                    |                  | 9            | WGEO              | 109  |
| GREECE  | WALKING IN CRETE   |                    |                  | 8            | CR                |      |
| GREECE  | WALKING THE CORFU TRAIL (SOUTH)  | ×                  |                  | 8            | CF                | 103  |
| INDIA   | WALKING IN KERALA  |                    |                  | 11           | WIK               | 100  |
| ITALY   | ★ BEST SELLER HIKING IN THE DOLOMITES  |                    | ~                | 8            | DW                | 94   |
| ITALY   | WALKING IN SARDINIA  |                    |                  | 8            | SAR               |      |
| JAPAN   | WALK JAPAN - KUMANO KODO TRAIL   |                    |                  | 12           | WJP               |      |
| JORDAN  | ★ BEST SELLER WALKING JORDAN'S SPICE TRAILS  |                    |                  | 8            | TP                | 105  |
| KYRGYZSTAN  | WALKING IN KYRGYZSTAN  |                    |                  | 9            | WKYZ              | 100  |
| MADAGASCAR<br>MALTA   | MADAGASCAR WILDERNESS TREK<br>MALTA AND GOZO WALKING   |                    | TWIN-CENTRE      | 15<br>8      | MF<br>WML         | 108  |
| NEPAL   | WALLIA AND GOZO WALKING<br>WALKING THE ANNAPURNA FOOTHILLS   |                    | TWIN-CENTRE      | 13           | RT                |      |
| NEPAL   | ANNAPURNA LUXURY LODGE TREK  |                    |                  | 13           | LAN               |      |
| POLAND  | HIKING IN THE POLISH CARPATHIANS   | •                  |                  | 8            | WPS               |      |
| PORTUGAL (MADEIRA)  | ★ BEST SELLER WALKING IN MADEIRA   |                    |                  | 8            | TM                | 92   |
| SPAIN   | WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO   | ~                  |                  | 12           | CDS               | 98   |
| SPAIN   | TREKKING IN SPAIN - PICOS DE EUROPA  |                    | <b>~</b>         | 8            | PC                | 95   |
| SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS)  | CANARY ISLANDS WALKING - LA GOMERA AND TENERIFE  |                    | TWIN-CENTRE      | 8            | OC                |      |
| SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS)  | ★ BEST SELLER CANARY ISLANDS WALKING - GRAN CANARIA  |                    | TWIN-CENTRE      | 8            | LOC               |      |
| SPAIN (MALLORCA)  | WALKING IN MALLORCA  |                    | TWIN-CENTRE      | 8            | MAL               |      |
| SRI LANKA   | WALKING IN SRI LANKA   |                    |                  | 14           | WSL               |      |
| TURKEY  | ★ BEST SELLER HIKING TURKEY'S LYCIAN WAY   | ~                  |                  | 8            | LW                | 104  |
| UNITED KINGDOM  | PEMBROKESHIRE COAST WALKING  |                    | ✓                | 6            | WPM               |      |
| UNITED KINGDOM  | WALK THE LAKE DISTRICT   |                    | ~                | 7            | WLD               | 90   |
| UNITED KINGDOM  | WALK THE NORTH WEST HIGHLANDS AND SKYE   |                    |                  | 8            | WHS               |      |
| UNITED KINGDOM  | WALK THE SOUTH DOWNS SHORT BREAK   |                    | ~                | 4            | WSD               |      |
| MODERATE AND CHALLENGIN   |  |                    |                  | 4.1          |                   |      |
| ARGENTINA - CHILE<br>GREECE   | TREK PATAGONIA - FITZ ROY AND TORRES DEL PAINE   |                    |                  | 14           | TPF<br>FA         |      |
| MOROCCO   | WALKING THE CORFU TRAIL (NORTH)<br>★ BEST SELLER TOUBKAL CLIMB   | ✓<br>✓             |                  | 8            | FA<br>MJ          | 106  |
| OMAN  | ★ BEST SELLER TOUBKAL CLIMB     OMAN TREKKING  | ✓<br>✓             |                  | 8<br>10      | WOM               | 100  |
| PERU  | ★ BEST SELLER INCA TRAIL TREK  | ¥                  |                  | 9            | PQ                | 112  |
|   | WALK PERU'S INCA TRAIL AND PALCCOYO RAINBOW MOUNTAIN   | *                  |                  | 14           | PM                |      |
| PERU  |  | ¥                  |                  | 19           | PE                |      |
| PERU  | PERU IN DEPTH AND THE INCA TRAIL   | -                  |                  |              |                   |      |
|   | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK  |                    |                  | 8            | TTA               |      |
| PERU  |  |                    | ✓                | 8            | TTA<br>WSW        |      |
| PERU<br>ROMANIA   | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK  |                    | *                |              |                   |      |
| PERU<br>ROMANIA<br>UNITED KINGDOM   | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK  | ✓                  | *                |              |                   | _    |
| PERU<br>ROMANIA<br>UNITED KINGDOM<br>CHALLENGING  | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK<br>SNOWDONIA WALKING SHORT BREAK   | *<br>*             | *                | 5            | WSW               |      |
| PERU<br>ROMANIA<br>UNITED KINGDOM<br>CHALLENGING<br>FRANCE - SWITZERLAND - ITALY            | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK<br>SNOWDONIA WALKING SHORT BREAK<br>TOUR DU MOUNT BLANC TREK                                 |                    | ~                | 5<br>11      | WSW<br>MBT        |      |
| PERU<br>ROMANIA<br>UNITED KINGDOM<br>CHALLENGING<br>FRANCE - SWITZERLAND - ITALY<br>MOROCCO | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK<br>SNOWDONIA WALKING SHORT BREAK<br>TOUR DU MOUNT BLANC TREK<br>TOUBKAL CLIMB - LONG WEEKEND | ✓                  | *                | 5<br>11<br>5 | WSW<br>MBT<br>ATA | 110  |

## Walk the Lake District

TRIP CODE - WLD | ENGLAND





#### PRICES FROM AU\$2820 NZ\$2920 per person, trip only. (7 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 6 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 6 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 6 ✓ Centre-Based

NEW 117kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D





| DAILY DISTANCES |      |        |
|-----------------|------|--------|
| Day 2           | 14km | 6hrs   |
| Day 3           | 11km | 5-6hrs |
| Day 4           | 15km | 7hrs   |
| Day 5           | 14km | 5-6hrs |
| Day 6           | 13km | 5-6hrs |



This walking holiday explores the trails and scenery of the beautiful Northern Lake District. From our comfortable 3-star hotel base located in the Borrowdale Valley, we enjoy some of the best walking in Wainwright country such as Scafell Pike, Haystacks and Cat Bells.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Northern Lakes | Superb hiking amongst the rugged hills and mountains

All meals included | Excellent dinners with seasonal ingredients

In expert hands | Knowledgeable and experienced mountain leader PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefo<sup>eo</sup>

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Seatoller, Borrowdale<br>Valley.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Hike to Keswick via Cat Bells with fabulous views of Derwent Water and surrounding mountains.                                 |
| DAY 3: | Walk from Buttermere Lake to<br>Haystacks - Wainwright's favourite<br>fell-top - with great views across<br>Ennerdale Valley. |
| DAY 4: | Hike up Scafell Pike, England's<br>highest peak at 978m. Optional<br>easier walk to Sprinkling Tarn.                          |
| DAY 5: | Walk from Keswick on the<br>Cumbria Way up Latrigg and<br>Lonscale Craggs for fine views.                                     |
| DAY 6: | Hike from pretty hamlet of<br>Stonethwaite to Grasmere,<br>inspiration for William<br>Wordsworth.                             |
| DAY 7: | Trip ends in Seatoller.   |





LEISURELY

## Walks & Wine Tasting in Spain & Portugal

TRIP CODE - MWW | PORTUGAL, SPAIN



Ideal for those who enjoy wine, culture and countryside walks this journey from Madrid to Porto ventures through the Ribera del Duero region of Spain and the Douro winelands of Portugal. Sample regional vintages, explore national parks and stay in beautiful medieval towns.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Segovia | UNESCO World Heritage city and walks in nearby Guadarrama National Park

**Douro Valley** | Train ride snaking through the beautiful natural scenery of northern Portugal

**Porto** | UNESCO World Heritage riverside city famous for its port wine

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

## PRICES FROM AU\$3740 NZ\$3870

per person, trip only. (12 days)



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# DAILY DISTANCES Day 3 10km 3hrs Day 4 3hrs 3hrs Day 5 5km 1.5hrs

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| ay 7 | 11km | 3hrs   |
| ay 8 | 15km | 4.5hrs |
| ay 9 | 4km  | 1.5hrs |





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|---------|---------------------------------------|
| DAT 1:  | Join trip in Madrid, Spain's          |
| DAVO    | fascinating capital city.             |
| DAY 2:  | Walking tour of the city's main       |
|         | sites, tastings in the market.        |
|         | Afternoon free to explore.            |
| DAY 3:  | Walk into Guadarrama National         |
|         | Park. Drive to Segovia.               |
| DAY 4:  | Explore the UNESCO Heritage           |
|         | City of Segovia.                      |
| DAY 5:  | Walk through the canyon lands of      |
|         | Duraton River valley. Wine tasting    |
|         | in Penafiel, in the heart of Ribera   |
|         | del Duero wine region.                |
| DAY 6:  | Visit winery in El Toro. Drive to     |
|         | the medieval hilltop village of       |
|         | Fermoselle via historic Zamora.       |
| DAY 7:  | Walk in Arribes National Park.        |
|         | Wine tasting in local granite cave    |
|         | bodega.                               |
| DAY 8:  | Walk to Fornillos, tasting at a local |
|         | cheese maker. Drive to Miranda        |
|         | do Douro for a walk around the        |
|         | historic centre.                      |
| DAY 9:  | Cross into Portugal. Take local       |
|         | train along Douro Valley. Explore     |
|         | historic Lamego village.              |
| DAY 10: | Port tasting in Regua. Visit Vila     |
|         | Real en route to Porto. Orientation   |
|         | walking tour of the beautiful city.   |
| DAY 11: | Free day to explore the sites and     |
|         | bodegas of Porto.                     |
| DAY 12: | Trip ends in Porto.                   |
|         |                                       |

## Walking in Madeira

TRIP CODE - TM | PORTUGAL (MADEIRA)



#### BEST SELLER

A week of tracing Madeira's unique levadas – 15th-century aqueducts – and meandering through laurel forests, cobble-stone fishing towns and along cliff tops. Be sure to try the traditional espada (fish) with banana, washed down with a glass of the island's famous sweet wine.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

**Levada paths** | Variety of picturesque walks along irrigation channels

**Spectacular mountain views** | Walking the path between the peaks of Arieiro and Ruivo

**Funchal** | Absorb the delights of the laid-back capital

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### PRICES FROM AU\$1710 NZ\$1780

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:
 7 nights comfortable hotel
 Optional single rooms available
 MEALS:
 Breakfast: 7

 NEW
 166kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

Scenic hikes through rugged mountains, gorges and along idyllic coastal trails in East Sardinia. **Trip code: SAR** 



## DAILY DISTANCES Day 2 12km 5hrs







DAY 8: Trip ends in Funchal.





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## Walk Portugal - Remote Coastal Trails

TRIP CODE - POR | PORTUGAL

## BEST SELLER



Stretch your legs and expand your soul with satisfying walks around Portugal's southern-most tip. Using the ancient town of Sagres – the 'gathering place of Gods' – as a base, you'll trace coastal cliffs, caves and secluded beaches, while dining on local wines and seafood.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cabo Sao Vicente** | Walk the long distance Rota Vicentina path

**Ponta de Piedade** | Dramatic rocky coastline, rock arch and turquoise seas

Seven Hanging Valleys trail | Explore hidden beaches, coves and limestone stacks

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoe

### PRICES FROM AU\$1680 NZ\$1750

per person, trip only. (8 days)





#### WHY NOT TRY?

Discovering the eastern Algarve instead with easy, relaxed inland and coastal walks. Explore colourful cobbled streets in Tavira, try the local Cataplana dish accompanied by a glass of crisp wine and spot flamingos in Rio Formosa Estuarine National Park.

Trip code: WIA







#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Sagres, a small historic coastal town in southwest Portugal.                                  |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Hike from Carrapateira along the coast and inland through the hills to pretty Bordeira.                    |
| DAY 3: | Hike the Seven Hanging Valleys<br>trail with spectacular coastal<br>scenery.                               |
| DAY 4: | Follow the last section of Rota<br>Vicentina to Cabo de Sao Vicente,<br>Europe's most southwesterly point. |
| DAY 5: | Free day. Opportunity to go dolphin<br>watching, explore further on foot<br>or relax on a local beach.     |
| DAY 6: | Coastal walk from Burgau to Lagos<br>via the interesting rock formations<br>at Ponta da Piedade.           |
| DAY 7: | Walk along the unspoilt coastline from Igrina to Sagres.   |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Sagres.   |



For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

## Hiking in the Dolomites

TRIP CODE - DW | ITALY



#### PRICES FROM

#### AU\$3550 NZ\$3680

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



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#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

Walking idyllic coastal trails, climbing rugged limestone mountains and hiking through gorges in Sardinia. **Trip code: SAR** 

## DAILY DISTANCES

5hrs



#### Putzalm mountain hut Rienza DOBBIACO AUSTRIA DOBBIACO Villabassa Ferra Venice 1900m San Vito Serla 2378m Elmo 2434m ITALY ITALY Bag Braies Moso 1337m Croda Del Becco 2810m Cimitero Di THE DOLOMITES Pratopiazza 1991m Croda Rossa 3146m Strudelkopt 2307m From/To Venice Airpo Tre Cim Di Lavaredo 2999m Refuge Auronzo

#### BEST SELLER

Enjoy scenic treks through alpine meadows and pine forests as you explore the beautiful rock towers and limestone cliffs of the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stay in a comfortable family-run hotel with indoor pool in the small town of Dobbiaco.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tre Cime** | Trek with amazing views of these three iconic limestone peaks

**Local food and drink** | Enjoy the traditional Austrian-influenced cuisine typical of the region

**Cortina, Leinz and Bolzano** | Free day to explore further afield in the South Tyrol PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1: | Join trip at Venice airport before<br>driving to Dobbiaco in the heart of<br>the Dolomites.           |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Walk through fields and forest to<br>the emerald waters of Lake Braies<br>(1494m).                    |
| DAY 3: | A trek through alpine meadows<br>and forest to the remote Putzalm<br>mountain hut (1743m).            |
| DAY 4: | Hike along the Italian-Austrian<br>border with great views of the<br>Dolomites and WW1 buildings.     |
| DAY 5: | A free day to relax or visit the<br>mountain resort of Cortina, Lienz<br>or the 'Ice man' at Bolzano. |
| DAY 6: | Mountain hike to see the three<br>magnificent limestone rock towers<br>of Tre Cime.                   |
| DAY 7: | Trek from Prato Piazza to<br>Strudelkopf summit (2307m).  |
| DAY 8: | Drive to Venice airport where the trip ends.  |

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## **Trekking in Spain - Picos de Europa**



TRIP CODE - PC | SPAIN



**UNESCO-listed Picos de Europa was** Spain's first national park and it retains a wild, unspoilt character to this day. Based in Sotres - the highest village - you'll walk through the park's alpine meadows, beech forests and limestone massifs.

**ITINERARY** 

DAY 6:

Sotres | Stay in JuanJo and Sonia's small hotel sampling their hearty homemade food

Garganta de Cares | Walk along cliff-cut pathways through this spectacular gorge

Aliva Valley | Take the exhilarating Fuente Dé cable car to enjoy stunning views

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>eo</sup>

DAY 1: Join trip at Bilbao Airport. Drive

DAY 2: Spectacular ridge walk for views

**DAY 3:** Drive to Invernales de Cabao. Trek

DAY 4: Hike through beech forest to

DAY 5: Take the spectacular Fuente Dé

northern Spain. DAY 7: Ascend Transmacondiu Col

down into the Aliva Valley.

of Sotres.

National Park.

to the tranquil mountain town

of all three massifs of the Picos

to Vega de Urriello Refuge at the

foot of the iconic Pico de Naranjo.

the hamlet of Tresviso. Drive to the

pretty medieval town of Potes.

cable car up to 1,980m and walk

Walk through the imposing Cares

Gorge - a highlight of any visit to

(1,850m). Picnic lunch on the

Andara Vegas pastures.

DAY 8: Trip ends at Bilbao Airport.

#### PRICES FROM AU\$2030 NZ\$2110 per person, trip only. **(8 days)**

#### **AT A GLANCE**



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MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Trekking among the beautiful rock towers and limestone cliffs of Italy's Dolomites, a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site.

