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With best regards,

Geoffrey Kent

Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Abercrombie & Kent Travel Group

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The Great Wall of China

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THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

India: where cities sizzling with spice and chatter give way to serene hill stations, wide deserts and waterways. Forests shelter all stripes of animal, from prowling tiger to tramping elephant. Ornate temples and palaces dazzle, while hospitable locals prove the Hindi adage that 'the guest is god' ('atithi devo bhava').

South of India lies teardrop-shaped Sri Lanka. Although dubbed the 'Gem Island' for its prized red rubies and blue sapphires, if it were a jewel, it would surely be an emerald. Here, tea plantations, palm-fringed shores and luxuriant forests are pretty in green – and hide UNESCO-listed wonders.

To the north is Nepal, with its dramatic spine of mountains tempting experienced hikers; and neighbouring Bhutan, a tiny Buddhist kingdom known for its vibrant festivals and fortress-like monasteries.

The Indian Subcontinent is at the heart of the Cox & Kings story, and our guides can reveal its hidden depths to you better than anyone.

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guides and accommodation options.

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Hawa Mahal, Jaipur 9



Taj Mahal at sunrise, Agra

Imposing forts, lavish palaces, desert cities, tranquil lakes and captivating temples characterise Rajasthan and the Golden Triangle. It's a region that flaunts its regal past and parades all the brilliant colour and exoticism associated with the wealth of the fabled maharajahs. Rajasthan lies largely within the Thar Desert, which – as part of the Silk Road – was once traversed by colourful caravans laden with spices, silk and precious stones. Here the great Rajput dynasties built mighty fortifications and beautiful cities such as Jaisalmer. Today, Rajasthan's arid countryside is peopled by Brahmin farmers and weavers, and Raika shepherds dressed in glorious costumes.



AGRA

Sunrise at the Taj Mahal • Colonial walks & food tours • UNESCO-listed Fatehpur Sikri

Agra is home to India's most celebrated attraction, the Taj Mahal, and the stupendous 16th-century Mughal-built Agra Fort, which encompasses the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Completed by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1653 in memory of his late wife, the Taj Mahal took 20 years to build; it is justifiably lauded as the world's greatest monument to love. Sunrise and sunset are magical times to visit.

Fatehpur Sikri occupies a rocky crest some 40km to the south-west of Agra. Once the imperial capital of Akbar the Great, the city's wonderfully preserved collection of monuments provides a remarkable insight into the daily life of the 16th-century Mughal court.

JAIPUR

Exquisite arts and crafts • Amber Fort by

Jaipur was founded in 1727, and UNESCO inscribed it on the list of World Heritage Sites in 2019. Popularly known as the 'Pink City' due to the colour of its stone buildings, Jaipur's prime attraction is the sprawling palace complex, still home to the current maharajah. It includes a fascinating museum of the maharajahs' lavish possessions as well as the Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Jaipur is also a delight for those seeking traditional Indian crafts, including jewellery, silver and silk.

Just outside the city, Amber Fort exquisitely blends many Mughal influences in addition to traditional Rajput designs. The Sheesh Mahal, or 'mirror palace', with its ornate mirror mosaics, is undoubtedly a highlight.

UDAIPUR

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

Situated on the shores of Lake Pichola, Udaipur is undeniably one of India's most romantic settings. As capital of the old Mewar state, it was the only Rajput stronghold to uphold its Hindu allegiance in the face of Muslim invasion. From the late 16th century, peace brought about an era of renaissance in the arts and encouraged the building of beautiful palaces and attractive gardens around the lake.

The surrounding area is dotted with treasures, including the 500-year-old Jain temples at Ranakpur and Kumbhalgarh. Known as the 'Great Wall of India', Kumbhalgarh is one of the finest examples of defensive fortification in Rajasthan, a site dominated by majestic watchtowers and exquisite stepwells, as well as thriving wildlife.



City Palace, Udaipur

Today an exemplar of tiger conservation, Ranthambore National Park was once the private hunting ground of royalty. It is named after the 10th-century, UNESCOlisted Ranthambore Fort, which lies within its boundaries. The park now covers an area of 400 sq km and is most famous for its growing deer, chital, marsh crocodiles, sloth bears and of bird.

The most comfortable time to visit - the cooler, less humid months - though



Bengal tigers ℰ other wildlife • 300 bird

Bengal tiger population, numbering more than 80 individuals. Ranthambore is also home to a large variety of other animals including sambar leopards. There is much to draw birdwatchers, too, as it is a habitat for more than 300 species

Ranthambore is between October and March summer can promise more tiger sightings.

EXPERIENCES IN RAJASTHAN

Food trail, Agra

On the streets of Agra, you'll find some of India's most delectable chaats (savoury snacks). Take part in a carefully curated chaat-crawl, visiting celebrated food stalls in a tour designed to deliver gastronomic satisfaction. This is a safe and hygienic way to sample the best of Indian street food.

High tea in the desert, Jaisalmer

Drive out of Jaisalmer to the Great Thar desert in time to catch the last rays of the setting sun. Find the perfect spot to watch the sun slowly sink over the rippling dunes. As you watch the sky and sand fuse in red, gold and orange hues, feast on an exquisite high tea. Gourmet delicacies are served alongside warming cups of perfectly brewed tea or coffee.

Champagne sunset tour of Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur

As twilight descends on this historic fort, join the Mehrangarh Museum curator for a guided tour of the site's architectural highlights, artworks and richly decorated interiors. The rugged, impregnable walls and delicate palaces will come alive as you hear tales of sacrifice and extraordinary adventure.

Train ride through the Aravalli Mountain Range

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



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Heritage Rajasthan

17 days & 15 nights from £4,495 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

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

Days 1-4: Delhi & Agra

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

Days 5 & 6: Jaipur

Fly to Jaipur and stay 2 nights at the restored Royal Heritage Haveli. There is time to explore independently, and you'll also visit Amber Fort, the City Palace, Jantar Mantar observatory, and local bazaars. (B)

Day 7: Barli

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

Days 8 & 9: Jodhpur

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

Day 10: Ranakpur & Narlai

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

Days 11 & 12: Deogarh

Visit Kumbhalgarh Fort then continue to

Deogarh for 2 nights at the heritage home of Dev Shree. The next day is at leisure, or take a scenic train ride or 4x4 village 'safari'. (B)

Days 13-15: Udaipur

See the Nathdwara Temples en route to Udaipur. Stay 3 nights at the Fateh Garh, right on the shores of Lake Pichola. Explore the magnificent City Palace and the Art & Frames Gallery. (B)

Days 16 & 17: Delhi & Fly Home

Fly to Delhi for a night at the **Pullman** Aerocity before flying home the next day. (B)

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Toy train on the Kalka-Shimla railway



Tibetan monks and prayer wheels, Dharamsala

SHIMLA

Summer capital of the British Raj • Colourful markets • Mountain railway toy train

Set amid evergreen forests and snow-capped peaks, the hill station of Shimla was once the summer capital of the British Raj. Echoes of its colonial past can be seen along the main promenade. Here, half-timbered houses, churches and stately buildings including the Post Office and restored gothic Gaiety Theatre rub shoulders with the colourful market, Lakkar Bazaar. Shimla's ornate Viceregal Lodge, with its magnificent botanical gardens, was the former residence of the British viceroy Lord Dufferin and remained the seat of colonial power during the summer months until the 1940s.

DHARAMSALA

Home of the Dalai Lama • Tibetan culture • Gentle walks in the Himalayan foothills

Once a hill station where the British escaped the summer heat of the plains, Dharamsala is renowned as the home of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile. McLeod Ganj lies at its centre, a charming Tibetan settlement with many interesting shops selling local crafts. It offers a wealth of activities, from gentle walks to cookery classes, all set against the backdrop of the Dhauladhar mountain range. The Norbulingka Institute preserves traditional Tibetan art and the nuns at Thosamling Nunnery are happy to explain the Tibetan Buddhist traditions which they follow.



Wall of the Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Kangra Valley

KANGRA VALLEY

Himalayan scenery • Scenic mountain railway

The medieval village of Pragpur is an idyllic base from which to explore the breathtaking Kangra Valley. The surrounding countryside offers many opportunities for walks, bicycle rides and birdwatching. Local sights include the ruins of the regal Kangra Fort and the elaborate carvings of the Bajreshwari temples. The section of the local Kangra railway, between Baijnath and Nagrota, is the most scenic stretch of the line.

EXPERIENCES IN THE INDIAN HIMALAYA

Sunset Wagah ceremony, Amritsar

Every day at sunset, the border guards of India and Pakistan assemble for the border closing ceremony. Each army parades in an immaculately turned out display of synchronised marching and bellowed military commands. The ritual ends as the sun goes down, the flag of each country is lowered and the gates are slammed shut.

Toy train to Shimla

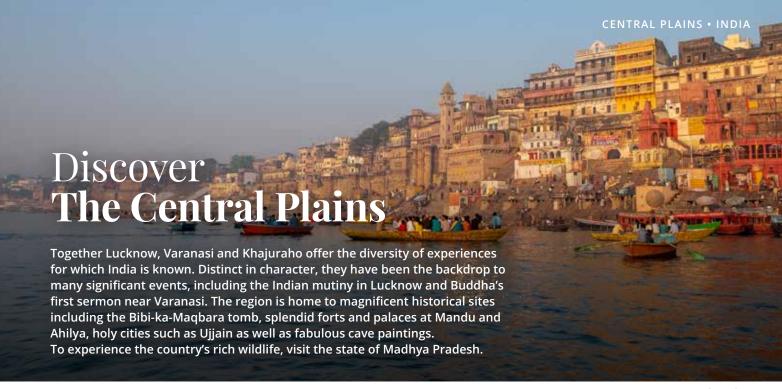
The toy trains to Shimla offer stupendous views of the Himalayan scenery as they wind their way steeply upwards on the narrow track. Built to transport the British from the heat of the summer plains to cooler climes, the railway passes through rugged mountains and pine forests. For the best views, sit on the right-hand side when travelling to Shimla.

Spiritual tour of Haridwar

According to Hindu mythology, Haridwar is the holiest of all places and pilgrims arrive here daily to bathe in the sacred Ganges. A tour of the key temples culminates at the sacred Har-ki-Pauri *ghat* (waterfront steps) where thread ceremonies, holy dips and the evening *aarti* ritual take place to the accompaniment of music, chanting and the waft of incense carried on the wind.

Picnic in the Kullu Valley, Manali

Spend a leisurely day in the spectacular valley of Manali, tucking into a delicious alfresco lunch surrounded by high peaks, pine forests, meadows and apple orchards. Take a walk through the picturesque scenery, passing quaint villages and old Kullu-style temples along the way.



Varanasi's waterfront ghats



Aarti ceremony on the Varanasi waterfront



Asafi Imambara, Lucknow

VARANASI

Hindu centre of pilgrimage • Sacred Ganges River • Evening Ganga *aarti* ceremony

Set on the banks of the sacred Ganges, Varanasi is one of the oldest cities in the world and the holiest of all for devout Hindus. It is believed that bathing in the river will purge all sins and, for many Hindus, Varanasi is regarded as the place that provides salvation and enlightenment. An early morning boat ride or walk along the riverside *ghats* offers a glimpse of the city's spiritual significance, with pilgrims performing their ablutions and other rituals, funeral pyres blazing on the steps, incense wafting through the air and music chiming all around.

LUCKNOW

Remnants of the Raj • Unique Indo-Persian culture • Distinct cuisine with a fusion of styles

Rudyard Kipling said in his novel *Kim* that "there is no city – except Bombay, the queen of all – more beautiful in her garish style than Lucknow". The city rose to prominence during the 1857 Indian mutiny, when it saw fierce fighting between British and Indian forces. The Raj era bequeathed Lucknow many fine colonial monuments, including the former Residency and La Martiniére College. However, it was under the Muslim Nawabs of Oudh (Awadh) in the 18th century that Lucknow reached its apogee as a political and cultural centre.



An Indian roller in flight

BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

High density of tigers • 250 bird species

Bandhavgarh has one of the highest densities of tigers in the country. Once the hunting preserve of the maharajahs of Rewa, the reserve's open terrain features large grassland meadows, which offer good chances of tiger sightings. The park is home to a variety of other mammals, including leopards, Indian bison, hyenas and wild dogs. It is estimated that 250 bird species can be found here, including migratory steppe eagles that arrive in winter.

EXPERIENCES IN CENTRAL INDIA

Indian Rebellion tour, Lucknow

Lucknow played a significant part in the Indian Rebellion that took place in northern India in 1857. On a specialist tour designed to develop an understanding of the siege, explore the key sites and follow the paths trodden by Sir Henry Havelock, Sir James Outram and Colin Campbell.

Musical culture of Varanasi

Visit Kabir Chaura, a neighbourhood where the foundations of the Benaras Gharana musical movement were laid. Workshops showcase the multiple styles of Banarasi music, different ragas, Indian classical instruments and the musical history of Varanasi including the birth of Benaras Gharana.

Sleep under the stars in Pench

Emulate the farmers who slept under the stars to protect their crops by spending the night in a machaan (a four-poster bed set on a platform). Lit by lanterns, you can marvel at the overhead stars and passing animals and birds in a unique wilderness experience.

Gwalior Fort

The eighth-century Gwalior Fort was described by the Mughal emperor Babur as "the pearl in the necklace of the forts of Hind". Today, the splendour of Gwalior lives on in the fort as well as in the Jai Vilas Palace, featuring exquisitely carved temples and resounding with the ragas of Tansen – the renowned musician whose tomb makes for a worthwhile visit.



GROUP TOUR

The Golden Triangle & Shimla

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights

Category • Superior

Small-group tour • From £3,245 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £3,495 (incl. flights)

Activity level • Moderate

Experience a taste of India on this outstanding introductory tour of the country's most celebrated sights. Exploring the Golden Triangle, this journey combines imperial Delhi with the legendary Taj Mahal at Agra and a three-night stay in the princely city of Jaipur, culminating in the beautiful hill station of Shimla.

Chandigarh Delhi Delhi Delhi

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В	7	10	15	21	25	28	27	26	24	19	13	8
С	19	15	15	8	17	53	220	257	126	24	5	8

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Watch the sun set over the Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh gardens
- Ride the toy train to Shimla in Vistadome air-conditioned carriages
- Welcome dinner with views over Old Delhi
- Take a rickshaw tour of Old Delhi for glimpses of bustling city life

Day 1: Fly to Delhi

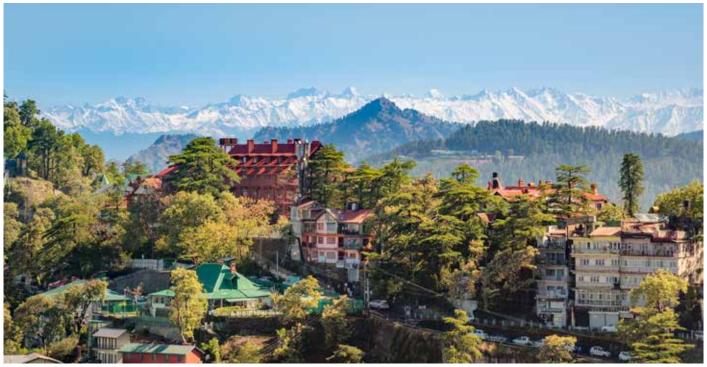
Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the **Le Meridien** for 1 night. Visit the Jama Masjid mosque and explore the labyrinthine streets of Old Delhi by cycle rickshaw. Tour of New Delhi, including a drive past India Gate and the former viceregal residence. Attend a welcome dinner at Haveli Dharampura, enjoy a dance performance, and take in views of the Red Fort and Jama Masjid from the upper terrace. (D)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- 5-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels & train stations
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell dinners



IMAGES LEFT: Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh gardens, Agra; TOP: Shimla



Amber Fort, Jaipur

Day 3: New Delhi • Agra

Visit Humayun's Tomb and the Qutb Minar tower. Drive to Agra and stay at the **Trident** Agra (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Agra

Sunrise visit to the spectacular Taj Mahal before exploring the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah and Agra Fort. Visit Mehtab Bagh ('Moonlight Garden') for sunset over the Taj Mahal. (B, D)

Day 5: Fatehpur Sikri • Jaipur

Continue to Jaipur via the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri and Abhaneri stepwell. En route, enjoy lunch at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace. Stay 3 nights at a converted royal hunting lodge, Ramgarh Lodge (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Jaipur

Morning visit to Amber Fort and the Anokhi Museum. Afternoon visit to the striking City Palace, home of the present maharajah and the curious Jantar Mantar observatory. (B, D)

Day 7: Jaipur

A day at leisure to relax. Perhaps explore Jaipur's bazaars seeking out traditional Indian crafts, including jewellery, silver and silk. (B, D)

Day 8: Chandigarh

Explore the Birla Mandir Temple before flying



Jantar Mantar observatory, Jaipur

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

Day 9: Shimla

Take the early morning Him Darshan narrowgauge toy train to Shimla, passing through stunning mountains. Enjoy the panoramic views from the Vistadome carriages, which

have windows on the ceiling. Stay 3 nights at the WelcomHeritage Elysium Resort & Spa (or similar) in Shimla, the British summer capital during the Raj era. (B, D)

Day 10: Shimla

Explore the historic mall and listen to the stories of its many colonial buildings while making your way to the Viceregal Lodge. (B, D)

Day 11: Shimla

Day at leisure. Option to explore Shimla on a nature walk from the house where Rudyard Kipling wrote Plain Tales from the Hills to the gallery of a Shimla painter. Alternatively, enjoy afternoon tea at the Oberoi Wildflower Hall, or visit the former princely state of Dhami to spend the day with its noble family, birdwatching and enjoying their stories over lunch.† (B, D)

Day 12: Delhi

Drive to Chandigarh and connect with the train to Delhi. Stay overnight at Le Meridien and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, L*, D)

Day 13: Fly to London

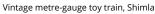
Fly to London with Virgin Atlantic. (B)

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



Fatehpur Sikri, Agra







Viceregal Lodge, Shimla

TOUR CODE: IGT

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Amritsar extension

3 days & 2 nights from £595

Spend time in Amritsar, staying at the 5-star Taj Swarna Hotel, to visit the sacred Golden Temple and observe the elaborate retreat ceremony at Wagah on the India-Pakistan border.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

[†] **Optional activities:** These activities can be pre-booked and incur an additional cost.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,245 Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,495 Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,095

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £295 return Upper Class from £2,775 return

Private tour

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

High season from £3,645 Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,095

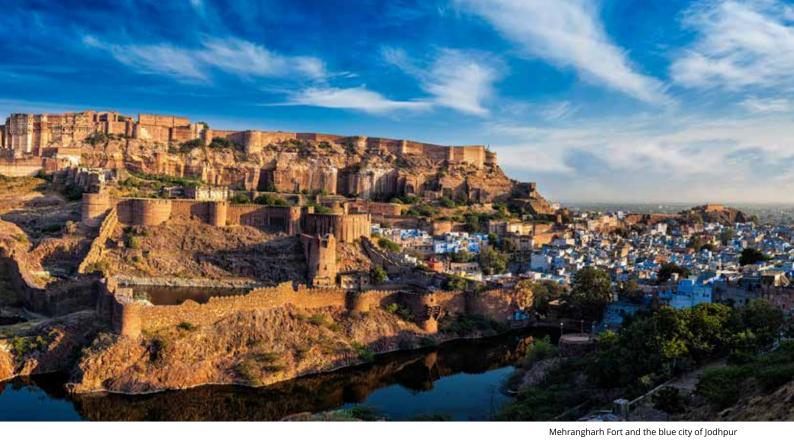
Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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21 Feb 25 05 Mar 25	24 Oct 25 05 Nov 25	27 Feb 26 11 Mar 26	13 Nov 26 25 Nov 26
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GROUP TOUR

Passage through Rajasthan

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,395 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,495 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

The princely state of Rajasthan is India at its colourful best. Following a tour of the imperial sights of Mumbai (Bombay), travel through the heart of Rajasthan exploring magnificent forts and ornate palaces, finishing at the astounding Taj Mahal.

Bikaner Agra Jaipur Agra Fatchpur Sikri Deogarh Ranakpur Udaipur Mumbai

Jaipur

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Α	22	25	31	36	40	39	34	32	33	34	29	24
В	7	10	15	21	25	27	25	24	23	19	13	8
С	6	10	5	4	18	51	213	227	80	12	8	3

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Dine on typical Mewari cuisine on the terrace of a historic fort
- Take a scenic rail ride through rural Rajasthan
- Enjoy two 4x4 safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- Ride a rickshaw to a welcome dinner overlooking Lake Pichola
- Stay in grand forts and palaces

Day 1: Fly to Mumbai

Direct flight from London (regional connections available) to Mumbai (Bombay) with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

Day 2: Mumbai

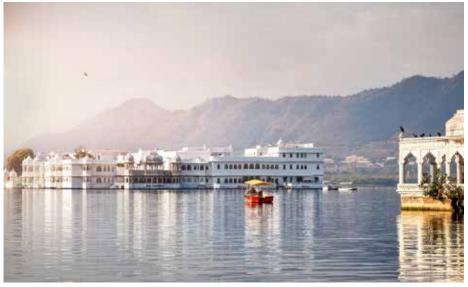
Arrive and transfer to the **Trident Nariman Point** for 1 night. Afternoon sightseeing in
Mumbai visiting the imposing Gateway of India,
colourful Chor Bazaar, Dhobi Ghat and Victoria
Terminus. (N)

Day 3: Fly to Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur. Stay for 2 nights at **Fateh Niwas Palace**. Enjoy a welcome dinner at Ambrai restaurant overlooking Lake Pichola. (B, D)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels & railway stations
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Festival departures



lagat Niwas Palace, Lake Pichola, Udaipur

Day 4: Udaipur

Sightseeing in Udaipur visiting the City Palace, miniature painting studios and Jagdish temple. Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Pichola before an evening cultural performance. (B)

Day 5: Ranakpur • Deogarh

Travel to Deogarh, visiting the magnificent Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Spend 2 nights at **Deogarh Mahal**, a former palace and now a superb heritage hotel. Late afternoon village walk. (B, D)

Day 6: Deogarh

Take a scenic 1.5-hour rural train ride from Khamil Ghat to Phulad. The train chugs through tunnels and past waterfalls in an area that inspired Rudyard Kipling's story *The Man Who Would Be King*. This evening, dine on typical Mewari cuisine on the hotel terrace. (B, D)

Day 7: Jodhpur

Travel by road to Jodhpur for 2 nights at Ajit Bhawan, a heritage palace turned resort. (B)

Day 8: Jodhpur

Visit Jaswant Thada and continue to the formidable Mehrangarh Fort. Take a heritage walk through the streets dotted with temples and bazaars and learn more about the 'Blue City' Brahmins. (B)

Day 9: Bikaner

Drive to Bikaner in the heart of the Thar Desert for an overnight stay at the Narendra Bhawan, a grand residence that was home to the last reigning maharajah of Bikaner. This afternoon, visit Junagarh Fort and walk through the old city. (B)

Day 10: Bikaner • Jaipur

Drive to the royal city of Jaipur. En route, take a walking tour of Fatehpur and its 'open-air gallery' of *havelis*. Transfer to the **Devi Ratn Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Jaipur

Begin with a visit to the 16th-century Amber Fort. Spend the rest of the day exploring the royal city of Jaipur, including the City Palace, Jantar Mantar observatory and colourful bazaars. (B)

Day 12: Ranthambore National Park

Travel to Ranthambore for 2 nights at **The Tigress**. Afternoon safari⁺ in Ranthambore. (B, D)

Day 13: Ranthambore National Park

Early morning safari† in search of Bengal tigers. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Fatehpur Sikri • Agra

Morning drive to Agra, visiting the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri en route. Overnight at the **Trident Hotel Agra** (or similar). Enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Agra • Delhi

Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. Visit Agra Fort before departing for Delhi and an overnight stay at **Vivanta New Delhi Dwarka** (or similar). (B)

Day 16: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for the Virgin Atlantic flight to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Delhi extension

1 day & 1 night from £255

Stay an additional night in Delhi and take a half-day tour of New Delhi including Humayun's tomb and the magnificent Outb Minar.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Festival departures: The 16 October 2025, 29 October 2026, and 5 November 2026 departures will include Diwali, the Festival of Lights.

[†] **Ranthambore safaris:** This safari will be conducted by 4x4 and not canters (opentop buses).

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: PTR

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,395 Guide price months: Jan & Nov

High season from £3,695 Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,195

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £295 return Upper Class from £2,695 return

Private tour

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

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

Single supplement from £1,095

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

Out	Rtn	Out Rtn	Out Rtn	Out Rtn
23 Jan 25	07 Feb 25	13 Mar 25 28 Mar 25	22 Jan 26 06 Feb 26	15 Oct 26 30 Oct 26
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GROUP TOUR

The Grand Tour of India

Duration • 17 days & 16 nights

Small-group tour • From £4,295 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £4,795 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Active

Explore the diverse cultural influences that have created the fascinating heritage of India. This tour encompasses holy cities, the resplendent Taj Mahal, Jodhpur's blue-washed houses, and the beautiful lakes and palaces of Udaipur. Go in search of the elusive Royal Bengal tiger and extend your journey in the idyllic backwaters of Kerala.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Evening Palki Sahib ceremony at the Golden Temple in Amritsar
- Walking tour of Varanasi's hidden alleys and markets
- Dine in a regal palace
- Ride like a local on a rickshaw tour through Old Delhi
- Stay in a heritage mansion to explore rural Rajasthan

Day 1: Fly to Amritsar via Delhi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amritsar, via Delhi, with British Airways. Transfer to **Taj Swarna** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amritsar

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

Day 3: Amritsar • Wagah

Morning visit to the Golden Temple and its vast community kitchen (langar). Weave your way through Qila Ahluwalia, a fort replete with colonial architectural features, before arriving



Varanasi

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Α	24	27	33	39	41	40	34	33	34	33	30	25	
В	9	12	16	22	26	27	26	26	25	21	14	10	
C	19	12	9	4	13	97	296	290	209	36	11	4	

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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

FEATURES

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels & railway stations
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Two wildlife safaris by 4x4
- Festival departures



IMAGE LEFT: Golden Temple, Amritsar; TOP: Varanasi

at the Jalebiwala Chowk with its *jalebi* shop selling delicious sticky sweets. Late afternoon visit to Wagah for the unmissable Changing of the Guard ceremony. (B)

Day 4: Fly to Varanasi via Delhi

Morning flight to Varanasi for an overnight stay at the **Taj Ganges** (or similar). This evening, visit the Dasaswamedh *ghats* (stepped wharfs) to witness the magical *aarti* ceremony from a boat on the Ganges. (B)

Day 5: Varanasi • Fly to Delhi

Early morning sunrise boat ride on the Ganges. Walking tour of Varanasi's hidden alleys, paan bazaar, craftsmen colony and the spice, jewellery and flower markets. Take an evening flight to Delhi for a 2-night stay at the Le Meridien. (B)

Day 6: Old & New Delhi

Morning tour of Old Delhi via rickshaw and drive past the Red Fort, visit to the Jama Masjid mosque, and walking tour. Afternoon tour of New Delhi including a drive past India Gate and the viceregal residence, before visiting Qutb Minar and the tomb of Mughal Emperor, Humayun. (B)

Day 7: Agra

Take the *Gatimaan Express* train to Agra for an overnight stay at **Trident Agra** (or similar).



Humayun's Tomb, Delhi

Afternoon visit to the Agra Fort. This evening, visit the Taj Mahal bathed in golden light as the sun sets. (B)

Day 8: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

Visit Mehtab Bagh Gardens to see the Taj Mahal in the golden hour of sunrise. Drive to Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted 16th-century sandstone city. Continue to Bharatpur for lunch at the regal Laxmi Vilas Palace before a train ride to Sawai Madhopur. Transfer to The Tigress for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore National Park

Early morning and late afternoon wildlife viewing on 4x4 safari drives. Drive through the park in search of deer, sloth bears, birdlife, and the elusive Bengal tiger. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Jaipur

Morning drive to Jaipur to stay at the ITC Rajaputana (or similar) for 2 nights. Afternoon at leisure. Evening *aarti* ceremony at a local Hindu temple. (B)

Day 11: Jaipur

Morning tour of the ancient palace of Amber Fort. Afternoon visit to the City Palace, a superb fusion of Rajput and Mughal architecture; Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory; and the Maharaja Museum. Then view Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of Winds', with its elaborate pink sandstone façade. (B)

Day 12: Jodhpur • Rohet

Drive to Jodhpur. Visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort and wander through the streets of blue-washed Brahmin houses. Stay at **Rohet Garh**, a heritage mansion, for 2 nights. (B, D)



Interior of Jain temple in Ranakpur



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore

Day 13: Rohet

Day at leisure. Optional 4x4 safari to visit the Bishnoi tribal village.* (B, D)

Day 14: Ranakpur • Udaipur

Drive to the lake city of Udaipur, visiting the exquisite Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Stay at the **Trident Udaipur** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 15: Udaipur

Morning tour of the City Palace and a miniature painting studio. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure followed by a cultural dance show and farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 16: Fly to Delhi

Transfer to the airport and fly to Delhi for an overnight stay and farewell drink at the Vivanta New Delhi Dwarka (or similar). (B)

Day 17: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a direct flight to London with British Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Kerala

5 days & 4 nights from £845

Complete your Indian adventure by exploring the lush, laid-back state of Kerala, which offers a palpable contrast to the north of the country.