Trip code: DW

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 2 | 17km | 7hrs   |
|-------|------|--------|
| Day 3 | 16km | 6.5hrs |
| Day 4 | 10km | 5hrs   |
| Day 5 | 18km | 5hrs   |
| Day 6 | 24km | 6hrs   |
| Day 7 | 12km | 4.5hrs |

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Incredible hikes with breathtaking scenery...This was one of the best trips I've taken in a long time. ))

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## **Amalfi Coast Walking**

TRIP CODE - NAW | ITALY

PRICES FROM



Famed for its pastel-coloured houses contoured around curvaceous cliffs, the Amalfi Coast isn't just a place for the glitterati to gather. Spend a week strolling its ridges, woodlands and hamlets, returning each night to a rustic family run agriturismo.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Coastal trails | Five walks including the spectacular 'Walk of the Gods'

Capri | Take a ferry to explore the streets and trails of this enchanting island

Optional trips | Visit Pompeii and ancient Herculaneum

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip at Naples Airport before<br>driving to our family-run<br>agriturismo.                    |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Morning hike above the Agerola<br>Plateau. Optional afternoon walk<br>to Bomerano.                 |
| DAY 3: | Descend on ancient steps through<br>vineyards and lemon groves to the<br>historic port of Amalfi.  |
| DAY 4: | Take a ferry to enchanting Capri,<br>walk to a viewpoint and explore<br>the town's narrow streets. |
| DAY 5: | Walk through the Ferriere Natural<br>Park passing waterfalls, rivers<br>and unusual plantlife.     |
| DAY 6: | A free day, with the chance to visit<br>the ancient site of Pompeii and<br>climb Mount Vesuvius.   |
| DAY 7: | Hike along the 'Walk of the Gods',<br>to the colourful cliffside village<br>of Positano.           |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends at Naples Airport.   |

#### ACCOMMODATION

#### Family-run agriturismo

Luna d'Agerola is an intimate farm-stay run by three generations of the Acampora family. Located high on the cliffs above the Amalfi Coast with distant views of the sea, it has beautiful, simply furnished en suite rooms. There's a lovely terrace where you can relax after a day out on the trail.

#### AU\$2650 NZ\$2750 per person, trip only. (8 days) **AT A GLANCE** MALKING GRADE: Leisurely and Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights comfortable agriturismo Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 4 $\checkmark$ Centre-Based NEW 153kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: F M A M J J A S O N D Optional Walks ITALY Naples Airport Gulf of Naples SORRENTO PENINSULA



#### DAILY DISTANCES



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## Walking the Camino de Santiago

TRIP CODE - CDS | SPAIN



 PRICES FROM

 AU\$3160 NZ\$3280

 per person, trip only. (12 days)

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 Image: ACCOMMODATION:

 In nights comfortable hotel

 Optional single rooms available

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MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



| DAILY DISTANCES |        |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Day 3           | 16km   | 4hrs   |
| Day 4           | 19km   | 5hrs   |
| Day 5           | 9km    | 3hrs   |
| Day 6           | 22km   | 5.5hrs |
| Day 7           | 22km   | 6hrs   |
| Day 8           | 22.5km | 6hrs   |
| Day 9           | 27.5km | 7.5hrs |
| Day 10          | 17.5km | 5hrs   |



Across Europe, pavements are studded with golden scallop shells, pinpointing ancient pilgrim routes that converge in historic Santiago de Compostela. This tour traces a section of the legendary Camino Frances through northern Spain to earn you a pilgrim's certificate.

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#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cruz de Ferro** | The famous Iron Cross at the highest point of the Camino

**O Cebreiro** | Charming mountain village with cobbled streets and valley views

Santiago De Compostela | Mix with other pilgrims in this lively historic town

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Madrid.   |
|---------|--|
| DAY 2:  | Drive to the historic city of Leon and collect pilgrim's passports.  |
| DAY 3:  | Walk the first section of the trail<br>from Hospital de Orbigo to Astorga.   |
| DAY 4:  | Following scallop shell waymarkings,<br>climb to Iron Cross (1,482m), the<br>highest point of the trail.                   |
| DAY 5:  | Walk through the Galician<br>Mountains to the historic village<br>of O Cebreiro.   |
| DAY 6:  | Continue through the verdant<br>Galician hills, passing the famous<br>100km marker.  |
| DAY 7:  | Cross the last high pass (722m)<br>and descend to Palas de Rei,<br>an important pilgrim town.                              |
| DAY 8:  | Continue through rural Galicia.<br>Stop for lunch in Melide, famous for<br>delicious seafood.                              |
| DAY 9:  | Cross the River Iso to Arzua, where<br>the Camino Frances is joined by<br>another camino, the Primitivo.                   |
| DAY 10: | Get your first view of Santiago<br>Cathedral from Monte Gozo. Walk<br>into the city and claim your pilgrim<br>certificate. |
| DAY 11: | Guided tour of cathedral. Free time<br>to explore the city's magnificent<br>architecture.                                  |
| DAV 12. | Trip ande in Santiago de Compostela  |

DAY 12: Trip ends in Santiago de Compostela.



## Walks and Coastal Towns of Croatia

TRIP CODE - CO | CROATIA





#### BEST SELLER

Introduce your feet to Croatia's thymescented mountain trails, broadleaf forests and mint-blue lakes as you travel from Zagreb to Split, taking time to cool off at secluded pebbly beaches and explore cobble-street towns and ancient monuments.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Plitvice National Park** | UNESCO World Heritage Site with breathtaking aquamarine lakes

Paklenica National Park | Spectacular coastal and mountain walking

**Trogir** | One of the oldest cities in Croatia, discover its diverse architecture

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### ITINERARY

5hrs

5.5hrs

5/2hrs

7hrs

| <ul> <li>DAY 2: Walking tour of Zagreb. Drive to the beautiful Plitvice National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</li> <li>DAY 3: Enjoy walking around breathtaking lakes and waterfalls in Plitvice. Experience the rich variety of flora in this region.</li> <li>DAY 4: Drive to Zavizan and walk the Premuziceva Trail, a hiker's highlight accessing the most hidden and beautiful parts of Velebit.</li> <li>DAY 5: Explore Paklenica National Park on foot through little villages lining the coast, swim in the crystal clear water. Option to take a trip to the coastal town of Zadar.</li> <li>DAY 6: A full-day hike in the dramatic Paklenica Gorge. Lunch at a traditional mountain hut.</li> <li>DAY 7: Visit Trogir, one of the oldest cities in Croatia. Drive to Split, discover the Roman Palace concealed within its modern streets.</li> <li>DAY 8: Trip ends in Split.</li> </ul> | DAY 1: | Join trip in the capital Zagreb.   |
|--|--------|--|
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| DAY 8: Trip ends in Split.   | DAY 7: | in Croatia. Drive to Split, discover<br>the Roman Palace concealed within  |
|  | DAY 8: | Trip ends in Split.  |

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...



### PRICES FROM AU\$3630 NZ\$3770 per person, trip only. (8 days) AT A GLANCE % WALKING GRADE:

Moderate
ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 7

NEW178kg of CO2eAverage carbon footprint pp

### MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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#### For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

DAILY DISTANCES

5km

ZAGREB

PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

PAKLENICA NATIONAL PARK

BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

SPLIT

14km

Day 3

Day 4 16

Day 5 12kn

Day 6 18km

Optional Walks

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## Walking Croatia's Istrian Peninsula







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Day 7

14km

#### NEW TRIP

If Croatia is shaped like a walking cane, the Istrian Peninsula is its ornate handle. Eight active days reveal coastal paths with azure sea views sprinkled with islets, a pirate cave, the mosaic-adorned basilica of Euphrasius and an agriturismo lunch of handmade truffle pasta.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Motovun** | Take in panoramic views staying in this quaint Medieval hilltop town

**Parenzana Trail** | Hike along this scenic former railway line

Istrian cuisine | Indulge in handmade pasta, nutty truffles and fresh seafood

### PRICES FROM AU\$2650 NZ\$2750

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

 WALKING GRADE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available
 MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1
 NEW 252kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Walking in Mallorca. Discover spectacular coastal trails, pretty countryside and traditional villages. **Trip code: MAL** 

| DAILY DISTANCES |      |  |      |
|-----------------|------|--|------|
| ay 2            | 14km |  | 5hrs |
| ay 3            | 20km |  | 7hrs |
| ay 4            | 13km |  | 4hrs |
| ay 5            |      |  |      |
| ay 6            | 12km |  | 5hrs |

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| DAY 1: | Join trip in the Roman seafront<br>city of Pula.  |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Hike the magical Seven Waterfalls<br>Trail. Stay in the pretty hilltop<br>town of Motovun for two nights.   |
| DAY 3: | Hike along the scenic Parenzana<br>Trail from Groznjan.   |
| DAY 4: | Continue on the Parenzana Trail<br>to Vizinada. Traditional truffle<br>lunch at local agriturismo. Drive<br>to coastal Vrsar, base for the next<br>four nights. |
| DAY 5: | Free day with option to take a<br>history and wine tasting tour to<br>Pula and Rovinj.  |
| DAY 6: | Walk the beautiful seaside promenade from Vrsar to Porec.   |
| DAY 7: | Discover the Lim Channel walking to Pirate Cave.  |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Vrsar.   |



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## Walking Albania

TRIP CODE - ALW | ALBANIA



#### **BEST SELLER**

Nestled between northern Greece and Montenegro, Albania is Europe's unpolished diamond, home to the wild Albanian Alps studded with agategreen lakes, folklore-rich villages where shepherds sell their cheese for picnics and the alluring Accursed Mountains.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Koman Lake | Boat ride across glassy waters beneath dramatic mountain gorges

Traditional villages | Tasty lunch prepared by a local family in Theth

Alpine walking | Wildflower meadows, lush valleys and craggy passes PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>e9</sup>

## PRICES FROM AU\$1790 NZ\$1850

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights simple guesthouse 5 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 5 NEW 232kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp





#### WHY NOT TRY?

Walking through the unspoilt beauty of the Romanian countryside and Transylvanian Alps. Trip code: TTA

| DAILY DISTANCES |      |     |        |
|-----------------|------|-----|--------|
| Day 2           | 6km  |     | 3hrs   |
| Day 3           | 11km |     | 5hrs   |
| Day 4           | 7km  |     | 5hrs   |
| Day 5           | 9km  |     | 7hrs   |
| Day 6           | 7km  | 6km | 4/2hrs |
| Day 7           | 6km  |     | 3hrs   |

Optional Walks



#### **ITINERARY**

| 1           | Join trip at Tirana Airport. Drive to<br>Shkodra and explore the historic<br>city on foot.  |
|-------------|---|
|             | Boat ride across the beautiful<br>Koman Lake. Riverside walk then<br>drive through the alpine landscapes<br>of Northern Albania to Valbona.               |
|             | Walk on the elevated pastures<br>of Gjarpri I Dragobi in Valbona<br>National Park with spectacular<br>views of the Dragobia Gorge.                        |
| ,           | Hike Rrethi I Jubanit in the stunning<br>Valbona National Park and have<br>lunch at local farmers house.  |
| 1           | Drive to Rrogram and hike over<br>the Valbona Pass to Thethi.<br>Spectacular views across<br>Albania's Accursed Mountains.                                |
| -<br>-<br>- | Explore Thethi on foot. Visit<br>the blood feud lock-in tower,<br>walk along ancient terraces and<br>past crystal clear natural pools.<br>Barbecue lunch. |
|             | Hike on Thore pass to Edith<br>Durham Memorial. Drive to the<br>cosmopolitan capital, Tirana and<br>explore on foot.                                      |
| DAY 8:      | Trip ends in Tirana.  |



For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

## Walking in Northern Cyprus

TRIP CODE - LNC | NORTH CYPRUS



#### PRICES FROM

### AU\$1330 NZ\$1380

per person, trip only. (8 days)



#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: JFMAMJJASOND

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

A walking tour exploring the foothills of Morocco's Atlas mountains and its windswept Atlantic beaches. Trip code: MAA

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 2 | 7.5km  |  | 2hrs |
|-------|--------|--|------|
| Day 3 | 12.5km |  | 4hrs |
| Day 4 | 10km   |  | 4hrs |
| Day 5 |        |  |      |
| Day 6 | 13.5km |  | 4hrs |
| Day 7 | 13km   |  | 4hrs |
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#### **BEST SELLER**

Spend a relaxed week exploring Cyprus' curving and unspoilt northern coastline backed by the Besparmak Mountains. Trace flower-flanked mountain trails and olive groves, visit ruined castles and laze beneath the Tree of Idleness beloved by British novelist Lawrence Durrell.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Bellapais | Explore the famous 12th century Crusader abbey

Mediterranean food | Enjoy the fresh flavours of mezes at local restaurants

Buffavento | Spectacular views from this less visited castle

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoe

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Kyrenia.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Visit Incirli Cave and the Crusader<br>Castle of Kantara. Descend to the<br>coast and Kaplica Beach.                |
| DAY 3: | Walk through the Besparmak<br>Mountains to the ruins of Bellapais<br>Abbey. Opportunity to explore<br>Kyrenia town. |
| DAY 4: | Visit St. Hilarion Castle. Walk<br>through the western Besparmak<br>Mountains to the village of Lapta.              |
| DAY 5: | Free day. Optional trip to Famagusta including Othello's Tower and the historical site of Salamis.                  |
| DAY 6: | Walk on historic trails from Kalkanli<br>village through ancient olive groves<br>to the remote west coast.          |
| DAY 7: | Ascend to Buffavento Castle with<br>spectacular views of the island.<br>Walk through the Besparmak                  |

Mountain range past 'The Five Fingered Mountain'.

DAY 8: Trip ends in Kyrenia.



## Walking the Corfu Trail (South)



TRIP CODE - CF | GREECE



A week-long walking holiday that travels away from the buzz and busyness of Kavos through cedar-carpeted sand dunes, vineyard-framed villages and along cobbled mule paths all the while fuelling up on home-cooked food dished up by family run tavernas.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Corfu Town | Explore the winding backstreets of the UNESCO-listed Old Town

Ancient landscape | Follow mule tracks to hilltop villages and isolated monasteries

Agii Deka | Climb the island's second highest peak for spectacular Mediterranean views PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Kerkyra (Corfu Town).   |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Drive to Kavos, the start of the<br>Corfu Trail. Walk via Arkoudillas<br>Monastery to coastal Asprokavos.  |
| DAY 3: | Walk through the Gardeno Valley<br>along beautiful coastal paths via<br>Lefkimmi to Santa Barbara.   |
| DAY 4: | Follow the coastline, walking on<br>golden sands and through cedar<br>tree forests to Lake Korrision<br>and on to Paramonas.                       |
| DAY 5: | Hike through the villages of Ano<br>and Kato Pavliana, crossing the<br>Messongi River Valley to Benitses<br>via Komianata. Transfer to Pelekas.    |
| DAY 6: | Drive to Stavros, follow path<br>to the summit of Agii Deka<br>Mountain. Follow cobbled path<br>with views over the west coast<br>back to Pelekas. |
| DAY 7: | Descend via Myrtiotissa to<br>Liapades, an ancient village<br>and lovely beach.  |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends at Liapades Beach.   |



#### PRICES FROM AU\$1560 NZ\$1620 per person, trip only. (8 days) **AT A GLANCE** 🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights comfortable hotel 5 nights simple hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS:

Breakfast: 7 | Dinner: 2

Point-to-Point  $\checkmark$ 



#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: JFMAMJJASOND



#### WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring the full length of the 220km-long Corfu Trail. Follow meandering footpaths over the length of the island from Kavos in the south to Agios Spyridon in the north. Trip code: CFA

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 2 | 12km | 3.5hrs |
|-------|------|--------|
| Day 3 | 23km | 7hrs   |
| Day 4 | 20km | 6hrs   |
| Day 5 | 17km | 6hrs   |
| Day 6 | 17km | 6.5hrs |
| Day 7 | 23km | 7hrs   |





## Hiking Turkey's Lycian Way

TRIP CODE - LW | TURKEY



**BEST SELLER** 



## PRICES FROM AU\$1120 NZ\$1160 per person, trip only. (8 days)

**AT A GLANCE** 





#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our slightly easier walking trip exploring Turkey's Turquoise Coast. Centre-based in the beautiful harbour town of Kas, the trip has a mix of leisurely and moderate walks. Trip code: WTC

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 2 | 13km | 5hrs   |
|-------|------|--------|
| Day 3 | 18km | 7hrs   |
| Day 4 | 12km | 5hrs   |
| Day 5 | 8km  | 3.5hrs |
| Day 6 | 16km | 6hrs   |
| Day 7 | 10km | 3hrs   |



A stunning sea-coast trail comprised of a mix of old mule paths and Roman roads that weaves around the Tekke Peninsula of southwestern of Turkey, leading hikers through pine forests and along cliff tops that reveal crescent after crescent of brilliant-blue bays.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Butterfly Valley | Stay in a village house overlooking the lush canyon and pristine beach

Patara | Explore Roman ruins and the stunning golden sand beach

Turquoise Coast | Take a boat trip over sunken ruins and swim in secluded bays

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Kayakoy, site of the<br>deserted Greek village.  |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Hike through forests and remote<br>villages to Faralya. Stay in a village<br>guesthouse overlooking Butterfly<br>Valley with views to Oludeniz Beach. |
| DAY 3: | Trek through pine forests, farmland<br>and hill villages to Gey. Stunning<br>coastal views.   |
| DAY 4: | Discover dramatic coastal views<br>hiking to the ancient city of Sidyma.<br>Join the locals for a glass of tea.                                       |
| DAY 5: | Follow the route of the aqueduct<br>to Patara Beach, an ancient Roman<br>stronghold and birthplace<br>of Saint Nicholas.                              |
| DAY 6: | Follow the trail through the Taurus<br>foothills to Mount Felen ridge.<br>Overnight in Kas.   |
| DAY 7: | Walk to the ancient port of Aperlae.<br>Explore the sunken city of Kekova<br>by boat with BBQ lunch and visit<br>Simena's medieval castle.            |
|        |   |

DAY 8: Trip ends at Dalaman Airport.



For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

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## Walking Jordan's Spice Trails

TRIP CODE - TP | JORDAN



## PRICES FROM AU\$2240 NZ\$2330 per person, trip only. (8 days) AT A GLANCE 🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 4 nights simple camping 3 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 4 NEW 422kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D

#### WHY NOT TRY?

A trekking adventure in Oman. Discover spectacular canyons and deep wadis, on hiking trails through remote village oases. Trip code: WOM

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 2 | 6.5km |      | 2hrs   |
|-------|-------|------|--------|
| Day 3 | 17km  |      | 7hrs   |
| Day 4 | 13km  | 9km* | 5/2hrs |
| Day 5 | 18km  |      | 7hrs   |
| Day 6 | 3km   |      | 45mins |

\*Optional camel trek



#### **BEST SELLER**

Retrace the steps of the ancient Nabateans who traded spices, silks and perfume. Discover Wadi Rum's otherworldly sculpted sandstone canyons, wind-hewn stone bridges and red dunes; sleep beneath star-studded skies and explore the rose-hued Petra.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Wadi Rum | Walks through the majestic desert scenery staying in a Bedouin camp

Petra | Two days to explore this spectacular 'Rose Red City', entering via the Monastery

Dead Sea | Float in the saline waters at the lowest point on Earth

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoe

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Jordan's capital, Amman.  |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Drive along the Desert Highway<br>to Wadi Rum. Walk through desert<br>landscape to the campsite.                                 |
| DAY 3: | Hike among the sandy gorges and<br>canyons of Wadi Rum, following in<br>the footsteps of the early<br>Nabatean traders.          |
| DAY 4: | Optional camel ride or walk<br>through sandstone canyons and<br>sand dunes. Travel to Petra and<br>explore the Treasury on foot. |
| DAY 5: | Trek along ancient spice trails to<br>enter via the Monastery, one of<br>Petra's greatest monuments.                             |
| DAY 6: | Hike to Little Petra, an ancient<br>caravan station. Visit Kerak Castle<br>and Madaba, the 'City of Mosaics'.                    |
| DAY 7: | Visit Mount Nebo, drive via the<br>Dead Sea to Jerash - an impressive<br>Roman city.   |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Amman.  |



## **Toubkal Climb**

TRIP CODE - MJ | MOROCCO





#### PRICES FROM AU\$920 NZ\$950 per person, trip only. (7 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

MALKING GRADE: Moderate and Challenging ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights simple mountain refuge 2 nights simple village house Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 6 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 4 ✓ Point-to-Point NEW 273kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE ...

Our Toubkal Climb long weekend. Spend two-and-a-half days completing a challenging trek to the summit of Jebel Toubkal and still have time to discover the exotic backstreets and iconic Djemma el-Fna Square in Marrakech. Trip code: ATA

#### DAILY DISTANCES





#### **BEST SELLER**

A challenging trek through Morocco's Atlas Mountains, traversing juniper forests and flood plains to bag North Africa's highest peak, Jebel Toubkal (4,167m). Stay among the Berber people in mud-brick guesthouses.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Atlas Mountains | Get away from it all trekking through untouched landscapes

Berber villages | Stay in village houses, learning about the culture of these friendly people

Marrakech | Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of Djemma el-Fna Square

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoed

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Marrakech, a lively city famous for its souks.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Walk from the Berber village of<br>Aguersioual (1,600m) through<br>the Azaden Valley to Tizi Oussem<br>(1,850m).        |
| DAY 3: | Ascend steadily to Tizi Mzik<br>Pass (2,489m) then descend to the<br>mountain village of Aremd<br>(1,900m).             |
| DAY 4: | Walk through the High Atlas past<br>the holy site Sidi Chamharouch to<br>the base of Toubkal at Neltner<br>(3,207m).    |
| DAY 5: | Early morning Jebel Toubkal<br>(4,167m) summit trek. Views over<br>the High Atlas Mountains. Descend<br>back to refuge. |
| DAY 6: | Walk down to the village of Imlil.<br>Return to explore the souks and<br>medinas of Marrakech.                          |
| DAY 7: | Trip ends in Marrakech.   |



## Kilimanjaro - Lemosho Trek

TRIP CODE - KC | TANZANIA





#### **BEST SELLER**

Rising up from the elephant-studded savannah, solitary Mount Kilimanjaro is a bucketlist heavyweight. This tour follows the less-used Lemosho path that winds through dramatic climatic zones to the 5,895-metre summit – the highest point in Africa.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**7-day ascent** | Climb slowly and acclimatise to maximise your chance of summit success

**Wild camps** | Enjoy wild camping in magnificent, scenic locations

**Trek crew** | Climb with some of the best and most experienced guides on the mountain PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Moshi, a country<br>town with great views of Mount<br>Kilimanjaro.                         |
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| DAY 2:  | Ascend on a trail through beautiful<br>rainforest from Lemosho Glades<br>to Big Tree Camp (2,780m).     |
| DAY 3:  | Hike across wild heath to the camp<br>at Shira One (3,500m) enjoying<br>views of Mount Meru.            |
| DAY 4:  | Trek below the ice fields of Kibo to our campsite at Shira Two (3,900m).                                |
| DAY 5:  | Cross volcanic landscapes to the<br>Lava Tower before the descent<br>to Barranco Valley (3,960m).       |
| DAY 6:  | Climb the Barranco Wall before<br>reaching our camp in the Karanga<br>Valley (4,035m).                  |
| DAY 7:  | Hike across a barren lunar-like<br>landscape to our camp at Barafu<br>(4,640m).                         |
| DAY 8:  | Trek to the summit at Uhuru Peak<br>(5,895m) before the long descent<br>to Millenium Camp (3,790m).     |
| DAY 9:  | Return to verdant forest where the<br>trek ends at Mweka Gate (1,630m)<br>before driving back to Moshi. |
| DAY 10: | Opportunity to take an optional<br>game drive in the morning before<br>the trip ends in Moshi.          |

## PRICES FROM **AU\$6520 NZ\$6770**

per person, trip only. (10 days)



Extend your trip with a relaxing four days on the exotic island of Zanzibar, spending time at the beach and in fascinating Stone Town.

#### Trip code: ZI

Add on three days to safari in some of Tanzania's finest national parks - Tarangire, Lake Manyara and the stunning Ngorongoro Crater.

Trip code: KCS

#### DAILY DISTANCES Day 2 7km 3.5hrs Day 3 8.5km 4.5hrs Day 4 3.5km 4.5/2hrs 8km Day 5 7.5hrs Day 6 4.5hrs Day 7 4.5hrs Day 8 14hrs 5.5hrs Day 9 12km

Optional Walks



| For more information check online or contact | your traval agent |
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## Madagascar Wilderness Trek

TRIP CODE - MF | MADAGASCAR





An adventurous two-week tour of the Central Highlands that explores lemurrich primary rainforest, natural swimming pools, the fossa-stalked Zombitse National Park and builds up to a fourday hike where you'll camp and swap showers for bathing in the local stream.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Wildlife | See Madagascar's unique wildlife from lemur to chameleon

Remote villages | Interact with the friendly and hospitable local people

Imarivolanitra (2,658m) | Ascend Madagascar's highest climbable peak

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### PRICES FROM AU\$4390 NZ\$4550

per person, trip only. (15 days)

### AT A GLANCE 🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 4 nights simple camping 8 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights simple hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 8 | Dinner: 8 NEW 711kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e 9 Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: F M A M J J A S O N D



#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 3  | 10km | 6hrs |
|--------|------|------|
| Day 4  | 12km | 5hrs |
| Day 5  |      |      |
| Day 6  | 5km  | 2hrs |
| Day 7  | 12km | 4hrs |
| Day 8  | 15km | 7hrs |
| Day 9  | 5km  | 2hrs |
| Day 10 | 8km  | 4hrs |
| Day 11 | 4km  | 2hrs |
| Day 12 | 2km  | 2hrs |
| Day 13 |      |      |
| Day 14 | 6km  | 3hrs |

Optional Walks



| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Antananarivo, capital of Madagascar.   |
|----------------|---|
| DAY 2:         | Drive south via Antsirabe to<br>Ranomafana National Park. Set up<br>camp, keep an eye out for lemur<br>and bird.                        |
| DAYS<br>3-4:   | Rainforest trek. Searching for<br>wildlife, particularly the endangered<br>golden bamboo lemur. Soak in<br>thermal baths at Ranomafana. |
| DAY 5:         | Drive to Ambalavao and visit the<br>Anja Reserve, home to the ring-<br>tailed lemur.  |
| DAYS<br>6-7:   | Continue to Andringitra National<br>Park. Trek between forest<br>campsites in one of Madagascar's<br>most biodiverse areas.             |
| DAY 8:         | Hike to the summit of Imarivolanitra<br>(2,658m), Madagascar's highest<br>climbable peak.   |
| DAYS<br>9-10:  | Continue to Isalo National Park.<br>Walk among sandstone landscapes.<br>Relax in natural pools.   |
| DAY 11:        | Hike out of the park. Travel to<br>Toliara via Zombitse National Park,<br>a dry forest. Continue to Ifaty.                              |
| DAY 12:        | Spend the day on Ifaty Beach.<br>Opportunities to go bird-watching<br>or snorkelling.   |
| DAYS<br>13-14: | Fly back to Antananarivo. Walk<br>through typical highland landscapes<br>of rice paddies and villages.                                  |
| DAY 15:        | Trip ends in Antananarivo.  |
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# **Hiking in the Georgian Caucasus**

TRIP CODE - WGEO | GEORGIA



In the little-visited northeast of Georgia spread the Greater Caucasus Mountains roamed by lynx and wolves. Hike among the craggy peaks, culminating in a trek to the foot of Mount Shkhara - Georgia's highest mountain.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Caucasus hikes | Trek to the foot of Mount Ushba, Mount Guro and the Shkhara Glacier

Ushguli | Travel back in time at this remote village where oxen still plough the fields

Food and drink | Enjoy hearty home-cooked local dishes and Georgian wines

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### PRICES FROM AU\$2370 NZ\$2450

per person, trip only. (9 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 3 nights simple guesthouse 3 nights simple hotel 2 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms from £175 MEALS: Optional single rooms available



MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Discovering the unspoilt wilderness and semi-nomadic culture of Kyrgyzstan on a series of day walks. Trip code: WKYZ

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| 11km | 6hrs        |
|------|-------------|
| 8km  | 3hrs        |
| 10km | 6hrs        |
| 18km | 6hrs        |
|      | 8km<br>10km |



# DAY 1: Join trip in Batumi, a lively port city on the shores of the Caspian Sea. DAY 2: Drive to the village of Becho in the



|        | Greater Caucasus Mountains.  |
|--------|--|
| DAY 3: | Hike through forest to the waterfall<br>at the base of Mount Ushba.<br>Option to trek to the top of the<br>falls. Drive to Mestia. |
| DAY 4: | Hike from Jvari to the beautiful<br>mountain lakes of Koruldi.   |
| DAY 5: | Drive to the dramatically sited<br>village of Ushguli. Climb Mount<br>Guro for incredible views.                                   |
| DAY 6: | Hike to the glacier at the base of<br>Mount Shkhara with fantastic views<br>of this snow-covered peak (5,068m).                    |
| DAY 7: | Drive part-way back to Mestia,<br>completing the journey on foot,<br>hiking from the village of Mulakhi<br>into the Mestia Valley. |
| DAY 8: | Leaving the mountains behind,<br>drive back to Batumi with time<br>to explore the city in the late<br>afternoon.                   |
| DAY 9: | Trip ends in Batumi.   |
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# **Annapurna Sanctuary Trek**

TRIP CODE - AS | NEPAL





#### PRICES FROM

#### AU\$3260 NZ\$3380

per person, trip only. (15 days)

#### AT A GLANCE





#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Experiencing spectacular Annapurna views but on an easier trek and while staying in more luxurious accommodation.

Trip code: LAN

#### DAILY DISTANCES





#### Unpenetrated by outsiders until 1956, Nepal's Annapurna Sanctuary is a sacred plateau surrounded by snow-capped 7,000-metre peaks and believed to be the dwelling place of many Hindu and Buddhist deities. This challenging trek takes you all the way to Annapurna Base Camp.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Teahouses** | Enjoy Nepali hospitality in cosy mountain lodges

Pokhara | Post trek relaxation by the lakeside

**Kathmandu** | Wander Durbar Square and explore some of the capital's many temples PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1:         | Join trip in the fascinating Nepalese capital, Kathmandu.   |
|----------------|---|
| DAY 2:         | Discover the city's bustling bazaars and fascinating temples on foot.   |
| DAY 3:         | Drive to the peaceful lakeside town of Pokhara and prepare for the trek.  |
| DAY 4:         | Trek along stone pathways, through<br>forests and terraces to the village<br>of Ghandruk.   |
| DAY 5:         | Cross the Kimrong Khola by bridge<br>before ascending then descending,<br>to Chhomrong, the final settlement<br>before the Sanctuary. |
| DAY 6:         | A steep climb to the ridge at Sinuwa<br>for fine views of Machhapuchhre,<br>the 'Fishtail' Mountain.                                  |
| DAY 7:         | Trek through Bamboo to Hinku<br>Cave and on to Deurali.   |
| DAY 8:         | Enter the Sanctuary 'gates' between<br>Machhapuchhre and Huinchuli and<br>trek to Base Camp (3,720m).                                 |
| DAY 9:         | Hike to the Annapurna Base Camp<br>(4,130m) for views of the glacier.   |
| DAY 10:        | Descend through forests of<br>bamboo to the village of Bamboo.  |
| DAY 11:        | Walk through rhododendron forests full of birds to Jhinnu Danda.  |
| DAYS<br>12-13: | Continue walking to Marque where<br>the trek ends. Drive to Pokhara<br>for some post-trek relaxation.                                 |
| DAY 14:        | Drive back to Kathmandu where<br>the time is left free to explore<br>or shop in the bazaars.  |
| DAY 15:        | Trip ends in Kathmandu.   |

# **On Foot in Vietnam**

TRIP CODE - WVN | VIETNAM





Sleep in a stilt house, experience a homestay on palm tree-studded Binh Hoa Phoc Island, stay overnight on the legendary Reunification Express from Hanoi to Hue and visit craft villages stationed along the Perfume River on this relaxed tour that mixes city walks with rural rambles.