Days 16 & 17: Fly to Kochi

Fly to Kochi. Drive to the backwater region of Kerala for a 2-night stay at **Rhythm Kumarakom** (poolside cottage). Next day at leisure. (B)

Day 18: Kochi

Enjoy a backwater cruise before travelling to Kochi for a 2-night stay at **Fragrant Nature Kochi**. (B)

Day 19: Kochi

Explore the highlights of the enchanting port city of Kochi. (B)

Day 20: Fly home

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to London with British Airways. (B)

FESTIVAL DEPARTURES

*The 13 February 2026 departure is timed to coincide with the colourful Holika Dahan festival in Udaipur.

¹The 2 November 2025 and 21 November 2026 departures will include the enchanting Dev Deepawali celebration in Varanasi.

[†]The 10 and 17 October 2025, 24 October 2026 and 01 November 2026 departures will include Diwali, the Festival of Lights, in Jaipur.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Active activity level: Higher-intensity activities, early starts, more uneven terrain and full-day excursions requiring good fitness and mobility

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: GNI

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £4,645 Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,495

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £275 return Club World from £2,695 return

Private tour

Low season from £4,795 Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,945 Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £1,495

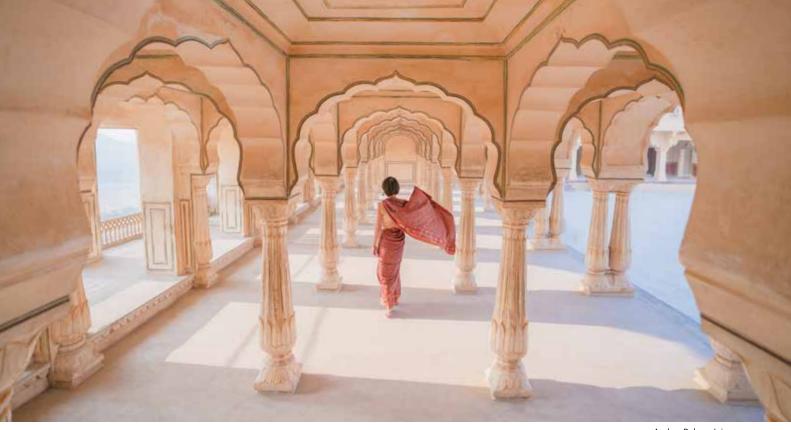
Regional air connections

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

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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Amber Palace, Jaipur

SOLO TRAVELLERS TOUR

Exotic India

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights **Solo group tour** • From £4,195 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

Starting from India's historic capital, Delhi, this journey for solo travellers continues to Agra to see the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Search for elusive Bengal tigers in Ranthambore National Park and marvel at the majestic forts and grand palaces of Rajasthan's princely cities, including Jaipur and Udaipur, in the company of like-minded travellers.



Jaipur

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Stay in a traditional *haveli* in Jaipur
- Take a scenic ride on Deogarh's metre-gauge train
- Enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking Lake Fateh Sagar
- Learn about Indian cuisine during a cooking demonstration
- Safaris in Ranthambore National Park

Day 1: Fly to Delhi

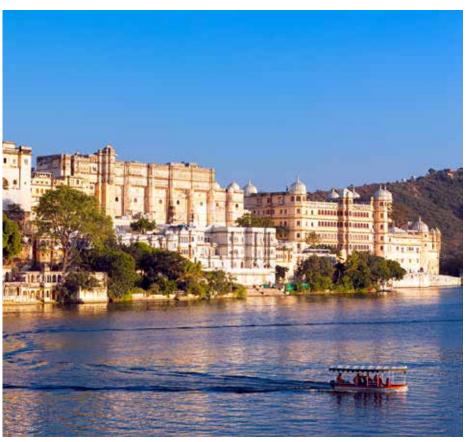
Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

Day 2: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the **Le Méridien New Delhi** for 2 nights. Late afternoon tour of Old Delhi exploring Chandni Chowk by cycle rickshaw. Welcome dinner at the Haveli Dharampura in Old Delhi, with views towards the Red Fort and Jama Masjid, and enjoy a dance performance and kite flying on the rooftop. (D)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Twin / double rooms for single use
- Porterage at hotels & railway stations
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell dinners



City Palace, Udaipur

Day 3: Delhi

Visit the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and the Qutb Minar tower. Afternoon at leisure – perhaps explore one of Delhi's many markets or simply relax at your hotel before visiting the National War Memorial at India Gate. (B, D)

Day 4: Agra

Drive to Agra. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Agra Fort. Stay overnight at the **Taj Convention Centre**. (B, D)

Day 5: Fatehpur Sikri • Ranthambore

Early morning sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. After breakfast, drive to the deserted sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. Enjoy lunch at the lavish Laxmi Vilas Palace. Continue to the railway station and transfer to Sawai Madhopur for 2 nights at **The Tigress**. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ranthambore National Park

Early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives by 4x4 in search of Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Jaipur

Drive to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. Stay 2 nights at the traditional *haveli* hotel, **Shahpura House**. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 8: Jaipur

This morning, visit the ancient Amber Fort and then the City Palace, home of the present maharajah; Jantar Mantar obervatory; and Hawa Mahal palace. (B, D)

Day 9: Pushkar • Deogarh

Morning departure for Deogarh, visiting Pushkar and its temples and markets en route. Stay 2 nights at the **Deogarh Mahal**, a former palace and now a superb heritage hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Evening cookery demonstration. (B, D)

Day 10: Deogarh

Take a ride on Deogarh's metre-gauge train passing rural communities and scenery described by Kipling. Optional afternoon 4x4 safari visiting local Bishnoi tribal villages dotted throughout the countryside.* (B, D)

Day 11: Ranakpur • Udaipur

Drive to Udaipur, arguably Rajasthan's most picturesque city. Visit the Jain temples at Ranakpur en route. Stay 2 nights at **Fateh Niwas**. (B, D)

Day 12: Udaipur

Enjoy a guided tour of Udaipur including City

Palace, the Jagdish Temple and the Garden of the Maid's Honour. End the tour with a cruise on the lake. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking Lake Fateh Sagar. (B, D)

Day 13: Fly to Delhi

Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight from Udaipur to Delhi for an overnight stay at Vivanta New Delhi Dwarka. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for the Virgin Atlantic flight to London. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Goa extension

5 days & 4 nights from £1,395

Finish your tour with a 4-night beach extension staying at **Beleza by the Beach** in the former Portuguese colony of Goa, with its long, idyllic beaches lined with palm trees.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Solo Travellers group tours: These small-group tours have been specially created for solo travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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

TOUR CODE: XOT

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £4,195 High season from £4,445
Guide price month: Late Feb Guide price months: Early Feb

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £295 return Upper Class from £2,775 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2025-26

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GROUP TOUR

Journey through the Himalayan Foothills

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,795 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,125 (incl. flights) **Category** • Standard

Activity level • Moderate

Travel to the holy city of Amritsar and McLeod Ganj, home to the Tibetan government-in-exile. Continue through the foothills of the Himalaya to Shimla. Along the way, appreciate the cultural diversity of the region through its temples, monasteries and museums.

McLeod Ganj Palampur Amritsar Pragpur Shimla Kandaghat Chandigarh Delhi

Amritsar

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Α	19	22	26	34	39	40	35	34	35	32	27	21
В	4	6	11	17	22	25	26	25	22	16	9	5
C	27	28	37	18	18	51	199	183	97	19	6	15

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Guided heritage walk through Amritsar
- Ride on the Kangra Mountain Railway
- Visit a local family in Dharamsala
- Take a sunset walk through Gaddi villages
- Witness the Changing of the Gaurd at Wagah-Atari

Day 1: Fly to Amritsar via Delhi

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Amritsar, via Delhi, with Virgin Atlantic. (N)

Day 2: Amritsar

On arrival, transfer to the **Hyatt Amritsar** for a 2-night stay. Evening visit to the Golden Temple for the auspicious Palki Sahib ceremony to witness the evening *kirtan* (devotional prayers). The temple is profusely lit and the lights are beautifully reflected in large water tanks surrounding the sanctum. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 12 people (max 14)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels & railway stations
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Express rail travel in air-conditioned executive class



Tibetan Buddhist temple in Dharamsala

Day 3: Amritsar • Wagah

Morning visit to the Golden Temple and its vast community kitchen (*langar*). Take a guided heritage walk passing the Gurudwara Saragarhi, dedicated to the heroism of the 21 soldiers of the 36th Sikhs Battalion who lost their lives in 1897 as they defended their posts against Afghan soldiers. Weave your way through Qila Ahluwalia, a fort replete with colonial architectural features, before arriving at the Jalebiwala Chowk with its *jalebi* shop selling delicious sticky sweets. Late afternoon visit to Wagah, situated on the border with Pakistan, for the unmissable Changing of the Guard ceremony. (B)

Day 4: McLeod Ganj

Travel by road to McLeod Ganj in Dharamsala. McLeod Ganj is home to the Dalai Lama and is the centre of Little Tibet. This afternoon, visit His Holiness the Dalai Lama's monastery, Tsuglag Khang. Continue with a tour of McLeod Ganj, visiting the handicrafts centre and local markets. Stay 2 nights at the Fortune Park Moksha. (B)

Day 5: Dharamsala

After breakfast, visit the Norbulingka Institute, dedicated to the preservation of Tibetan culture, and the Thosamling Nunnery. Visit a local family to see the regional Gaddi dress. Later, take a gentle walk through traditional Gaddi settlements to Naddi village, enjoying spectacular views of the Dhauladhar mountain range as the sun sets. (B)

Day 6: Palampur

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

Day 7: Pragpur via Kangra Mountain Railway

This morning visit the Shiv Baijnath Temple, carved from rock and inscribed in sanskrit. Drive to Baijnath to board the Kangra Mountain Railway for the 1.5-hour scenic ride to Nagrota. Travel to Pragpur for a 2-night stay at **The Judge's Court**, a delightful old manor house converted into a hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Pragpur

Join a walk to Garli Heritage Village and see

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

Day 9: Shimla

Full-day drive through the Himalayan foothills to the former British hill station of Shimla. On arrival, check in for 3 nights at the WelcomeHeritage Elysium (or similar) or upgrade to the Oberoi Wildflower Hall (Deluxe Garden View room) from £660 per person. (B, D)

Day 10: Shimla

Full-day tour of Shimla, including the Viceregal Lodge, Himachal State Museum and the Gaiety Theatre. Later in the day, enjoy some time at leisure to stroll along the Mall and the Ridge. (B, D)

Day 11: Shimla

Travel aboard the *Himalayan Queen* toy train from Shimla to Kandaghat to enjoy the

beautiful Himalayan scenery. This narrowgauge railway is considered one of the finest engineering feats in India. Afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight. (B, D)

Day 12: Delhi

Travel by road to Chandigarh (3 hours) to take the train to Delhi. Overnight at the **Novotel Delhi Aerocity**. (B)

Day 13: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for your flight home with Virgin Atlantic. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Haridwar & Corbett extension

5 days & 4 nights from £895

Extend your tour with a visit to the sacred town of Haridwar, then continue to the picturesque Corbett National Park, a renowned tiger reserve.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative).

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: HTT

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £2,795 Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,195 Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £845

Virgin Atlantic flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £295 return Upper Class from £2,775 return

Private tour

Low season from £3,125 Guide price month: Mar

High season from £3,245 Guide price month: Oct

Single supplement from £845

Regional air connections

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Kerala backwaters

The south of India is an eclectic region combining beautiful scenery and spectacular temples. Kerala is a tiny state rich in natural beauty with plantations growing many of the exotic spices indigenous to India. It is no less renowned for its wealth of festivals. Across the Western Ghats lies Tamil Nadu, a state which has been at the heart of southern India's religious development and is scattered with ornate temples, ruined forts and colonial monuments. The Deccan Plateau makes up most of the central part of southern India. During the medieval age, a number of India's greatest dynasties grew within this region, when the maharajahs of Mysore constructed many exquisite royal palaces and gardens.



St Francis Church, Kochi

KOCHI

Eclectic architecture • Spice trade history

Overlooking the Arabian Sea and once a strategic port on the spice route, Kochi (Cochin), is an enchanting blend of east meets west. Scratch beneath the surface and it is so much more than the main sights of Mattancherry Palace, the synagogue and the 16th-century St Francis Church.

Take a sunset cruise to see fishermen work the Chinese fishing nets. Head off by rickshaw or on foot through the labyrinthine streets to explore the local markets; wander along Gujarati Street with its sweet and fruit stalls, discover the amazing collection of cotton items on Marine Drive, and visit the International Pepper Exchange – the only place in the world where pepper is the exchange currency.

THE KERALAN BACKWATERS

Cruise narrow canals & lakes • Abundant birdlife

A rural, riverine expanse of verdant coconut groves and paddy fields, the Keralan backwaters are one of India's most enchanting areas and can be explored on a traditional *kettuvallam* (converted rice boat). Today, while the historic character of these boats has been preserved, the rice barges have been adapted to offer a unique journey along the waterways.

An overnight stay offers a magical insight into the lifestyle of rural Kerala. Get a glimpse into the lives of Malayalees: children playing hide and seek between coconut trees, fishermen going about their daily lives, and the mouth-watering aroma of *naadan* (authentic) homely food in the air.

MADURAI

Ancient & bustling city • Meenakshi Temple

Madurai is an ancient city set on the banks of the Vaigai River in Tamil Nadu. Legend has it that a few drops of nectar fell from Shiva's locks onto the city, giving rise to its name, which is thought to derive from an old Tamil word for 'sweetness'. The cultural focal point of Madurai is its main temple, the Meenakshi-Sundareswarar. One of India's liveliest temples, it serves as a significant place of Hindu pilgrimage and is covered in a profusion of brightly coloured stucco figures.



Hall of a Thousand Columns, Meenakshi Temple, Madurai



Rickshaws in Puducherry

PUDUCHERRY

French legacy • Colonial-era mansions

The charming seaside town of Puducherry (Pondicherry) is a former French enclave south of Chennai. The French relinquished control in 1954, yet the unusual mixture of French and Tamil traditions remains. The French influence is especially evident in many of the town's grand colonial-era mansions, tree-lined boulevards, numerous restaurants and chic boutiques. Other sites of interest include the Sri Aurobindo Ashram; the Government Park; and the Gandhi memorial.

MYSORE

Ornate architecture • Exquisite temples of Somnathpur

Mysore is the former capital of an important princely state. Magnificent palaces and royal gardens offer a glimpse of its past grandeur. The ornate Mysore Palace, designed by Henry Irwin, is embellished with murals. Its 100,000 light bulbs are illuminated over weekends and public holidays for an ethereal air. Mysore is also an excellent base to visit the island citadel of Srirangapatna and the intricate temples of Somnathpur.



Keshava Temple in Somnathpur

Suggested itinerary

Kerala at Leisure

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

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

Days 1-3: Kochi

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

Days 4 & 5: Thekkady

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

Day 6: Backwater cruise

Travel to Alleppey and board a houseboat for an overnight cruise along the Keralan backwaters. Many of these traditional rice barges, known as *kettuvallam*, have been converted into riverine accommodation. Explore the narrow canals and waterways before dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Days 7 & 8: Kumarakom

Disembark and check in to the Kumarakom

Lake Resort nestled on the serene banks of Lake Vembanad. Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

Days 9-11: Kovalam

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

Day 12: Fly Home

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

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GROUP TOUR

Treasures of Southern India

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,195 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,595 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

The delicate scent of spices, the sound of temple bells and a rich tapestry of ancient arts and craft all characterise Tamil Nadu and Kerala. This journey travels through hill stations, tropical backwaters and temple-laden towns while staying in some of the region's very best hotels.

Day 1: Fly to Chennai

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Chennai with Emirates via Dubai. (N)

Day 2: Chennai

On arrival, transfer to the **Taj Connemara** for 1 night (early check-in). Time at leisure before an afternoon tour of the city followed by free time at Marina Beach. A welcome dinner will be held this evening. (B, D)

Day 3: Mahabalipuram • Puducherry

Morning walking tour of Mylapore, a town that predates Chennai by 2,000 years. Continue to Puducherry, visiting the UNESCO-listed shore

Chennai Mahabalipuram Puducherry Tanjore Kumbakonam Kochi Madurai Kumarakom

Chennai

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С	20	12	4	10	38	61	117	158	135	259	343	147

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell group dinners

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Cruise aboard a shikara (wooden boat) through the backwaters
- Explore Tamil Nadu's rich creative side visiting artisan workshops
- Visit Meenakshi Temple for a night ceremony
- Lunch at a tea planter's bungalow
- Try south Indian cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration

temples at Mahabalipuram en route. Stay 2 nights at the **Palais de Mahé** located in the heart of the French Quarter. (B)

Day 4: Puducherry

Morning visit to a rural village, organised by Mohanam Cultural Centre. Watch the villagers involved in traditional crafts such as stone carving, ceramics and terracotta work. Afternoon guided walk through Puducherry; stop by the Aurobindo ashram, stroll to the lively Tamil quarters, and experience Hindu faith at the Ganesh temple in the evening. (B)

Day 5: Chidambaram • Kumbakonam

Witness the daily rituals at Chidambaram Temple and the art of *kalamkari*, which uses plant-based dyes to create intricate artwork, before driving through scenic countryside to Kumbakonam for 2 nights at the **Mantra Koodam**. In the early evening, try your hand at pottery and enjoy an interactive culinary demonstration, led by expert chefs. (B, D)

Day 6: Kumbakonam

Sunrise visit to the local market. After breakfast, discover the crafts and culture of Tamil Nadu. Observe master foundrymen produce extraordinarily detailed bronzecast statues and see the process of *pattu* silk weaving, using wooden handlooms. You will also visit the Darasuram Temple, renowned for its delicate stone sculptures, and the Vedic School, which dates back 140 years. Afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 7: Tanjore • Chettinad

Drive to Chettinad, stopping at Brihadeeswara Temple in Tanjore en route. Continue to the art gallery and Saraswathi Mahal Library at the Tanjore Palace. Arrive in Chettinad for an overnight stay at **Chidambara Vilas** (or similar). This evening, enjoy a superb culinary experience. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Madurai

This morning, explore the village market, stopping for a traditional cup of tea before visiting some of the impressive mansions. Travel to Madurai. Evening visit to the illuminated Meenakshi Temple and Hall of a Thousand Pillars for the night ceremony. Overnight stay at the Heritage Madurai. (B)

Day 9: Munnar

Travel to the hill country around Munnar for an overnight stay at **Fragrant Nature**. After lunch in a tea planter's bungalow, visit the Suryanelli tea factory to enjoy a guided tour, tea tasting and a gentle stroll through the tea plantation. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Kumarakom

Morning at leisure. Travel to Kumarakom for 2 nights at the **Rhythm Kumarakom** (Poolside Cottage). Upgrade to a Lakefront Luxury Villa with plunge pool from £120 per person for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Kumarakom

Day at leisure to enjoy the beautiful surrounds or explore village life in the backwaters.* (B, D)

Day 12: Kochi

Morning cruise aboard a *shikara* boat through the backwaters before driving to Kochi. Visit



Meenakshi Temple, Madurai

the Mattancherry Palace and enjoy an evening Kathakali dance performance. Stay 2 nights at **Eighth Bastion** (or similar). (B)

Day 13: Kochi

Morning sightseeing tour of Kochi including the Chinese fishing nets and the 16th-century St Francis Church. Explore hidden Kochi including Jew Town and *dhobi wallah*, a washhouse where a sea of white hotel linen is slathered on the washing stones. Afternoon at leisure to further explore. Enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 14: Fly to London

Fly home via Dubai with Emirates (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Coonoor & Mysore

5 days & 4 nights from £995

Explore Ooty, the erstwhile British summer capital; ride the Blue Mountain Railway; and visit Mysore, home of India's largest palace.

Day 14: Coonoor

Drive to Coonoor this morning and stay 2 nights at the **Gateway Coonoor**. (B)

Day 15: Ooty

Enjoy the scenic narrow-gauge train trip to Ooty aboard the Blue Mountain Railway. Afternoon tour of Ooty's botanical gardens. (B) Day 16: Mysore

Visit the impressive Nandi Bull and Maharajah's Palace. Overnight at Radisson Mysore. (B)

Day 17: Srirangapatna • Bengaluru

Drive to Bengaluru visiting Srirangapatna en

route. Overnight at the **Taj Bangalore**. (B) **Day 18: Fly to London**

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: CMK

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,195 Guide price months: Jan & Mar

High season from £3,345 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £1,095

Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,895 return First Class from £7,495 return

Private tour

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

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

Single supplement from £1,095

Regional air connections

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GROUP TOUR

Passage through Kerala

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,495 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,745 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

This tour takes in the beautiful sights and tranquil landscapes of south India. Experience the immense Maharajah's Palace in Mysore, the wildlife of Nagarhole National Park, the lush beauty of Wayanad, a rail ride through the Nilgiri Mountains and a cruise along the peaceful backwaters of Kochi.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Witness Mysore Palace illuminated by 100,000 lights at night
- Join a culinary tour of Mysore
- Experience afternoon tea at a planter's house
- Ride the scenic Blue Mountain Railway
- Embark on a boat and canter safari in Nagarhole National Park

Day 1: Fly to Bengaluru via Dubai

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bengaluru with Emirates, via Dubai. (N)

Day 2: Bengaluru

On arrival, check in for an overnight stay at the **Taj MG Road**. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour tracing Bangaluru's captivating history. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Day 3: Srirangapatna • Mysore

Travel to Mysore for 2 nights at the **Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Mysore**. En route, stop at the island fortress of Srirangapatna, the former

Traditional houseboat on the backwaters of Kerala



Kochi

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FEATURES

- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels & railway stations
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Included safari & national park fees

capital of south India's most powerful 18thcentury rulers. Evening food tour of Mysore's celebrated gastronomical delights including Mysore *masala dosa*. (B)

Day 4: Mysore • Somnathpur

Walking tour visiting some of Mysore's architectural wonders. Tour the Maharajah's Palace, which combines Hindu and Saracenic architecture. Afternoon visit to the Keshava temple at Somnathpur. Return to the Maharajah's Palace this evening to see it illuminated by over 100,000 light bulbs. (B)

Day 5: Nagarhole National Park

Travel to Kabini for an overnight stay at the **The Serai Kabini** (waterfront veranda room). The predator density of Nagarhole Park is one of the highest in Asia and includes tigers, leopards and wild dogs. Afternoon boat safari in search of the park's endemic wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Nagarhole National Park • Wayanad

Early morning canter (open-sided mini bus) safari. Travel to Wayanad for 2 nights at **Wayanad Wild**. Wayanad is an area of outstanding natural beauty with tropical forests, valleys, waterfalls and sprawling plantations. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wayanad

Morning at leisure. Enjoy an interactive Keralan cooking class and lunch. Take part in a guided nature walk. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Coonoor

Leisurely drive to the hill station of Coonoor. Enjoy lunch on the terrace of the Taj Savoy. Afternoon tour of the botanical gardens in Ooty, filled with more than 1,000 varieties of plants, shrubs and trees. Continue to Coonoor for 2 nights at the Gateway Coonoor IHCL SeleQtions. (B, L)

Day 9: Ooty • Coonoor

Drive to Ooty and ride the Blue Mountain Railway to Coonoor. The scenic narrow-gauge railway runs across plains, plantations and the verdant hills of the Nilgiri Mountains. Visit a planter's house for afternoon tea and a walk through the tea plantation. (B)

Day 10: Kochi

Travel to Coimbatore and board the train to Ernakulam. Transfer to the **Eighth Bastion**, located in the heart of Fort Kochi for 2 nights. Remainder of the day at leisure to explore the local area. (B, L)

Day 11: Kochi

Visit some of the highlights of this enchanting port, taking in the architectural styles that reveal Arab, Jewish and European influences. View the remarkable, cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Portuguese-built Mattancherry Palace, the Church of St Francis and India's oldest active synagogue in historic Jew Town. Wander through markets and visit the vibrant Dhobi Ghats. Later, visit the Kathakali dance studio to see a traditional performance. (B)

Day 12: Keralan backwaters

Drive to the backwater region of Kerala this morning. En route, take a cruise by *shikara* boat through narrow canals. This cruise explores the



Mysore Palace

picturesque waterways, revealing boats carrying loads of coir, copra and cashews and, along the water's edge, numerous churches and markets. Stay for 2 nights at **Coconut Lagoon**. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Keralan backwaters

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London via Dubai

Morning transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Dubai, with Emirates. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Marari Beach Resort extension

4 days & 3 nights from £625

Mararikulam is a beautiful stretch of beach between Kochi and Alleppey. Stay 3 nights at the **Marari Beach Resort**, a village-style hotel with accommodation in individual thatched cottages and deluxe pool villas.

Rice barge tour variation

Days 12 - 14 from £195

In a variation to the main tour, instead of taking a *shikara* ride on Day 12, relax on a full-day cruise through the backwaters, followed by a night aboard a traditional rice barge. Traditional Keralan cuisine is served on board and, just before sunset, the boat drops anchor for the night.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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TOUR CODE: PKR

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Group tour

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

High season from £3,695 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £1,375

Emirates flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,895 return First Class from £7,495 return

Private tour

Low season from £3,745 Guide price month: Jan

High season from £4,045 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £1,375 $\,$

Regional air connections

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TAILOR-MADE ITINERARIES



Jama Masjid, Delhi



Golden Temple, Amritsar

Taste of India

Duration • 9 days & 7 nights Private tour • From £2,495 Category • Superior **Activity level • Moderate**

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

Day 1: Fly to Delhi (N) Days 2 & 3: Delhi

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

Days 4 & 5: Agra

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

Days 6 & 7: Jaipur Visit the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri, then drive to Jaipur and arrive at Royal Heritage Haveli, a former royal residence, for a 2-night stay. Tour Amber Fort, the City Palace, and the Jantar Mantar observatory. Wander the colourful bazaars in the evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Delhi

Drive back to Delhi and stay overnight at the Novotel Aerocity. (B, D) Day 9: Fly home (B)

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

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Golden Triangle & Ranthambore

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights Private tour • From £3,595 Category • Luxury **Activity level • Moderate**

Explore India's Golden Triangle, from the sandstone spectacle of the Amber Fort to the marble magnificence of the Taj Mahal. Combine these man-made wonders with the nature of Ranthambore, a habitat for wildlife including Bengal tiger and Indian leopard.

Day 1: Fly to Jaipur (N)

Day 2: Jaipur

Arrive in Jaipur and transfer to Royal Heritage Haveli for 3 nights. (N) Days 3 & 4: Jaipur

Guided city tour including Amber Fort, Anokhi Museum, Panna Meena ka Kund stepwell, and City Palace, before viewing the exterior of Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Ranthambore National Park

Visit a Hindu temple for morning prayers before travelling to Ranthambore for 2 nights at The Tigress. Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife drives in search of the Bengal tiger. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Agra

Take the train to Bharatpur then visit the ancient citadel of Fatehpur Sikri en route to Agra. Visit Agra Fort, a Mughal-era fortress. Overnight at Tajview Agra. (B)

Day 8: Agra & Delhi

Admire the Taj Mahal in the soft glow of sunrise. Then leave Agra for Delhi where you spend 2 nights at the Taj Palace. This afternoon, visit Humayun's Tomb and the red-sandstone Qutb Minar. (B) Day 9: Delhi

Tour Old Delhi including the Jama Masjid mosque and the colourful Chandni Chowk market. Drive through Lutyens' New Delhi passing Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate before time at leisure. (B) Day 10: Fly home (B)

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

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Bengal tiger, Pench Tiger Reserve



Do Drul Chorten, Gangtok

The Jungle Book: Wildlife of India

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights Private tour • From £4,295 Category • Superior **Activity level • Moderate**

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

Day 1: Fly to Delhi (N)

Day 2: Delhi

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

Days 3-5: Bandhavgarh National Park

Fly to Jabalpur and drive to Bandhavgarh for 3 nights at Bandhav Vilas. Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife drives each day. Famous for its tigers, the park is also home to chousingha antelope, wild boars and elusive leopards. (B, L, D)

Days 6-8: Kanha National Park

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

Days 9 & 10: Pench National Park

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

Day 11: Mumbai

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

Day 12: Fly home (B)

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

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Eastern Himalayan Trails

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights Private tour • From £4,645 Category • Superior **Activity level •** Moderate

Venture into India's Himalayan hinterland, where misty mountains shelter scenic temples and villages. This journey captures the highlights of West Bengal and Sikkim, uncovering remarkable religious monuments and Tibetan culture amidst mountain scenery.