Halong Bay | Cruise among breathtaking limestone landscapes aboard a junk

Hoi An | Discover this charming ancient merchant's town

Culinary delights | Enjoy amazing street food PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1:       | Join trip in Hanoi and explore<br>the Old Quarter on foot.  |
|--------------|---|
| DAY 2:       | Drive to Pu Luong Nature<br>Reserve. Walk to our lodge<br>where we stay in a stilt house.             |
| DAYS<br>3-4: | Hikes among the minority tribe villages of Pu Luong.  |
| DAYS<br>5-6: | Hanoi walking tour. Junk cruise<br>through the islands and peaks<br>of Halong Bay.                    |
| DAY 7:       | Arriving in Hue by train, discover<br>the Imperial City's streets and<br>buildings on a walking tour. |
| DAY 8:       | Hike through villages, observing<br>rural life and enjoy a cruise on<br>the Perfume River.            |
| DAY 9:       | Drive to Hoi An, a laidback<br>village of traditional wooden<br>houses and Chinese architecture.      |
| DAY 10:      | Hike along jungle trails to the<br>atmospheric site of My Son with<br>its ancient Cham temples.       |
| DAY 11:      | Travel by plane, bus and boat<br>to Binh Hoa Phuoc Island in the<br>peaceful Mekong Delta.            |
| DAY 12:      | Walk among the paddies and villages of the Mekong Delta.  |
| DAY 13:      | Absorb the sights, sounds and smells of Old Saigon on foot and visit the War Remnants Museum.         |
| DAY 14:      | Discover the myriad tunnels and<br>chambers at Cu Chi. Trip ends<br>in Ho Chi Minh City.              |

#### PRICES FROM AU\$3260 NZ\$3390

per person, trip only. (14 days)

## AT A GLANCE

MALKING GRADE: Leisurely and Moderate

ACCOMMODATION: 1 night simple homestay 2 nights simple hotel 7 nights comfortable hotel 1 night simple overnight train 2 nights simple stilt house lodge Optional single rooms available



NEW 801kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: JFMAMJJASOND



#### Day 1 1.5hrs Day 2 8kr 2.5hrs Day 3 5hrs 9kn Day 4 5 5kr 2.5hrs Day 5 4hrs Dav 6 Day 7 3.5hrs Day 8 3hrs Day 9 4.5hrs Day 10 Day 11 1.5hrs Day 12 8.5 3hrs Day 13 4hrs

DAILY DISTANCES



| 1   |       |    |  |
|-----|-------|----|--|
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| 2   | 12    |    |  |

# **Inca Trail Trek**

TRIP CODE - PQ | PERU



#### **BEST SELLER**

A legendary hike tracing the 500-yearold Incan Trail - a pilgrimage route laid to honour the mountains and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. After acclimatising in Cusco, you'll spend four days weaving through the Andes Mountains to reach Machu Picchu.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Classic Inca Trail | Fully supported four-day trek camping away from the crowds

Machu Picchu | Get your first glimpse arriving at the Sun Gate on foot

Cusco | Wander the cobbled streets of the ancient Inca capital

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Cusco, the ancient<br>capital city of the Incas. Relax<br>and acclimatise to the altitude.   |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Explore the fascinating city of<br>Cusco on foot. Visit the fortress<br>of Sacsayhuaman and colourful<br>Mercado de Wanchaq.                                |
| DAY 3: | Free day. Option to trek to<br>Moray, stand up paddle board on<br>Piuray Lagoon or take a brewery<br>tour.  |
| DAY 4: | Drive via Ollantaytambo in the<br>Sacred Valley to the start of the<br>Inca Trail. Walk to first campsite<br>– Llaqtapata (2,625m), opposite<br>Inca ruins. |
| DAY 5: | Follow the Inca trail along the<br>river to Wayllabamba, and<br>Llulluchapampa (3,800m). Views<br>to snowy peaks of the Veronica<br>Mountain range.         |
| DAY 6: | Cross Dead Woman's Pass<br>(4,200m). Walk through<br>cloud forest and ruins to<br>Phuyupatamarca (3,579m).  |
| DAY 7: | Visit the Winay-Wayna ruins.<br>Arrive in the 'Lost City' of<br>Machu Picchu through the Sun<br>Gate (2,438m).  |
| DAY 8: | Guided tour of Machu Picchu.<br>Opportunity to climb Wayna<br>Picchu and Machu Picchu<br>mountains. Train to Sacred<br>Valley.                              |
| DAY 9: | Trip ends in Cusco.   |

#### PRICES FROM

## AU\$2340 NZ\$2420

per person, trip only. (9 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

MALKING GRADE: Moderate and Challenging ACCOMMODATION:

3 nights simple camping 5 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 3

✓ Point-to-Point

NEW 193kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL: MAMJJASOND



#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Go for longer and discover Peru's stunning highlights as well as trekking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. Trip code: PE



| DAILY DISTANCES |         |  |        |
|-----------------|---------|--|--------|
| Day 4           | 6km     |  | 2.5hrs |
| Day 5           | 10km    |  | 6hrs   |
| Day 6           | 15km    |  | 8hrs   |
| Day 7           | 14km    |  | 6hrs   |
| Day 8           | 1/1.5km |  | 2/3hrs |

Optional Walks



For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

MODERATE

# Walking in the Canadian Rockies



The Rockies' reputation for jaw-dropping scenery precedes it. Immerse yourself in a wilderness of jagged mountain peaks, brilliant-blue lakes and bear-patrolled forests with this series of circular walks centering around the iconic and oh-soscenic Icefield Parkway.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Jasper National Park | Trekking on the Edith Cavell and Bald Hill trails

Banff National Park | Enjoy picturesque trails in Canada's oldest national park

Kootenay National Park | Trek the scenic **Stanley Glacier Trail** 

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### PRICES FROM AU\$5310 NZ\$5510

per person, trip only. (13 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

🕺 WALKING GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 8 nights simple camping 2 nights simple hostel 2 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 11 | Dinner: 8

NEW 213kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D



#### DAILY DISTANCES

| 12km   |   |   |   |   | 4hrs  |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15km   |   |   |   |   | 5.5hrs  |
| 13km   |   |   |   |   | 6.5hrs  |
| 9km    |   |   |   |   | 3hrs  |
| 16km   |   |   |   |   | 6.5hrs  |
|        |   |   |   |   |   |
| 13km   |   |   | 3km   |   | 6.5/3hrs  |
| 8km    |   |   |   |   | 3hrs  |
| 10.5km |   |   |   |   | 4.5hrs  |
| 6km    |   |   |   |   | 3hrs  |
| 5.5km  |   |   |   |   | 2hrs  |
|        | 15km<br>13km<br>9km<br>16km<br>13km<br>8km<br>10.5km<br>6km | 15km<br>13km<br>9km<br>16km<br>13km<br>8km<br>10.5km<br>6km | 15km<br>13km<br>9km<br>16km<br>13km<br>8km<br>10.5km<br>6km | 15km<br>13km<br>9km<br>16km<br>16km<br>13km 3km<br>8km<br>10.5km<br>6km | 15km<br>13km<br>9km<br>16km<br>13km<br>3km<br>10.5km<br>6km |

Optional Walks



| DAY 1:         | Join trip in Calgary.  |
|----------------|--|
| DAY 2:         | Drive to Banff National Park and<br>hike Kananaskis Lookout Trail<br>to the viewpoint with stunning<br>vistas across the park. |
| DAYS<br>3-4:   | Hike the beautiful Burstall Pass and Edith and Cory Trails.  |
| DAYS<br>5-6:   | Drive to Kootenay National<br>Park for two days walking. Hike<br>the Stanley Glacier trail and<br>Kindersley Pass Trail.       |
| DAY 7:         | Drive to Golden for optional<br>activities. Continue to Lake<br>Louise and hike around this<br>iconic lake.                    |
| DAY 8:         | Drive to Yoho National Park.<br>Hike the Iceline Trail and visit<br>the spectacular Takkakaw Falls.                            |
| DAY 9:         | Drive the Icefield Parkway up<br>to Columbia Icefield; hike on<br>Wilcox Pass.   |
| DAYS<br>10-11: | Two days exploring Jasper<br>National Park, hike the Bald Hill<br>and Edith Cavell trails.                                     |
| DAY 12:        | Drive to Canmore. Hike the<br>Parker Ridge and visit Banff<br>town en route. Optional visit<br>to the hot springs.             |
| DAY 13:        | Trip ends in Calgary.  |

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# What to<br/>expect from<br/>a Cycling<br/>holiday

Our Cycling trips are a great way to see more of a country. Immerse yourself in nature, greet local people as you cycle by and feel all of the benefits of getting active and being out in the fresh air. We've got holidays to suit all levels of ability; from occasional weekend riders to keen regular cyclists.

# How fit do I need to be?

It depends on the trip and cycle grade you choose. Although an active holiday, our trips are not a race! We regularly stop and regroup along the ride with planned rest breaks. If in any doubt, choose a grade within your comfort zone. We advise doing some training rides leading up to the holiday. On most trips a support vehicle will be nearby to provide back-up if needed.

# What will the group be like?

As with all our trips, every group is different but the 'average' group consists of roughly half solo travellers and the other half made up of couples, friends and family travelling together.

Don't worry too much about keeping up with the group; wherever possible your Explore leader will allow everyone to cycle at their own pace, regrouping along the route.

# What kind of bike is included?

Every one of our Cycling trips includes the cost of bike hire; we choose good-quality hybrid touring bikes or mountain bikes – whichever is best-suited to the terrain – and we have experienced bike mechanics on hand to resolve any problems.

# Cycle grade, route and terrain

All our Cycling holidays are graded, from 'Leisurely' (with flatter, shorter rides and plenty of rest-stops) to 'Challenging and Tough' (more time in the saddle and more hill-climbs). Our cycle routes are designed to follow quieter back roads or cycle paths wherever possible, with some off-road sections on fine gravel or dirt tracks. You'll find the grade and a daily distance chart included on all trip pages and there is detailed information about the route and terrain online.

# E-bikes

Most of our cycling tours have the option of e-bike hire which gives you the benefits of exploring on two wheels but with less effort.

E-bikes are great for couples or friends who want to cycle together but are of different abilities - join your partner on a challenging graded cycling tour without the worry of not managing the longer distances. Or perhaps you're travelling solo and want to challenge yourself to a more demanding route with the back up of electric power. Just enquire when you book and we can let you know the cost and availability.



# Choosing your Cycling holiday

Our Cycling trips are all graded by difficulty, taking into consideration the daily distances covered, the terrain, ascents and descents and climate. The Trip Notes on our website contain detailed information about what to expect, to help you choose a trip that suits your fitness and experience level.

## **Cycling grades**



Relatively short rides on flat or gently undulating terrain, our Leisurely grade is ideal if you want to explore, but at a relaxed pace. Approximately 2-4 hours in the saddle for each day of cycling.



A mix of Leisurely and Moderate rides cycling through flat or gently undulating terrain with the occasional energetic ascent.



Perfect for cyclists used to undulating routes with occasional energetic climbs, and those who have a reasonable level of fitness. Approximately 4-6 hours in the saddle for each day of cycling.



Combining Moderate rides with Challenging ones, this grade is perfect for reasonably fit cyclists who want to challenge themselves.



This grade is for longer, more demanding trips, suiting cyclists who enjoy hilly terrain and challenging ascents, and who have a good fitness level. Approximately 6+ hours in the saddle for each day of cycling.



This grade is ideal for physically very fit and confident cyclists who want to push themselves a little further. Combining challenging-grade rides with some tough or longer days in the saddle (sometimes 8+ hours).

## **Cycling trips**

Here's a summary of all the Cycling trips we offer and where to find out more. We've included some of our favourites on the following pages, but you'll find our full programme on our website.

| COUNTRIES                            | TRIP NAME  | POINT-TO-POINT* | E-BIKE<br>OPTION** | DAYS | TRIP CODE | PAGE |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|------|-----------|------|
| LEISURELY                            |  |                 |                    |      |           |      |
| FRANCE                               | CYCLE CANAL DU MIDI                                | ✓               |                    | 8    | CCM       |      |
| INDIA                                | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE KERALA                         |                 |                    | 13   | CKB       | 130  |
| ITALY                                | CYCLE DOLOMITES, LAKE GARDA AND VENICE             |                 | ✓                  | 8    | CDV       |      |
| ITALY                                | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE PUGLIA                         |                 | ¥                  | 8    | CIP       | 125  |
| LITHUANIA - LATVIA - ESTONIA         | CYCLING THE BALTIC STATES                          |                 | ¥                  | 9    | CBS       | 128  |
| MEXICO                               | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE MEXICO - THE YUCATÁN PENINSULA |                 |                    | 9    | CMX       | 134  |
| VIETNAM                              | CYCLE VIETNAM                                      |                 | ¥                  | 14   | CVN       |      |
| VIETNAM - CAMBODIA                   | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA           |                 | ✓                  | 13   | CVE       | 132  |
| LEISURELY AND MODERATE               |  |                 |                    |      |           |      |
| COSTA RICA                           | CYCLE COSTA RICA                                   |                 |                    | 14   | CCR       |      |
| CUBA                                 | HIGHLIGHTS OF CUBA BY BICYCLE                      |                 |                    | 8    | CSC       |      |
| MODERATE                             |  |                 |                    |      |           |      |
| BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA -<br>MONTENEGRO | CYCLE BOSNIA AND MONTENEGRO                        |                 | ✓                  | 8    | CBM       |      |
| CROATIA                              | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE THE DALMATIAN COAST            |                 | ✓                  | 8    | CCD       | 127  |
| CUBA                                 | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE CUBA!                          |                 |                    | 15   | CCC       | 135  |
| FRANCE                               | CYCLE PROVENCE                                     | ✓               | ✓                  | 8    | CVP       | 121  |
| FRANCE - SPAIN                       | CYCLE MARSEILLE TO BARCELONA                       |                 | ✓                  | 8    | CFS       |      |
| GEORGIA                              | CYCLING IN GEORGIA                                 |                 |                    | 10   | CGE       |      |
| ITALY                                | CYCLING IN ITALY - CILENTO TO THE AMALFI COAST     | ✓               | ✓                  | 8    | CAC       |      |
| JAPAN                                | CYCLE JAPAN  | ✓               | ✓                  | 13   | CJA       | 133  |
| JORDAN                               | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE JORDAN                         |                 |                    | 9    | CJP       | 129  |
| MOROCCO                              | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE MOROCCO - ATLAS TO THE SAHARA  |                 |                    | 8    | CSO       |      |
| PORTUGAL                             | CYCLING PORTUGAL - PORTO TO LISBON                 |                 | ✓                  | 8    | CPL       | 122  |
| PORTUGAL                             | CYCLE PORTUGAL - LISBON TO ALGARVE                 |                 | ✓                  | 8    | CAL       | 123  |
| ROMANIA                              | CYCLE ROMANIA                                      |                 | ✓                  | 9    | CRT       |      |
| SPAIN                                | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE SOUTHERN SPAIN - MURCIA        | ✓               | ✓                  | 7    | CMU       | 124  |
| SRI LANKA                            | CYCLE SRI LANKA                                    |                 |                    | 14   | CSL       |      |
| THAILAND - CAMBODIA - VIETNAM        | ★ BEST SELLER BANGKOK TO SAIGON BY BIKE            |                 |                    | 14   | CTV       | 131  |
| TURKEY                               | CYCLE TURKEY                                       |                 |                    | 8    | СТТ       |      |
| VIETNAM                              | ★ BEST SELLER CYCLE SAIGON TO HANOI                |                 | ✓                  | 14   | CVIE      |      |
| UNITED KINGDOM                       | CYCLE HADRIAN'S WALL - COAST TO COAST              | ✓               | ×                  | 5    | CHW       |      |
| UNITED KINGDOM                       | NEW CYCLE DEVON - COAST TO COAST                   | ✓               | ¥                  | 4    | CCD       | 120  |
| MODERATE AND CHALLENGING             |  |                 |                    |      |           |      |
| ALBANIA                              | CYCLE ALBANIA                                      |                 |                    | 8    | CAB       |      |
| NICARAGUA - COSTA RICA - PANAMA      | CYCLE NICARAGUA TO THE PANAMA CANAL                |                 |                    | 14   | CNCP      |      |
| SPAIN - PORTUGAL                     | CYCLE SEVILLE TO PORTO                             | ✓               |                    | 8    | CEX       |      |
| CHALLENGING                          |  |                 |                    |      |           |      |
| UNITED KINGDOM                       | CYCLING COAST TO COAST                             | ~               |                    | 4    | C2C       |      |

\*POINT-TO-POINT: On a point-to-point cycling holiday, your entire journey is made by pedal power so you won't be using any other methods of transportation. \*\*E-BIKE: If you're interested in using an electric bike on these trips, just enquire at the time of booking and we can let you know the cost and availability.