Day 1: Fly to Kolkata (N)

Days 2 & 3: Kolkata

Arrive in Kolkata and transfer to the **Oberoi Grand** for 2 nights. Visit the flower market, followed by a cruise on Hooghly river. (N) (B)

Day 4: Guwahati • Kalimpong

Fly to Guwahati and drive to the remote hill station of Kalimpong. Stay overnight at the Elgin Silver Oaks hotel. (B, L, D)

Days 5 & 6: Gangtok

Drive to Gangtok and stay 2 nights at the Elgin Nor-Khill Hotel. Visit the 16th-century Rumtek monastery and explore the 200-year-old Enchey monastery. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Pelling

Drive to Pelling, and visit the Pemayangtse monastery and the Rabdentse ruins. Stay overnight at the Elgin Mount Pandim. (B, L, D)

Days 8-10: Darjeeling

Visit to Khecheopari Lake before travelling to Darjeeling. Stay 3 nights at Glenburn Tea Estate. Full-day guided walking tour of the estate with spectacular views. Ride the toy train from Darjeeling to Ghoom. Afternoon guided walking tour of Darjeeling including the Tibetan Refugee Centre and the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Fly to Kolkata

Drive to Bagdogra and fly to Kolkata for an overnight stay at the Oberoi Grand. (B)

Day 12: Fly home (N)

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

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5073 or email Info@CoxandKings.co.uk

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Low season from £4,645 Guide price month: Jan - Apr High season from £4,795 Guide price month: Oct - Dec

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Train journey from Kandy to Ella

For a relatively small island, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) has remarkable cultural and geographical diversity: rolling green hills carpeted with tea plantations, ruins of ancient capital cities, biodiverse wildlife reserves, all wrapped up within a stunning coastline.

Colombo, the capital, offers a wealth of interesting attractions, including the National Museum, the Pettah Bazaar and colonial buildings beautifully restored from the Dutch, Portuguese and British eras. Food is also a highlight, where you can dine at one of the eateries in the Old Dutch Hospital or be adventurous and try some of the delicious street food.



Horton Plains

KANDY

Temple of the Tooth • Royal Botanical Gardens • British Garrison Cemetery

Kandy, once an impregnable fortress, was the capital of the last Sinhalese kingdom. Today, it is Sri Lanka's cultural centre and home to the country's holiest site, the Temple of the Tooth, said to contain the tooth relic of Buddha. The temple is set on the shores of a beautiful lake in the midst of town. Just a short walk from the temple is the British Garrison Cemetery, established in 1817 for the British nationals who died in Ceylon. Kandy is also known for its quaint old quarter, cultural performances and interesting museums. The Victoria Golf Club, one of the most scenic golf courses in Asia, and the exotic Peradeniya botanical gardens are just a short drive away.

HILL COUNTRY

Tea estates • Rural train rides • Horton Plains

A rural train ride links Kandy with Sri Lanka's captivating hill country. The scenery is spectacular, as are the glimpses of rural life and the experience of sharing this journey with the locals who use these trains daily. The hill country offers visitors an idyllic mix of misty mountains, colonial hill stations, lush tea plantations and tumbling waterfalls, as well as the attractive villages of Nuwara Eliya, Ella and Hatton. The region is also the setting for the natural wonders of the Horton Plains. A walk of 9.5km loops around the plateau passing 'World's End', a stunning escarpment from which to view the tea plantations in the valley below and, on a clear day, the 2,130-metrehigh Adam's Peak.



The Vatadage in the Polonnaruwa Quadrangle

CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka • Elephant gathering • Cave temples

The ancient cities of Anuradhapura, Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa, as well as the cave temples at Dambulla, make up Sri Lanka's famed Cultural Triangle. This picturesque region is home to many UNESCO-listed sites and is an ideal base from which to discover Sri Lanka's cultural and religious history, full of lost cities, ruined palaces and centuries-old frescoes.

At the heart of the Cultural Triangle lies the fifth-century Sigiriya rock fortress, accessible via a winding cliff-face staircase. Dambulla's Buddhist temple complex is home to an impressive collection of statues, including a 15-metre-long reclining Buddha. For those who want to combine culture with wildlife, Minneriya National Park and its impressive gathering of Asiatic elephants can be visited alongside Polonnaruwa.

Mirissa

EXPERIENCES IN SRI LANKA



Cooking & tasting in Colombo & Kandy

Flavourful, colourful and liberally spiced, Sri Lankan cuisine is worth delving into. Perhaps join a cookery masterclass in Colombo, where you'll head from market to kitchen and learn recipes to take home. Or swap the kitchen for the kerb with a street-food tour in Kandy, visiting bustling neighbourhoods and side streets for the tastiest of local bites.

Go on safari in Yala National Park

Yala's sprawl of jungle, scrub and wetland shelters elusive leopards, elephants, sloth bears, sambar deer, jackals, macaques, crocodiles, and more than 200 bird species. Go on safari drives in this, Sri Lanka's largest national park, for a chance to spot these wild residents in their native habitat.

Tour Galle Fort with an archaeologist

In the 17th century, the Dutch ramparted the peninsula city of Galle with stone and coral, building high walls to protect from invasion and the elements. Today, it's one of Asia's best-preserved fortified cities from the colonial period, and recognised by UNESCO. For deeper insight into how history shaped Galle and wider Sri Lanka, we can arrange for you to tour the fort alongside an expert archaeologist.

COASTAL SRI LANKA

Galle Fort • Palm-fringed beaches • Year-round destination

The main attraction of the south-west coast is historic Galle and its 17th-century Portuguese fort, which encloses a 36-hectare site complete with grand mansions, narrow streets and art galleries with the Handunugoda tea estate just a short drive away. Along the coast are numerous villages displaying the region's cultural heritage and miles of pristine beaches. Mirissa is a top whale watching spot, while Tangalle's palm-fringed coves are a 20-minute drive from the cave temples at Mulkirigala.

Further east, Hambantota is an ideal base for exploring the nearby national parks of Bundela and Yala as well as the temples at Kataragama. The distinct north-east coast, with the shallow waters of Passikudah, traditional fishing villages and coral reefs, is best visited from April to September.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Exotic Sri Lanka

15 days & 13 nights from £4,195 (incl. flights) Category • Luxury

Explore Sri Lanka's wealth of cultural and natural treasures whilst staying in some of the country's most luxurious and intimate properties.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Colombo

Stay at The Wallawwa for 1 night. (N)

Day 3: Anuradhapura

Transfer to **Ulagalla Resort** for 2 nights. Remainder of day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Anuradhapura

Explore the city of Anuradhapura. For 1,400 years this was Sri Lanka's capital and contains

fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. (B) **Day 5: Sigiriya • Kandy**

Drive to the ruined city of Sigiriya with its impressive palace-fortress. Continue to Kandy and stay 3 nights at **Kandy House**. (B)

Days 6 & 7: Kandy

Visit the Temple of the Tooth, which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha, and the Peradeniya botanical gardens. Following day at leisure to relax or explore Kandy. (B)

Day 8: Koslanda

Early morning drive to Koslanda via a tea plantation. Stay 2 nights at Living Heritage Koslanda, featuring its own tea plantation. (B)

Day 9: Koslanda

Day at leisure. Relax or enjoy optional experiences including cooking classes, hikes to the nearby waterfall or forest walks. (B)

Day 10: Tangalle

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

of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Tangalle

Day at leisure. You may wish to relax on the beach or book yourself a spa treatment. (B)

Days 12 & 13: Galle

Drive to Galle and stay 2 nights at **Kahanda Kanda**. Afternoon guided tour. Following day at leisure to explore Galle. (B)

Day 14: Colombo

Transfer to Colombo and stay overnight at Maniumpathy. Afternoon guided walking tour of Colombo. (B)

Day 15: Fly home (B)

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Sigiriya rock fortress

GROUP TOUR

Sri Lanka: The Enchanted Island

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,975 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,345 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

The teardrop-shaped island of Sri Lanka contains a wealth of cultural, archaeological and natural treasures. This comprehensive tour visits both popular and lesser-known sites in the north, centre and south of the country. Highlights include the jungle-bound fortress of Sigiriya, wildlife-rich Yala National Park, and the cave temples of Dambulla.

Anuradhapura Mihintale Sigirya Dambulla Polonnaruwa *Kandy Kandy *Kandy *Nuwara Eliya *Elia *Horton *Ploins *Ahungalla * Galle** *Galle**

Colombo

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В	22	23	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	23	22
C	55	74	136	250	382	186	124	116	236	371	306	166

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Explore the impressive Dambulla caves and Sigiriya rock fortress
- Witness a puja ceremony at the Temple of the Tooth
- Stay in an authentic converted tea factory
- Journey by train through scenic tea country

Day 1: Fly to Colombo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Colombo with Sri Lankan Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Colombo

Afternoon arrival and transfer to the Cinnamon Lakeside for 1 night. Enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Dambulla

In the morning, transfer to Dambulla, home to Asia's most impressive cave temples. Stay 3 nights at the **Heritance Kandalama**. (B)

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- Wildlife safari & national park entrance fees
- Two-night beach stay



Elephants, Yala National Park

Day 4: Anuradhapura • Mihintale

Drive to ancient Anuradhapura. This city was Sri Lanka's capital for 1,400 years and contains fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. Afternoon visit to Mihintale, the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. (B)

Day 5: Sigiriya • Polonnaruwa

Morning visit to the rock-fortress town of Sigiriya. Continue to the 11th-century capital of Polonnaruwa. (B)

Day 6: Kandy

Continue to the beautiful hill station of Kandy and stay 2 nights at the **Earl's Regency**. This evening, watch a traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth for the evening *puja*. (B)

Day 7: Kandy

Kandy is set on the shores of a beautiful manmade lake and the area abounds with rich and varied plant life. Morning visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Nuwara Eliya

Board the train to Nanu Oya and in Nuwara Eliya visit a tea plantation. Set at an elevation of 1,880 metres above sea level, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at the Heritance Tea Factory for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Horton Plains

Early morning visit to Horton Plains, situated on Sri Lanka's highest plateau, including a 2.5-hour walk. Horton Plains is inhabited by large populations of monkeys and sambar deer. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Ella • Yala

Visit the Rawana Ella Falls and impressive Buduruwagala statues. Then drive to Yala and stay for 2 nights at Cinnamon Wild. (B)

Day 11: Yala

Morning wildlife safari in Yala National Park.

Covering 1,300 sq km, the park encompasses a diversity of jungle habitats, including scrub, brackish lagoons and riverside locations. Creatures that may be seen include elephants, leopards, sloth bears, spotted deer, sambar deer, wild pigs, jackals, marsh crocodiles and a great variety of birdlife. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Days 12 & 13: Galle • Ahungalla

Drive to Ahungalla, stopping for a tour of Galle Fort before continuing to the Elephant Transit Home. Stay 2 nights at Heritance Ahungalla or upgrade to the Cinnamon Bentota Resort & Spa (Premium Terrace room) for £265 per

person. Following day at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to Colombo and fly to London with Sri Lankan Airlines. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Maldives extension

6 days & 5 nights from £2,495

The Maldivian archipelago of 1,190 islands stretches across the Indian Ocean. These tropical hideaways offer pure relaxation in exquisite surroundings. This extension price is based on a short flight from Colombo to Malé and a speedboat to Makunudu, a resort that offers pristine white-sand beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and lush tropical gardens. You can view a selection of recommended Maldives properties on the Cox & Kings website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5073 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: CET

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £2,975 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,245 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £825

Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,795 return

Private tour

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

High season from £3,595 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £825

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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07 Jan 25	20 Jan 25	18 Feb 25	03 Mar 25	06 Jan 26	19 Jan 26	10 Mar 26	23 Mar 26
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13 Feb 25	26 Feb 25			17 Feb 26	02 Mar 26		



Tea plantation, Nuwara Eliya

SOLO TRAVELLERS TOUR

Splendours of Sri Lanka

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,995 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

This group tour for solo travellers explores Sri Lanka's famed Cultural Triangle and beyond. Admire ancient cities, scenic hill country, man-made marvels and abundant wildlife. Your journey includes safaris in search of wild elephants and leopards, a visit to the UNESCO-listed rock fortress of Sigiriya, and a relaxing stay on a palm-fringed beach.



Colombo

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₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Safari in national parks in search of wild elephants and leopards
- Learn about Sri Lanka cuisine at a cooking demonstration
- View scenic tea country by train
- Witness a traditional Kandyan cultural performance

Day 1: Fly to Colombo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Colombo with Sri Lankan Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Chilaw

Arrive and transfer to the **Anantaya** hotel for 1 night. Welcome dinner with your group. (D)

Day 3: Anuradhapura

Drive to Anuradhapura via Wilpattu National Park. Afternoon wildlife safari in search of leopards and sloth bears. Stay 2 nights at the Lake Forest Resort. (B, D)

- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- 4-& 5-star accommodation
- Twin / double rooms for single use
- Porterage at hotels
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Temple of the Tooth, Kandy



Leopard, Wilpattu National Park

Day 4: Wilpattu National Park • Anuradhapura

Morning safari in Wilpattu National Park. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Anuradhapura • Habarana

Drive to the ancient city of Anuradhapura. For 1,400 years, this city was the capital of Sri Lanka and contains fabulous Buddhist shrines and relics. Travel to Habarana. Stay 3 nights at the Cinnamon Lodge. (B, D)

Day 6: Habarana • Sigiriya

Transfer to Sigiriya and visit the UNESCO-listed rock fortress. Learn about Sri Lankan cuisine at a cooking demonstration before an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Polonnaruwa • Minneriya National Park

Visit the 11th-century medieval capital of Polonnaruwa. Afternoon safari to view a variety of wildlife. (B)

Day 8: Dambulla • Kandy

Morning visit to Dambulla, home to Asia's most impressive cave temples. Continue to the beautiful hill station of Kandy and stay 2 nights at the Cinnamon Citadel. (B, D)

Day 9: Kandy

Morning visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens. In the evening, watch a traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth for the evening *puja* ceremony. (B, D)

Day 10: Nuwara Eliya

Morning train journey to Nanu Oya. Set some 1,880 metres above sea level, Nuwara Eliya attracted the British in the 18th century and their legacy is still visible. Stay at **The Grand Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Horton Plains

Early morning visit to Horton Plains, situated

on Sri Lanka's highest plateau (this excursion involves a 2.5-hour walk). Horton Plains is inhabited by large populations of monkeys and sambar deer. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

Day 12: Wadduwa

Drive to Wadduwa. Stay 2 nights at the **Blue Water Hotel and Spa**, a luxury hotel with breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean. (B, D)

Day 13: Wadduwa

Day at leisure. Attend a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Fly to London

Transfer to Colombo and fly to London with Sri Lankan Airlines. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Solo Travellers group tours: These small-group tours have been specially created for solo travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Tour variations: Due to changes to seasonal schedules and opening times, there are minor itinerary variations for certain departure dates. Please check with your Cox & Kings travel consultant for details.

Guideline prices for 2025-26

TOUR CODE: SCN

Group tour

Low season from £3,995 High season from £4,295 Guide price month: Nov Guide price month: Feb

Sri Lankan Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £2,795 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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LATIN AMERICA

Latin America is complex and beautiful – like the manta shawls that drape the shoulders of Peru's Quechua women. It is a land of colour, coffee and carnival, where nature is on another scale and locals dance to a different rhythm.

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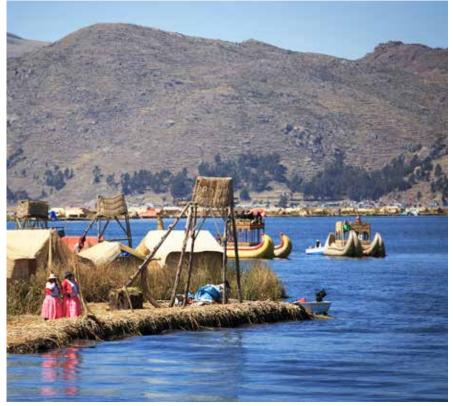
Cartagena, Colombia 43



Maras Salt Mines, the Sacred Valley

Peru offers a compelling combination of stunning scenery, colourful local culture and fascinating history. It contains many unforgettable sights, from colonial cities and pre-Columbian remains to soaring mountain ranges, deep canyons, blue lakes and the Amazon river and rainforest.

This is a place where the Inca culture is very much present in the wonderfully preserved ancient sites, the Quechua language and the colourful weavings of the Andean people. Today, the country is also known for its irresistible flavours and is fast becoming a foodie destination.



Uros Islands, Lake Titicaca

MACHU PICCHU, CUZCO & THE SACRED VALLEY

Impressive Inca ruins • Colonial architecture

A true wonder of the world, the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu has well-preserved terraces, temples and dwellings and a spectacular natural setting. Situated on top of a mountain, it can only be reached by train from Cuzco or the Sacred Valley, a bus up a serpentine road, or via a guided trek. Hikes on nearby trails offer fantastic bird's-eye vistas.

Once a capital of the Inca empire, the charming city of Cuzco is home to colonial houses, fascinating museums and enticing novoandina restaurants. Highlights include the main square, the cathedral with valuable art masterpieces, and Koricancha – the 'Temple of the Sun'. Overlooking the city, the ceremonial centre of Sacsayhuamán has enormous stones fitted with incredible precision. The nearby Sacred Valley is set against the backdrop of the Andes and dotted with interesting sites such as the circular terraces of Moray, the dazzling Maras saltpans and the Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo.

LAKE TITICACA

Striking altiplano scenery • Floating islands

One of the world's highest navigable lakes, the serene Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Bolivia and Peru. Its dark-blue waters are home to indigenous communities and islands such as the floating Uros, made entirely from totora reed. Take a boat and see spectacular lake panoramas, golden-brown reed houses and rafts, and the colourfully dressed locals. It is also possible to visit the stone burial towers of Sillustani, or Taquile Island, where fishermen and weavers maintain their ancient trades.



Arequipa

Aria riverboat, Amazon

AREQUIPA & COLCA CANYON

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

Set beneath the snow-capped volcano of Misti, Arequipa – the 'White City' – has fine colonialera architecture and many old and interesting churches built of sillar, a pearly-white volcanic stone. Highlights include the Santa Catalina Convent, a walled monastery with beautiful courtyards and colourful buildings; and a small, fascinating museum displaying the 500-year-old bodies of Inca sacrifices found frozen on nearby mountain summits.

Colca is an ideal stop on the way to Lake Titicaca and an area of outstanding natural beauty, with huge patchworks of pre-Inca terracing and unspoilt Andean villages lying on both sides of the dramatic canyon. Relax in thermal springs and spot majestic Andean condors at very close range from several scenic lookouts.

AMAZON Diverse wildlife

PERUVIAN

Diverse wildlife • Rainforest lodges • Luxury cruises

Some of the most biologically diverse and pristine areas of the Amazon basin lie in Peru. The sprawling carpet of rainforest stretches into the horizon with meandering coffee-coloured rivers weaving their way through. Giant ceiba trees emerge from the tree canopy and an incredible variety of wildlife hides beneath.

Explore the jungle from a comfortable ecolodge in the south near Puerto Maldonado, accessible by air from both Lima and Cuzco. Take guided walks and boat trips and spot tiny lizards, colourful frogs, howler monkeys, black caimans, giant river otters, toucans and macaws. Alternatively, watch the Amazon world pass by on a three-, four- or seven-night cruise from Iquitos in the north; discover the outstanding array of flora and fauna, and visit small riverside communities.



Candelabra Lines, Paracas

LIMA & THE COAST

Excellent museums • Mysterious Nazca Lines

Modern Lima has a large colonial heritage including the San Francisco Monastery, famous for its catacombs; and Casa de Aliaga, the city's oldest colonial mansion. Treasures of various pre-Hispanic cultures are housed in excellent museums such as the Larco, and renowned restaurants offer gourmet Peruvian cuisine. Go south to Paracas for a scenic overflight to see the mysterious Nazca Lines etched into the desert, or a boat trip to see Peruvian boobies, cormorants and Humboldt penguins.

EXPERIENCES IN PERU

Luxury trains

Trains are a highlight of travel in Peru. For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, spend one or two nights traversing the Andes aboard the *Belmond Andean Explorer*, South America's only luxury sleeper train. Alternatively, take a scenic 10-hour day trip between Cuzco and Lake Titicaca on the stylish *Titicaca* train. The *Belmond Hiram Bingham* reflects the sumptuous luxury of the 1920s Pullman era and transports visitors in style to Machu Picchu.

Local markets ℰ communities

The picturesque villages of the Sacred Valley are home to Incan descendants wearing traditional attire, and communities such as Huilloc, all promising insight into local culture. Outstanding textiles are still woven with techniques unchanged for centuries, and potatoes, guinea pigs and colourful ponchos are bartered at lively markets such as Pisac and Chinchero.

Inti Raymi festival

The most important Inca celebration in honour of Inti, the Sun God, coincides with the winter solstice. The present-day festivities, held on 24 June, include a spectacular re-enactment starting at Koricancha. Hundreds of Inca descendants in colourful finery, accompanied by music and dancing, wind in a procession to the main plaza of Cuzco, before continuing to Sacsayhuamán for the climax of the ritual ceremony.

Off-the-beaten-track Peru

Northern Peru hides the remains of numerous ancient civilisations, including the Moche and Chimu cultures. Discover adobe pyramids near Chiclayo and colonial Trujillo, the colourful El Brujo murals, and fascinating clifftop funerary sites at Revash and Karajia. Take a cable car to the spectacular walled city of Kuelap, explore little-known Gocta Falls or relax on the desert coast around Máncora, known for some of the best beaches and Pacific retreats.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Classic Peru

11 days & 9 nights Standard from £2,395 (incl. flights) Superior from £2,595 (incl. flights)

This introductory tour of Peru takes in the country's most celebrated sights.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly to Lima with KLM. Stay 2 nights and take a city tour, including the colonial centre and Huaca Pucllana. (N)

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

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

Day 4: Sacred Valley / Ollantaytambo

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

Day 5: Machu Picchu

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

Day 6: Cuzco

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

Day 7: Cuzco

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

Days 8 & 9: Puno

Cross the altiplano by road or train to Puno and stay for 2 nights. Visit Lake Titicaca and the Uros reed islands. (B, L)

Days 10 & 11: Fly home

Fly home, via Lima, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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GROUP TOUR

Train to Machu Picchu

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,595 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £4,095 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior & Luxury **Activity level** • Moderate

Machu Picchu is perhaps the most breathtaking archaeological site in the world. Yet Peru also offers a wealth of other magnificent ancient, colonial and scenic sights. Staying in good hotels with great character and with some free time to relax, this tour reveals Peru's many wonders, including Cuzco and Arequipa, the Colca Canyon, Lake Titicaca and, of course, Machu Picchu.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Stay overnight at Machu Picchu
- Visit the oldest private colonial mansion in Lima
- Spot majestic condors in Colca Canyon
- Scenic rail journey across the altiplano aboard the stylish Titicaca train

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima and transfer to the Casa Andina Premium Miraflores / Country Club Lima Hotel*. Take a half-day city tour, including Casa Aliaga, the oldest colonial mansion in Lima, and the architectural masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. (N) (B)

Day 3: Fly to Arequipa

Fly over the Andes to Arequipa, a city of white buildings and colonnaded plazas surrounded by ice-capped volcanoes. Transfer to the **Costa del Sol Wyndham** for 2 nights. (B)



Cuzco

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C	153	136	120	46	8	2	4	8	23	40	68	116

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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

- Small group size average 16 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome drink & a farewell dinner
- Flexible extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- Porterage at hotels
- Inti Raymi[†] & Easter departures



IMAGE LEFT: Machu Picchu; TOP: PeruRail Titicaca train



Traditional weaving, Chinchero



Taquile island

Day 4: Arequipa

Full-day city tour, including the beautiful Santa Catalina convent, which dates from the 16th century, and the Juanita Mummy Museum. (B, L)

Day 5: Colca Canyon

Drive into the Andes towards Colca Canyon (approx 4 hours, partly on unpaved roads, with stops en route). The scenery is breathtaking, with the terraces of the Colca Valley and herds of llamas scattered around. Stay for 2 nights at Aranwa Colca Hotel / Colca Lodge Spa & Hot Springs. (B, L)

Day 6: Colca Canyon

Early morning excursion to Condor's Cross to see magnificent condors flying over the canyon. Visit the town of Maca, famed for its pre-Columbian textiles. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Lake Titicaca

Travel by road to Puno and Lake Titicaca (approx. 6 hours). Stay 2 nights at the **GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca** on the shore of the lake and take a full-day tour of the floating Uros reed islands and Taquile Island. (B, L)

Day 9: Train to Cuzco

Take the stylish *Titicaca* train to Cuzco (approximately 10 hours). Relax over lunch or with a pisco sour in the observation car as you pass through rolling Andean plains where vicuñas and alpacas may be seen. Overnight at Casa Andina Premium Cuzco / Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel*. (B, L)

Day 10: Chinchero • Sacred Valley

Travel by road to the indigenous village of Chinchero to see its Inca terraces and a traditional weaving demonstration. Continue

to the Sacred Valley and stay 2 nights at Casa Andina Premium Cuzco (or similar) / Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel*. (B, L)

Day 11: Sacred Valley

Half-day visit to the Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo, an astounding feat of construction and ingenuity. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Machu Picchu

Drive to Ollanta and take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu. Tour the spectacular ruins and stay overnight at the *Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel / Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel**. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase ticket at time of booking). Return to Cuzco by rail and transfer to the Casa Andina Premium Cuzco (or similar) / Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel* for 2 nights. (B)

Day 14: Cuzco

Half-day tour of the Inca capital including the San Blas district, the cathedral and the extraordinary Temple of the Sun at Koricancha. Afternoon is at leisure or take an optional excursion to the Pre-Columbian Art Museum or the ruins of Sacsayhuamán, before your farewell dinner that evening (B, D).

Days 15 & 16: Fly to London via Lima

Fly to London via Lima, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Peruvian rainforest 4 days & 2 nights from £495

The Peruvian Amazon has remarkable biodiversity and the area around Puerto Maldonado provides an excellent opportunity to explore the rainforest, rivers and Sandoval Lake – habitats for macaws, black caimans, giant otters and monkeys.

Days 15 & 16: Fly to Puerto Maldonado

Fly to Puerto Maldonado and transfer by motorised canoe to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion for 2 nights (individual bungalow). Upgrade to Reserva Amazonica (Superior river-view bungalow) from £225 per person. Take shared guided walks and boat trips and explore the Inkaterra hanging bridges that allow you to observe the rainforest from the treetops. (B, L, D)

Days 17 & 18: Fly to Lima and on to London (B) (N)

Tour + Nazca & Paracas

4 days & 2 nights from £845

Travel south of Lima to Paracas (3.5 hours) and stay for 2 nights at Aranwa Paracas Resort & Spa or La Hacienda Bahia on the bay, or upgrade to Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort from £115. Take a 90-minute overflight from Pisco to see the mysterious drawings of the Nazca Lines, left by pre-Inca civilisations, then cruise to the Ballestas Islands, home to an incredible concentration of sea birds including Peruvian boobies.



Agricultural terraces, the Sacred Valley

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

†Inti Raymi festival

The 11 June 2025 departure coincides with the Inti Raymi festival (see page 45). It has a modified itinerary and includes a stay at the **Sonesta Hotel** in Cuzco and a full day of ceremonial celebrations in honour of the Sun God.

*Tour standards: Based in 4-star accommodation or above. Luxury tour departures feature upgraded accommodation as indicated by the asterisks and a special sixcourse tasting 'Flavours of the Andes' dinner at Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel. Please visit our website for details of the hotels included.

Itinerary: The order of the itinerary allows gradual adjustment to the altitude, while taking in the major sights of Peru. There are some early morning starts and long drives. Currently all departures will fly to Peru via Amsterdam.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Optional upgrades: On Day 12, upgrade to **Belmond Sanctuary Lodge** from £695, subject to availability. On days 9, 13 & 14 of the superior departure it is possible to upgrade to the **Palacio del Inca**, a **Luxury Collection Hotel** from £165 per person.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Superior group tour

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

High season from £3,795 Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement from £825

Luxury group tour

High season from £4,295 Guide price months: May-Oct

Single supplement from £1,245

Superior private tour

Low season from £4,095 Guide price months: Feb & Nov

High season from £4,195 Guide price months: May-Sep

Single supplement on request

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades

Premium Comfort Class from £595 return Business Class from £1,695 return

Regional air connections

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

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability. **Visit our website for all 2026 departure dates and itineraries.**

Superior group tour departure dates for 2025 TOUR CODE: TMP

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Luxury group tour departure dates for 2025

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TOUR CODE: TML



Plaza de Armas, Lima

SOLO TRAVELLERS TOUR

Treasures of Peru

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights **Category** • Standard

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

Activity level • Moderate

This introductory tour of Peru includes the country's most celebrated sights. Starting in Lima, explore Peru's ancient, colonial and scenic wonders including Cuzco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Lake Titicaca and, of course, Machu Picchu, perhaps the most breathtaking archaeological site in the world.



Lima

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A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Train ride through the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu
- Stay overnight at Machu Picchu
- Enjoy lunch in the house of a local family on Lake Titicaca

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima and transfer to José Antonio Hotel for 2 nights. Explore the colonial and modern highlights of Lima on a half-day tour including the Huaca Pucllana, a pre-Columbian site; and the historic masterpiece of San Francisco monastery. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (N) (B, D)

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Morning flight to Cuzco, set high in the Andes mountains. Transfer to the Sacred Valley with its wealth of Inca sites and natural beauty. Stay for 2 nights at the **Andean Wings Valley** hotel. (B)

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Twin / double rooms for single use
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome & farewell group dinners
- Porterage at hotels
- Flexible extension & flight upgrades available

Day 4: Sacred Valley

In the morning, visit the colourful Pisac market and the Inca fortress at Ollantaytambo, an astounding feat of construction and ingenuity. Afternoon at leisure to relax or explore the beautiful surroundings. (B)

Day 5: Machu Picchu

Transfer to Ollanta railway station and take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu. Enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu and stay overnight at **El Mapi Hotel**. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase ticket at time of booking). Return to Cuzco by train and transfer to Los Portales for 2 nights. This ancient Inca capital has beautiful colonial churches and mansions sitting alongside Inca remains. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

Morning guided tour of Cuzco, including the cathedral, the extraordinary Koricancha (Temple of the Sun), and the fortress of Sacsayhuamán. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Lake Titicaca

Travel by road to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca (approx 10 hours with stops)*. Travel past small valley towns, cultivated terraces and high Andean peaks, with a chance to stop at archaeological sites along the way. Transfer to José Antonio Hotel for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 9: Lake Titicaca

Visit the floating Uros reed islands and Taquile Island on a full-day tour with a home-cooked lunch prepared by a local family. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant. (B, L, D)

Days 10 & 11: Fly to London via Lima

Transfer to Juliaca airport for a flight to Lima and on to London. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Peruvian Amazon + Tour

4 days & 3 nights from £995

Before the tour it is possible to explore the natural wonders of the Peruvian Amazon in the area around Puerto Maldonado. Stay in a jungle lodge and seek out toucans, black caimans, giant otters and monkeys.

Day 1: Fly to Lima

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima and overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Airport Hotel. (N) Days 2 & 3: Fly to the Amazon

Fly to Puerto Maldonado and take a boat to the **Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion** for 2 nights (individual bungalow). Explore the unique rainforest ecosystem on shared excursions provided by the lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Fly to Lima

Return to Puerto Maldonado and fly to Lima to join the group. (B)



Inca fortress of Ollantaytambo

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Solo Travellers group tours: These small group tours have been specially created for single travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative).

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and

longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Itinerary: The order of the itinerary is designed to allow gradual adjustment to the altitude while taking in the key sights of Peru. Currently all departures will fly to Peru via Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

*Optional rail journey: On Day 8 it is possible to travel to Puno aboard the stylish *Titicaca* train. The journey takes just over 10 hours and does not include stops at archaeological sites. A three-course lunch and afternoon tea are served on board. The supplement to take the train is from £165.

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

From £3,195 Guide price months: Apr-mid Oct

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades

Premium Comfort Class from £ £595 return Business Class from £1,695 return Regional air connections

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

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2025-26

Out (Wed) Rtn (Sat)

16 Apr 25 26 Apr 25 28 May 25 07 Jun 25 16 Jul 25 26 Jul 25

Out (Wed) Rtn (Sat) 03 Sep 25 13 Sep 25 01 Oct 25 11 Oct 25 Out (Wed)Rtn (Sat)22 Apr 2602 May 2627 May 2606 Jun 2622 Jul 2601 Aug 26

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 02 Sep 26
 12 Sep 26

 07 Oct 26
 17 Oct 26

TOUR CODE: PSG



Marine iguana, Galápagos



Plaza San Francisco, Quito



Plate-billed mountain toucan, Mindo Cloud Forest

QUITO

Colonial heritage • Middle of the World

The capital city of Quito lies in an Andean valley overlooked by the towering Pichincha Volcano. The historic old town provides an insight into the colonial history of Ecuador, with plazas and narrow streets filled with beautiful churches, monasteries and restored buildings. Meet local artisans and hat makers in their workshops or learn about Ecuador's finest chocolate. North of the city, visit the Middle of the World monument that marks the equatorial line. Alternatively, to the east is an ecological reserve with abundant birdlife, glacial topography and the steaming Papallacta thermal springs.



Cotopaxi volcano

AMAZON & **CLOUD FORESTS**

Amazonian communities • Exotic flora & fauna

The Ecuadorian Amazon can be explored on a superior river cruise or from a number of lodges, many only accessible by light aircraft or river. A wide variety of wildlife may be spotted in the rainforest, including monkeys, frogs, caimans, river dolphins and many parrot and parakeet species. Excursions include nature walks, boat rides, visits to local communities, clay licks and canopy walkways. The cloud forests of Mashpi and Mindo-Nambillo, not far from Quito, are other superb biodiversity destinations, with one of the largest concentrations of bird species in the world.

AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES

Cotopaxi National Park • Local markets & haciendas • Devil's Nose train

Fertile valleys, patchwork fields and snowcapped peaks form a chain south of Quito along the Avenue of the Volcanoes. Highlights include Cotopaxi National Park, home to the world's highest active volcano, the emeraldgreen Quilotoa crater lake and various small villages with colourful weekly markets. Further south is the lively trading town of Riobamba and the switchbacks of the Devil's Nose train.

EXPERIENCES IN ECUADOR

Otavalo market

The small town of Otavalo is a three-hour drive north of Quito and home to one of the largest outdoor indigenous markets in South America. Watch local Otavaleño people wearing distinctive blue clothing and browse through numerous stalls with brightly coloured hand-woven textiles and traditional handicrafts.

Cuenca's colonial heritage

Considered the most beautiful city in Ecuador, Cuenca is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll along its cobbled streets and admire the red-roofed colonial houses, graceful iron balconies, flowerfilled plazas and courtyards, the red-brick New Cathedral with its distinctive blue domes, and other religious treasures.

Traditional hacienda stay

Historic haciendas dotted throughout the countryside provide an authentic Ecuadorian experience. We recommend the family-run dairy farm Hacienda La Danesa, not far from Guayaquil; the beautiful restored Hacienda Zuleta; or the historic 17th-century La Cienega. Walk through manicured gardens and sample delicious traditional cuisine.

Mashpi's sustainable luxury

Luxurious Mashpi Lodge is designed to blend in with the cloud forest of its private reserve, home to an exceptionally high variety of flora and fauna, and provides an immersive experience with its floorto-ceiling windows. Spot hummingbirds, beautiful orchids, bromeliads and butterflies, or take an exhilarating ride on the sky bike over the forest canopy.

THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Unique $\mathcal E$ rare species ullet Close encounters with wildlife ullet Year-round destination

A visit to these remarkable isolated islands along the equator is regarded as one of the world's greatest travel experiences. The fascinating wildlife of the Galápagos has adapted to a unique environment of stark lava formations, cactus forests and lush highlands without influence from the mainland. As a result, the animals have never learned to fear humans, allowing for extraordinary close observation and endless photo opportunities. Spot endemic species such as the giant tortoise and the marine iguana, and abundant birdlife including blue-footed, red-footed and Nazca boobies, greater and magnificent frigate birds, flightless cormorants, waved albatrosses, Galápagos penguins, and Darwin's finches. Marine life is varied, ranging from Galápagos sea lions, fur seals, whales, dolphins and sharks, to colourful sally lightfoot crabs and tropical fish.

The Galápagos Islands are accessed from mainland Ecuador via the local airports on Baltra and San Cristóbal, and can be explored from an expedition cruise at sea, or from a land-based hotel or lodge.



Blue-footed boobies



Endemic



Isabella II



Giant tortoise, Santa Cruz Island

Small boats & catamarans

Accommodating up to 16 guests, the small yachts and catamarans have a more intimate atmosphere and are suited to those who prefer a more interactive cruise. These superior or luxury vessels offer comfortable cabins, some with private balconies, a bar-lounge, spacious sun deck, and inside and outside dining areas. Complimentary snorkelling equipment and kayaks are often provided.

Medium-sized & large cruisers

The bigger boats accommodate from 40 up to 100 passengers and offer a greater stability on rougher seas, more spacious social areas and the most comprehensive range of facilities including observation lounges, a library and reading room, a separate dining room, fitness room and hot tubs. Service is excellent and daily shore excursions are still provided in small groups with expert naturalist guides.

Galápagos by land

Four inhabited islands on the archipelago (Santa Cruz, Isabela, Floreana and San Cristóbal) offer a number of hotels and lodges for those who prefer to avoid long durations at sea. Experiences can be better tailored by choosing from a range of boat excursions or land-based activities. Scenic inter-island flights have led to increasingly popular island hopping, or multi-centred combinations.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Classic Ecuador

11 days & 8 nights from £5,295 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

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

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Quito via Amsterdam

Fly to Quito for a 2-night stay. Take a tour of Ecuador's capital city, including its old, handsome colonial centre. (N) (B)

Day 3: Cotopaxi • Cuenca

Visit Cotopaxi National Park, home to the snow-capped volcano of its namesake, then fly to Cuenca for 3 nights. (B, L)

Day 4: Cuenca

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

Day 5: Ingapirca

Enjoy a full-day tour at Ingapirca, the site of the largest archaelogical Inca ruins in the country. (B, L)

Day 6: Cajas • Guayaquil

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

Days 7-9: Fly to the Galápagos

Fly to the Galápagos Islands for a 3-night

cruise – a chance to spot the archipelago's unusual wildlife. (B, L, D)

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

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

Tailor-made travel

Contact our experts



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Frigate birds, Galápagos Islands

GROUP TOUR

Peru & Galápagos Odyssey

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights **Small-group tour** • From £7,095 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £8,295 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

This journey combines the ancient Incan treasures of Peru with Ecuador's capital, Quito, and a 4-night luxury cruise around the Galápagos islands. The remarkable voyage around the islands includes land excursions alongside naturalist guides, seeking out the unique wildlife for which this archipelago is renowned.



Galápagos Islands

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Α	28	30	30	30	28	27	25	24	24	24	25	26
В	18	19	18	19	18	17	16	15	15	15	16	16
C	178	146	170	156	79	106	115	80	86	67	72	130

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Lima

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

Days 3 & 4: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, set in the Andes mountains, and transfer to the Sacred Valley via Chinchero to learn about traditional weaving. Stay for 2 nights at the **Casona Yucay** (or similar). Following morning visit the Inca fortress of

- Maximum group size of 16 people
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Small luxury cruise
- **.**
- Welcome drink & farewell dinner on cruise
- Porterage at hotels
- Flexible extensions, cabin & flight upgrades available

Ollantaytambo, and the lesser-visited village of Pachar with its award-winning artisanal brewery. (B)

Day 5: Machu Picchu & Cuzco

Transfer to Ollanta railway station and board the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu. Take a guided tour of the striking ruins and a lateafternoon train journey to Cuzco. Stay at the **Casa Andina Premium Cuzco** for 2 nights. (B. L)

Day 6: Cuzco

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

Days 7 & 8: Fly to Quito via Lima

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

Day 9: Fly to the Galápagos

Fly to the Galápagos Islands and board The Tribute for a 4-night cruise. This sophisticated small boat for max 16 guests offers an immersive and luxurious way to explore this wildlife-rich archipelago. (D, L, D)

Days 10-12: The Galápagos

Take shared shore excursions with a naturalist guide and enjoy close encounters with some of the rarest animals, including land iguanas, giant tortoises, frigatebirds, Darwin's finches, boobies and Galápagos penguins.
(B, L, D)

Day 13 & 14: Fly to UK via Amsterdam

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Finch Bay Eco Hotel

3 days & 2 nights from £695

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

Tour + Amazon

5 days & 4 nights from £1,795

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



Machu Picchu, Peru

Tour + Hacienda Danesa

3 days & 2 nights from £1,395

At the end of your trip enjoy the beautiful grounds of a historic dairy and cacao hacienda on the tropical coast, a 1.5-hour drive from Guayaquil. Relax or take part in local experiences on the family-owned estate.



The Tribute

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Galápagos park fees: Galápagos National Park fee is not included and is payable locally.

Galápagos cruise cabin upgrades: On each departure, it is possible to upgrade to the Owner's Suite from £2,345 per person.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: CON

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £7,095 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £7,195 Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement from £525

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades

Premium Comfort Class from £595 return Business Class from £1,795 return

Private tour

Low season from £8,295 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £8,395 Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Valley of the Moon, Atacama Desert

Set between the majestic Andes and the rugged Pacific coast, Chile stretches from the desolate Atacama Desert in the north to the granite peaks, glacier fields and untamed wilderness of Patagonia in the south. In between these striking extremes, the country offers snow-capped volcanoes, crystalclear lakes, winding fjords, ancient forests and verdant valleys dotted with vineyards. As well as this pristine and spectacular scenery, visitors can encounter indigenous communities, bustling city culture in Santiago and Valparaíso, friendly hosts and delicious fresh seafood. The remote and volcanic Easter Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean bears witness to the unique and mysterious Rapa Nui legacy.



Sky Costanera tower, Santiago

SANTIAGO & SURROUNDS

Eclectic culture • Colourful Valparaíso • World-renowned wines

The cosmopolitan capital of Chile is a buzzing metropolis set against the spectacular backdrop of the snow-capped Andes. Santiago's historical attractions, including the elaborately decorated cathedral and the outstanding Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, are complemented by leafy parks and lanes, bustling street cafés and increasingly sophisticated restaurants that all add to the city's vibrancy and charm.

The fertile valleys around Santiago are home to celebrated wineries, country traditions and exclusive winery estates. The bohemian former port of Valparaíso is within easy reach along the coast. Colourful old houses and the cable-drawn funiculars, some still carrying passengers up and down its steep hills, are reminders of its glorious past.

THE ATACAMA DESERT

Altiplanic lagoons, salt lakes & geysers • Adobe villages

The Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on Earth, has truly one of the most extraordinary landscapes. The small village of San Pedro de Atacama is the base for exploring the area. At daybreak, watch El Tatio geysers spout steam and boiling water high into the air, feel the salt crack under your feet at the world's third-largest salt flat and see pink flamingos mirrored in intensely blue lagoons. Purple-shaded volcanoes, ancient petroglyphs carved in stone, adobe villages, thermal springs, magnificent sunsets over desolate sand dunes and clear desert nights all add to the appeal of this astonishing destination.



A grazing guanaco, Torres del Paine

Osorno volcano and Puerto Varas

TORRES DEL PAINE

Granite peaks & stunning glaciers • Patagonia wildlife • Nature walks & hikes

Stretching across southern Chile and Argentina, Patagonia is a land of rugged and untamed wilderness. The remote Torres del Paine National Park, a five-hour drive through the vast steppe from the southerly city of Punta Arenas, possesses the characteristic unspoilt landscape of this windswept region. The soaring granite towers and 'cuernos' peaks of the park are surrounded by shimmering lagoons and glaciers, dense forests and tumbling waterfalls. This strikingly beautiful area is home to a wealth of wildlife including guanacos, flightless rheas, condors and flamingos, and can be explored by boat, vehicle or on foot. Hiking opportunities range from easy nature walks to more arduous hikes.

CHILEAN LAKE DISTRICT

Snow-capped volcanoes, lakes $\mathcal G$ forests • Mapuche culture

Deep blue lakes, gushing rivers and snowtopped volcanoes dominate the scenery of the Chilean Lake District. The southern region can be best explored from Puerto Varas, set on a lake with stunning views of the cones of the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. This charming German-influenced town is a starting point for one of the most spectacular Andean lake crossings into Argentina, as well as day trips to nearby national parks. Not far off the coast and reached by ferry, the distinctive island of Chiloé is known for its colourful stilt-houses and 16thcentury wooden churches. The northern Lake District around Pucón is covered in araucaria and lenga forests and is home to indigenous Mapuche people.



Moai statues, Easter Island

EASTER ISLAND

Giant stone statues • Polynesian culture

Officially part of Chile, the mysterious and remote Easter Island lies in the middle of the South Pacific, a five-hour flight from the mainland. This small volcanic rock is an extraordinary open-air museum of hundreds of *moai* (gigantic stone statues). Guided tours to ceremonial platforms and the quarry can be arranged, while the small village of Hanga Roa is easily explored on your own. We recommend stays of three or four nights due to the remote location and wealth of sites to visit.

EXPERIENCES IN CHILE

Boat ride on Lake Grey, Patagonia

Take a boat ride on Lake Grey and navigate past floating icebergs to the face of the monumental Grey Glacier, the largest in the Torres del Paine National Park. Reaching over 30 metres in height and extending as far as the eye can see, its sheer size is best admired by cruising in front of the cracked and fissured blue wall. Witness icy pinnacles calving off and floating away across the milky waters of the lake

Stargazing in northern Chile

Famed for its reliable weather and clear, unpolluted night skies, the dry Atacama Desert is a leading destination for astronomers and enthusiasts alike. Stargaze with expert guides for a glimpse of our planetary neighbours, the brightest stars in the Milky Way, and the glow of distant galaxies.

Scenic self-drive trips

Self-drives in Chile offer flexibility and freedom to explore at your own pace. Discover highland lagoons and adobe villages along roads with little traffic in the north, or follow scenic lake shores and towering mountains in the south. The largely unpaved Carretera Austral in Patagonia offers one of the most challenging and rewarding self-drive journeys on the continent.

Winelands experience

Set between the snow-capped Andes and the coast, Chile's wine country is home to renowned vineyards. Exclusive wine estates, some among the oldest in the country, offer relaxing stays in their colonial haciendas or boutique lodges. Visit on a day trip and sample some of the region's finest wines, or stay for two nights to best appreciate the beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Essence of Chile

14 days & 11 nights Superior from £4,695 (incl. flights) *Luxury from £7,595 (incl. flights)

Starting and ending in the cosmopolitan city of Santiago, this tour explores Chile's extraordinary landscapes from the driest desert on Earth to the wilds of Patagonia, with time to relax at a wine estate.

Days 1-3: Fly to Santiago

Fly direct to Santiago for 2 nights at the Pullman Santiago El Bosque / Casa Bueras*

with time to explore the city. (B)

Days 4-6: Fly to Calama • Atacama

Fly to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at the Casa de Don Tomas / Noi Casa Atacama*. Tour the stark desert including the Atacama salt lake. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Fly to Santiago • Winelands

Fly to Santiago and transfer to the Maipo or Casablanca Valley for 2 nights at the historic Casa Real or the colonial La Casona Matetic*. Sample fine wines and unwind in tranquil surroundings. (B)

Day 9: Fly to Puerto Natales

Fly to Puerto Natales and overnight at **Hotel Costaustralis**. Luxury itinerary travels directly to Torres del Paine*. (B)

Days 10 & 11: Torres del Paine

Travel to Torres del Paine and stay for 2 nights at Lago Grey / 3 nights at Tierra Patagonia*. Discover the dramatic scenery of this outstanding national park with its emerald lakes and granite peaks. (B)

Days 12-14: Fly to Santiago

Drive to Punta Arenas and fly to Santiago for a final night before flying home. (B) (N)

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GROUP TOUR

Splendours of Chile

Duration • 15 days & 12 nights Small-group tour • From £4,695 (incl. flights) **Private tour •** From £4,995 (incl. flights) Category • Superior Activity level • Moderate

Chile is an extraordinarily beautiful country, encompassing just about every type of landscape on Earth, from the arid desert of the north, through verdant lakes and pastures to the soaring peaks and glaciers of Patagonia. This expansive tour explores Chile's spectacular desert, mountain scenery and Patagonian wilderness, and allows time to discover some fascinating Chilean traditions.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Watch the sun set over the Atacama Desert
- Take a private boat trip on Lake **Todos los Santos**
- Stay inside the park at Torres del Paine
- Farewell lunch at a traditional Patagonian ranch

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Santiago

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

Day 3: Santiago

Morning tour of Santiago, including the cathedral, the historic main square, and Sky Costanera – part of the tallest building in South America - for views across the city and the Andes beyond. Afternoon drive into the countryside to the Undurraga vineyard for a tour and wine tasting. (B)

Torres del Paine National Park



San Pedro de Atacama

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C	38	27	18	5	1	1	1	1	4	3	8	17

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 16 people (max 20)
- 4-star accommodation
- Direct international flights with **British Airways**
- Experienced local tour manager
- Porterage at hotels
- Christmas departure
- Flexible extensions & flight upgrades available

Day 4: Fly to Calama • San Pedro de Atacama

Early morning flight to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at **Hotel Kimal / Poblado Kimal**. Afternoon excursion to the Valley of the Moon to see the mesmerising change of colours at sunset. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Atacama Desert

Full-day journey into the spectacular desert landscape. Visit the Atacama salt flats, where pink flamingos may be seen, and stop at the small village of Toconao, with its white volcanic stone buildings. Continue to a traditional farm for lunch and visit Tebinquinche lagoon. Day 6 is at leisure or take an optional excursion to El Tatio geysers or the 17th-century fortress of Pukará de Quitor. (B, L) (B)

Days 7 & 8: Fly to Lake District via Santiago

Fly to Puerto Montt via Santiago and transfer to the town of Puerto Varas for 2 nights at Cabaña del Lago Hotel, set on the lake. In the morning visit Petrohué Falls and take a boat trip on Lake Todos los Santos. Afternoon drive up the lower reaches of the Osorno Volcano for views of the surrounding mountains. (B)

Day 9: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas and continue to Puerto Natales, set amid jagged peaks and the glassy waters of Last Hope Sound. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Costaustralis** (fjord-view room). (B)

Day 10: Torres del Paine

Drive across the wilds of Patagonia to Torres del Paine National Park. Full-day tour taking in the dramatic scenery of granite peaks, emerald lakes, waterfalls and ancient lenga forests. There is also the opportunity to meet the local rangers and learn about their work in the park. Stay at **Hotel Lago Grey** for 2 nights. On selected departures, the stay will be in a superior room with views towards the glacier. (B. L)

Day 11: Torres del Paine

Morning shared boat excursion on Lake Grey for an up-close view of its striking bright-blue glacier. Afternoon at leisure or optional tours. (B)

Day 12: Punta Arenas

Drive to Punta Arenas, visiting a traditional Patagonian *estancia* en route. Discover how people live in this remote region and enjoy a farewell lunch of typical *quincho* barbecue. Short afternoon tour of Punta Arenas, situated on the Magellan Strait, and overnight at **Hotel Almasur** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 13: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago for a final night at the **Santiago Park Plaza**. (B)

Days 14 & 15: Fly to London

Morning at leisure before your overnight flight to London with British Airways, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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



Flamingos at the Atacama salt flats

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Easter Island

6 days & 4 nights from £1,795

A visit to Easter Island is an extraordinary experience. 600 or so *moai* statues scatter the island, dramatically set against the dark waters of the Pacific Ocean, a reminder of the civilisation that once thrived and faded on these shores.

Days 14-16: Fly to Easter Island

Fly to Easter Island and stay 3 nights at the **Taha Tai Hotel** or similar, overlooking the ocean. Your stay includes a day and a half of excursions to various *moai* platforms, the quarry at Rano

Raraku, Anakena beach where the islands were first settled, Rano Kao Volcano, and the ceremonial village of Orongo. (B)

Day 17: Fly to Santiago

Ely to Santiago for a final night (B)

Fly to Santiago for a final night. (B)

Days 18 & 19: Fly to London with

British Airways. (B) (N)

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

Tour + Winelands or Valparaíso 3 days & 2 nights from £245

At the end of your tour, stay and unwind at one of the winery hotels not far from Santiago or explore the colourful hills, funiculars and bohemian atmosphere in the old port of Valparaiso.

Australis cruise extension: It is also possible to travel aboard the *Stella / Ventus Australis* across great seas to Ushuaia in Argentina and explore the sparkling glaciers, dramatic scenery and wildlife of the southernmost part of the world, including Cape Horn.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: SOC

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £4,695 Guide price month: Mar

High season from £4,795 Guide price months: Jan-Feb, Oct-Dec

Single supplement from £1,095

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £375 Club World from £2,595

Private tour

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

High season from £5,195 Guide price months: lan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Argentina is a country of tremendous natural beauty, from tropical rainforests and thundering waterfalls, to the great wilderness of Patagonia where immense glaciers seemingly stretch to the end of the world. Its vast territory encompasses high desert plateau, multicoloured canyons, pristine lakes, grassy plains and snow-capped mountain ranges. Southern right whales, sea lions and Magellanic penguins abound at Peninsula Valdés, and the pristine lberá wetlands of the north-east are a birdwatcher's paradise. Discover Jesuit and pre-Inca ruins, colonial towns, traditional cattle ranches, and stylish cities. Argentina's passionate people and superb food and wine add to the appeal of this alluring country.



Iguazú Falls

BUENOS AIRES

Grand avenues & opulent architecture • Bustling cultural life & history

This sophisticated and energetic capital combines European heritage with Latin charms and is one of the world's most captivating cities. Marvel at the grand Colon Theatre and the government's pink palace, the Casa Rosada. Visit the exclusive Recoleta neighbourhood to see its opulent belle époque architecture and cemetery, where Eva (Evita) Perón is buried, and stroll among the colourful houses of La Boca. Add a visit to the unrivalled collection of the Latin American Art Museum or the intriguing underground tunnels of El Zanjón. Stays of three nights are recommended, to allow time to wander around the wide boulevards and catch the city at its best.

IGUAZÚ FALLS

Thunderous Devil's Throat • Speedboat to the foot of the falls

The Iguazú Falls, one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders, are located on the border of Argentina and Brazil. The plunging waters of the Iguazú River burst into 275 separate cataracts through the lush vegetation. The majority of the falls lie on the Argentinian side, where several walkways allow visitors to approach the thundering waters from above and below. An eco-train provides easy access to the Devil's Throat, the highest and most impressive of the falls. The panoramic views from the Brazilian side reveal the full scale of this extraordinary sight and exhilarating boat trips on the river below get even closer to the base of the cataracts.



Perito Moreno glacier

Lake District, Bariloche

PATAGONIA

Great wilderness • Awe-inspiring glaciers

Patagonia encompasses endless wild and windswept expanses, towering mountains and giant glaciers that sweep down to turquoise lakes. Guanacos, condors and rheas can be spotted in the barren landscape of this vast region that stretches to Tierra del Fuego at the foot of the continent. Rich marine life abounds at Peninsula Valdés on the Atlantic coast. Near El Calafate, the immense Perito Moreno Glacier is an awe-inspiring spectacle of ever-changing shades and thunderous breaking ice, while the striking granite massif of El Chaltén provides excellent hiking opportunities.



Purmamarca & the Hill of Seven Colours

THE LAKE DISTRICT

Forest-clad mountains & lakes • Boat trips

The Lake District is a beautiful region of pristine forests, deep-blue lakes, rivers and snow-capped mountains. Relaxing stays to enjoy the fresh air and stunning scenery can be combined with a wide range of outdoor activities such as kayaking, gentle walks and hikes. The alpine-style lakeside town of Bariloche is the main centre for exploring the parks and a starting point for scenic boat trips deep through the lakes all the way to Chile. To the north, there is a scenic route through seven different lakes to San Martín de los Andes, and in the south, the famous Ruta 40 stretches all the way to Patagonia.

SALTA & THE NORTH-WEST

Picturesque colonial towns • Striking scenery

Once part of the Inca empire, Argentina's North-West is a region of striking natural scenery and deep-rooted traditions. The high altiplano, or puna, gives way to arid foothills dotted with giant cacti, rugged colourful canyons and shimmering white salt flats. The city of Salta has beautifully preserved colonial architecture, while traditional adobe villages such as Purmamarca, Cachi and Molinos have changed little since colonial times. Further south, Cafayate, home to highaltitude vineyards, can be reached via a scenic drive past impressive rock formations.

EXPERIENCES IN ARGENTINA

Andean lakes crossing

This scenic full-day trip, one of the most spectacular in South America, starts on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in Bariloche, traverses the Andes via a series of boat and road journeys, and ends in Puerto Varas in Chile, or vice versa. Cross shimmering lakes, wind along mountain roads and catch a view of Osorno Volcano's perfect cone.