For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

# **Cycle Devon - Coast to Coast**







#### **PRICES FROM** AU\$1890 NZ\$1960

per person, trip only. (4 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

ගිර් CYCLE GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 3 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 3 å BIKE: 24 gear Giant or similar hybrid bike ✓ Point-to-Point ✓ E-Bike available Q NEW 25kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: F M A M J J A S O N D



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Exploring Devon on foot instead. Discover the wild beauty of Dartmoor National Park and stunning beaches along the Coast Path. Trip code: WDM

|       | DAILY DI | STANCES |         |
|-------|----------|---------|---------|
| Day 1 |          |         | 32km    |
| Day 2 |          |         | 52km    |
| Day 3 |          |         | 42/82km |

35km

Optional Rides

Day 4



#### NEW TRIP

From Ilfracombe, take an idyllic 102mile coast-to-coast ride, passing golden beaches before riding inland on the lush, green, traffic-free Tarka Trail. We skirt the western flank of Dartmoor, cycling through secluded valleys, across viaducts and bridges before descending into Plymouth.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Sense of achievement | Cross beautiful Devon by pedal power

Tarka, Granite and Drake's Trails | Enjoy trafficfree cycling amid beautiful nature

Dartmoor National Park | Discover this wild, open moorland

DAY 1: Join trip in Tiverton. Cycle

Ilfracombe to Barnstaple,

DAY 2: Cycle Barnstaple to Hatherleigh on

passing the famous surf beach of

Woolacombe in the North Devon

the Tarka Trail, following streams,

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

| DAY 3:<br>DAY 4: | woodlands and disused railway<br>tracks on a largely traffic-free route.<br>Cycle Hatherleigh to Tavistock<br>on the Granite Way. Opt for an<br>afternoon ride through Dartmoor<br>National Park.<br>Cycle Tavistock to Plymouth on<br>the Drakes Trail, through beautiful<br>countryside scenery on traffic-free<br>rural paths. End the trip at either<br>Plymouth or Tiverton train station. |
|------------------|---|
|                  |   |
|                  |   |



MODERATE

# **Cycle Provence**

TRIP CODE - CVP | FRANCE



Bathed in sunshine and stretching from the Southern Alps to the Cote d'Azure, Provence is famed for its purple haze of lavender fields, vineyards, ancient hilltop villages and pine forests set against a soundtrack of singing cicadas. Soak it all up from the saddle on this 8-day tour.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Dentelles de Montmirail | Alpine foothills rising up from the edge of the Rhône Valley

Cycle the Luberon | Visit the village of Gordes and its Renaissance Château

St-Rémy-de-Provence | Market town and one time home to Vincent van Gogh PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoed

#### **PRICES FROM** AU\$2850 NZ\$2950

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- S CYCLE GRADE: Moderate
- ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available
- MEALS: Breakfast: 7
- Sto BIKE: 21 gear RTE 520 hybrid bike with front suspension
- ✓ Point-to-Point
- ✓ E-Bike available
- NEW 83kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Cycling along the historic Canal du Midi and discovering history, villages and local cuisine in south west France Trip code: CCM

|       | DAILY DIST | ANCES   |
|-------|------------|---------|
| Day 2 |            | 59km    |
| Day 3 |            | 41km    |
| Day 4 |            | 20/80km |
| Day 5 |            | 61km    |
| Day 6 |            | 52km    |
| Day 7 |            | 45km    |

#### Optional Rides



#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip at Marseille airport.<br>Drive to historic Carpentras.   |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Circular ride deep into the<br>Provence countryside. Visiting<br>Vacqueras and Gigondas; sample<br>great Grenache wines in the<br>Dentelles. |
| DAY 3: | Cycle under the southern slopes of<br>Mount Ventoux to visit a vineyard<br>for wine tasting.   |
| DAY 4: | Enjoy a free day in the Luberon.<br>Explore Avignon or ride up Mount<br>Ventoux. Alternatively visit<br>Gordes market.                       |
| DAY 5: | Cycle to Cavaillon via L'Isle-sur-la-<br>Sorgue and Ménerbes on the edge<br>of the Petit Luberon.  |
| DAY 6: | Circular ride from Cavaillon via<br>St Rémy-de-Provençe.   |
| DAY 7: | Circular ride through Orgon with<br>its 13th century Knights Templar<br>castle returning along the Durance<br>River Valley.                  |
| DAY 8: | Drive to Marseille Airport where the trip ends.  |





For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

# **Cycling Portugal - Porto to Lisbon**



TRIP CODE - CPL | PORTUGAL



Take to two wheels to discover the sweeping beaches, cultural highlights and natural beauty of Portugal's central coast. From the UNESCO-listed Douro Valley and Aveiro's rainbow-hued beach houses, to the medieval walled town of Obidos and Navare, famed for its giant surf.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Varied and scenic cycling | Two inland rides and three days closer to the coast

**Porto and Lisbon** | Explore Portugal's two finest cities

Local cuisine | Taste great food and local wines

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefoes

#### PRICES FROM AU\$2500 NZ\$2590

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



Breakfast: 7

 BIKE:
 27 gear Stevens Galant SX or similar hybrid bike

& E-Bike available



#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL:





#### WHY NOT TRY?

Cycling from Seville to Porto, riding through vast and scenic landscapes along the border between Spain and Portugal.

Trip code: CEX

#### DAILY DISTANCES



#### Optional Rides



# **ITINERARY DAY 1:** Join trip in Porto.

| DAY 2: | Cycle ride up the scenic Douro<br>Valley on quiet roads to Peso<br>da Régua.                      |
|--------|---|
| DAY 3: | Ride the Ecopista Dão cycle path<br>with a downhill bias. Drive to<br>university town of Coimbra. |
| DAY 4: | Train ride to Aveiro – the<br>Portuguese 'Venice'. Cycle on<br>coastal plains to Figueira da Foz. |
| DAY 5: | Drive to historic Alcobaça. Scenic<br>coastal cycling via Nazaré to Foz<br>do Arelho.             |
| DAY 6: | Free day. Relax on the beach<br>or visit charming walled town<br>of Óbidos.                       |
| DAY 7: | Coastal ride to traditional fishing<br>port of Peniche. Drive to Lisbon<br>for the final night.   |
|        |   |

DAY 8: Trip ends in Lisbon.



MODERATE

# **Cycle Portugal - Lisbon to Algarve**

TRIP CODE - CAL | PORTUGAL



Setting off from Lisbon and stopping at the seafood restaurants of Sesimbra, the unspoilt bays and sandy beaches of Arrabida Natural Park and concluding in the historical port town of Sagres, this biking tour of the southern coast will introduce you to Portugal's wild side.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**ITINERARY** 

Lisbon | Explore Portugal's charming capital

**Costa Vicentina Natural Park** | Cycle the entire length of this wild and unspoilt corner of Europe

**Food and drink** | Try great local cuisine and Alentejo wines

PRODUCT RATING: **\* \* \* \* \*** | **feefo**ee

#### PRICES FROM AU\$2400 NZ\$2490

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- Solution: CYCLE GRADE: Moderate
  - 7 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 7

# BIKE: 27 gear Stevens Galant or similar hybrid bike

✓ E-Bike available



## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Walking the Algarve's remote coastal trails to discover cliff tops and beaches whilst sampling local seafood and wines.

Trip code: POR

#### DAILY DISTANCES

| Day 3 | 59 | ∂km |
|-------|----|-----|
| Day 4 | 35 | ōkm |
| Day 5 | 27 | 7km |
| Day 6 | 66 | 6km |
| Dav 7 | 54 | 1km |



| DAY 1: | Join trip in Lisbon.   |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Explore Lisbon. Afternoon optional visit to Sintra by train.                                 |
| DAY 3: | Ferry across the Tagus and follow<br>the Caparica coast on our ride to<br>Cape Espichel.     |
| DAY 4: | Cycle through the rolling hills,<br>beaches and bays of Arrabida<br>Natural Park to Setúbal. |
| DAY 5: | Drive south into the Alentejo<br>region for our cycle to Vila Nova<br>de Milfontes.          |
| DAY 6: | Continue cycling south through   |

| DAT 0. | the Costa Vicentina Natural Park<br>to historic Aljezur village. |
|--------|--|
| DAY 7: | Cycle past great wild beaches to                                 |

- end ride in Sagres. Drive to Faro.
- DAY 8: Trip ends in Faro.



# **Cycle Southern Spain - Murcia**

TRIP CODE - CMU | SPAIN



#### **PRICES FROM** AU\$1830 NZ\$1900

per person, trip only. (7 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

S CYCLE GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION:

6 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 6

- å€ BIKE: 27 gear Bergamont Horizon hybrid bike with front suspension
- Point-to-Point
- ✓ E-Bike available



MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J J A S O N D

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

We offer over 20 trips to Spain! Take a look at what else there is to choose from on our website.



|       | DAILY DISTANCES |         |
|-------|-----------------|---------|
| Day 1 |                 | 18km    |
| Day 2 |                 | 39km    |
| Day 3 |                 | 45km    |
| Day 4 |                 | 44km    |
| Day 5 |                 | 33/46km |
| Day 6 |                 | 57km    |
|       |                 |         |

Optional Rides



#### **BEST SELLER**

Boasting 320 sunny days on average per year - ideal for a year-round escape - it's little wonder southern Spain's uncrowded Murcia region is nicknamed the 'Orchard of Europe.' Bike through its fertile valleys, vineyards, whitewashed villages and gorge on fresh Spanish fare.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Peaceful cycling | Ride on scenic and quiet backroads and cycle paths

Whitewashed villages | Typical Spanish villages with Moorish roots

Tapas y Vino | Reward yourself and refuel on delicious Spanish food and wine

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Murcia. Optional loop<br>ride to Fuensanta Sanctuary.   |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Follow 'via verde' cycle path to<br>Caravaca de la Cruz, one of the<br>Vatican's five Holy cities.         |
| DAY 3: | A circular bike route from Caravaca<br>past historic irrigation channels,<br>elm groves and tiny villages. |
| DAY 4: | Cycle on 'via verde' cycle path to<br>Calasparra via the 15th century<br>fortress in Moratalla.            |
| DAY 5: | Ride along peaceful country roads,<br>past almond and apricot orchards,<br>to the lively town of Cieza.    |
| DAY 6: | Complete our circuit with a cycle<br>through the deep and scenic Ricote<br>Valley back into Murcia.        |

DAY 7: Trip ends in Murcia.





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# **Cycle Puglia**



#### BEST SELLER

Take to two wheels for this tour through sun-drenched Puglia, which produces 40% of Italy's olive oil and is famed for its food. Try Italian cheeses at a local caseificio, indulge in a wine tasting and stroll around Locorotondo – one of the Italy's most-beautiful hamlets.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Alberobello | Whitewashed towns with the fairytale-like 'trulli' dwellings

**Matera** | Ancient city 'sassi' cave dwellings, one of Europe's oldest settlements

Monopoli | Bustling historic fishing town on the Adriatic coast

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Altamura.   |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Ride across wide open vistas under<br>blue skies to the unique troglodyte<br>settlement of Matera. |
| DAY 3: | Discover wonderful Matera.<br>Optional ride to San Giuliano Lake.                                  |
| DAY 4: | Cycle past olive groves to the distinctive dry stone conical trulli buildings of Alberobello.      |
| DAY 5: | A circular ride that explores<br>beautiful villages. Enjoy a local<br>wine tasting.                |
| DAY 6: | Cycle past ochre fields and the<br>Adriatic coast to Monopoli.<br>Sample local cheeses.            |
| DAY 7: | A coastal ride past inviting clear<br>waters to the bronze age site of<br>Egnazia.                 |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends in Monopoli.   |



#### PRICES FROM AU\$3050 NZ\$3170

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

တို် CYCLE GRADE: Leisurely

ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 7

#### BIKE: 27 gear Velo de Ville L200 hybrid bike

✓ E-Bike available



MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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#### WHY NOT TRY?

Cycling another region of Italy. Ride from Cilento to the iconic Amalfi Coast (trip code: CAC) or choose to explore the Dolomites, Lake Garda and Venice (trip code: CDV).



| Day 2 |  | 30km    |
|-------|--|---------|
| Day 3 |  | 0/50km  |
| Day 4 |  | 35/45km |
| Day 5 |  | 44km    |
| Day 6 |  | 35km    |
| Day 7 |  | 45km    |
|       |  |         |

DAILY DISTANCES

Optional Rides



One of the best holidays I've done with Explore! I was usually at the back, but was never made to feel that I needed to cycle faster. Croatia is a beautiful country with a stunning coastline. The food and people are lovely.

★ ★ ★ ★ + feefo<sup>ee</sup> | Jacqui, October 2019

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# **Cycle the Dalmatian Coast**

TRIP CODE - CCD | CROATIA



#### PRICES FROM AU\$2540 NZ\$2640

per person, trip only. (8 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: Moderate
 ACCOMMODATION:
 5 nights comfortable hotel
 2 nights simple hotel
 Optional single rooms available



# BIKE: 24 gear Polar Avalanche or Shadow hybrid bike

Contemporal E-Bike available



#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Cycling another iconic coastal route from Marseille to Barcelona. Explore the wild beauty of the Camargue wetlands, discover medieval villages, vineyards and Greek and Roman remains, and experience the contrasts between French and Catalan cultures. **Trip code: CFS** 







#### BEST SELLER

Mixing bus, boat and bike, you'll wend southwards from Split to Dubrovnik, exploring the port town of Hvar and the Venetian marbled streets of Korcula, with time for cooling swims, tasting of Grk white wine, and an extra cycle if you're itching for more.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Dubrovnik and Split** | Spend time in the historic hearts of the region's oldest cities

**Hvar Island** | Cycle through the beautiful countryside of one of Croatia's scenic gems

Korcula Island | Explore the villages and vineyards of this historic island

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

| DAY 1: | Join trip in the coastal town of<br>Kastel Kambelovac.                                  |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Morning sightseeing in Split. Ferry to Hvar Island and explore by bike.                 |
| DAY 3: | Cycle the old streets and<br>abandoned villages on the beautiful<br>island of Hvar.     |
| DAY 4: | Ferry to Korcula. Ride around the red terracotta roofed villages and limestone streets. |
| DAY 5: | Full day's cycling on Korcula.<br>Experience the rural elegance<br>of the island.       |
| DAY 6: | Morning ferry to Orebić. Cycle to<br>Zuljana, then drive to Dubrovnik.                  |
| DAY 7: | Opportunity to cycle through the villages of the Dalmatian Coast or explore Dubrovnik.  |
| DAY 8: | Trip ends Dubrovnik.  |



# **Cycling the Baltic States**

TRIP CODE - CBS | LITHUANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA





Eastern European sisters Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia offer peaceful and beautiful landscapes to pedal through. This tour's looping trails take you across Jurmala's packed-sand beach, through a bird migration hotspot and past feudal castles.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Three Baltic capitals | Explore Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn

**Coastal scenery** | Discover Lahemaa and Curonian Spit National Parks

Trakai Castle | Cycle around the historical national park

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* / feefoe

#### PRICES FROM AU\$2550 NZ\$2640

per person, trip only. (9 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

 CYCLE GRADE: Leisurely
 ACCOMMODATION: 8 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 8

# BIKE: 21 gear Merida Crossway hybrid bike with front suspension

✓ E-Bike available



## MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



# DAILY DISTANCESDay 213kmDay 339kmDay 436/22kmDay 537kmDay 612/25kmDay 741kmDay 837km

Optional Rides

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Exploring on foot instead. Discover cities, national parks and even learn to bog walk. **Trip code: ELL** 



| DAY 1: | Join trip in Vilnius, capital of<br>Lithuania.   |
|--------|--|
| DAY 2: | Cycle around the lake to explore<br>Trakai's historic island castle.                                   |
| DAY 3: | Cycle through fishing villages<br>to the Curonian Lagoon and<br>on to the Baltic port of Klaipeda.     |
| DAY 4: | Explore the peaceful and beautiful<br>Curonian Spit National Park on<br>cycle paths and forest trails. |
| DAY 5: | Cycle through the Giruliai forest<br>to Palanga Botanical Park and<br>the Amber Museum.                |
| DAY 6: | Cycle on Jurmala's white sand<br>beach and explore Riga, capital<br>of Latvia.                         |
| DAY 7: | Discover the beauty of Lahemaa<br>National Park by bike.   |
| DAY 8: | Final ride in Lahemaa. Explore<br>Tallinn, the picturesque capital<br>of Estonia.                      |
| DAY 9: | Trip ends in Tallinn.  |



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# **Cycle Jordan**

TRIP CODE - CJP | JORDAN



#### PRICES FROM AU\$2830 NZ\$2930

per person, trip only. (9 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

Sc CYCLE GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 5 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights premium hotel 1 night simple tented camp Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 1 å∂ BIKE: 21 gear Trek 7.1 FX or Trek 7.2 FX hybrid bike NEW 548kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: FMAMJJASOND



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

We offer several different trips to Jordan, find the one for you on our website. Our experienced leaders will take you to all the well-known sites, as well as Jordan's hidden treasures. And, if you go, make sure you try knafeh, a local delicacy of sugar syrup-soaked cheese - delicious!