Mendoza wine country escapes

The highly regarded bodegas around Mendoza are home to small boutique hotels and luxurious estates that offer sublime wineland escapes. Discover premium wines at on-site tastings, sample delicious gourmet cuisine, unwind by the pool or indulge in signature wine therapies. Alternatively, soak up the full panorama of the vineyards and the Andes beyond while exploring on foot or by bicycle.

Visit a traditional *estancia*

Ranging from working cattle ranches to elegant country estates, Argentina's traditional estancias are dotted throughout the country. Day trips can be arranged to enjoy a delicious Argentinian barbecue or see legendary gauchos (local cowboys) display their fabled skills, while longer stays offer opportunities to relax and get a first-hand insight into local culture and traditions.

Wildlife viewing at Iberá wetlands

The second-largest wetlands in South America are home to abundant and varied wildlife including capybaras, caimans, otters, marsh deer, howler monkeys, giant anteaters, anacondas and more than 350 bird species. Explore pristine lakes, streams and floating islands from remote eco-ranches such as Rincon del Socorro or the luxurious Puerto Valle hotel.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Classic Argentina

14 days & 11 nights Superior from £4,395 (incl. flights) *Boutique from £4,595 (incl. flights)

This journey combines some of the most fascinating parts of the country, travelling from the sub-tropical north to the wild landscapes of the south.

Days 1-4: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and stay for 3 nights at the Loi Suites or the characterful Legado Mitico*. Take in the city's many sights and an optional ferry ride across the River Plate to

Colonia in Uruguay. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Fly to Iguazú Falls

Morning flight to Iguazú. Discover the falls and the surrounding jungle. Stay 2 nights at Mercure Iguazú or Puerto Bemberg / Awasi Iguazú*. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Fly to El Calafate via **Buenos Aires**

Fly to El Calafate and transfer to Kosten Aike / Esplendor Hotel* for 2 nights and take a cruise in front of the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier. (B)

Days 9-11: Fly to Mendoza

Fly to Mendoza, spectacularly set at the foothills of the Andes, and stay in a city hotel or an exclusive wine estate*. Take a tour of renowned bodegas (local wineries) or relax in beautiful surroundings. (B)

Days 12-14: Fly home

Return to Buenos Aires for a final night. Fly home with British Airways, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

Alternatively, on Day 9 fly to Bariloche and spend the last 3 nights relaxing amid lakes and mountains.

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Perito Moreno glacier

GROUP TOUR

Patagonia: Untouched Wilderness

Duration • 16 days & 13 nights **Small-group tour** • From £4,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £5,295 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

Patagonia is one of the world's great wilderness areas and its culture is intertwined with that of the European pioneers and *gauchos* (traditional horsemen). This fascinating journey through four national parks in Argentina and Chile reveals the distinct cultures and landscapes of this remote part of the world.

Puerto Varas * *Bariloche Perito Moreno * El Calafate Torres del Poloc * Puerto Natales * Punta Arenas * * Ushuaka *

Ushuaia

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В	4	4	2	1	-1	-3	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3
С	44	49	56	54	49	49	38	44	40	36	38	45

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Scenic Andean lake crossing
- Tour stunning Perito Moreno Glacier
- Stay within the Torres del Paine National Park
- Cruise along the Beagle Channel

Day 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Buenos Aires with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 2 nights. Afternoon at leisure to explore the streets of Buenos Aires on foot before your welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

Morning tour of Buenos Aires, discovering its blend of European cultures and grand architecture. (B)

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
- International flights with British Airways
- Porterage at hotels
- Christmas departure

Day 4: Fly to Bariloche

Fly to Bariloche on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Transfer to **Hotel NH Edelweiss** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Bariloche

Half-day tour of Bariloche's scenic surroundings, including Moreno Lake, Angostura River and Campanario Hill. (B)

Day 6: Puerto Varas

Full-day shared journey by coach and boat across the Lake District to Chile. Travel across lakes and mountains, past waterfalls and forests, to the lakeside town of Puerto Varas, with views of the Osorno Volcano on clear days. Transfer to the Cabaña del Lago Hotel for 1 night. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Punta Arenas • Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas and transfer to Puerto Natales. Stay overnight at the **Hotel Costaustralis**, overlooking the waters of Last Hope Sound. (B)

Day 8: Torres del Paine

Full-day tour of Torres del Paine National Park. This remote area encompasses mountains, glaciers and lakes, and is a habitat for guanacos, condors and native flightless rheas. Visit Lake Nordenskjöld, Lake Pehoe and Lake Grey and stay 2 nights at the Hotel del Paine / Hotel Lago Grey. (B, L)

Day 9: Torres del Paine

Morning walk in the national park to see Salto Grande waterfall and another spectacular view of the Paine massif's famous 'horns'.

Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 10: El Calafate

Drive across the border to El Calafate in Argentina. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Kosten Aike**. (B)

Day 11: Perito Moreno

Full-day tour of the Perito Moreno Glacier. At 5km wide, it is a magnificent sight. See the glacier from the observation platforms and take a cruise on the lake in front of the ice wall. (B)

Day 12: Fly to Ushuaia

Fly to Ushuaia, the world's most southerly city. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Los Acebos** with its panoramic views over the bay. (B)

Day 13: Beagle Channel • Tierra del Fuego

Morning cruise on the Beagle Channel. Afternoon visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park and a farewell drink at your hotel. (B)

Day 14: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 1 night. Optional evening dinner and tango show at La Ventana. (B)

Days 15 & 16: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly to London with British Airways, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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



Tierra del Fuego National Park

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Iguazú

4 days & 2 nights from £595

Extend your holiday with a visit to the magnificent Iguazú Falls, situated on the border of Argentina and Brazil. Explore the countless cataracts on both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides.

Day 15: Fly to Iguazú / Iguaçu

Transfer to the airport and fly to Iguazú. Halfday tour of the Brazilian side of the falls before transferring to the **Gran Meliá Iguazú** for a stay of 2 nights inside the park. Upgrade to a falls-view room from £160 per person. (B)

Day 16: Iguazú

Day at leisure to explore the spectacular falls from your hotel for a different perspective. (B)

Days 17 & 18: Fly to London via Rio

Transfer to the airport and fly to São Paulo to connect with a British Airways flight to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: PAT

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £4,995 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Nov

Single supplement from £1,195

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £375 return Club World from £3,595 return

Private tour

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

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

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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18 Jan 25	02 Feb 25
01 Feb 25	16 Feb 25
15 Feb 25	02 Mar 25
01 Mar 25	16 Mar 25

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)
25 Oct 25	09 Nov 25
08 Nov 25	23 Nov 25
29 Nov 25	14 Dec 25

Out (Sat)	Rtn (Sun)
31 Jan 26	15 Feb 26
14 Feb 26	01 Mar 26
28 Feb 26	15 Mar 26
24 Oct 26	08 Nov 26

Out (Sat) Rtn (Sun)
07 Nov 26 22 Nov 26
21 Nov 26 06 Dec 26



Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro

GROUP TOUR

Wonders of the New World

Duration • 11 days & 8 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,095 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,295 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Leisurely

Offering an outstanding introduction to Argentina and Brazil, this journey combines the elegance of Buenos Aires with exotic and flamboyant Rio de Janeiro. The tour also visits the awe-inspiring waterfalls of Iguazú – shrouded in their own mist, they thunder amid tropical jungle and stretch for kilometres along the border.

Rio de Janeiro

Buenos Aires

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Α	29	28	26	22	19	15	15	17	19	22	25	28
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C	107	102	121	96	76	62	62	67	69	111	101	92

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Stay inside Iguazú National Park and see the falls at dawn or sunset
- Visit the colourful Caminito alley and the Recoleta Cemetery
- Take in spectacular views and the carioca atmosphere from your beachfront hotel in Rio de Janeiro

Day 1: Fly to Buenos Aires

Evening flight from London (regional connections available) to Buenos Aires with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 3 nights and enjoy a welcome dinner that evening. (D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

Half-day tour of Buenos Aires, including the Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron is buried, and La Boca district, birthplace of the tango. (B)

- Small group size average 14 people (max 20)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
- Flights with British Airways
- Porterage at hotels
- Flexible extensions, room & flight upgrades available

Day 4: Buenos Aires

At leisure or optional full-day trip to an *estancia* ranch in the Pampas countryside. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Fly to Iguazú / Iguaçu

Fly to the Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú**, with a privileged location inside the national park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £160). Tour the Brazilian side of these magnificent cataracts with time at leisure to explore the Argentinian side, including the Devil's Throat, at your own pace. Experience the falls at dawn or sunset, when the park is closed to other visitors. (B)

Day 7: Fly to Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio and transfer to the Hilton Rio de Janeiro Copacabana Hotel (side ocean Copacabana view room) for 3 nights*. Upgrade to an ocean-front room from £25. (B)

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro

Morning visit to Corcovado Mountain and the statue of Christ the Redeemer. In the afternoon, visit Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car and enjoy a farewell drink at the end of your tour. (B)

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

Day at leisure. Optional excursions include the Tijuca rainforest, a visit to the botanical gardens, or behind-the-scenes Carnival experience. (B)

Days 10 & 11: Fly to London

At leisure (use of a day room at your hotel from £95 per person). Evening transfer to the airport for the flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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



Iguazú Falls

Days 1-3: Fly to Santiago

Fly overnight to Santiago with British Airways and stay for 2 nights at the **Santiago Park Plaza Hotel**. Half-day tour of the city, including the historic centre. Optional visit to a local winery or bohemian Valparaíso. (B)

Days 4 & 5: Mendoza

Fly to Mendoza and stay at the **Mendoza Park Hyatt** for 2 nights. Take a morning city
tour and visit the surrounding wineries in the
afternoon. (B)

Day 6: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and join the group. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Itinerary combinations: To combine this tour with Santiago and Chilean Patagonia, please see our *Splendours of South America* tour on pages 70-71.

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

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

Leisurely activity level: Relaxed walking, extra leisure time and short travel days, with occasional uneven terrain requiring good mobility

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: WNW

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Búzios beach

5 days & 3 nights from £745

Stay 3 or 4 nights at **Vila da Santa/Casas Brancas** in the beach resort of Búzios (approx. 2.5 hours from Rio de Janeiro) and enjoy its numerous sandy beaches, clear waters, chic shops and restaurants.

Patagonia + tour

5 days & 3 nights from £945

Visit one of the most striking highlights of Patagonia on a glacier experience and discover the desolate beauty of this remote region. Fly to Buenos Aires for 1 night and then join the *Splendours of South America* group at El Calafate (see pages 70-71).

Santiago & Mendoza + tour

6 days & 4 nights from £995

Combine a visit to cosmopolitan Santiago with Argentina's wine capital of Mendoza, an attractive city of parks and avenues. Both cities sit at the foot of the Andes.

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,095 Guide price month: Early Dec

High season from £3,195 Guide price months: Jan-Apr, Sep-Nov

Single supplement from £750

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £325 return Club World from £3.295 return

Private tour

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

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

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Jaguar in the Pantanal



Rio carnival dancer



Hyacinth macaws, Pantanal

RIO DE JANEIRO

Spectacular city backdrop • World-renowned beaches • Unrivalled Carnival

Vibrant Rio de Janeiro is home to famed beaches, tempting bays, tropical forest, samba, football, unrivalled carnival parades and lively cariocas (Rio's residents). The landmarks of Corcovado and Sugarloaf Mountain provide panoramic views over the city's magical backdrop. In the old centre, historic alleys and colonial buildings coexist with neoclassical and modern architecture, revealing intriguing stories from Rio's past. The sweeping beaches of Ipanema, Leblon and Copacabana are perfect for relaxing.



Caiman, Amazon

THE PANTANAL

Premier wildlife destination \bullet Birdwatching $\mathscr E$ jaguar spotting

A visit to the world's largest wetland is an unforgettable experience. The Pantanal is a mosaic of lakes, rivers, savannas, seasonal streams and forests supporting a great biological diversity. Lazing capybaras, sunbasking caimans, iguanas, tapirs, giant anteaters, whooping howler monkeys and over 650 bird species are all easier to spot here due to the lack of dense vegetation. There is a chance for a privileged view of the elusive jaguar, too. Stays in comfortable lodges can be arranged, accessed via Campo Grande in the south or Cuiabá in the north.

THE AMAZON

Rainforest sounds $\mathcal E$ sights • Jungle lodges $\mathcal E$ river cruises

The world's largest tropical rainforest covers almost half of Brazil. Mighty yellow-brown waters cut through thick jungle, home to a spectacular biodiversity of flora and fauna. The majority of wildlife is hidden in the canopy, but common sightings include caimans, monkeys, toucans and pink river dolphins. Explore from a jungle lodge or on a river cruise from Manaus.

EXPERIENCES IN BRAZIL

Helicopter ride over Iguaçu

A thrilling 10-minute overflight provides a bird's-eye view of the entire park and the magnificent tumbling waterfalls that make up Iguaçu. Enjoy panoramic vistas of one of the world's greatest natural wonders, the surrounding forest stretching for miles, and the immense river that meanders through it.

Bahian folklore show, Salvador

This cultural performance in Pelourinho, the historic district of Salvador, promises insights into Afro-Brazilian religion, music and dance. The explosive drumming, exhilarating swirling samba, sacred dances and dramatic *capoeira* (martial art-dance) often bring audiences to their feet.

Brazil beach stavs

Brazil's vast coastline of more than 7,000km offers thousands of sparkling beaches and islands. These range from the golden sands of the Búzios peninsula, not far from Rio, to the endless palm-fringed stretches of Bahia and the tropical north. Unwind at a sophisticated beach resort or an idyllic hideaway retreat.

Remote north-east explorations

Located just below the equator, Brazil's far north-east provides superb off-the-beatentrack experiences. Explore little-known secrets on a 4x4 journey and discover lush tropical deltas with untouched wildlife, unspoilt fishing villages, and the Lençóis Maranhenses with its sweeping white dunes and turquoise freshwater lagoons.



Villa de Leyva



Gold Museum, Bogotá



Cartagena

BOGOTÁ & SURROUNDS

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

Bogotá, Colombia's capital, is home to the Gold Museum, housing the world's most complete collection of ancient gold artefacts. The historic Candelaria district has colonial heritage, and a cable car climbs up the Monserrat hill for panoramic views of the city. To the north, near the town of Zipaquirá, an amazing cathedral is built inside an old salt mine, while a three-hour drive away lies the well-preserved colonial town of Villa de Leyva, with its cobbled streets lined with crimson bougainvillea and whitewashed houses.



Coffee country

CARTAGENA & THE CARIBBEAN

Beautiful fortified town • Characterful colonial hotels • Turquoise seas

The colourful Caribbean port of Cartagena is a true colonial gem best explored on foot. The UNESCO-protected walled city enchants visitors with well-preserved Spanish fortifications, historic convents, beautiful churches, winding alleyways, grand mansions with overhanging flower-filled balconies, and small, attractive plazas. Stay in a restored colonial house and take a day trip to Rosario Islands. Alternatively, venture further north to Tayrona National Park or fly to the laid-back island of Providencia, near the coast of Nicaragua.

COFFEE COUNTRY

Fertile hillsides • Traditional villages

The lush countryside of Colombia's coffee region is dotted with small plantations and picturesque villages. Relax in a delightful hacienda (converted country house) and learn about century-old traditions of coffee growing. Native wax palm trees, the tallest in the world, grow in the verdant Cocora Valley, while the cloud forest of Los Nevados National Park is home to orchids and hummingbirds.

EXPERIENCES IN COLOMBIA

Medellín social transformation tour

Medellín, once a troubled city, has blossomed into a shining example of social transformation and urban regeneration. Visit innovative projects in once-marginalised neighbourhoods, take in some of the graffiti art at Comuna 13, or join in a cookery class with people from the local community.

San Agustín's archaeological treasures

The San Agustín archaeological park, in Colombia's south-west, has the largest collection of megalithic sculptures in South America. This impressive array of imposing statues (many of anthropomorphic figures and up to four metres tall), stone slabs and burial chambers was created by a mysterious pre-Columbian culture.

Los Llanos luxury explorations

Explore the tropical savannas of Los Llanos from the sophisticated Savanna Orinoquia Lodge, set within remote, tranquil surroundings. Journey across the grasslands by horse or foot in search of capybaras, anacondas, giant anteaters, howler monkeys and a bewildering array of birds, or help local cowboys herd cattle.

Eco-chic Caribbean stays

Stay in eco-chic properties at or near the ruggedly beautiful Tayrona National Park, where the lush Sierra Nevada mountains meet the Caribbean Sea. Enjoy pristine palm-fringed beaches set in deep bays or take nature hikes through the untouched rainforest, home to spider monkeys and numerous birds.



GROUP TOUR

Treasures of Colombia

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights

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

Private tour • From £3,695 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

Activity level • Moderate

Travel from Andean peaks to tropical Caribbean coastlines, passing through the mountain capital of Bogotá, picturesque Villa de Leyva, fertile coffee country, vibrant Medellín, and the colonial port of Cartagena, one of South America's most beautiful towns.

Medellin Villa de Leyva Pereira Bogota

Cartagena

Cartagena

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Α	31	31	31	32	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	31
В	23	23	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	24	24	23
С	8	2	6	34	102	110	97	130	140	218	129	35

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Visit the superb Gold Museum in Bogotá
- Stay at a colonial-style boutique hotel in coffee country and take a ride on an iconic Willys Jeep
- Gain insight into Medellin's cultural and social transformation and support a community project
- Soak up the atmosphere of colourful Cartagena on a walking tour

Day 1: Fly to Bogotá

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bogotá via Paris. Transfer to the **Hotel Chico 97** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Bogotá

Morning walking tour of the historic La Candelaria district, Botero's art collection and the Gold Museum, featuring one of the world's most complete collections of ancient gold artefacts. After the tour, enjoy a welcome lunch and afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Villa de Leyva

Transfer by road to Villa de Leyva, one of Colombia's finest colonial towns. En route,

- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- Welcome dinner & farewell drink
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Porterage at hotels

stop at Zipaquirá to see the remarkable salt cathedral, built inside an old salt mine. Stay 2 nights at the **Posada de San Antonio**. (B)

Day 4: Villa de Leyva

Full-day tour of this beautiful town of cobbled streets lined with whitewashed houses. Visit the nearby 120-million-year-old kronosaurus fossil and the Dominican convent. (B)

Day 5: Fly to Pereira

Transfer by road to Bogotá airport and fly to Pereira in the coffee region, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Visit a local coffee farm to learn about the growing and production of high quality coffee beans. Stay for 2 nights at the Sazagua Cocora set in a tranquil private natural reserve. (B, L)

Day 6: Coffee region

Today, explore the verdant Cocora Valley, famous for its wax palm trees – the tallest in the world. Ride in a typical Willys Jeep, walk into the cloud forest, and visit the traditional villages of Filandia and Salento. (B, L)

Day 7: Medellín

Travel by road to Medellín (journey time approximately 5 hours), stopping at a scenic lookout for views over the Cauca River. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Faranda Collection**. (B)

Day 8: Medellín

Full-day tour to learn about the cultural and social transformation of the city. Visit the hillside Comuna 13 with its street art and outdoor escalators, and take lunch with a cooking demonstration at Las Berracas, a community project empowering local women. Continue to the centre to see the curved sculptures by local artist Fernando Botero and onto Cerro Nutibara hill for panoramic views. (B, L)

Days 9 & 10: Fly to Cartagena

Transfer to the airport and fly to the attractive Caribbean city of Cartagena. Stay at the Hotel Santa Catalina for 2 nights. Discover the old town on a walking tour, visit the impregnable Spanish fort of San Felipe and the charming neighbourhood of Getsemani, and see San Pedro Claver church with its fine stained-glass windows. (B)

Days 11 & 12: Fly to London via Amsterdam

Morning at leisure or an optional visit to the national aviary. Overnight flight to London via Amsterdam with KLM. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + San Agustín

4 days & 2 nights from £795

Travel to the south and explore the elaborate pre-Columbian ceremonial sites of San Agustín, including huge carved stones, burial tombs and impressive statues.

Day 12: Fly to Pitalito via Bogotá • San Agustín

Morning flight to Bogotá and on to Pitalito.



Plaza Botero, Medellín

Transfer by road (approximately 1 hour) to the small town of San Agustín and stay at Akawanka Lodge for 2 nights. (B) Day 13: San Agustín

Full-day tour to San Agustín Archaeological Park and the Magdalena River. Visit the small museum, explore the enormous stone statuary and see the Fuente de Lavapatas site, a religious monument carved in the stone bed of a stream. (B)

Days 14 & 15: Fly to London via Bogotá Return to Pitalito and fly to Bogotá to connect to an overnight flight to London with Avianca. (B) (N)

Tour + Caribbean beach stay

5 days & 3 nights from £495

Extend your journey on the unspoilt beaches of Isla Barú, situated just off the coast of Cartagena, or the coral Rosario islands.

Days 12-14: Caribbean beach

Transfer by road or boat to Rosario Island or Isla Barú for a 3-night stay at Rosario del Mar or the luxurious Sofitel Barú Calablanca Beach Resort, set on its own cove. Days at leisure on the coast or take optional excursions .(B)

Days 15 & 16: Fly to London via Amsterdam

Transfer to the Cartagena airport for a flight to Amsterdam and on to London. (B) (N)

Alternatively transfer by road (approximately 5 hours) to Tayrona, where the lush Sierra Nevada mountains meet the turquoise Caribbean Sea. Stay in or near the national park and relax on rugged, palm-fringed beaches.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Locally escorted tour: This tour is lead in each destination en route by a local tour guide.

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative).

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: TCO

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

From £2,995 Guide price months: Feb-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement from £685

Private tour

Low season from £3,695 Guide price month: Apr

High season from £3,795 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Sep-Nov

Single supplement on request

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines upgrades

Premium Comfort Class from £495 return Business Class from £1,495 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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GROUP TOUR

Splendours of South America

Duration • 18 days & 15 nights **Small-group tour** • From £4,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £5,495 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

Explore the celebrated highlights of Brazil, Chile and Argentina, combining spectacular natural wonders with some of South America's most exciting cities. Start in the foothills of the Andes, discover the extraordinary landscapes of Patagonia and marvel at the breathtaking Iguazú Falls, before finishing the trip in the magnificent setting of Rio de Janeiro.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Privileged stay close to the dramatic Iguazú Falls
- Discover Patagonia's celebrated sights on both sides of the Andes
- Soak up the Latin culture of Buenos Aires and vibrant Rio de Janeiro
- Beachfront stay on legendary Copacabana beach

Day 1: Fly to Santiago, Chile

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Santiago with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Santiago

Arrive and transfer to the Santiago Park Plaza Hotel for a 2-night stay and a welcome dinner. Optional afternoon visit to a nearby winery (enquire at time of booking). (D)

Day 3: Santiago

Morning city tour including the historic centre, San Cristobal hill and the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Afternoon at leisure. (B)



El Calafate

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Α	16	15	13	10	5	3	2	4	8	11	13	15	
В	5	5	3	1	-2	-4	-5	-3	-2	0	3	4	
C	42	40	51	50	48	47	46	44	39	36	36	42	

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 14 people (max 20)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- Direct flights with British Airways
- Porterage at hotels
- Flexible extensions, room & flight upgrades available

Day 4: Fly to Punta Arenas • Patagonia

Fly to Punta Arenas for a short tour and views of the Strait of Magellan. Continue through the vast wilderness to Puerto Natales. Overnight at **Hotel Costaustralis** (fjord-view room). (B)

Day 5: Torres del Paine

Full-day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park to see its peaks, glacial lakes and Patagonian wildlife. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Lago Grey**. On selected 2025 departures the stay will be in a superior room with views towards the glacier. (B, L)

Day 6: Torres del Paine

Morning walk in the national park, close to Lake Nordenskjöld and Salto Grande waterfall. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions in the park. (B)

Day 7: El Calafate, Argentina

Cross the border to El Calafate in Argentina and stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Kosten Aike**. (B)

Day 8: Perito Moreno Glacier

Full-day tour of Perito Moreno Glacier. Optional boat trip in front of the gigantic glacier wall. (B)

Day 9: Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 3 nights. In the evening enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

Days 10 & 11: Buenos Aires

Half-day tour of the elegant capital city and the colourful La Boca district. Day 11 is at leisure or take an optional excursion to an estancia in the Pampas or Colonia in Uruguay. (B)

Days 12 & 13: Fly to Iguazú / Iguaçu

Fly to Iguazú Falls and stay for 2 nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú** inside the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £160). Guided visit of the Brazilian side of these striking cataracts and time at leisure to explore the various walkways on the Argentinian side at your own pace. The cascades can be experienced while the park is closed to other visitors. (B)

Day 14: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fly to Rio, set on a natural bay and surrounded by mountains. Stay at the beachfront **Hilton Rio de Janeiro Copacabana Hotel** (side ocean Copacabana view room) for 3 nights*. Upgrade to an ocean front room from £25. (B)

Days 15 & 16: Rio de Janeiro

Full-day city tour including Corcovado, the statue of Christ the Redeemer, and a cable car ride up Sugarloaf Mountain finishing with a farewell drink at your hotel. Day 16 at leisure or optional excursions including a visit to the old centre of Rio or a 4x4 tour to Tijuca forest. (B)

Days 17 & 18: Fly to London

Overnight flight to London with British Airways. Please enquire for supplements for day use of room if required. Arrive in London the next day. (B) (N)

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



Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Atacama Desert + tour

5 days & 3 nights from £1,095

Travel north to the small oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama and explore the fascinating landscape of the Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on Earth.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago with British Airways. On arrival take a flight to Calama and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama for 3 nights at the **Casa de Don Tomás** hotel. (N)

Days 3 & 4: Atacama

Explore the Atacama salt flats, the Andean desert village of Toconao and the Valley of the Moon on two half-day tours. (B)

Day 5: Fly to Santiago

Fly to Santiago and join the group. (B)

Tour + Búzios

5 days & 3 nights from £745

The beach resort of Búzios provides a relaxing stay at the end of your journey. Please refer to page 74 for further details.

Tour + Amazon

5 days & 3 nights from £1,395

An immense network of rivers and forest, the Amazon is home to the greatest number of living plants and animal species in the world. Fly to Manaus and stay at the Amazon Ecopark Lodge, taking local excursions including jungle walks, alligator spotting and a boat trip to see the Meeting of the Waters.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

[†] **Rio de Janeiro:** The 20 Feb 2025 and 5 Feb 2026 departures includes 3 days / 2 nights in Rio due to Champion's Parade. If you would like to extend your stay to include the parade, please enquire about prices.

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

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: SPG

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £4,995 Guide price month: late Nov

High season from £4,995 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £1,395

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £495 return Club World from £3,195 return

Private tour

Low season from £5,495 Guide price month: Apr

High season from £5,595 Guide price months: Jan-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

Out (Thu) Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu) Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu) Rtn (Sun)	Out (Thu) Rtn (Sun)
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GROUP TOUR

Grand Tour of South America

Duration • 17 days & 15 nights

Small-group tour • From £4,895 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £5,795 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

This tour focuses on South America's cultural and natural highlights, revealing the continent's diversity, and passing from high Andean scenery down to the thundering Iguazú Falls. Stop in buzzing cities along the way including Bolivia's capital of La Paz, cosmopolitan Buenos Aires in Argentina and the exotic Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro.

Lima * Mocho Puno Cuzco Puno Cuzco La Paz Rio de Janeiro Iguaçu Falls * Buenos Aires

Cuzco

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Α	17	17	17	18	18	18	17	18	18	19	19	18
В	4	4	4	3	0	-2	-2	-1	1	3	3	4
C	153	136	120	46	8	2	4	8	23	40	68	116

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- A coast-to-coast, multi-country tour
- Overnight stays at Machu Picchu and inside Iguazú National Park
- Scenic train journey across the altiplano
- Visit the floating islands of Lake Titicaca and stay on its shore
- Luxury hotel stay in Rio de Janeiro

Day 1: Fly to Lima, Peru

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lima with British Airways. Transfer to the Casa Andina Premium Miraflores for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Lima

Morning tour of Lima, with a stop at the historic Cordano tavern for a welcome pisco sour drink. (B)

Day 3: Fly to Cuzco • Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca empire. Transfer to the Sacred Valley, via the indigenous village of Chinchero and Ollantaytambo Inca fortress. Stay at the

- Small group size average 16 people (max 20)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour guides in each destination
- Flexible extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- Porterage at hotels
- Easter departures[‡]

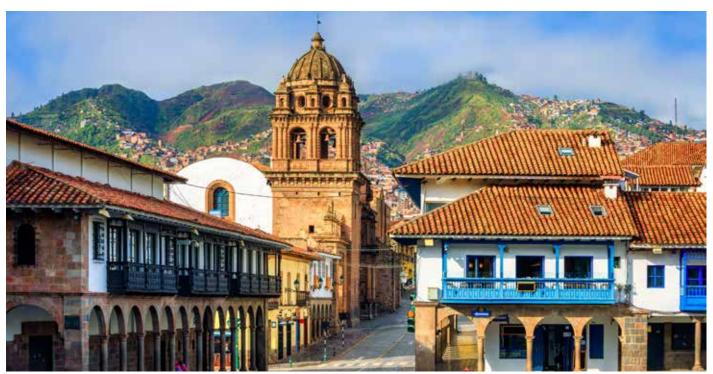


IMAGE LEFT: Quechua women in traditional dress, Peru; TOP: Cuzco, Peru



Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley for 1 night. (B)

Day 4: Machu Picchu

Take the *Vistadome* train to Machu Picchu and explore the spectacular Inca city. Stay at **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo** for 1 night. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Cuzco

Morning at leisure or further explore Machu Picchu (purchase tickets at time of booking). In the afternoon, return to Cuzco by train and stay 2 nights at the Casa Andina Premium Cuzco. (B)

Day 6: Cuzco

Morning tour of Cuzco and San Blas. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursions. (B)

Day 7: Train journey to Puno

Take the stylish *PeruRail Titicaca* train across the altiplano (high plain) to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Enjoy majestic vistas from the elegant dining car or the observatory bar car and make a short stop at La Raya, the highest point of the route. Overnight at the **GHL Hotel Lago Titicaca** with views of the lake. (B, L)

Day 8: Lake Titicaca, Bolivia

Travel by road to Huatajata in Bolivia, visiting Copacabana and its shrine en route. See the cultural exhibition at the Andean Roots Eco Village, discover how reed boats are constructed and meet a spiritual Kallawaya healer. Stay overnight at the Inca Utama on the shores of the lake and observe the southern constellations from the hotel's

astronomical observatory. (B, L)

Day 9: Uros Iruitos • La Paz

Take a hydrofoil cruise to the Uros Iruitos floating reed islands and visit the Quewaya Sustainable Project. Continue overland to bustling La Paz for an afternoon tour of the city, including the Witches' Market and Moon Valley. Overnight at the **Met Hotel**. (B)

Days 10-11: Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fly to Buenos Aires, a city of grand architecture and European influences. Transfer to the **Alvear Art Hotel** for 2 nights. Take a morning city tour, including the cathedral, La Boca district and the Recoleta Cemetery. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Days 12 & 13: Fly to Iguazú / Iguaçu

Fly to Iguazú and stay for 2 nights at the **Gran Meliá Iguazú** within the park (upgrade to a falls-view room from £160). Take a halfday tour of the Brazilian side of the falls for panoramic views and time at leisure to enjoy the various nearby walkways on the Argentinian side. (B)

Day 14: Fly to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fly to Rio, set among mountains, tropical forests and golden beaches. Transfer to the luxury **Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana** (deluxe city / partial ocean-view room) for 2 nights. Upgrade to a deluxe oceanfront room from £115. (B)

Day 15: Rio de Janeiro

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

Days 16 & 17: Fly to London

At leisure or optional excursions (day room use from £145). Evening flight to London with British Airways, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Búzios Beach

5 days & 3 nights from £745

Relax at the end of your tour in the charming beach resort of Búzios, with first-class restaurants, chic shops and numerous sandy beaches with crystal-clear waters.

Days 17-19: Búzios

Transfer to Búzios (approximately 2.5 hours) and stay for 3 or 4 nights at **Vila da Santa** (junior garden-view room). Upgrade to a deluxe partial ocean-view room from £145 or to **Casas Brancas** from £185. At leisure or optional excursions. (B)

Days 20 & 21: Fly to London

Transfer to Rio de Janeiro for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Galápagos pre-tour: Take a pre-tour to the Galápagos Islands and discover their fascinating wildlife. The islands are best explored aboard an expedition cruiser and combined with a 2-night stay in Quito. Please enquire for details and prices.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Recoleta cemetery, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Moon Valley, La Paz, Bolivia

TOUR CODE: GTA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

[†]Easter departures: The 17 April 2025 departure will spend Easter at Machu Picchu and Cuzco.

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

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £4,895 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £4,995 Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement from £1,245

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus prices on request Club World prices on request

Private tour

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

High season from £5,995 Guide price months: Apr-Oct

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

Prices on request: To/from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester or Newcastle

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit CoxandKings. co.uk. All prices are subject to availability. **Please visit our website for all 2026 dates and itineraries.**

Departure dates for 2025

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Mayan ruins of Palenque



Oaxaca



Uxmal

MEXICO CITY & OAXACA

Superb anthropological museum • Ancient pyramids • Regional cuisine

The urban sprawl of Mexico City contains the country's finest art galleries and museums, alongside superb restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Visit the vast main plaza (Zócalo) and the impressive Museum of Anthropology, and venture north-east to the magnificent Sun and Moon pyramids of Teotihuacán. Oaxaca is one of the country's most beautiful colonial towns with baroque churches, cobbled streets and graceful arcades. In the surrounding valleys discover small indigenous villages and the ancient Zapotec site of Monte Albán.



Sumidero canyon

YUCATAN PENINSULA

Impressive Mayan ruins • Luxury colonial haciendas • Caribbean coastal retreats

The Yucatan Peninsula is covered in jungle and dotted with ancient ruins, while its white sand beaches are perfect for relaxation. Explore inland using the delightful colonial city of Mérida as a base, or stay in a beautifully converted rural hacienda. Discover the awe-inspiring pyramids and temples of Mayan sites such as Uxmal, Chichén Itzá and Coba or make a side-trip to the historic walled town of Campeche. Swim in a cenote, a unique freshwater sinkhole; visit Celestún coastal reserve, habitat to abundant birdlife; and little Holbox island.

CHIAPAS

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

The cool mountain highlands and lush rainforest of Chiapas are dotted with mysterious Mayan ruins, from the pyramids of Palenque to remote Yaxchilán and Bonampak, adorned with vivid murals. Visit colonial San Cristóbal de las Casas and traditional Mayan communities, and marvel at the spectacular Sumidero Canyon or the beautiful waterfalls of Agua Azul and Misol-Ha.

EXPERIENCES IN MEXICO

Palenque Mayan ruins tour

The ruins of this magnificent ancient city are considered among the most spectacular in Mexico and feature fine Mayan architecture and painted stucco decorations set against the jungle. Wonder at the eight-storey Temple of the Inscriptions, and listen to the cries of howler monkeys echoing in the trees.

Visit indigenous villages

The fascinating Tzotzil Mayan villages of Zinacantán and San Juan Chamula in Chiapas have a distinct identity. See local people proudly wearing traditional outfits with elaborate decoration and ribboned hats, and witness older pre-Hispanic customs mixed with Catholicism in various rituals.

Copper Canyon train ride

The Chihuahua Pacific Railway (or El Chepe) offers one of the most scenic train journeys in the world, travelling from the town of Chihuahua all the way to the coast, or vice versa, with stops at Divisadero and El Fuerte. Admire dramatic views of rugged, forested canyons – some deeper than the Grand Canyon.

Mayan Riviera stay

The beautiful Mayan Riviera runs along the Caribbean coast south of Cancún and is blessed with white sandy beaches and turquoise seas. Relax at an intimate beachside resort and visit the clifftop ruins of Tulum. Snorkel offshore from the world's largest reef or search for wildlife by boat in the Sian Ka'an Reserve.



Old Havana



Capitol building, Havana



Trinidad

HAVANA

Enigmatic time-warp city • Faded grandeur • Famous seafront boulevard

A former port of call for ships to the New World, Havana is built on a sweeping bay. The UNESCO-protected old city, Havana Vieja, is currently being restored to its former glory with beautiful baroque churches, palaces and convents lining its cobbled streets and squares. The state of decay of some of the colonial buildings only adds to the charm of this enigmatic city. Soak up the atmosphere strolling along the streets, visit one of many museums in converted colonial mansions, dance to salsa and rumba, or just relax with a mojito on your hotel's rooftop terrace.



Tobacco plantation, Viñales

TRINIDAD & SURROUNDS

Beautiful colonial town • Valley of the Sugar Mills • Che Guevara's memorial

Colonial Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has pastel-coloured buildings and serene cobbled streets that seem frozen in time. Visit the Cantero Museum, an old merchant's home, and the local Casa de la Musica. Not far from town there are fine stretches of beach, ruins of former sugar plantations, and the verdant slopes of the Escambray Mountains. A trip to Trinidad is often combined with stops at French-influenced Cienfuegos; nearby Playa Girón, nestled on the infamous Bay of Pigs; and historic Santa Clara, site of the Che Guevara memorial.

THE VIÑALES VALLEY

Peculiar limestone outcrops • Traditional rural life $\operatorname{\mathscr{C}}$ tobacco plantations

The fascinating landscape of this fertile valley is dotted with palm trees and peculiar mogotes (rounded limestone outcrops). There are countless caves and green plantations where tobacco growing has remained unchanged for centuries. In the nearby Sierra del Rosario, the eco-resort of Las Terrazas offers another authentic glimpse into Cuba's rural life.

EXPERIENCES IN CUBA

Classic American car ride

These lovingly maintained vintage vehicles from the 1940s and '50s roll up and down the streets of Havana. For a memorable experience, take a ride through the city and along the famous Malecón, Havana's oceanfront promenade that bustles with couples and fishermen.

Music & cigars

Cuba's two most celebrated exports are surely its iconic cigars and its infectious Afro-Cuban music. Admire the expert skills of a cigar roller at a tobacco factory or catch a live performance of the extravagant Cabaret Parisien, the Buena Vista Social Club or the Legendarios del Guajirito in Havana.

A taste of revolution

Havana's Museum of the Revolution, housed in former dictator Batista's palace, is a perfect introduction to Cuba's contradictory history. The large Revolution Square has an oversized bronze silhouette of Ernesto 'Che' Guevara and the final resting place of the famous revolutionary in Santa Clara, as well as the museum dedicated to his life, are essential stops on any tour.

Cuba's cays

Cuba's northern coast is dotted with numerous small islands and cays, some connected to the mainland by long causeways. The less crowded Cayo Santa Maria, with white swathes of sand, crystalclear waters and offshore reefs teeming with marine life offer excellent opportunities to relax. We recommend the Melia Buenavista adults-only resort, set on a peninsula away from other hotels.



GROUP TOUR

Highlights of Mexico

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights

Small-group tour • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £5,495 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

Activity level • Moderate

Discover the legacy of the Aztec, Mayan and Spanish empires on this outstanding tour of Mexico's finest sites. Explore magnificent pyramids and temples, colourful colonial cities with their indigenous influences, and the natural beauty of valleys, canyons, waterfalls and tropical rainforests.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES Day 1: Fly to

- Explore Mexico city's oldest gourmet market
- Boat ride through Sumidero canyon
- Visit a small indigenous house and see how fresh tortillas are made
- Visit an off-the-beaten-path Yucatán cenote
- Witness unique local traditions on festival departures

Day 1: Fly to Mexico City

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Mexico City with British Airways. Transfer to the **Galeria Plaza Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Mexico City

Full-day city tour, including the Zócalo (main plaza), the National Cathedral, the Anthropological Museum and the gourmet San Juan Market. (B, L)

Day 3: Teotihuacán

In the morning visit the Plaza of the 'Three Cultures' and continue to the pyramids of Teotihuacán, dating back 2,000 years. On your

Temple of Kukulkan, Chichen Itza



Oaxaca

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Average group size 12 people (max 18)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Direct international flights with British Airways
- Experienced local tour manager
- Porterage at hotels
- Easter & Day of the Dead festival departures[†]

return, stop at the historic Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (B, L)

Day 4: Fly to Oaxaca

Fly to Oaxaca, a beautiful colonial city, and take an afternoon tour. Stay 2 nights at the **Parador San Miguel** (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Monte Albán

Morning visit to the impressive ancient Zapotec capital of Monte Albán. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the ruins of Mitla. (B)

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

Fly to Tuxtla Gutiérrez via Mexico city, and take a boat along the Grijalva River to the Sumidero canyon. Continue to San Cristóbal de las Casas for 2 nights at the **Hotel Diego de Mazariegos**. The following morning, tour this colonial town and the nearby Mayan villages of Zinacantán and San Juan Chamula with a visit to a local family home. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Palenque

Drive from the cool highlands to the tropical lowlands and Palenque. Option to visit the waterfalls of Roberto Barrios and overnight at the **Chan Kah Resort**. (B, L)

Day 9: Palenque • Campeche

Morning tour of Palenque, one of the greatest Mayan sites. Afternoon drive to Campeche via the scenic Sabancuy coast (5 hours). Overnight at the Castelmar Hotel. (B, L)

Day 10: Kabah • Uxmal • Mérida

In the morning, drive to the Palace of Masks at Kabah and then head to Uxmal for a tour of the Mayan ceremonial centre. In the afternoon, continue to Mérida and stay at the **Hotel Palacio Maya** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 11: Mérida

Morning walking tour of the city. (B)

Day 12: Chichén Itzá

Transfer to Chichén Itzá and tour the ancient Mayan city. In the afternoon, visit the Yokdzonot Cenote, a freshwater sinkhole considered sacred by the Maya, and take a refreshing swim while supporting the local community that runs it. Overnight at Hacienda Chichén and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Days 13 & 14: Fly to London

Transfer to Cancún for a direct overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Copper Canyon + tour

6 days & 5 nights from £1,845

Explore northern Mexico's vast Copper Canyon, one and a half times deeper than the Grand Canyon. Fly to Los Mochis or Chihuahua and take the Chepe train up the Sierra Madre mountains. Stay for 2 nights at Hotel Mirador at Posada Barrancas with spectacular views over the canyon and, depending on train



Women in masks for the Day of the Dead festival

schedules, combine with overnight stays at El Fuerte, Los Mochis or Creel.

Tour + Caribbean coast

5 days & 3 nights from £895

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

Days 13-15: Mayan Riviera

Transfer to Cancún with the rest of the group

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

Days 16 & 17: Fly to London

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

Tour + Guatemala

8 days & 6 nights from £2,145

Fly to Guatemala and take in the country's highlights, including the classic Mayan site of Tikal in the Petén jungle, Lake Atitlán and the beautiful colonial-era city of Antigua.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

† Festival departures:

The 16 April 2025 and 1 April 2026 tours coincide with the Semana Santa (Easter week) processions in Oaxaca, while the 27 October 2025 and 28 October 2026 departures coincide with the Day of the Dead celebrations, where families pay respect to the deceased with offerings such as flowers and food.

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative).

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: HOM

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

High season from £3,895 Guide price months: Feb-Mar, Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £695

Private tour

Low season from £5,495 Guide price month: Sep

High season from £5,595 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £295 return Club World from £1,995 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Grand Theatre and vintage cars, Havana

GROUP TOUR

Splendours of Cuba

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights

Small-group tour • From £2,295 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £2,495 (incl. flights)

Category • Discovery

Activity level • Moderate

Cuba is changing fast, so now is a great time to visit while its exotic and distinctive style remains. Discover faded colonial grandeur in Havana and Trinidad, delightful rolling countryside, tobacco and coffee plantations, the historical sites of the revolution and the ever-present rhythms of the son and mambo styles of music.

Las Havana Terrazas Santa Clara Viñales Cienfuegos Santi Spiritus Trinidad Camagüey Holguin Santiago de Cuba

Trinidad

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С	25	39	39	42	159	204	154	169	208	162	57	24

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Take a ride in a classic American car and stroll around old Havana
- Dine at privately-run paladar restaurants
- Experience rural life in Las Terrazas community
- Gain insight into the Cuban Revolution at Che Guevara's museum

Day 1: Fly to Havana

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Havana via Madrid. Transfer to the **Iberostar Selection Parque Central** (colonial room) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Havana

Morning walking tour of Old Havana with a stop at El Floridita, home of the daiquiri cocktail. Welcome lunch at a characterful *paladar* and afternoon panoramic tour in a classic American car, visiting Revolution Square and a rum museum. (B, L)

Day 3: Las Terrazas

In the morning, drive to Las Terrazas in the

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- Simple, Good & Superior standard of accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome & farewell lunches
- Porterage at airports
- Extended Oriente departures*

western province of Pinar del Rio for a stay of 2 nights. Established as a sustainable environmental and development project, Las Terrazas provides an ideal introduction to Cuba's countryside life and landscapes. Visit the local community and the partially restored 19th-century coffee estate. (B, L)

Day 4: Viñales

Full-day tour of the beautiful Viñales Valley with its rounded limestone hills. Visit a tobacco plantation and take a boat ride through the Indian Cave. (B, L)

Day 5: Peninsula de Zapata • Cienfuegos

Travel to Cienfuegos via the Peninsula de Zapata. Take a boat trip through the mangroves and drive past Playa Girón, site of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion. Continue to the small city of Cienfuegos, with its distinct French influence, for 1 night. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Cienfuegos • Trinidad

Morning tour of Cienfuegos, known as the 'Pearl of the South', and visit the Cienfuegos botanical gardens. Afternoon transfer to Trinidad for a 2-night stay in a *casa particular* in the heart of the old town. Dine this evening at a privately-run *paladar* (small restaurant). (B, D)

Day 7: Trinidad

Morning walking tour of the town, including the Romantic Museum or Cantero Museum and a visit to Casa de la Musica. Founded in 1514, Trinidad contains well-preserved colonial buildings with hardly a trace of 20th-century architecture. In the afternoon, drive to the Valley of the Sugar Mills, dotted with ruins of large former sugar plantations, and visit the Manaca Iznaga watchtower, a reminder of Cuba's slave trade and colonisation. (B, L)

Day 8: Santa Clara • Havana

Morning drive to Santa Clara, the site of the turning point in the Cuban revolution, and see Che Guevara's museum and mausoleum. After a farewell lunch, continue to Havana for 2 nights at the **Iberostar Selection Parque Central**. Optional evening music performance. (B, L)

Day 9: Havana

Day at leisure to stroll along Old Havana's cobbled streets or take optional visits to the Bellas Artes Museum, Hemingway's Museum or the Revolution Museum. (B)

Days 10 & 11: Fly to London

Overnight flight to London via Madrid, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

*Oriente departures

16 days & 14 nights from £2,795

On selected dates, the tour continues further through the interior to Santiago de Cuba and provides a rare glimpse into eastern Cuba's history, culture and mountain scenery.

Day 8: Trinidad

Day at leisure in Trinidad or take optional excursions.



Street musician, Trinidad

Day 9: Camagüey

This morning drive to Camagüey (5-6 hours) for a short tour of its winding streets – designed to deter pirate attacks. Stay overnight. (B)

Days 10 & 11: Holguin • Santiago de Cuba

Full-day journey to Santiago de Cuba for a 2-night stay, visiting Holguin and Castro's birthplace at Biran en route. Explore the island's first capital and birthplace of Afro-Cuban culture, including the historical centre, El Morro fortress, and the Gran Piedra; set in the Sierra Maestra mountains. (B, L)

Day 12: Sancti Spíritus

Full-day journey to Sancti Spíritus for an overnight stay visiting El Cobre church, Cuba's most important shrine, and Bayamo en route. (B)

Days 13 & 14: Santa Clara • Havana

Take a short city tour. Continue to historic Santa Clara for a visit, then on to Havana for 2 nights at the **Iberostar Selection Parque Central** hotel. (B, L) (B)

Days 15 & 16: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Fly to London overnight via Madrid. (B) (N)

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Cayo Santa Maria 6 days & 4 nights from £395

After visiting Santa Clara on Day 8 or Day 13, continue to a white sandy cay off Cuba's north coast. Stay for 3 or 4 nights at the Angsana Cayo Santa Maria, or upgrade to the first-class Meliá Buenavista from £125 per person. Drive back to Havana for a final night before your flight to London.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation: This tour features a combination of Simple, Good and Superior standard hotels, and *casas particulares*: simple, private, B&B-style properties that allow for an authentic insight into the Cuban way of life. Due to limited good quality hotel options in Cuba, the properties that we use may vary from departure to departure and will be confirmed in your final travel documents.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Travel in Cuba: We recommend an extremely flexible approach to booking a holiday and travel in Cuba. The extended Oriente departures are better suited to the hardier traveller due to longer road drives.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: CUB /CUO

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £2,295 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £2,395 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement from £445

Air Europa flight upgrades

Premium Economy prices on request Business Class prices on request

Private tour

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

High season from £2,595 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

Prices on request with Air France to / from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds Bradford, Newcastle, Birmingham, or Belfast

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Tortuguero canals

One of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth, Costa Rica is a nature lover's paradise. Its landscapes range from smouldering volcanoes, cloud forests and coffee plantations to pristine rainforests and beautiful beaches on the Caribbean and Pacific coasts. National parks and reserves protect more than a quarter of its territory and its incredible biodiversity, including thousands of plant varieties, numerous kinds of colourful butterflies and more than 800 bird species. The country's relatively small size, combined with unspoilt beaches and tropical forests, provides opportunities for self-drive exploration, memorable family holidays and a perfect balance of adventure and relaxation.



Resplendent guetzal, Monteverde

TORTUGUERO & THE CARIBBEAN

Boat trips along canals • Turtle watching

Tortuguero National Park is located on the northern Caribbean coast and is accessible only by boat or plane. We recommend travelling past banana plantations and then taking a boat through the network of waterways that penetrate the dense tropical forests, linking rivers and lagoons. Simple but comfortable lodges are located along the canal banks, well situated for easy forest hikes or boat trips to spot monkeys, sloths, caimans and toucans. Green turtles lay their eggs on the beaches here between July and September, while leatherbacks can be seen from March to June. The untamed coast further south has pristine tropical beaches and an easy-going ambience.

MONTEVERDE & CLOUD FORESTS

Quetzals & butterflies • Canopy walkways

Reached along unpaved roads, the mist-shrouded Monteverde cloud forest and the adjacent, but smaller, Santa Elena Reserve are home to a wealth of plant life and many species of butterflies, insects and birds, including resplendent quetzals. Hike along trails surrounded by hanging vines and flowering orchids or stroll through the treetops on canopy walkways – suspended bridges that bring you closer to the flora and fauna. Superb alternatives that attract fewer visitors than Monteverde are the 800-hectare reserve of Los Angeles cloud forest and the private reserve of El Silencio Lodge & Spa in the Central Valley.



Capuchin monkey, Manuel Antonio

Leatherback turtle hatchling, Tamarindo

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK & SURROUNDS

Jungle-clad beaches • Superb wildlife viewing

The small, superlative national park of Manuel Antonio has lush rainforest fringed by beautiful beaches and rocky headlands. Its wildlife includes white-faced capuchins, howler and squirrel monkeys, toucans, sloths and agoutis. Hotels on the forested cliffs enjoy panoramic ocean views and easy access to the beaches, and are perfect for combining exploration and relaxation. To the north, the Carara National Park is home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws.



Bare-throated tiger heron, Caño Negro

TAMARINDO & THE NICOYA PENINSULA

Unspoilt beaches • Nesting turtles

The Nicoya Peninsula offers some of Costa Rica's finest beaches and one of the largest remaining areas of dry forest in Central America. The somewhat developed beach town of Tamarindo retains a laid-back atmosphere and here it is possible to relax, explore the mangroves by boat or take an excursion to see nesting leatherback turtles. The southern part of Nicoya is more remote and has secluded hideaways such as Punta Islita, perched on a hillside above a private beach.

ARENAL & THE NORTH

The impressive cone-shaped Arenal Volcano, until recently one of the region's most active, is surrounded by beautiful scenery. The majority of the hotels here are set in lush tropical gardens and provide excellent views. Attractions nearby include hot springs, canopy walkways in the treetops and boat trips along the Río Frío and the Caño Negro wetlands for superb birdwatching. To the north-west are the turquoise waters of Rio Celeste, and the geothermal springs and boiling mud pools of Rincón de la Vieja National Park.

EXPERIENCES IN COSTA RICA

Turtle watching on the beach

Costa Rica is home to six species of turtles including leatherbacks, the largest sea turtles. During the nesting season, watch adults laying eggs and baby turtles making their way to the sea. There are sites both on the Caribbean side (Tortuguero) and the Pacific coast (Tamarindo and Ostional) offering good possibilities of a sighting.

Birdwatching

More than 850 bird species, many of which are endemic, live in Costa Rica's varied habitats. Besides the cloud forests, the Osa peninsula and Caño Negro, waterfowl also thrive in the fresh and saltwater lagoons of the Palo Verde wetlands. The Sarapiquí rainforest around La Selva Biological Station contains more than half of the country's bird species, while the small, forested farming community of San Gerardo is home to trogons, hummingbirds, and striking quetzals.

Natural hot springs

The natural thermal springs at the foot of the Arenal Volcano and Rincón de la Vieja National Park offer superb opportunities for a soak in soothing, mineral-rich natural pools of varying sizes and temperatures. The steaming hot springs are usually surrounded by lush vegetation, creating a truly idyllic place to unwind.

Remote Osa Peninsula

This magnificent peninsula is covered in dense primary rainforest, and is home to Corcovado National Park, described by *National Geographic* as "the most biologically intense place on Earth". Stay in a rustic luxury lodge and spot a range of exotic creatures including monkeys, sloths, ocelots, anteaters, toucans, scarlet macaws and more. Offshore, palm-fringed Caño Island is home to beautiful sandy beaches and excellent snorkelling opportunities.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Costa Rica Adventure

12 days & 10 nights Guided from £3,295 (incl. flights) Self-drive from £2,595 (incl. flights) Category • Standard

Take a self-drive or guided tour to explore the small natural paradise of Costa Rica. Discover tropical beaches, misty cloud forests and a wealth of wildlife with a partner or the whole family.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to San José

Fly from London to San José with British Airways. Stay for 2 nights. Visit the impressive Poas or Irazú volcanoes. (N) (B)

Days 3 & 4: Arenal

Drive to Arenal for a 2-night stay. For a bird'seye view of the rainforest, Arenal Volcano and lake, visit the Sky Adventure Park. Relax at Tabacon's natural hot springs and pools. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Monteverde

Drive to Monteverde for 2 nights. Explore the cloud forest reserve; spot wildlife from hanging canopy walkways and visit butterfly and hummingbird gardens. (B)

Days 7-10: Manuel Antonio or Nicoya Continue to Manuel Antonio for a 4-night stay. Relax on the Pacific coast, visit the national park or take an optional boat tour in search of dolphins. Alternatively, continue to the Nicoya Peninsula and upgrade to the luxurious **Punta Islita**. (B)

Days 11 & 12: San José • Fly home

Transfer to San José for an overnight direct flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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GROUP TOUR

Natural Splendours of Costa Rica

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights

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

Private tour • From £3,295 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

Activity level • Moderate

Located between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, the small country of Costa Rica is one of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth. This journey explores some of the major national parks and the astonishing variety of wildlife and contrasting habitats found here, including rainforest, cloud forest, volcanoes, lakes and canals.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- View the conical Arenal Volcano from your hotel
- Cruise the canals of Tortuguero and cross Lake Arenal by boat
- Explore forest canopies from the hanging bridges at Monteverde
- Take a boat trip through the Caño Negro wetlands

Days 1 & 2: Fly to San José

Fly from London (regional connections available) to San José with British Airways. Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza Corobici Hotel** for 2 nights and a welcome dinner. In the morning, visit the volcano of Poas or Irazú to see its impressive crater and surrounds. (D) (B)

Days 3 & 4: Tortuguero

Shared overland transfer to Caño Blanco on the Caribbean coast. Cruise through the canals and backwaters that lead to Tortuguero, looking for birdlife, monkeys, sloths and other wildlife. Stay for 2 nights at Mawamba or Pachira Lodge and enjoy a full day of shared local excursions. From July to



Monteverde

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

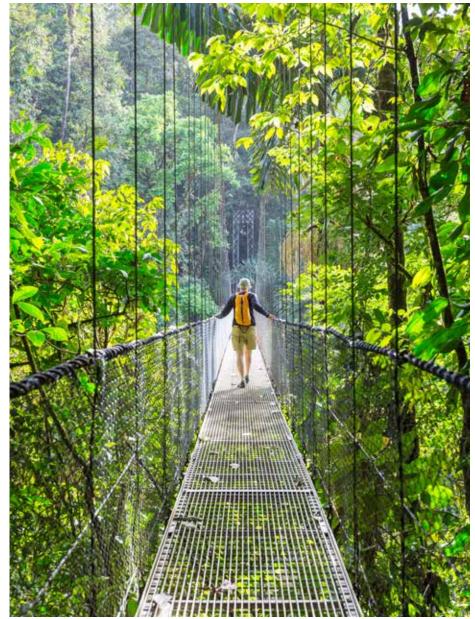
- Small group size average 16 people (max 18)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner & a farewell drink
- Direct international flights with British Airways
- Porterage at hotels
- Flexible extensions & flight upgrades available



IMAGE LEFT: Toucan; TOP: Tortuguero backwaters



Arenal Volcano and lake



Canopy walkways, Monteverde

September, an option is available to observe turtles nesting on the beach. (B, L, D)

Day 5: La Selva Biological Station • Arenal

Return to Caño Blanco by boat and drive to Arenal, visiting La Selva Biological Station en route. Learn about the scientific and conservation work of the researchers and take a short walk in the protected rainforest surroundings. Stay 2 nights at Magic Mountain / Montaña de Fuego, with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

Day 6: Caño Negro

Full-day tour to Caño Negro, an important wetland habitat for a range of bird species. (B, L)

Day 7: Lake Arenal • Monteverde

Shared boat across Lake Arenal, taking in the spectacular views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue to Monteverde for 2 nights at the Fonda Vela Hotel or Monteverde Country Lodge. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura Butterfly Garden & Walkways and explore the treetop canopy from its hanging bridges. (B)

Day 8: Monteverde

Morning tour of the Monteverde cloud forest, a habitat for rare flora and fauna, such as the colourful quetzal bird. Afternoon visit to a typical family-run farm to learn about coffee and sugar cane production, followed by a farewell drink back at your hotel. (B, L)

Day 9: Sarchí • San José

Return to San José via the town of Sarchí, home to traditional handicrafts and colourfully painted oxcarts, and final overnight. (B)

Days 10 & 11: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

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



Roseat spoonbill, Caño Negro

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Manuel Antonio

6 days & 4 nights from £795

The smallest of Costa Rica's national parks, Manuel Antonio is also one of the most visited due to the remarkable diversity of its wildlife. Its rainforest extends right down to the beautiful beaches where it is possible to spot monkeys, sloths and armadillos.