#### DAILY DISTANCES





#### **BEST SELLER**

Follow a portion of the Kings Highway - once used by King Solomon's treasureladen camel caravans - as well as the Old Desert Highway toward Wadi Rum. Explore rose-tinted rock-hewn Petra, Crusader castles, and learn to brew cardamom-infused Bedouin coffee.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Madaba and Mount Nebo | Discover Jordan's biblical heritage

Wadi Rum desert camp | A night under the stars in our Bedouin camp in a secluded spot

Red Sea | Relax on the beaches and swim among the coral and fish PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  feefo<sup>eo</sup>

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Madaba.  |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Visit Madaba and cycle to Mount<br>Nebo. Descend to the Dead Sea<br>for a dip.                      |
| DAY 3: | Cycle from Shobak crusader castle to Petra.   |
| DAY 4: | Explore Petra, a UNESCO World<br>Heritage Site. Optional Bedouin<br>cookery demonstration and meal. |
| DAY 5: | Free time in Petra. Cycle to Little<br>Petra and Al Beidha.   |
| DAY 6: | Cycle to Wadi Rum and overnight under the stars in a desert camp.                                   |
| DAY 7: | Cycle from Wadi Rum and continue on to Aqaba by bus.  |
| DAY 8: | Free day to relax by the Red Sea<br>in Aqaba. Return to Amman in<br>the evening.                    |
| DAY 9: | Trip ends at Amman airport.   |



# Cycle Kerala

TRIP CODE - CKB | INDIA



#### PRICES FROM AU\$3770 NZ\$3920 per person, trip only. (13 days)

AT A GLANCE

Sc CYCLE GRADE: Leisurely

ACCOMMODATION: 10 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights simple homestay Optional single rooms available

MEALS: Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 2



**NEW 447kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### DAILY DISTANCES



#### Optional Rides



#### BEST SELLER

A leisurely cycle tour through this southwest Indian state's palm-lined beaches, backwaters and Western Ghats mountains, combined with a plantation homestay, wildlife spotting in Periyar's jungle and a traditional wooden-canoe trip at sunset.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Varied cycling | Pedal along beautiful coastlines, through plantations and tropical forests

**Kochi** | Explore this fascinating colonial coastal town

**Kovalam** | Relax on the stunning beaches of the Malabar Coast

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Kovalam.   |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Morning cycle ride. Afternoon free to relax on the Malabar Coast.                               |
| DAY 3:  | Drive to Veli Lagoon. Visit Anjengo<br>Fort and cycle to Varkala.                               |
| DAY 4:  | Cycle through traditional Keralan villages to Kollam.   |
| DAY 5:  | Boat trip along backwaters. Cycle to Mancombu.  |
| DAY 6:  | Full day cycling through backwater villages. Afternoon canoe trip.                              |
| DAY 7:  | Drive and cycle to Vagamon. Stay at Planter's Homestay.   |
| DAY 8:  | Free to explore Vagamon on foot.<br>Optional cycle rides available.                             |
| DAY 9:  | Drive and cycle to Thekkady. Visit plantations and a tea factory.                               |
| DAY 10: | Walk Periyar National Park forest in search of wildlife. Explore the spice gardens of Thekkady. |
| DAY 11: | Drive to Kuttikkanam. Cycle to<br>Malayattoor. Drive to Kochi.                                  |
| DAY 12: | Tour of Kochi by bike. Evening boat cruise.   |
| DAY 13: | Trip ends in Kochi.   |

#### **FESTIVAL DEPARTURES**

#### Diwali Festival

Special Diwali and Holi Festival departures are available. See dates and prices on our website.





# Bangkok to Saigon by Bike

TRIP CODE - CTV | THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM





#### PRICES FROM AU\$4170 NZ\$4330 per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE









#### **BEST SELLER**

#### A cycle-centric immersive journey through Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam with a night ride through Bangkok, a visit to the stilt village of Kompong Phluk, time in the Killing Fields, a meeting with the silk weavers of Koh Dach Island and a homestay.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Khao Yai National Park | Cycle amid beautiful scenery and waterfalls \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Temples of Angkor** | Cycle through the jungle between Khmer temples

**Cycle the Mekong Delta** | Boat and bike along the labyrinthine waterways

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**eo

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Bangkok. Optional<br>long-tail canal trip.   |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Cycle Bangkok's hidden urban oasis.<br>Night bike ride with food tour.                                |
| DAY 3:  | Explore Khao Yai National Park by bike.   |
| DAY 4:  | Cycle past typical scenes of rural<br>Thailand to the Cambodian border.                               |
| DAY 5:  | Silk farm visit and drive to Siem<br>Reap in Cambodia. Sunset visit to<br>Angkor temples.             |
| DAY 6:  | Explore the magnificent temples<br>of Angkor by bike including Angkor<br>Wat, the Bayon and Ta Prohm. |
| DAY 7:  | Visit Tonle Sap floating village by<br>boat. See Banteay Srey temple and<br>try a home hosted lunch.  |
| DAY 8:  | Drive and cycle to Phnom Penh via<br>Koh Dach silk weaving village.                                   |
| DAY 9:  | Explore Phnom Penh. Visit National<br>Museum, Royal Palace, Silver<br>Pagoda and the Killing Fields.  |
| DAY 10: | Cross the border to Vietnam. Cycle<br>around Ha Tien on the Mekong<br>Delta.                          |
| DAY 11: | Cycle the canal between Vietnam and Cambodia to Chau Doc.   |
| DAY 12: | Rural village cycling. Homestay with traditional Vietnamese dinner included.                          |
| DAY 13: | Cycling on Binh Hoa Phuoc Island then drive to Ho Chi Minh City.                                      |

DAY 14: Trip ends in Ho Chi Minh City.

# **Cycle Vietnam and Cambodia**

TRIP CODE - CVE | VIETNAM, CAMBODIA





#### PRICES FROM AU\$4080 NZ\$4230

per person, trip only. (13 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- CYCLE GRADE: Leisurely

   ACCOMMODATION:

   11 nights comfortable hotel

   1 night premium hotel

   Optional single rooms available

   MEALS:

   Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 1
- BIKE:
   24 gear Giant or ATX mountain
   bike with front suspension
- ✓ E-Bike available
- NEW **391kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### DAILY DISTANCES





#### BEST SELLER

Discover varied and interesting scenery as you pedal past paddy fields, stilt villages and age-old temples. Combine poignant historical sites such as the Viet Cong Cu Chi Tunnels and Pol Pot's Killing Fields with once-in-a-lifetime moments like seeing the sunrise over Angkor Wat.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Peddle quiet backroads** | Get closer to the locals on rides through the Mekong Delta and beyond

Ho Chi Minh City and Phnom Penh | Explore the contrasts of two fascinating cities

**Temples of Angkor** | Pedal through the jungle and discover the wonderful temple cities PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>ee</sup>

| DAY 1:  | Join trip in Ho Chi Minh City.<br>Afternoon orientation walk.   |
|---------|---|
| DAY 2:  | Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Cycle around the countryside.   |
| DAY 3:  | Bike to the Mekong Delta then enjoy a boat trip to the islands.   |
| DAY 4:  | Cycle and drive via Vinh Long to<br>Can Tho – famous for rice fields<br>and floating markets.                       |
| DAY 5:  | Cruise the floating markets and explore villages of Can Tho province.   |
| DAY 6:  | Drive and cycle to Chau Doc on the Cambodian border.  |
| DAY 7:  | Speedboat to Phnom Penh with an afternoon city tour.  |
| DAY 8:  | Morning cycle. Visit Tuol Sleng and the Killing Fields.   |
| DAY 9:  | Cycle along the Mekong River then drive to Kampong Thom.  |
| DAY 10: | Early cycle to Sambor Prei Kuk<br>Temple. Drive to Siem Reap.   |
| DAY 11: | Sunrise visit to Angkor Wat. Cycle<br>to see beautifully ornate Banteay<br>Srei and jungle-clad Ta Phrom<br>temple. |
| DAY 12: | Final day in Angkor. Ride to Angkor<br>Thom to see the Bayon Temple and<br>its superb 12th century bas reliefs.     |
| DAY 13: | Trip ends in Siem Reap.   |

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# Cycle Japan

TRIP CODE - CJA | JAPAN



From ancient Kyoto, take an eight-day scenic ride around the Noto Peninsula for a slice of real Japan. Visit the 250-year-old thatched gassho-zukuri farmhouses of Shogawa Valley, browse Wajima's milleniaold Morning Market and soothe tired muscles in the Wakura Onsen hot springs.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Noto Peninsula | Uninterrupted scenic ride for eight days

**Delicious local food** | Included traditional Japanese cuisine

**Kyoto and Tokyo** | Experience the ancient and modern capitals PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star$  | **feefo**<sup>e9</sup>

#### PRICES FROM AU\$8620 NZ\$8950

per person, trip only. (13 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

- CYCLE GRADE: Moderate
   ACCOMMODATION:
   8 nights comfortable hotel
   2 nights simple ryokan
   1 night premium ryokan
   1 night simple hotel
   Optional single rooms available
- MEALS: Breakfast: 12 | Dinner: 7
- BIKE:
   24 gear Japanese brand hybrid bike. Simple local bike in Kyoto
- ✓ Point-to-Point
- 🤣 E-Bike available

NEW **523kg** of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:



#### DAILY DISTANCES





| DAY 1:         | Join trip in historic Kyoto.  |
|----------------|---|
| DAY 2:         | Kyoto sightseeing by bike along the<br>Philosopher's Path to temples. Visit<br>Tofukuji rock gardens. |
| DAY 3:         | Morning train to Kanazawa. Bike<br>tour of Kenrokuen Garden and the<br>old teahouse district.         |
| DAY 4:         | Cycle around the beautiful Noto<br>Peninsula including the Chirihama<br>Beach Road.                   |
| DAY 5:         | Cycle the coastal road to Wajima.<br>Visit the Sojijiso-in Temple.                                    |
| DAY 6:         | Explore Wajima Market. Continue<br>along the stunning coastal road to<br>Suzu.                        |
| DAY 7:         | Cycle to Noto Ushitsu as we head<br>down the eastern side of the<br>peninsula.                        |
| DAY 8:         | Cycle to Wakura Onsen where<br>ancient, healing hot baths await<br>our arrival.                       |
| DAY 9:         | Begin our journey inland heading up to Shokawa Onsen.   |
| DAY 10:        | Visit stunning Shirakawa-Go,<br>famous for its traditional<br>gassho-zukuri farmhouses.               |
| DAYS<br>11-12: | Take the Shinkansen bullet train to Tokyo. Explore the Japanese capital.                              |
|                |   |

TRIP CODE - CMX | MEXICO

# Cycle Mexico - The Yucatán Peninsula





#### **PRICES FROM** AU\$3480 NZ\$3610 per person, trip only. **(9 days)**

#### AT A GLANCE

Se CYCLE GRADE: Leisurely ACCOMMODATION: 8 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS: Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 1

💑 BIKE: 10 gear Specialized hybrid bike with front suspension



#### MONTHS OF TRAVEL: F M A M J J A S

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#### **BEST SELLER**

Discover the beaches, temples and colourful villages of the Yucatan Peninsula - the centre of the Mayan civilisation - by bike. Explore the Spanish colonial 'capital' of Merida, cycle on quiet roads and across sleepy Cozumel to a Bob Marley bar on the beach, and throw in seafood grills and tequila tasting.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Chichen Itza, Coba and Tulum | Mayan sites

Leisurely Yucatan cycling | Pedal on quiet backroads on the flat

Swim | From idyllic white sand beaches and in freshwater cenotes

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1: | Join trip in Playa del Carmen.  |
|--------|---|
| DAY 2: | Boat to Cozumel Island. Explore this quiet island by bike with a chance to swim.  |
| DAY 3: | Visit Chichen Itza Mayan site. Swim<br>in Ik Kil cenote. Early evening ride in<br>historic Mérida. Included Mexican<br>dinner.  |
| DAY 4: | Cycle to the beach. Enjoy a seafood<br>lunch grill and learn to make<br>cocktails.  |
| DAY 5: | Ride to colonial Spanish convent<br>of Izamal. Visit interesting Mayan<br>villages. Tamales for lunch.  |
| DAY 6: | Ride sand paths to coastal towns<br>and colourful pink lagoons. Taste<br>and learn all about tequila.   |
| DAY 7: | Ride and explore the impressive<br>temples at Coba ruins. Drive<br>to Tulum.  |
| DAY 8: | Morning guided visit to incredible<br>Tulum Mayan temple on white sand<br>beach. Afternoon free at beach<br>or optional ride to Punta Laguna<br>Nature Reserve for jungle tour. |
|        | Trip ends in Tulum  |

DAY 9: Trip ends in Tulum.

#### WHY NOT TRY?

A one-week cycling tour of Cuba. You could even choose to combine it with this trip. Trip code: CSC

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

# **Cycle Cuba!**

TRIP CODE - CCC | CUBA





#### PRICES FROM AU\$3830 NZ\$3970 per person, trip only. (13 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

Sc CYCLE GRADE: Moderate ACCOMMODATION: 9 nights simple casas particulares

5 nights comfortable hotel Optional single rooms available MEALS:

Breakfast: 14 | Dinner: 1 Sto BIKE: 24 or 27 gear Conor Avenue or

Stevens Galant SX hybrid bike with front suspension NEW 638kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Q

Average carbon footprint pp

MONTHS OF TRAVEL: JFMAMJJASOND







#### **BEST SELLER**

Pedalling past coffee plantations and old sugar mills on quiet roads, it becomes clear bike life suits laidback Cuba. Routes have been hand-picked across the island, so you can go from sipping the best pina colada in Bacunayagua, to freewheeling down the Sierra Escambray.

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Cycle Cuba | With very little traffic this is the ideal way to see the island

Casas Particulares | Stay in private homestays in colonial Trinidad and Viñales

Havana | Explore this atmospheric UNESCO World Heritage Site

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoeo

#### **ITINERARY**

| DAY 1:       | Join trip in Havana.  |
|--------------|---|
| DAY 2:       | Walking tour of Old Havana.<br>Drive to forested mountain setting<br>of Soroa.                              |
| DAY 3:       | Cycle through tropical forests to<br>San Juan river for a refreshing dip.                                   |
| DAY 4:       | Ride to the spa town of San Diego de los Baños.   |
| DAYS<br>5-6: | Explore the stunning limestone scenery of Viñales by bike.  |
| DAY 7:       | Free day to relax, cycle some more or explore the island of Cayo Levisa.                                    |
| DAY 8:       | Drive to colonial Cienfuegos past the infamous Bay of Pigs.   |
| DAY 9:       | Cycle to the beautifully preserved colonial town of Trinidad.   |
| DAY 10:      | Ride through the beautiful scenic<br>'valley of the sugar mills'. Return<br>to Trinidad.                    |
| DAY 11:      | A free day to explore the cobbled<br>streets of Trinidad or take a<br>catamaran trip to Las Iguanas Island. |
| DAY 12:      | Scenic downhill ride in Escambray<br>Mountains. Visit Che Guevara's<br>tomb in Santa Clara.                 |
| DAY 13:      | Cycle through the quiet Yumuri<br>Valley and try Cuba's best piña<br>colada at Bacunayagua canyon.          |
| DAY 14:      | Explore the old capital of Havana on foot or by bike.   |
|              |   |

DAY 15: Trip ends in Havana.







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# Choosing your Family holiday

Our family adventures are all about fun with none of the hassle. We do the research and planning, so you don't have to.

# Widen your horizons, learn more

We're big believers in the role that travel plays in introducing children to a vast new world. Step away from the textbook and learn about the ancient Egyptians as you cruise down the Nile, take-in the biodiversity of Costa Rica's continental divide and experience different cultures and religions in India and beyond.

# The right pace for your family

Kids usually set the tempo of a holiday, so we have different paces of trip to suit your family. Our 'Relaxed' holidays have chilled mornings and dedicated pool days, with plenty of time to see the sights. 'Moderate' trips have fuller days with downtime built-in, while 'Full-On' trips are busier, with some early starts and longer travelling days.

# Shared experiences and new friends

A major highlight of travelling on a small-group Family Adventure holiday is sharing your experiences with other families, and having your children make new friends. The average age of children travelling on our trips is 13, though it will depend on the trip you choose. To get an idea about who's travelling on a particular trip date, please get in touch to find out the number of travellers and general ages of the children.

# A good night's sleep

We use a mix of homestays, characterful lodges and locally-owned hotels. Wherever possible, we try to have at least two nights in each place. We always try to find family-friendly accommodation with pools and some of the places are really special too – you can stay in tree tents, houseboats or beehive huts. Whether you all want to stay together in one room or prefer a different configuration, we'll work to accommodate you.



## Europe

| COUNTRIES | TRIP NAME   | MIN.<br>AGE* | TRIP<br>CODE | PAGE |
|-----------|---|--------------|--------------|------|
| CROATIA   | DUBROVNIK AND CROATIAN ISLANDS<br>ADVENTURE                 | 7            | FDI          |      |
| GREECE    | GREEK COAST CAIQUE CRUISE                                   | 7            | FGC          |      |
| ITALY     | SICILY MULTI-ACTIVITY ADVENTURE                             | 11           | FSI          |      |
| ITALY     | ★ BEST SELLER TUSCANY MULTI-ACTIVITY<br>ADVENTURE           | 7            | FTY          |      |
| SPAIN     | ★ BEST SELLER PYRENEES MULTI-ACTIVITY<br>ADVENTURE          | 7            | FPY          |      |
| TURKEY    | ★ BEST SELLER TURKEY COASTAL ACTIVE<br>ADVENTURE            | 7            | FLL          |      |
| TURKEY    | CRUISING THE TURQUOISE COAST                                | 7            | FCE          |      |
| TURKEY    | ★ BEST SELLER TURKEY COASTAL ACTIVE<br>ADVENTURE AND CRUISE | 7            | FLLC         |      |
| PORTUGAL  | ACTIVE PORTUGAL   | 7            | FPR          |      |

## Asia

| COUNTRIES                        | TRIP NAME   | MIN.<br>AGE* | TRIP<br>CODE | PAGE |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|------|
| INDIA                            | INDIAN DISCOVERY  | 7            | FKB          |      |
| INDIA                            | ★ BEST SELLER INDIA GOLDEN TRIANGLE<br>ADVENTURE            | 7            | FMG          | 141  |
| SRI LANKA                        | HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA                                     | 7            | FSS          |      |
| SRI LANKA - MALDIVES             | SRI LANKA AND MALDIVES ADVENTURE                            | 7            | FSL          |      |
| THAILAND                         | ★ BEST SELLER THAILAND ACTIVE JUNGLE<br>AND BEACH ADVENTURE | 7            | FOT          |      |
| THAILAND                         | THAILAND BEACH, JUNGLE AND WILDLIFE ADVENTURE               | 7            | FTT          |      |
| VIETNAM                          | VIETNAM IN DEPTH  | 7            | FVN          |      |
| VIETNAM                          | ★ BEST SELLER DISCOVER VIETNAM                              | 7            | FQVN         |      |
| VIETNAM - CAMBODIA -<br>THAILAND | VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND THAILAND<br>JOURNEY                   | 7            | FQBK         | 142  |

## **Middle East and Africa**

| COUNTRIES                        | TRIP NAME   | MIN.<br>AGE* | TRIP<br>CODE | PAGE |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|------|
| EGYPT                            | EGYPTIAN SPHINX, PYRAMIDS AND NILE<br>RIVER             | 7            | FNF          |      |
| JORDAN                           | ★ BEST SELLER JORDAN, PETRA AND<br>DESERT ADVENTURE     | 7            | FJD          |      |
| MOROCCO                          | ★ BEST SELLER ATLAS MOUNTAIN AND SAHARA ADVENTURE       | 7            | FAT          |      |
| MOROCCO                          | MARRAKECH, ATLAS & ESSAOUIRA<br>ADVENTURE               | 7            | FMA          |      |
| SOUTH AFRICA -<br>ESWATINI       | ★ BEST SELLER SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI AND BEACH ADVENTURE   | 7            | FZK          |      |
| SOUTH AFRICA                     | SOUTH AFRICA'S GARDEN ROUTE<br>AND SAFARI               | 7            | FCP          |      |
| TANZANIA                         | ZANZIBAR, SERENGETI & NGORONGORO<br>SAFARI              | 7            | FTZ          |      |
| ZIMBABWE - NAMIBIA -<br>BOTSWANA | ★ BEST SELLER BOTSWANA AND<br>ZIMBABWE SAFARI ADVENTURE | 7            | FOA          | 140  |

# The Americas

| COUNTRIES  | TRIP NAME   | MIN.<br>AGE* | TRIP<br>CODE | PAGE |
|------------|---|--------------|--------------|------|
| BELIZE     | BELIZE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE                                     | 7            | FBZ          |      |
| CANADA     | CANADIAN ADVENTURE  | 7            | FCN          |      |
| COSTA RICA | ★ BEST SELLER COSTA RICA RAINFOREST<br>AND WILDLIFE ADVENTURE | 7            | FCC          | 143  |
| COSTA RICA | COSTA RICA HIGHLIGHTS   | 7            | FCB          |      |
| CUBA       | CUBA DISCOVERY  | 7            | FCLT         |      |

# **Botswana and Zimbabwe Safari Adventure**

TRIP CODE - FOA | ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA



#### BEST SELLER

Join us on a journey through one of the last untouched wilderness in Africa. Starting at the majestic Victoria Falls, stay on-board a private houseboat in the Okavango Delta and visit Chobe National Park, famous for elephant, lion and cheetah.

MAGIC MOMENTS

**Moremi Game Reserve** | The big wildlife of Africa in a huge unspoilt wilderness

**Okavango Delta Panhandle** | Two nights on a houseboat exploring the Okavango Delta

Chobe National Park | Look for herds of elephant in the park

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★ ↓ | feefo<sup>eo</sup>

#### ADULT PRICE FROM AU\$5580 NZ\$5790 per person, trip only. (12 days)

#### AT A GLANCE



CHILD PRICE (7-11 YEARS) FROM AU\$5010 NZ\$5200 per person, trip only.





\*Age limits apply. Please see the table on page 139 and page 144 for more information.

# S) FROM ITINERARY NZ\$5200 DAY 1: Join trip in Victoria Falls and check

| DAT I.  | into our hotel.  |
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| DAY 2:  | See the wonder of Victoria Falls on<br>the shores of the Zambezi River<br>with optional rafting. |
| DAY 3:  | Travel to Chobe National Park,<br>game drives around the park<br>and track herds of elephant.    |
| DAY 4:  | Morning game drives with afternoon game viewing by boat.   |
| DAY 5:  | Drive across the Caprivi Strip to our houseboat.   |
| DAY 6:  | Explore the waterways of the<br>Okavango Panhandle in a private<br>houseboat.                    |
| DAY 7:  | Visit Tsodilo Hills, believed by<br>locals to be the birthplace of<br>mankind. Continue to Maun. |
| DAY 8:  | Drive into the Xakanaka area of the Moremi Game Reserve.   |
| DAY 9:  | Game drives in Moremi in search of Africa's unique wildlife.                                     |
| DAY 10: | A second day of viewing game on the flood plains.  |
| DAY 11: | Drive back to Maun with evening cultural show.   |
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# India Golden Triangle Adventure

TRIP CODE - FMG | INDIA





# CHILD PRICE (7-11 YEARS) FROM

per person, trip only.





India is a truly captivating country to visit. Search for Bengal tiger, stay in a historic fort in Rajasthan and visit the magnificent Taj Mahal at sunrise. On our return to Delhi visit a former royal residence and take a camel ride tour of its beautiful grounds.

MAGIC MOMENTS

**Ranthambore National Park** | Game drives in search of tiger, monkey and sloth bear

**Pachewar** | Cooking class in a rural village. Stay in a heritage fort

**Jaipur** | Explore the Amber Fort and Palace of the Winds

PRODUCT RATING: \* \* \* \* \* | feefoes

#### ITINERARY

| DAY 1:   | Join trip in Delhi. Explore New<br>Delhi.   |
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| DAY 2:   | Old Delhi sightseeing by rickshaw;<br>drive to Agra and visit the Agra Fort.  |
| DAY 3:   | Early morning visit to the Taj Mahal.<br>Visit Keoladeo Ghana National<br>Park. Continue to Ranthambore<br>by train.            |
| DAY 4:   | Take a game drive in search of the<br>Bengal tiger in Ranthambore<br>National Park.   |
| DAY 5:   | Travel to Pachewar. Explore the village in bullock-drawn carts and stay in a restored fort.                                     |
| DAY 6:   | Full day in Pachewar. Visit a local<br>temple and village home for a<br>cooking demonstration. Free<br>afternoon.               |
| DAY 7:   | Drive to Jaipur, the Pink City.<br>Visit the Palace of the Winds,<br>Observatory and the old city.<br>Optional Bollywood movie. |
| DAY 8:   | Guided sightseeing of Jaipur.<br>Visit the City Palace and drive<br>up to the Amber Fort.                                       |
| DAY 9:   | Return to Delhi stopping at<br>Samode Palace outside Jaipur<br>for camel cart ride and tour.                                    |
| DAY 10:  | Trip ends in Delhi.   |
| NOTE: Du | Iring July and August Ranthambore   |

NOTE: During July and August Ranthambore National Park is closed, so there is no option to take a jeep safari in search of tiger. Instead we spend time in Karauli, staying in an old Maharajah's house and explore the Royal Palace and the old town.

# ADULT PRICE FROM AU\$2030 NZ\$2110

per person, trip only. (10 days)

#### AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Full On AVERAGE AGE: 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 ACCOMMODATION: 6 nights comfortable hotel 3 nights premium hotel MEALS: Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 3 NEW 1148kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e Average carbon footprint pp MONTHS OF TRAVEL: J F M A M J A S O N D



\*Age limits apply. Please see the table on page 139 and page 144 for more information.

# Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand Journey

TRIP CODE - FQBK | VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, THAILAND



They say travel is the best teacher and this three-country tour combines history - with visits to Vietnam War sites and Cambodia's Landmine Museum - with beach days, bartering in markets, football with schoolkids, boating, biking and sampling street food such as 'Banh Mi.'

#### **MAGIC MOMENTS**

ITINERARY

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Ho Chi Minh City | Visit an underground weapons bunker in Saigon's bustling back alleys Phnom Penh | Take part in a cookery lesson

Bangkok | Explore the beautiful temple of the Reclining Buddha and Grand Palace (optional) PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>eo</sup>

DAY 1: Join trip in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 2: Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels used in

#### ADULT PRICE FROM AU\$3530 NZ\$3660

per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE TRIP PACE: Full On ທີ່ກຳ AVERAGE AGE: 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 ACCOMMODATION: 13 nights comfortable hotel MEALS: Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 2 |



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MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

### per person, trip only. YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

AU\$3070 NZ\$3190

CHILD PRICE (7-11 YEARS) FROM

Trip code: FQVN



\*Age limits apply. Please see the table on page 139 and page 144 for more information.

|                | the Vietnam war and travel around Old Saigon on a cyclo.  |
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| DAY 3:         | Cycle on the Mekong Delta<br>pathways. Drive to Can Tho<br>border town via the floating<br>markets.                       |
| DAY 4:         | Cruise on sampans, offering an in<br>depth view of Cai Rang's floating<br>market from the delta.                          |
| DAY 5:         | Exhilarating speedboat ride to<br>Phnom Penh.   |
| DAY 6:         | Put your culinary skills to the test<br>with a cookery lesson in Phnom<br>Penh. Visit a local school in the<br>afternoon. |
| DAY 7:         | Drive to lively Siem Reap, home to<br>Angkor Wat, passing through the<br>Cambodian countryside en route.                  |
| DAYS<br>8-9:   | Two full days to explore the world<br>famous temples of Angkor.<br>Full guided tour on first day<br>by tuk-tuk.           |
| DAY 10:        | Morning flight to Bangkok,<br>Thailand. Free afternoon to<br>explore the capital.   |
| DAY 11:        | Option to visit many of the city's<br>famous sights including the Grand<br>Palace. Afternoon transfer to<br>beach resort. |
| DAYS<br>12-13: | Enjoy two days relaxing on the<br>tranquil palm-fringed tropical<br>beaches of Hua Hin.                                   |
| DAY 14:        | Trip ends in Bangkok.   |

# **Costa Rica Rainforest and Wildlife Adventure**

TRIP CODE - FCC | COSTA RICA



#### BEST SELLER

Cloud forest hikes, chocolate tours, cooking lessons for the kids, zip lining high above the canopy – you'll do all this and more on this two-week tour traversing the beaches, rainforests and volcanoes of Costa Rica.

#### MAGIC MOMENTS

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**Wildlife** | Look out for howler monkey, sloth and beautifully-coloured birds

**Jungle** | Cruise along the waterways of the Tortuguero 'mini Amazon'

**Golden beaches** | Share the beach with sun-bathing iguana and capuchin monkey

DAY 1: Join tour in San Jose.

waterways.

and parrot.

Volcano.

walkways.

Pacific coast.

Osa Peninsula. **DAY 13:** Free day to relax on the beaches

a chocolate tour.

DAY 6:

DAYS

7-8:

PRODUCT RATING:  $\star \star \star \star \star |$  **feefo**<sup>eo</sup>

DAY 2: Drive to Turrialba via the former

DAY 3: Turrialba. Free morning with

capital Cartago and Irazu Volcano.

Park. Keep an eye out for wildlife

as we cruise through the narrow

wildlife including howler monkey

Boat transfer to Cano Blanco, drive

to Sarapiqui. Visit La Tirimbina for

nature reserve at the foot of Arenal

Continue to La Fortuna via a

DAY 9: Monteverde cloud forest. Prepare

conservation project.

a traditional dish and visit a

DAY 10: Visit Santa Elena Reserve with free

DAY 11: Drive to Playa Dominical along the

DAY 12: Full day trip to the wildlife haven

of the Pacific Ocean.

DAY 14: Tour ends in Playa Dominical.

time to try a canopy tour or wire

of Corcovado National Park on the

optional whitewater rafting. Afternoon visit to a local farm

for cheese making tour.

DAY 4: Bus/boat to Tortuguero National

DAY 5: Full day in the park searching for

# AU\$5760 NZ\$5970

per person, trip only. (14 days)

#### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: Moderate
 AVERAGE AGE

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 ACCOMMODATION

 5 nights premium hotel
 4 nights comfortable hotel
 2 nights premium lodge
 MEALS:
 Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 5 |
 Dinner: 2

 NEW 179kg of CO<sup>2</sup>e

 Average carbon footprint pp

 MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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\*Age limits apply. Please see the table on page 139 and page 144 for more information.

#### CHILD PRICE (7-11 YEARS) FROM AU\$4530 NZ\$4700

per person, trip only.

#### WHY NOT TRY?

Discovering Belize's spectactular wildli beaches and ancient Mayan sites. **Trip code: FBZ** 







# Essential information about our Classic Discovery, Walking, Cycling and Family Tours

#### Please carefully read through the following information about booking an Explore trip.

When you book (whether by phone, travel agent or online), you will be asked to confirm that you have read and understood these pages, as well as our Trip Notes and Booking Conditions (www.exploreworldwide.com.au/booking-conditions or www. exploreworldwide.co.nz/booking-conditions).

#### **Guaranteed departures**

Almost all trips are guaranteed for 2023 and beyond, although certain trips are excluded because they require a minimum number to run. We guarantee that the advertised trip-only itinerary will not be cancelled or significantly changed once the first booking is confirmed unless we are forced to do so by a "force maieure" (as defined in our Booking Conditions). There is no minimum group size, but we appreciate that the group experience is important to many of our customers and therefore, in some cases where there is an opportunity to suggest an alternative departure date which affords you a wider group experience, we will offer this as a no obligation alternative. This guarantee does not apply to international or UK domestic flights, which may be subject to change or cancellation in accordance with our Booking Conditions

#### **Itineraries**

From time to time, some elements of our trips may change from those that have been published. This could be the result of inclement weather, a change in the local political situation or in flight or train schedules or other circumstances beyond our control. We will keep you as well informed as possible about these changes. Significant changes to your holiday will be notified as soon as we feasibly can. Minor amendments to your trip will be detailed on your final trip documentation, although our website will be regularly updated should you wish to check the information at any time. You will be provided with a provisional list of your accommodation shortly after booking. Whilst we expect to stay at the accommodation stated, please note that this is subject to change to an equivalent or higher standard at any time.

#### Group size

The size of the group on trips ranges from between 6 to 18 people; the average group size

is usually 12 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used, and activities included. Whilst every group make up is different, we occasionally have groups that are smaller than six people.