Days 9-12: Manuel Antonio

Leave the group in Sarchí and drive to Manuel Antonio (3.5 hours). Stay 4 nights at the Parador Resort & Spa with panoramic views of the ocean, beach and jungle. Days at leisure or take optional excursions, such as rainforest walks and boat tours in search of dolphins. (B) Days 13 &14: Fly to London

Transfer to San José airport (approx 2.5 hours) for an overnight flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tour + Tamarindo

6 days & 4 nights from £645

Tamarindo is situated in Guanacaste on the Pacific coast, with an abundance of sandy beaches. Nearby Playa Grande is one of Costa Rica's most important nesting sites for endangered leatherback turtles.

Days 9-11: Tamarindo

Drive from Monteverde to Tamarindo (approx. 3-4 hours). Stay for 3 nights at the Wyndham Tamarindo with ocean views or upgrade to the boutique Cala Luna or the beachfront Capitán Suizo from £375. At leisure or optional turtle watching (Nov-Mar) or boat trips through the mangroves. (B)

Days 12-14: San José • London

Transfer to San José by road (approx. 5 hours) for a final night before your flight to London with British Airways. (B) (N)

Tour + Corcovado

5 days & 3 nights from £1,595

Fly to Drake Bay and transfer to Aguila de Osa, set on a cliff amid a privately protected rainforest. Stay for 3 nights on a full board basis and take a local shared excursion to explore Corcovado National Park and its trails (a reasonable level of fitness is required), and a snorkelling trip to Caño Island.

San Gerardo de Dota + Tour

4 days & 2 nights from £475

Transfer to San Gerardo de Dota, a birdwatcher's paradise and home to more than 150 bird species including striking quetzals. Stay for 2 nights at Trogon Lodge and take an early morning tour in search of the resplendent quetzal in the surrounding primary forest.



Scarlet macaws, Osa Peninsula

Tour + Panama

5 days & 3 nights from £835

Explore the colonial heritage of Panama City and travel along the Panama Canal, one of the wonders of modern engineering.

Days 9-11: Fly to Panama City

Return to San José and fly to Panama City for 3 nights at the Best Western Plus Panama **Zen**. Take a half-day transit on the Panama Canal and tour colonial Panama. Optional visit to the Miraflores canal locks or to Soberanía National Park for some excellent birding. (B) Days 12-13: Fly to London via Madrid / Miami arriving the next day (B) (N)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative). April departures are based on flights with United Airlines via the US.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: NSR

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £2.795 Guide price month: Nov

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

Single supplement from £495

British Airways flight upgrades

Club World prices from £2,275 return

Private tour

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

High season from £3,495 Guide price months: Jan-Apr

Single supplement on request

World Traveller Plus from £445 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Poas Volcano

SOLO TRAVELLERS TOUR

Panama & Costa Rica Experience

Duration • 14 days & 12 nights **Solo group tour** • From £4,295 (incl. flights) **Category** • Standard **Activity level** • Moderate

Both small in size yet possessing a superb biodiversity, Costa Rica and Panama offer a wide variety of ecosystems including volcanoes, rainforest and cloud forest, lakes, lagoons and beaches. This tour visits the incredible Panama Canal and a selection of Costa Rica's most renowned national parks.



San José, Costa Rica

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С	6	7	9	56	261	296	205	282	372	343	155	36

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Walking tour of stunning Manuel Antonio National Park
- Cruise along the Panama Canal
- View Arenal Volcano from your hotel
- Cruise the canals of Tortuguero

Day 1: Fly to Panama City via the US

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City, via the US, with United Airlines. Transfer to the **Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Panama City

Morning city tour including the ruins of old Panama and the historic colonial district. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the various locks of the Panama Canal. (B, L)

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Twin / double rooms for single use
- Experienced local tour guide in each country
- Welcome & farewell group dinners
- Porterage at hotels



Casco Viejo, Panama

Day 4: Fly to San José

Morning flight to San Jose and visit a coffee plantation on the slopes of the active Poas Volcano and, subject to volcanic activity, see its crater lake. Overnight at the **Crowne Plaza Corobici Hotel**. (B, L)

Day 5: Tortuguero

Travel by shared overland transfer to Caño Blanco on the Caribbean coast. Take a boat ride along the backwaters that lead to Tortuguero, looking for wildlife en route. Stay at **Pachira Lodge** for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tortuguero

Full day of shared excursions exploring the tropical surroundings and waterways. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Tirimbina Reserve • Arenal

Return to Caño Blanco by boat and drive to Arenal. En route, visit Tirimbina to learn about the conservation work on the reserve, and take a walk in the protected rainforest surroundings. Stay 2 nights at **Arenal Paraiso / Montaña de Fuego** or similar with views of Arenal Volcano. (B, L)

Day 8: Arenal

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

Day 9: Monteverde

Drive along the shores of Lake Arenal, taking in the spectacular views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue through the green mountains to Monteverde and stay 2 nights at Fonda Vela Hotel/ Monteverde Country Lodge or similar. (B)

Day 10: Monteverde

Morning tour of the Monteverde cloud forest, a habitat for rare flora and fauna such as the colourful quetzal bird. Afternoon at leisure or take one of the optional excursions on offer, including a visit to the Santa Elena Reserve. (B)

Day 11: Carara • Tárcoles

Drive to the central Pacific coast and visit Carara National Park, home to crocodiles, monkeys and scarlet macaws. Continue to Tárcoles and stay for 2 nights at the Hotel Fuego del Sol (or similar). (B)

Day 12: Manuel Antonio

Morning visit to Manuel Antonio for a walking tour of the national park, where the rainforest



Hummingbird

extends right down to the beautiful beaches. This small park is home to a surprising concentration of wildlife including sloths, iguanas, endangered squirrel monkeys and various colourful birds. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Days 13 & 14: Fly to London

Transfer to San José and fly to London via the US with United Airlines. (B) (N)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative).

Solo Travellers group tours: These small group tours have been specially created for single travellers. Benefits include single occupancy of double / twin rooms as standard and at sensible prices, plus the company of like-minded travellers. View the complete collection at CoxandKings.co.uk/solo-travellers

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

United Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Plus from £525 return Business Class from £1,975 return

TOUR CODE: CSG

Guide price months: Jan-Apr Regional air connections

High season from £4,495

Prices on request: United Airlines via Houston or Newark to/from Manchester or Edinburgh

The guideline tour prices are all per person in pound sterling, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For up-to-date prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Tikal, Guatemala

GROUP TOUR

Splendours of Central America

Duration • 19 days & 17 nights **Small-group tour** • From £4,395 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £6,195 (incl. flights) **Category** • Standard **Activity level** • Active

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

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Navigate through the locks of the Panama Canal
- Spot wildlife in the cloud forest and meet early pioneers at Monteverde
- Boat ride on Lake Nicaragua and see the molten lava of the active Masaya volcano
- Explore colonial towns and fascinating Mayan ruins, including Tikal and Copán

Day 1: Fly to Panama City via the US

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Panama City via the US. Transfer to the **Best Western Plus Panama Zen Hotel** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 2: Panama City

Morning city tour, including the ruins of old Panama and the historic colonial district, where you can enjoy a welcome lunch. (B, L)

Day 3: Panama Canal

Take a shared partial transit and cruise through the locks of the Panama Canal. (B, L)

Day 4: Fly to San José, Costa Rica

Fly to Costa Rica's capital and visit a coffee



Antigua, Guatemala

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Α	22	23	24	25	24	23	22	22	22	21	21	21
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С	3	5	6	28	120	263	194	155	237	141	26	9

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour guide in each destination
- Welcome lunch & a farewell dinner
- Porterage at airports
- Flexible extensions & flight upgrades available

plantation on the slopes of the active Poás Volcano. Overnight at **Hotel Presidente**. (B, L)

Days 5 & 6: Monteverde

Transfer to Monteverde and stay for 2 nights at the Monteverde Country Lodge or El Establo Mountain Hotel. Afternoon visit to the Selvatura's butterfly garden and hanging walkways. Next day visit the Monteverde cloud forest to see its rare flora and fauna and in the evening meet up with the family of one of the early local pioneers for a fascinating conversation. (B)

Day 7: Granada, Nicaragua

Full-day journey across the border into Nicaragua to the city of Granada, overlooking Lake Nicaragua (approx 7-8 hours). Stay 2 nights at **Patio de Malinche Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 8: Granada

Morning tour of the colonial city, including the Franciscan convent. Take a boat ride through the canals formed by the small islands in the lake, which is the tenth largest lake in the world. Afternoon at leisure before your visit to Masaya volcano to see its impressive fluorescent lava from its rim (subject to volcanic activity). (B)

Day 9: Fly to El Salvador • Suchitoto

Transfer to Managua and fly to San Salvador, El Salvador's capital. Continue to charming Suchitoto for 1 night at Casa 1800 Suchitoto. (B)

Day 10: Route of the Flowers

Explore the cobbled streets of Suchitoto, then transfer to the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, known as the 'Pompeii of the Americas'. Later, explore cloud forest trails and enjoy spectacular volcano views en route to the picturesque Route of the Flowers. Overnight at Casa 1800 Ataco. (B, L)

Day 11: Copán, Honduras

This morning, visit the traditional artisan town of Ataco and stop at Santa Ana en route to Honduras (approximately 10 hours). Stay at the **Hotel Marina Copán** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 12: Copán

In the morning, tour the fascinating Mayan ruins of Copán with its intricate and well-preserved sculptures. Afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Livingston, Guatemala

Cross into Guatemala and on to the Caribbean coast, visiting the impressive carved stelae at Quirigua en route (approx. 6 hours). Take a 1.5-hour boat ride along the coast to the town of Livingston, with its strong Garifuna culture. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Caribe. (B)

Day 14: Flores

A morning walking tour of Livingston, and a boat trip along the lush gorges of the Dulce River to visit Bird Island and an indigenous community. Continue by road to the Flores area for a 2-night stay at the lakeside Villa Maya. (B)

Day 15: Tikal

Morning tour of Tikal, one of the most spectacular Mayan ruins, located in the heart of the jungle. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)



Granada, Nicaragua

Days 16 & 17: Fly to Guatemala City • Antigua

Early morning flight to Guatemala City and transfer to Antigua for 2 nights at **Hotel Las Farolas** or similar. Afternoon walking tour. Next day at leisure or take optional excursions, ending with a farewell dinner. (B) (B, D)

Days 18 & 19: Fly to London via the US

Transfer to Guatemala City and fly to London via the US, arriving the next day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Belize beach

5 days & 3 nights from £1,165

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

Days 18-20: Fly to Ambergris Caye via Flores

Fly to Belize City, via Flores and on to Ambergris Caye. Stay for 3 nights at the **Portofino Hotel** (beach cabaña), or upgrade to **Victoria House Resort & Spa** from £125 per person. At leisure by the beach or snorkel in the coral reefs. (B)

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

Tour + Lake Atitlán

4 days & 2 nights from £625

Extend your tour with a visit to the picturesque Lake Atitlan and stay 2 nights at **Porta Hotel del Lago** on the shore of the sapphire-blue lake surrounded by hills and volcanoes.

Take a boat trip to local Mayan villages and visit the colourful Chichicastenango market, one of the most famous and festive indigenous markets in Central America

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative).

Active activity level: Higher-intensity activities, early starts, more uneven terrain and full-day excursions requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3627 3097 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £4,395 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £4,395 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement from £975

United Airlines flight upgrades Premium Plus from £545 return

Business Class prices on request

Private tour

Low season from £6,195 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £6,295 Guide price months: Jan-Mar

Single supplement on request

Regional air connections

Prices on request: United Airlines via Houston or Newark to/from Manchester or Edinburgh

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

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TOUR CODE: GCA



EUROPE

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The far north of Europe has its own appeal. The Nordic countries stand out for their trend-setting architecture, Viking heritage, wood-clad harbour towns, and head-turning nature. Fjords cut through vaulting mountains and the ephemeral ribbons of the northern lights ripple above the Arctic Circle.

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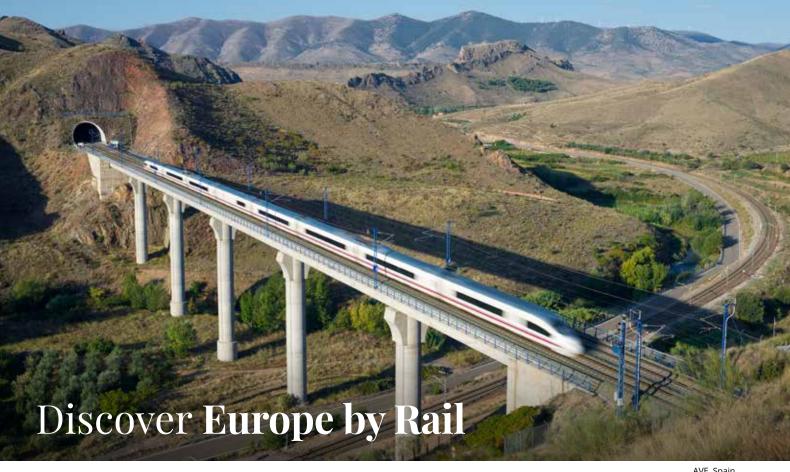
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AVE, Spain

The golden age of rail travel: when the well-dressed and well-heeled reclined in art-deco carriages, as they were whisked between Europe's grandest cities under towers of steam. Yet you could argue that the true golden age is now. It has never been easier to explore the continent by train, thanks to a large, integrated railway network and high-speed services such as AVE in Spain and Le Frecce in Italy.

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AVE, SPAIN

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

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

FRECCIAROSSA, ITALY

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

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

EXPERIENCES



Cross the Alps by the Gotthard Railway

Wend through the Swiss Alps via one of Europe's highest railways. The *Gotthard Panorama Express* takes you from Lake Lucerne to Ticino, or vice versa, offering ever-changing vistas of plunging green gorges, ice-capped mountains and spectacular viaducts.



Ride the Rome-to-Sicily sleeper

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



Take Bosnia-Herzegovina's most scenic route

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



Al Andalus luxury train, Spain

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

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

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Andalucía by Train

7 days & 6 nights from £1,250 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

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

Day 1: Fly to Madrid • Córdoba

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

Day 2: Córdoba

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

Day 3: Seville

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

Day 4: Seville

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

Day 5: Granada

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

Day 6: Granada

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

Day 7: Malaga • Fly home

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

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Italy's north is a postcard of zig-zagging mountains, dreamy lakes, fashionable cities, and food to fly for. That's not to mention the superabundance of World Heritage sites – more than any other part of Italy, which in turn boasts more than any other country. This is the land of Venice, with its gondola-plied lagoons; Milan, ever dressed to impress; and Lake Como, making the famous swoon since Roman times. History is everywhere: in the gilded mosaics of Ravenna; in Sabbioneta, the town that the Renaissance built; and in the cobbled streets and porticoes of Bologna, home to the world's oldest university.



Mole Antonelliana, Turin

The Last Supper, Santa Maria delle Grazie Church, Milan

LOMBARDY

Lakes of Como, Garda & Maggiore • Cosmopolitan Milan • Most UNESCO sites of any Italian region

The lakes of Lombardy have lured visitors since ancient times, and for good reason: they are among Italy's most picturesque places. While at a waterside villa in Lake Como, composer Franz Liszt declared the area "blessed by heaven". Lake Garda also occupies an idyllic setting with quaint towns dotting its edge, while alpine Lake Maggiore holds three islets featuring a palace, fortress, and botanical gardens. Lombardy's capital, Milan, is a favourite for city breaks. Alongside its designer boutiques, you will find heritage treasures. including the neo-gothic Duomo - the world's third largest cathedral - and the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, home to Da Vinci's The Last Supper and one of the region's recordtopping 10 UNESCO sites.

PIEDMONT

Pretty alpine & vineyard vistas • Celebrated for its wine & truffles • Turin's baroque architecture

Piedmont means 'foot of the mountains', and the snowy Alps and rolling vineyards gift this northwestern region the most photogenic of backdrops. Piedmont's capital, Turin, was Italy's first capital city, and boasts a bounty of baroque architecture, the landmark Mole Antonelliana building, and world-class museums including the Egyptian Museum. The region is famed for wines such as Barolo and Barbaresco, and culinary delights including rich chocolates, hazelnuts, and both black and white truffles.

EXPERIENCES



Exploring Sabbioneta

Sabbioneta is a UNESCO World Heritage town in Lombardy lauded for its perfectly preserved Renaissance design. At its heart lies the Teatro all'Antica, an architectural gem designed by Vincenzo Scamozzi in 1588, featuring a stage inspired by ancient Roman theatres, and exquisite trompe-l'oeil decorations sure to trick your eye.



Discovering Lake Maggiore

Lake Maggiore, bordered by Italy and Switzerland, is renowned for its serene beauty. Among its treasures are the Borromean Islands, named after the noble Borromeo family. Isola Bella and Isola Madre feature opulent palaces and lush gardens, while Isola dei Pescatori and its charming fishing village have a timeless quality.



Sample delicacies in Bologna

Bologna is known as La Rosa (The Red One') for the hue of its handsome buildings. It is also celebrated for its delectable cuisine. Indulge in a food tasting experience, sampling iconic dishes such as *tagliatelle al ragù* pasta, *mortadella* sausage, and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. This is a chance to savour the authentic flavours of this centre of gastronomy.



Cà Uberti Palace Hotel, Mantua

Set in the historic centre of Mantua, on a square directly opposite the Ducal Palace, Cà Uberti Palace Hotel is a 4-star property housed within a traditional palazzo. The design preserves elements of the old building, including archways, windows with painted volet battants, decorative ironwork, and faded, ornate frescoes. This balance of old and new carries through to the rooms, with woodbeam ceilings and time-worn walls combined with contemporary comforts, including air-conditioning, flat-screen television, and modern fixtures. The hotel's bar, lounge and restaurant are situated beneath a ceiling decorated with Renaissance-era murals, while myriad alternative dining options lie within walking distance.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Lombardy: Sforzas and Gonzagas

8 days & 7 nights from £3,190 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Explore enchanting Lombardy and the legacy of its former rulers, the princely Gonzaga and Sforza families, on a journey that blends history with gastronomy.

Day 1: Bergamo

From Milan, transfer to alpine Bergamo. Stay 4 nights at **Hotel Plazza Vecchia**, **Hotel NH Bergamo**, or similar. (N)

Day 2: Milan

Day at leisure in Milan, home to the lofty

Duomo cathedral, Da Vinci's masterpiece *The Last Supper*, and the haute couture hub of Quadrilatero d'Oro. (B)

Day 3: Crespi d'Adda & Lake Iseo

Tour the UNESCO-listed, 19th-century company town of Crespi d'Adda, then lunch beside the sparkling waters of Lake Iseo. (B, L)

Day 4: Bergamo

Explore the fortified hilltop quarter of Bergamo, replete with medieval buildings and piazzas. (B)

Day 5: Franciacorta

Enjoy a shared wine-tasting in Franciacorta, a region famed for its viticulture, followed by leisure time in Brescia. Stay 3 nights in Mantua at Cà Uberti Palace Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Mantua & Sabbioneta

Tour Renaissance-era Mantua and the walled

town of Sabbioneta – together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Mantua, you visit either the Ducal Palace – royal residence of the Gonzaga family – or the 16th-century Palazzo del Te, with its dramatic floor-toceiling fresco. (B)

Day 7: Borghetto Sul Mincio

Leisure time in the idyllic hamlet of Borghetto Sul Mincio, with dinner at a restaurant serving hand-prepared *agnolini* pasta. (B, D)

Day 8: Fly home

Depart from Verona Airport. (B)

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Naples

'Mezzogiorno' is Italian for 'midday'. It's also the name for southern Italy, where the noon sun rises high and provides the region with more sunshine hours than anywhere else in the country.

Here, from Italy's ankle down, you're spoilt for historical sites, including ash-preserved Pompeii and the cave dwellings of Matera. The island of Sicily stands out for its superb Norman architecture, Roman floor mosaics, Arab-inspired gardens, and fine Greek temples.

The south is also a haven for foodies. You can sample wine on Mount Etna's slopes, sip zingy limoncello in Sorrento, savour Neapolitan pizza by the Bay of Naples, try the DOP-certified cheeses of Puglia, and swoon over creamy Sicilian cannoli. All while soaking up sublime scenery.



Trulli houses, Alberobello

CAMPANIA

Romance of the Amalfi Coast • Ruins of Pompeii & Herculaneum

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

PUGLIA & BASILICATA

Charming roundhouses • Matera's ancient caves • Lecce's baroque beauty

"Italy has magic in its very syllables", wrote Mary Shelley. Yet some of that magic remains relatively undiscovered. The rustic regions of Basilicata and Puglia – the instep and heel of Italy's boot – reward stepping off the tourist trail. Puglia offers remote coastline and countryside, dotted with ancient olive groves, whitewashed towns, and charming conical houses called *trulli*. It's home to the city of Lecce, nicknamed the 'Florence of the South' for its handsome baroque architecture. Neighbouring Basilicata is where you'll find the ancient cave dwellings of Matera, as well as pretty hillside villages and Apennine vistas.



Aragonese Castle, Ischia

Colourful houses, Procida

ISCHIA

Thermal springs • Rugged beauty • Aragonese Castle

Settled by Greeks in the eighth century BC, Ischia juts out of the Tyrrhenian Sea 30km off Naples. Here, shaded by lemon, pine, and evergreen oak trees, precipitous towns beckon with their cliff-edge hotels and eateries, while mineral-rich springs promise a soothing soak. Be sure to cross the causeway to the centuries-old Aragonese Castle, which crowns a nearby tidal islet. This fortification staggers down the cliff face and has existed in some form or another since antiquity.

PROCIDA

Pastel port towns • Quiet beaches • Smaller crowds

Procida often receives third billing after glamorous Capri and geothermal Ischia. Yet this tiny isle in the Bay of Naples was awarded Italy's Capital of Culture in 2022, and is where you'll find near-empty beaches, pastel port towns, and rugged, coastal beauty. Despite spanning just 4 sq km, the island boasts star appeal, and featured prominently in the 1999 film *The Talented Mr Ripley*. Regular ferries and hydrofoils can take you from the mainland to its small-scale charms.



Miramare Sea Resort, Ischia

This tranquil retreat skirts a coastal cliff facing Maronti Bay, in the pedestrianised village of Sant'Angelo. Inside: white-washed walls, arched doors, sun-dappled terraces, and Neapolitan tiles, with original elements dating from the 1900s. Modern, yet quintessentially Mediterranean in style, rooms here offer sea views and a private terrace or balcony – great for enjoying sunsets over the water. Further facilities include an al-fresco restaurant, private beach, spa, and thermal park.

EXPERIENCES IN SOUTHERN ITALY

Mozzarella tasting in Sorrento

Where better to eat authentic mozzarella than the region that created it? First served to passing pilgrims in Campania, this soft, springy cheese is enjoyed in salads, on pizzas, and by itself. We can arrange a tasting of this southern delicacy in Sorrento, with the Bay of Naples as your backdrop.

Street-food tour in Palermo

Palermo is the capital and cultural centre of Sicily. Its grand Arab-Norman architecture is a treat for the eyes, and so is its food. Tour the local markets and kerb-side *trattorie* to try authentic Sicilian street food, from pistachio-sprinkled *cannoli* to bite-sized *arancini*.

Wine tasting on Mount Etna

Looming on Sicily's horizon is smouldering Mount Etna, which legend says contains the forge of Vulcan, the Roman god of fire. The silver lining of its volcanic activity is rich, fertile soil. Wineries have been capitalising on Etna's distinct terroir for centuries, and you can visit the foothills for a tour and tasting.

Chocolate tasting in Modica

Modica chocolate isn't like other chocolate – at least not anymore. Introduced to Sicily by the Spanish, this protected delicacy follows a 16th-century recipe. You can try this dark, grainy, nutrientrich treat for yourself at a traditional chocolatier in Modica, the city after which it was named.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Exploring Naples & Ischia

8 days & 7 nights from £1,895 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Pair the scenery and history of Naples, Campania's capital, with the rugged beauty of Ischia island and its Aragonese Castle. This leisurely itinerary includes optional excursions to lesser-visited Procida island, a local winery, and a hydrothermal park.