#### **Eligibility for Family adventures**

For our purposes, a family is defined as having a minimum of two people, with at least one adult over the age of 18 and one person 18 years or younger.

#### Age limits

The minimum age on most group trips featured in this brochure is 14. Our minimum age limit for trips travelling at high altitude is 16 years old. Because of the active nature of our Family Adventures, we provide guidelines regarding the minimum age that we feel is most suitable for each Family trip. This starts at 7 years of age, at the time of travel depending on the level of activity involved and overall suitability. On certain trips there may be some flexibility to accept children from the age of 5. Please speak to our Sales team for details. Trips to certain destinations have a higher age limit. Please refer to individual Trip Notes and our website for further information where applicable. A parent or guardian must book for and accompany anyone under the age of 18. Fitness and stamina are more important than age and we often find that some of our older travellers are the fittest in the group. Whilst we do not have a maximum age, we do recognise that at some point during our customers' journey with us they will reach an age where we will have to review the fitness and ability to participate in the trips they've chosen to book. Should you be 80 years old or older at the time of travel, we will discuss the itinerary with you before booking you on the trip and may ask you additional questions about your health and fitness.

#### Fitness and trip participation

All our trips require some level of active participation. It is in the interests of all members of the group that everyone should be capable of fully participating in the activities of their chosen trip. With this in mind, please be aware that (as detailed in our Booking Conditions) if it is felt that any customer is not able to participate in a trip without endangering the health or safety of themselves or any other person (including other group members), or that the presence of the customer on the trip means we will be unable to provide the trip, in whole or part, to other members of the group as advertised and contracted, the Explore Leader has the right to require them to leave the trip at any stage. To ensure that this is never necessary, please make sure that you have fully understood the level of fitness and ability required to complete the trip on which you are booking. It is your responsibility to let us know if you have any concerns related to this subject. If you have any medical condition or disability which may affect your trip arrangements in any way, you must provide us with full details at the time of booking. In certain circumstances, usually on more strenuous trips, we may require you to provide proof of medical fitness before travelling.

On some of our trips, there will be waterbased activities, boat excursions or swimming opportunities. For your own personal safety and enjoyment, an ability to swim is therefore strongly recommended.

Several trips reach elevations of 2,500 metres or more. We allow time for acclimatisation and usually the body acclimatises well to spending extended periods of time above this altitude. It is difficult to predict who is at risk from altitude sickness but if you have a heart or respiratory problem we advise you not to risk extended travel or trekking at high altitudes.

#### **Trip prices**

The prices shown in this brochure are for guidance only. Prices represent the basic per person cost of the trip at the time of publication of this brochure. The price at the time of booking may be different. The latest guide prices for each trip departure can be found on our website.

#### NO SURCHARGE PRICE GUARANTEE

Once we have confirmed your booking we guarantee the price of your confirmed services won't change: we will not pass on surcharges of any kind. Unlike most other tour operators we will not pass on unexpected additional costs like fuel surcharges and tax increases.

#### What is included?

- Transport, meals and accommodation: all details are outlined in the individual Trip Notes.
- Explore Leader: the services of an Explore Leader are included on nearly all trips. In most cases they will accompany you for the full duration of the trip. On some trips a local representative may be provided instead (this will be outlined in the individual Trip Notes).
- Local crew: as well as drivers and local guides, interpreters, cooks, helpers and porters may be provided on some trips (details will be outlined in the individual Trip Notes).
- Bike hire is included on all cycling trips. Your included bike will be the correct frame size for your height. All bikes have a maximum rider's weight limit which varies but is usually around 120kg. Should you exceed this weight you must mention this to us at the time of booking to enable us to try to source a suitable alternative. E-Bikes can be hired locally (subject to availability) on some trips for an additional charge. See Trip Notes for details.
- Activities, equipment, sightseeing and visits: please see individual Trip Notes for details.

#### **TRANSFERS**

We are pleased to be able to offer airport transfers for customers booking a flight inclusive or land only trip. Some trips have included transfers. Please refer to your Trip Notes or joining information for further details and visit www.exploreworldwide.com.au/transfers or www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/transfers. You are responsible for telling us your flight details and keeping us updated with any changes.

#### Responsibility for your children and parental consent on our Family Adventures

Please note that Explore Leaders are not expected to be child-minders. Parents and guardians booking on Explore Family Adventures agree to take full responsibility for any children travelling with them at all times. Any child under the age of 16 wishing to participate in the activities can do so only with the full consent of their parent or guardian.

#### What's not included?

The price of the trip does not include: visa fees, vaccination charges, passport costs, international departure taxes, insurance premiums, excess baggage charges, optional trips and excursions, hotel porters or meals (other than those we list as included). We also do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service charges, drinks or phone calls. Tips for personal service are not include and are usually expected. If you book on a land only basis we do not include flights from Australia or New Zealand or departure taxes.

#### Accommodation grades

We know that finding the right place to stay is just as important as the destination and activities. All our accommodation is carefully chosen for location and character. Countries have varying standards and on some holidays a range of grades are used.

#### Simple

These are often small, family run establishments or campsites which provide a no-frills experience with adequate amenities and service standards. Sleeping arrangements are simple, sometimes with en suite facilities.

#### Comfortable

Our comfortable, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will have en suite facilities and heating or air-conditioning.

#### Premium

Our premium accommodation is handpicked for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service.

#### Single rooms

Most trips are based on customers sharing twinbedded rooms. If you book a group trip as an individual, you will share a room with someone of the same sex. On rare occasions mixed sex rooms may be necessary. If applicable, this will be stated on the relevant Trip Notes. However, on many trips we offer the opportunity to pay a supplement to pre-book a single room. On some of these trips a single room will be provided every night, on others it will be provided on some nights, but for logistical reasons not all. Individual Trip Notes clarify this. Please note that on rare occasions it may be necessary for customers in single rooms to share bathroom facilities. Please note that due to the nature of the accommodation we use, the single room supplement will guarantee you sole occupancy of the room, however single rooms may differ in configuration and may be smaller than a standard twin/double room.

#### Accommodation and rooming arrangements on Family Adventures

We will room your family in the most appropriate way using a mixture of twin, triple, double and single rooms as necessary. Please note that sometimes a triple room may be a twin room with an additional bed added. We will leave it to you to decide who shares with whom in your family group. We will do our very best to give you rooms next to each other but we can't promise this. In exceptional cases, where accommodation is limited, for example on boat-based trips, one or more of you may need to share with members of another family.

#### Preparing for your holiday

Travelling to far-flung corners of the earth involves adapting to living conditions that are often very different from your own. Please be prepared for unusual situations, local differences and unpredictable events. The very nature of adventure holidays means your most enjoyable moments are likely to come from the unexpected. You need to be sure you are happy to swap luxury for experience when joining an Explore trip. If you are someone who prefers things to go as planned and enjoys some pampering along the way, then maybe think twice about an adventure holiday. You should also be aware that some countries around the world have security problems. Unsavoury characters are likely to be active in big cities and street markets and certain areas may be considered 'out-of-bounds' for tourists. However, most crime is opportunistic. Using your common sense will reduce the risks. Unfortunately, no destination can be guaranteed to be safe from terrorism. We constantly monitor the political situation in the regions we visit and will re-route or cancel a trip if we feel it is necessary. Whilst we endeavour to provide as much information as possible in our brochure and individual Trip Notes regarding the areas our trips travel to, we would always recommend that you undertake some background research about the places you will be visiting and the type of climate and local conditions you can expect in order to get the most from your holiday.

#### Foreign Office travel advice

As a UK-based company, we rigidly monitor the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) travel warnings and advice, and where we consider it appropriate to do so, we may cancel tours prior to departure, or terminate, re-route or otherwise make changes to tours operating in or through the country or part of the country concerned. Any such decision we make will always be made in the interests of safety and security. Occasionally we will pre-empt the FCDO and decide to leave a region based on our own feedback from tour leaders or local agents on the ground. We make no apologies for this - safety always has and always will come first. We strongly recommend that you monitor your Government's Travel Advice for your destination.

#### Travel insurance and pre-existing medical conditions

You must have valid travel insurance. You will need to confirm to your Explore Leader that you are covered by a travel insurance policy at the start of the trip. Please ensure that your documentation shows you as the named policyholder and that the cover is valid for the entire period of travel. It must also indicate that you have cover for (at least) Medical Expenses and Emergency Repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Please ensure that a 24 hour contact telephone number for your Insurance Company is written on your documentation in case of an emergency. If you are unable to provide this information at the start of the trip you will not be able to continue with us unless you purchase a suitable insurance policy.

If you, your travelling companions, or anyone upon whom your travel depends (such as a friend or family member) have a pre-existing medical condition, you must disclose this to your travel insurer's medical screening helpline when you purchase your insurance policy. Failure to do so may result in your claim being declined. Please ensure that you receive written confirmation from them that the condition is covered. You must take this written confirmation with you on the trip. in addition to the insurance policy itself. If you don't, you may not have appropriate cover. We reserve the right to cancel your booking at any point if you do not fully insure your pre-existing medical condition. Please also tell us about any pre-existing medical conditions at the time of booking.

#### Changes to flight information

We strongly recommend that you do not purchase non-flexible, non-refundable connecting rail, air or bus tickets, as they usually incur cancellation or penalty charges in the event of a change to the departure time or date.

#### Aircraft weight restrictions

For the purposes of flight safety, it is essential that you adhere to the luggage weight restrictions imposed by the airline you are flying with, particularly when flying on internal flights on smaller aircraft.

#### Land only packages

Our land only packages start and finish at the designated overseas joining and ending point. Land only packages do not include any connecting flights to or from the joining or ending point. If you are planning to book a land only package on one of our trips, then we strongly recommend that you only purchase flights/train/ bus tickets that are totally flexible and refundable. This is because by their very nature, adventure holiday itineraries can change and it's important that you're able to amend your connecting travel arrangements should the need arise. In the event of a trip being cancelled, it is important that you are able to get a refund if you no longer wish to use the associated flight, bus or train. We regret that we cannot accept liability for any connecting travel arrangements that you make (including any cancellation or amendment charges) in the event of any change to, or cancellation of, our trip; or for any other reason that makes you unable to use your booked travel arrangements.

#### Consumer peace of mind



Explore is proud to be the first tour operator to be approved by Trading Standards.

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The Association of Bonded Travel **Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT)** provides for a refund in the event you have not yet travelled or repatriation if you

are abroad. In the unlikely event that you require assistance whilst abroad due to our financial failure, please call ABTOT on +44 (0) 20 7065 5311 (during office hours Mon - Fri) or alternatively call their 24/7 helpline on +44 (0) 1702 811397 and advise vou are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

#### Brochure / Website / Advertising material accuracy

The information contained in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing or publication. However, errors may occasionally occur and information may subsequently change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen trip (including the price) with us or your travel agent at the time of booking.

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#### Passport, Visa and Entry Requirements

#### **Passport** information

Please note it is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct, current information in good time before departure and that you act on it. Please ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity and appropriate number of blank pages for your chosen destination. You must also have all visas and vaccination certificates that are necessary to enter or pass through any countries involved in the journey or trip.

#### Visas

Many countries require a visa to be obtained before travel or on arrival. If required, visas can be obtained through a Visa Service or the relevant Embassy or Consular Office.

#### **General Note**

Some countries refuse admission to travellers not meeting their accepted standards of dress or appearance (even if they hold a visa). Entry may also be refused to some countries if your passport bears stamps or visas (valid or expired) from

certain countries. Please bear this in mind when booking/travelling to these destinations as it can negatively affect your future travel plans. Further information can be found on our Trip Notes where applicable.

#### **Entry Requirements**

Covid 19 has led to many countries revising their entry requirements, often at short notice. Requirements can include the need to have received a full course of Covid 19 vaccine or proof of a negative test recognised by your destination country. We strongly recommend reviewing entry requirements frequently, both for your destination and home country, to ensure your travel plans run smoothly.

#### Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct vaccinations required for all countries that you will visit on your trip. Explore Trip Notes detail the recommended vaccinations for each trip but you must consult with your doctor or a travel health clinic to ensure you have the most up to date advice. Please note that some inoculation programmes require two injections, administered four weeks apart. You should leave plenty of time for this. As a general rule, please note that health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the current requirements in good time before departure.

#### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.



#### **Your Privacy**

Explore takes your privacy extremely seriously. We are committed to doing everything we can to protect any personal information provided to us when you enquire about or book a holiday or another travel service with us, when you visit our website, or when you engage with us by other means. This equally applies if someone else makes arrangements on your behalf.

For full details of what, why and how we collect and use your personal information, how we protect it and how you can contact us, see our online Privacy Centre at

#### www.exploreworldwide.com.au/privacy or www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/privacy

If you handle the arrangements for other travellers, please ensure they are aware of the information contained within our Privacy Centre and they consent to you acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

To enable us to make holiday arrangements for you, we may ask you to provide information such as:

- your name, gender, date of birth, contact details;
- your preferred rooming arrangements and other special requests (including special categories of personal data such as dietary requirements, which may disclose health matters or your religious or philosophical beliefs, and information about any disability or medical condition which may affect the chosen holiday arrangements.);
- the name and telephone number of an emergency contact person (whom we will only contact in urgent circumstances while you are away);
- your passport and travel insurance details;
- details of your payment card or your bank account (this information is processed using a third party payment services provider and is not stored by us).

When you call us or correspond with us about your booking, we may record the call for training and quality control purposes and/or keep information on why you contacted us, and the advice we gave you.

On your return from holiday we email or post a satisfaction questionnaire to you. This gives us specific feedback on any issue you may have experienced, and statistical data we can amalgamate in order to monitor the quality of our holidays. We may share your holiday feedback with third party review companies.

We will need to share your data with third party service providers, used in the delivery of your purchased holiday arrangements, some of which may be based outside the EEA. These providers include accommodation, restaurants and transport providers; local ground partners and agents, where we use them; equipment hire operators, including our cycling partners and guides, tutors and local attractions where booked on your behalf.

We keep the information related to your booking for a period which enables us to handle or respond to any complaints or queries and to fulfil our obligations to our third party suppliers who provided your holiday arrangements. The information may also be retained so that we can continue to improve your experience with us while you engage with and purchase from us. By law we have to keep basic information about our customers for legal and tax purposes for up to 7 years after they cease being customers.

#### If you fail to provide personal information

Should you fail to provide data required either by law, or necessary to provide your chosen travel arrangements, we will not be able to provide the services you have booked or are attempting to book. This may result in Explore being unable to process your booking and being forced to cancel the booking. In this case, we will treat this as a 'cancellation by you' in accordance with the relevant Booking Terms & Conditions and notify you accordingly.

#### Marketing communications

We may use your information to provide you with brochures, newsletters and other communications if you have provided your prior consent or we are permitted under an identified and assessed legitimate interest.

We sell our holidays directly to customers and so sending out brochures and other marketing communications by post from time-to-time is very important to the way we do business. We use data we have collected from bookings, brochure requests and other forms of engagement to decide what marketing information our customers may like to receive, and we have identified this as in our legitimate interest.

We do provide an opportunity to opt-out of this direct marketing during the booking or enquiry process and in subsequent communications, or you may contact us at any time to do so.

We have found over the years that the majority of people welcome these communications and, those who do not are happy to let us know so we can ensure no more are sent.

If you ask us to stop sending marketing information, you may continue to receive communications for up to 4 weeks after your requested change while our systems are fully updated.

#### Images

From time-to-time, our staff, customers and suppliers may take photographs and video footage of trips in progress, including photos and video footage of our customers. You will be invited to sign a model release form to consent to this. These images may be used in future marketing materials and stored physically and digitally. If you do not wish to be filmed or for your pictures to be taken or used in this manner, please advise your Explore Leader and/ or the photographer at the start of your trip.

#### Website use

In order for us to provide you with the optimum service, we use 'Cookies' on our website. Cookies are small text files sent to your computer when you access our site. Cookies used on our site are anonymous and contain no personal information, but do identify your computer so that you can navigate our site more easily and our website can remember your preferences. For more information about what cookies we use and how to manage them please refer to our Cookie Policy at www.exploreworldwide.com.au/privacy/ cookies or www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/ privacy/cookies.

#### Contact us

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if any of the details you provide to us should change during the course of your relationship with us.

If you need further assistance, would like to make a comment or update your marketing preferences, you can contact us:

- By email: Dataprivacy@explore.co.uk
- By mail to Data Privacy Manager, Explore, Nelson House, 55 Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 7PA, UK.

You also have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Find out more and contact them via www.ico.org.uk/concerns.



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