Day 1: Arrive in Naples

Fly from London to Naples. You are privately transferred to **Hotel Ciliegina** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Day 2: Naples

Spend the day at leisure in Naples, capital of the Campania region. You may wish to stroll through the historic heart of the city,

browse the National Archaeological Museum with its renowned Roman artefacts, tour the Santa Chiara monastic complex, or admire Caravaggio's *The Flagellation of Christ* at the Capodimonte Museum. (B)

Day 3: Naples

Enjoy another day at leisure to explore Naples, or range out to nearby Pompeii with its extraordinary ash-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

Day 4: Ischia

Take a hydrofoil from the port of Naples to the island of Ischia, where you are privately transferred to **Hotel Miramare Sea Resort** (or similar) for 4 nights. (B)

Day 5: Ischia

Your half-day private tour reveals the highlights of this ruggedly beautiful island, and includes entrance to the Aragonese Castle – perched atop an islet and accessed via a stone causeway. This afternoon, you have the option of a wine tasting at a local winery. (B)

Day 6: Ischia & Procida

Your day is at leisure, with the option of a half-day tour of Procida – Italy's Capital of Culture 2022, and the most under-theradar of the three main islands in the Bay of Naples. (B)

Day 7: Ischia

Your day is at leisure. You have the option of visiting a hydrothermal park where marine and thermal pools are surrounded by flower-filled gardens, volcanic rock, and the waters of San Montano Bay. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Naples Airport for your departure flight. (B)

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GROUP TOUR

Neapolitan Treasures: Caserta, Sorrento & Amalfi

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

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

Private tour • From £3,995 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Leisurely

Italy's Campania region is celebrated for its scenery, with colourful cliffside towns that stagger down to meet the Mediterranean. It's also a place of riveting history and tempting gastronomy. Tour the historic highlights of Naples, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, before visiting Caserta Palace, Italy's Versailles. From the tranquil village of Seiano, visit the fabled Amalfi Coast and the ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Tour the sprawling Bourbon Palace and Gardens of Caserta, known as the Neapolitan Versailles
- Enjoy a full day in Naples, including lunch at the authentic Pignasecca Market
- Full day exploring the attractive Amalfi Coast and Ravello
- Discover the ancient ruins of Pompeii and Ercolano (Herculaneum)

Day 1: Fly to Naples

Fly to Naples and transfer to **Hotel dei Cavalieri Caserta** (or similar), where you stay 3 nights. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.
(D)

Day 2: Naples

Visit the monastery-turned-museum of Certosa di San Martino, then journey by funicular to the Pignasecca Market for lunch. This afternoon, tour the Royal Palace of Naples, the Piazza del Plebiscito, and the medieval fortress of Castel Nuovo. (B, L)

Day 3: Caserta

Begin the day with a half-day walking tour of

Fountain in the garden of the Royal Palace of Caserta



Sorrento

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С	85	69	64	53	38	23	23	39	57	89	120	102

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size maximum 18 people
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing, entrance fees & city taxes included
- Hotel porterage

the Royal Palace of Caserta, built by the House of Bourbon and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's the largest former royal residence in the world and encompasses a manicured park with fountains and Graeco-Roman statues. (B)

Day 4: Herculaneum, Pompeii & Seiano

Transfer from Caserta to Seiano on the Sorrento coast. En route, visit Herculaneum, home to Roman ruins including public baths, villas, and mosaics; and Pompeii with its ashpreserved basilica, the Temple of Apollo, and the oldest known Roman amphitheatre. Upon arrival in Seiano, stay 4 nights at Hotel Torre Barbara (or similar). (B)

Day 5: Seiano

Your day is at leisure to enjoy the small, quaint port village of Seiano, where pastel buildings top a leafy headland and cobbled streets meander down to the harbour. (B)

Day 6: Amalfi Coast

Spend a full day touring the famously scenic Amalfi Coast, including a visit to the attractive town of its namesake, and nearby Villa Rufolo, a 13th-century hilltop house that gazes over the Gulf of Salerno. (B)

Day 7: Seiano

Your day is at leisure, with the option to tour Capri or Sorrento (available on request). Isolated in the Bay of Naples, the glamorous island of Capri has drawn pleasure seekers since Roman times, while the colourful villas of Sorrento overlook the same bay from the scenic shoreside cliffs. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner in Sorrento. (B, D)

Day 8: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSION

Tour + Sorrento

2 nights from £295

Extend your stay with 2 additional nights at the stunningly situated **Torre Barbara** in Sorrento.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Leisurely activity level: Relaxed walking, extra leisure time and short travel days, with occasional uneven terrain requiring good mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry



Pompeii Archaeological Park



View from Villa Rufolo, Ravello

TOUR CODE: NAP

Guideline prices for 2025-26

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

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

Single supplement from £295

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £155 return

Private tour

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

High season from £4,195 Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £325

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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GROUP TOUR

Classic Sicily

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,595 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £4,995 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Active

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

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Stay in the picturesque town of Taormina
- Street-food experience in Palermo
- Sample traditional Sicilian pastries at Grammatico in Erice
- Includes visits to Noto, Erice and Monreale
- Explore the Valley of the Temples and the Palatine Chapel

Day 1: Fly to Catania • Syracuse

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

Day 2: Syracuse • Noto

Tour Syracuse, including the Greek theatre, considered one of the most important examples of its kind; the Ear of Dionysius limestone cave; and Ortygia island. Continue to the UNESCO-listed city of Noto, renowned for its magnificent baroque architecture. (B)

Piazza Duomo, Syracuse



Palermo

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Welcome drink to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing, entrance fees & city taxes included
- Hotel porterage



Interior of the Palatine Chapel, Palermo



Day 3: Catania • Cefalù • Palermo

This morning, drive to Catania to view the cathedral and Piazza Stesicoro. Continue to Cefalù to visit the Norman cathedral with its exquisite mosaics. Next, travel to Palermo and stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Piazza Borsa** (or similar). (B)

Day 4: Monreale • Palermo

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

Day 5: Erice • Selinunte • Agrigento

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

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

Morning visit to the Valley of the Temples, one of the world's most impressive ancient Greek sites. Afternoon drive to the elegant resort town of Taormina via Piazza Armerina to view the Roman mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale. Stay 2 nights at the Hotel Caparena (or similar). (B, L)

Day 7: Mount Etna

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

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Catania airport and fly to London with British Airways or begin your tour extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available in Syracuse, Taormina, and the Aeolian island of Stromboli. Speak to a consultant for details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Active activity level: Higher-intensity activities, early starts, more uneven terrain and full-day excursions requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

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GROUP TOUR

Sicily: Normans in the South

Duration • 6 days & 5 nights

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

Category • Specialist-led

Activity level • Leisurely

History • Gastronomy • Art • Architecture

Sicily has been a crossroads of civilisations since ancient times, and no period saw such a rich cultural exchange as the first centuries of Norman rule. Situating you in the heart of Palermo – capital for both Norman kings and Islamic emirs – this tour reveals the island's unique history, including the Romanesque architecture of the Normans, the legacy of Byzantine artisans, and the enduring Arabic influence on Sicilian cuisine.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Single-centre tour, based in the historic heart of Palermo
- Visit the Arab thermal baths at Cefalà Diana
- Taste traditional pastries at a renowned bakery
- Sample Sicilian liqueurs at a local producer

Day 1: Arrive Palermo, Sicily

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to **Hotel Piazza Borsa** (or similar) for 5 nights. This evening, enjoy a welcome lecture and dinner. (D)

Day 2: Palermo

Tour the historic heart of Palermo, including the Norman Palace, and the Cathedral with its treasury. Enjoy a light street-food lunch, where you will sample authentic local dishes such as *arancini* – inspired by the Arabic dish *kibbeh* and said to have been created for Emperor Federick II. Proceed to St John of the Hermits Church, a 12th-century hybrid of Norman and Arab design. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B, L)

Cathedral of the Assumption of Virgin Mary, Palermo



Palermo

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- Specialist-led tour
- 4-star accommodation
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- Hotel porterage

Day 3: Monreale

Visit the imposing Cathedral of Monreale and its Benedictine cloister, a high point of Norman architecture in Sicily. Return to Palermo and visit the Zisa and Cuba Palaces, both of which display impressive Arab craftsmanship. (B)

Day 4: Cefalà Diana

Visit the thermal baths of Cefalà Diana, a rare example of a surviving Arabic hammam in Sicily still filled with warm spring water. Proceed to a local bakery where you can sample traditional Sicilian pastries, several of which have medieval origins. Conclude with a tasting of local liqueurs. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Palermo & Cefalù

This morning, visit Palermo's 12th-century Church of St Mary of the Admiral, which features impressive Byzantine mosaics. Proceed to Cefalù and its cathedral, commissioned by Roger II who brought artisans from Constantinople to complete the lavish interior. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink with the group. (B, D)

Day 6: Fly home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight, or begin your tailor-made extension. (B)

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

SPECIALIST LECTURERS

Dr Sally Dormer is a freelance art historian. She read history at Durham University, before gaining an MA in medieval art and a PhD at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She lectures at the V&A Museum, Art Fund, and Arts Society.

Andrew Spira graduated from the Courtauld Institute of Art before working at London's Temple Gallery and the V&A Museum. He was programme director at Christie's Education for 14 years and has led numerous tours abroad.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Leisurely activity level: Relaxed walking, extra leisure time and short travel days, with occasional uneven terrain requiring good mobility.

TOUR CODE: PMO

Guideline prices for 2025-26

14 May – 19 May 2025	with Sally Dormer	from £2,795	single supp. from £525
11 Jun – 16 Jun 2025	with Andrew Spira	from £2,795	single supp. from £525
08 Oct – 13 Oct 2025	with Andrew Spira	from £2,695	single supp. from £525
13 May – 18 May 2026	with Sally Dormer	from £2,995	single supp. from £595
10 Jun – 15 Jun 2026	with Andrew Spira	from £2,995	single supp. from £595
07 Oct – 12 Oct 2026	with Andrew Spira	from £2,895	single supp. from £595

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £115 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

SICILY TAILOR-MADE EXTENSIONS



Tour baroque Ragusa

Ragusa was damaged by a historic earthquake in 1693 – like many towns in the UNESCO-listed Val di Noto region. The old part of the town, Ragusa Ibla, was rebuilt in the baroque style, and you can admire this grand architecture first-hand, including the ornate cathedral which overlooks the Piazza Duomo.



Sail between the Aeolian Islands

Nicknamed 'the Seven Pearls', the Aeolian Islands were formed by volcanic activity off the north coast of Sicily. You can discover their individual charms on a cruise aboard a traditional sailboat, visiting the main islands of the archipelago, including Stromboli, Vulcano and Lipari.



Explore the coastal village of Cefalù

Stroll along the narrow, time-worn lanes of Cefalù, past tucked-away shops, restaurants, and churches that honour a who's-who of Sicilian saints, under balconies draped with fresh laundry, and you eventually reach the sea. Here, a curved, sandy beach overlooked by steep green hills is waiting to greet you.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Syracuse & the Val di Noto

4 days & 5 nights from £1,895 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Revel in the baroque beauty of south-east Sicily, visiting the attractive cities of Modica, Ragusa and Noto, before ancient Syracuse sweeps you off your feet with its historic heart, the Ortygia.

Day 1: Palermo • Modica

Transfer from Palermo to Modica, with the possibility of visiting the Valley of the Temples en route. Your afternoon is at leisure. Stay 2 nights at Relais Antica Badia (or similar). (B)

Day 2: Ragusa • Modica

Tour Modica and Ragusa, both rebuilt in the Sicilian baroque style following an earthquake in the 17th century. You can also enjoy a tasting of the traditional chocolate for which Modica is famous. (B)

Day 3: Syracuse

Travel to Syracuse, with an optional stop in the baroque centre of Noto. Stay 2 nights at

Hotel Artemide in Ortygia. (B)

Day 4: Syracuse

Enjoy a guided tour of UNESCO-listed Syracuse, including its historical centre, Ortygia. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Fly home

Transfer to Catania for your flight home. (B)

Tailor-made travel

Contact our experts

020 3411 2135





GROUP TOUR

Puglia & Basilicata

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,095 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £5,995 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

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

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy an aperitif at a Bourbon-era palazzo in Lecce
- Enjoy lunch overlooking the historic Castel del Monte
- Admire the exquisite frescoes of the Crypt of the Original Sin in Matera
- Sample freshly prepared foccacia at a bakery in Altamura

Day 1: Fly to Bari • Fasano

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

Day 2: Otranto • Gallipoli

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

Day 3: Lecce

Travel north and tour Lecce, one of Italy's best



Lecce

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Α	13	13	15	18	23	27	30	30	27	22	17	14
В	6	6	7	10	13	17	20	20	17	14	10	7
С	81	65	73	43	32	22	16	31	57	87	90	82

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing, entrance fees & all city taxes included
- Hotel porterage



Trulli of Alberobello

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

Day 4: Ostuni • Alberobello

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

Day 5: Altamura • Matera

Drive to Altamura to visit the celebrated Romanesque cathedral. While there, visit a local bakery and taste freshly baked focaccia. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Matera. The Sassi district is divided into two parts: the Sasso Caveoso and the Sasso Barisano, each with countless churches and distinctive features. Your tour includes a visit to the typical Sassi dwelling of Casa Grotta, a Rupestrian church, and the Crypt of the Original Sin with its magnificent frescoes. (B)

Day 6: Trani • Castel del Monte

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

Day 7: Bari • Polignano a Mare

This morning, visit Bari, the capital of Puglia. Explore the old town quarter including St Sabin Cathedral and St Nicholas Basilica. In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion to the charming



Basilica of Santa Croce, Lecce

seaside town of Polignano a Mare. Return to your hotel for a farewell drink. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to Bari airport and fly to London or begin your tour extension.. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSION

Sorrento

4 days & 3 nights from £995

Travel by rail from Bari to Naples, followed by a private transfer to Sorrento. Stay at **Hotel**

Minerva for 3 nights before flying home from Naples Airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £2,295 Guide price months: May & Sep

Single supplement from £395

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £165 return

Private tour

Low season from £5,995 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £6,295 Guide price month: Jun

Single supplement from £395

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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TOUR CODE: PUB



Mole Antonelliana tower, Turin

GROUP TOUR

Piedmont with Valentina Harris

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights

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

Category • Specialist-led

Activity level • Moderate

Gastronomy • History

Delve into the gastronomy of Piedmont alongside food writer and chef, Valentina Harris. Based in Turin throughout, your tour will reveal the delicacies and prized ingredients of this corner of northern Italy, known for its truffles, wine, vermouth, grappa, chocolate, and cheese. Let Valentina guide you through charming streets and vibrant markets, where each taste tells a story of tradition and innovation.

Turin Pollenzo* * *Alba La Morra* Roddi

Turin

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Α	6	8	12	16	20	24	27	26	23	17	11	7
В	-2	0	3	6	10	14	17	16	14	8	3	-1
С	36	54	65	88	99	88	51	68	69	78	73	39

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Private vermouth class at Casa Martini
- Truffle hunt demonstration with wine and truffle tastings
- Dinner featuring historical recipes curated from the monasteries of Piedmont
- Visit to Turin's tallest historical building, La Mole Antonelliana

Day 1: Fly to Turin, Italy

Arrive in Turin and transfer to **Hotel Victoria Torino** (or similar) for 4 nights. Enjoy a welcome drink featuring cold cuts, cheeses, and a choice of Piedmont wines. (N)

Day 2: Turin

Take a privately guided walking tour of Turin, including the palaces of Carignano, Madama and Reale, the art nouveau Subalpina Gallery, the 17th-century Church of San Lorenzo, and the Duomo, which houses the Shroud of Turin. After, enjoy a light lunch of local delicacies at a traditional shop, followed by a stroll around the Porta Palazzo food market. This afternoon, take a train to Casa Martini for a guided tour

- Small group size max 18 guests
- 4-star accommodation
- Specialist-led tour
- Welcome drink to meet your group & specialist lecturer
- Porterage at hotels
- Local tour manager
- City taxes included





Valentina Harris

The Langhe hills and vineyards

and private vermouth class. Dinner is at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Turin

Enjoy a guided visit to the Mole Antonelliana, which houses the National Cinema Museum and is Turin's tallest historical building. Savour an authentic *merenda reale* ('royal snack') – a refreshing treat similar to afternoon tea – complete with traditional sweets and an indulgent cup of *bicerin*. Proceed to tour a chocolate factory, before time at leisure. Later, dine at a restaurant specialising in historical recipes from Piedmont's monasteries. (B, D)

Day 4: Roddi, Alba & La Morra

Reach the village of Roddi for a truffle hunt demonstration, during which a hunter's trained dogs will sniff and dig until they uncover the prized ingredient. Enjoy a light lunch of truffle-based dishes, then proceed to Alba – host of the annual Truffle Fair – for leisure time. Continue to La Morra to visit a winery, learning about the production of Barolo and other local wines. Finish with a farewell dinner at the winery. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Turin

Your morning is at leisure, with the option to visit Palazzo Reale or the Egyptian Museum (tickets to be booked in advance). Transfer to the airport for your departure flight, or begin your tailor-made extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSION

Tour + Turin or Milan

2 nights Turin from £345 2 nights Milan from £595

Extend your stay with 2 nights in Turin at the same hotel, or 2 nights in Milan with train tickets and entry to see Leonardo's *The Last Supper* included, staying at **Hotel Bianca Maria Palace** (or similar).



White truffles and wine

SPECIALIST LECTURERS

Valentina Harris

With a heritage rooted in the illustrious Sforza dynasty, Valentina Harris is an Italian chef and author who is well established in Britain's culinary scene. Valentina has written over 40 books on Italian food and regularly participates in television programmes and public events. She will be leading this series of tours in Piedmont, combining culinary experiences with the arts and architecture of the region.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

TOUR CODE: FAA

Guideline prices for 2025-26

12 May - 16 May 2025	with Valentina Harris	from £2,595	single supp. from £225
22 Sep – 26 Sep 2025	with Valentina Harris	from £2,595	single supp. from £225
20 Oct - 24 Oct 2025	with Valentina Harris	from £2,695	single supp. from £225
11 May – 15 May 2026	with Valentina Harris	from £2,695	single supp. from £265
21 Sep – 25 Sep 2026	with Valentina Harris	from £2,696	single supp. from £265
19 Oct - 23 Oct 2026	with Valentina Harris	from £2,795	single supp. from £265

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £95 return

Regional air connections

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Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna

Ravenna: Mosaics & Marble

Duration • 4 days & 3 nights

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

Category • Specialist-led

Activity level • Moderate

History • Art • Architecture

Uncover Ravenna's glittering past with experts Rowena Loverance or Dr Sally Dormer. In 402AD, the Italian city became capital of the western Roman empire, and mosaic-decorated churches were built. It flourished in the sixth century under the Ostrogoths and the Byzantines, who commissioned further splendid monuments, before the Lombards assumed control in 751AD. Today, Ravenna is replete with relics of this illustrious history, as you will see first-hand.



Ravenna

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Α	6	9	13	17	21	25	28	28	24	19	12	7
В	0	2	5	8	12	16	18	18	15	11	6	1
С	45	41	54	51	46	47	50	61	64	52	74	51

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Church of San Pietro in Sylvis, the oldest in the Ravenna area
- See the varied marble and mosaic decoration of the Church of San Vitale
- Explore the unique 10-sided mausoleum of Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths
- Admire the work of Ravenna's modern mosaicists in a city that remains at the centre of mosaic art

Day 1: Fly to Bologna • Ravenna

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

Day 2: Ravenna

Visit the so-called Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, which contains fine early-Christian vault mosaics. Continue to San Vitale, one of the most significant surviving Byzantine churches. Travel to the Residenza dei Vescovi to view

- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- 3-star, characterful accommodation
- Specialist lecturer
- ❖ Welcome & farewell group dinners
- City tax included
- Porterage at hotels



The Mausoleum of Theoderic, Ravenna

masterpieces from the Museo Arcivescovile, the archiepiscopal chapel and Ravenna's 18thcentury cathedral. Finally, stop by a modern mosaic studio (subject to confirmation). (B)

Day 3: Ravenna

Visit Theodoric's Palace and the octagonal Orthodox baptistery. Continue to the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, built by Ostrogoth king Theodoric; the fifth-century Arian baptistery, with its mosaic of Christ's baptism; Dante's tomb and the basilica of San Francesco. Visit the city art museum to admire contemporary mosaics. Continue to the palace of Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra to see its marble inlays and mosaics. (B, D)

Day 4: Ravenna • Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSION

Tour + Bologna

2 nights from £395

Extend your tour with 2 nights in Bologna, one of Italy's gastronomic capitals and home to Europe's oldest university.



Piazza del Popolo, Ravenna



Galla Placidia's Mausoleum, Ravenna

TOUR CODE: IMA

SPECIALIST LECTURERS

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Guideline prices for 2025-26

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £95 return

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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GROUP TOUR

Majestic Malta

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights **Small-group tour** • From £1,795 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £2,895 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Leisurely

Malta might be one of Europe's smallest nations, but its strategic position in the Mediterranean has gifted it a rich culture cultivated over millennia. This tour goes beyond the resorts for which the island is famous, exploring instead the capital, Valletta; the headquarters of the Knights of Malta at Fort St Angelo; as well as the historic Hagar Qim temples and Mdina. Highlights include a tour of an aristocratic palazzo, and a tuk-tuk ride around Gozo island.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Visit a historic palazzo in Valletta accompanied by a Maltese noble
- Guided tour of Fort St Angelo, the ancient seat of the Knights of Malta, followed by an aperitif
- Superior sea-view rooms as standard
- Boat tour of the Grand Harbour
- Tuk-tuk tour of Gozo

Day 1: Fly to Malta

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

Day 2: Valletta

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



Valletta

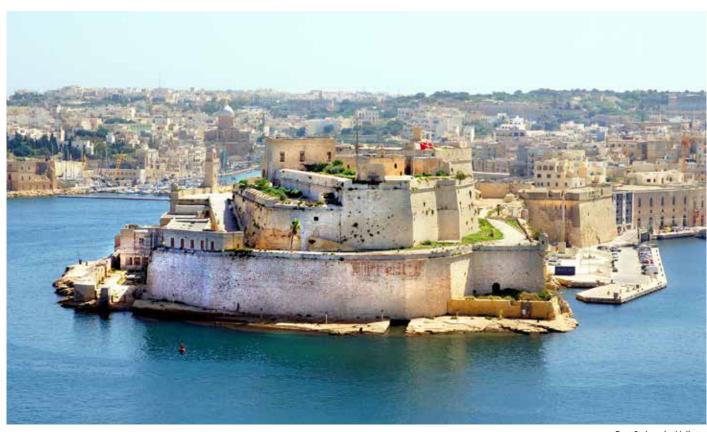
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С	80	55	37	20	7	3	0	6	36	86	70	99

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size maximum of 18
- 4-star accommodation
- Local transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Fully escorted by an Englishspeaking guide throughout
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage included



Fort St Angelo, Valletta

Day 3: Day at leisure

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

Day 4: Birgu

Explore Birgu, including a visit to Fort St Angelo, the ancient seat of the Knights of Malta. Access to the order's private sections of the fort, which to this day enjoy extraterritoriality, has been arranged, followed by an aperitif. Next, enjoy a half-hour private harbour cruise aboard a traditional Maltese passenger boat. These colourful vessels are icons of Maltese culture. (B)

Day 5: Gozo

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

Day 6: Hagar Qim, Blue Grotto & Mdina

Embark on a day tour of the 5,000-year-old temple complex of Hagar Qim and the historic city of Mdina. The day also includes a boat ride to the Blue Grotto – a series of sea caves naturally lit by breaks in the rock. (B)

Day 7: Fly to London

Transfer to Malta airport and fly to London or begin your tour extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Sicily

6 days & 5 nights from £995

Departing Valletta harbour, travel by expressferry to Sicily. Explore the historic Val di Noto with 2 nights in Ragusa, followed by 3 nights to explore the city of Syracuse and its renowned island of Ortygia. Return flights from Catania Airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Leisurely activity level: Relaxed walking, extra leisure time and short travel days, with occasional uneven terrain requiring good mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: MLB

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £725

Air Malta Business upgrades

Business Class from £195 return

Private tour

Low season from £2,895 Guide price months: May-Oct

High season from £3,195 Guide price months: Jun-Sep

Single supplement from £725

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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Plaza de España, Seville

The many regions of Spain offer strikingly differing scenery. This includes the rugged, green and rainy Atlantic coast of Galicia and the Pyrenees peaks of the north, across the high central plateaux of Castille-La Mancha, and down to the hot Mediterranean hills and Moorish architecture of Andalucía in the far south.

Portugal – Spain's Iberian neighbour – charms with its picturesque villages and medieval castles. Porto and Lisbon are great places to explore on foot, both having excellent restaurants, energetic nightlife, picturesque neighbourhoods and wide plazas. Beyond the cities, Portugal's scenery ranges from vineyards to dramatic windswept coasts.



Vineyards by the Douro River

ANDALUCÍA

Hispano-Moorish architecture • 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Divided from Morocco by the Strait of Gibraltar, Andalucía is one of Spain's most scenic regions. Its sun-beaten cities are strewn with superb Islamic architecture, a legacy of the Moors who crossed the waters from the Maghreb in the eighth century. There are seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites to visit, including the grand fortress of Alhambra in Granada, and the Mezquita in Córdoba – a mosque-turned-cathedral built in 786AD. The Andalucían countryside is a picture of leafy olive groves, craggy limestone cliffs, and white-washed villages. This region is also the homeland of flamenco, and the best place to attend an authentic performance.

PORTO & THE DOURO VALLEY

Douro River cruises • Porto's cobbled Ribeira district • UNESCO-listed wine region

Portugal's second-largest city after Lisbon, Porto sprawls across the hills overlooking the mouth of the Douro River. The historical centre is UNESCO-listed and includes the picturesque, cobblestoned district of Ribeira. Here, too, are numerous monuments and museums worth visiting, and you can do so on foot thanks to Porto's compact size. You can also admire this city from the water during a cruise along the Douro, which carves westward across the Iberian Peninsula to the Atlantic Ocean. The bucolic Alto Douro ('Upper Douro') incorporates a UNESCO-listed DOC wine region, where vineyards sprinkling the green valley slopes offer tastings with a view. The Douro Valley can be visited as part of our tailor-made Porto to Lisbon by Rail itinerary featured online.

EXPERIENCES



Iberian ham tasting

Iberian ham is world famous. It's a protected speciality in the Extremadura region, but you can sample this cured meat throughout Spain, with tastings paired with wine and cheese, tours of drying houses, and a visit to the dedicated museum in Monesterio.



Tour the royal city of Toledo

A short journey by high-speed train from Madrid, Toledo's medieval old town perches on a hill above the Tajo River. The dominating cathedral is a remarkable gothic structure containing the tombs of kings, and art by El Greco, Velázquez and Goya.



Sample port at a wine estate

Port is named after Porto, from where bottles of the fortified wine were first exported. It became a prized tipple for the British when conflict disrupted access to French wines in the 18th century. You can try authentic port at one of Portugal's *quintas* (traditional wine estates).



Parador de Granada, Spain

Located in the grounds of Alhambra palace, Parador de Granada occupies a former Catholic convent – built in the 15th century after Castilian forces captured the Emirate of Granada. The property sits amid leafy landscaped gardens, and incorporates Arabic, Christian and Andalucían influences in its design. The 40 bedrooms are elegantly understated, with subtle arabesque motifs and a muted palette. At the restaurant, you can dine on Spanish cuisine alongside a special menu that recreates dishes from Andalucía's Islamic period. There is also an attractive courtyard peppered with potted plants and climbers; and a terrace where you can dine with views of the palace gardens.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Paradors of Southern Spain

9 days & 8 nights from £1,595 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Combining some of Spain's great monuments and staying in Paradors – converted historic buildings – this self-drive holiday delves into the heart of Spain with visits to Granada, Toledo and Ronda.

Day 1: Arrive in Madrid • Toledo

Fly to Madrid, pick up your hire car and drive to Toledo. Stay 2 nights at **Parador de Toledo** with views over the old town. (N)

Day 2: Toledo

Day at leisure to explore the sights of Spain's former capital. During the middle ages, Toledo flourished as a city where Muslims,

Jews and Christians coexisted peacefully. (B) **Day 3: Jaen • Granada**

Morning drive to Granada via Jaen, renowned for its olive oil and medieval castle. Stay 2 nights at **Parador de Granada**, set within the grounds of the Alhambra complex. (B)

Day 4: Granada

Full day at leisure to visit the Moorish stronghold of Alhambra, the Arab-Jewish quarter of Albaicín and the Generalife gardens. (B)

Day 5: Ronda

Morning drive to Ronda, dramatically set beside a mountain gorge. Overnight at Parador de Ronda, overlooking the gorge. (B)

Day 6: Ronda • Carmona

Morning at leisure to relax or visit the bullring and its museum. Afternoon drive to Carmona. Stay 2 nights at the **Parador de Carmona**, set in a Moorish fortress. (B)

Day 7: Carmona

Day at leisure to explore this picturesque

hilltop town. Alternatively, visit Seville, approximately 40 minutes by car. (B)

Day 8: Zafra • Mérida

Morning drive to Mérida via the town of Zafra, known as 'Little Seville'. Afternoon at leisure to explore Mérida, famed for its Roman ruins. Overnight at **Parador de Mérida**, set in a former convent. (B)

Day 9: Madrid • Fly home

Drive to Madrid airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home. (B)

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The Alhambra, Granada

Splendours of Andalucía

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights **Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £6,395 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Andalucía is one of Spain's most iconic regions, strewn with superb Hispano-Moorish architecture. As well as visiting two of Spain's greatest sites – the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba – this tour explores some of the region's prettiest countryside and towns, delving deep into Andalucian history and culture. Further highlights include lunch at a historic monastery, and a tapas tour of Seville with a local food expert.

Carmona Seville Granada Miliaga North Advanta Ocean Alboran Sea

Seville

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Α	16	17	20	22	27	31	35	35	32	26	20	16
В	6	7	8	10	13	16	18	19	17	13	9	6
С	78	68	61	54	34	17	1	5	21	61	89	90

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Taverns and market tour with a local food expert in Seville
- Tours of Seville's Alcázar, the Alhambra in Granada and the Mezquita in Córdoba

Activity level • Moderate

- Lunch at a historic former monastery
- Well located, characterful properties throughout

Day 1: Fly to Seville

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Seville with British Airways.

Transfer to **Hotel Catalonia Giralda** (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Seville

Full-day tour of the city with a local guide, including a welcome lunch to meet your group. Explore Seville's cathedral, the largest in Europe and the burial place of Christopher Columbus; as well as Giralda and Alcázar. In the evening, enjoy a taverns and market tour with a local food expert. (B, L)

- Average group size 14 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome lunch to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



La Mezquita, Córdoba

Day 3: Carmona • Córdoba

Depart Seville and drive to the picturesque white-washed village of Carmona, before lunch at a restaurant housed within a former 15th-century monastery. Proceed to Córdoba and stay at Hotel NH Collection Amistad (or similar) for 2 nights. (B. L)

Day 4: Córdoba

Half-day tour of Córdoba with a local guide, including visits to La Mezquita ('The Mosque') and the synagogue. (B)

Day 5: Córdoba

Morning at leisure. Evening transfer to Granada for 2 nights at Meliá Granada (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Granada

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

Day 7: Granada • Fly to London

Morning at leisure before your transfer to Malaga airport or begin your tour extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Madrid by rail

4 days & 3 nights from £495

Travel from Granada by high-speed train to Madrid. Stay at Hotel Catalonia Puerta del Sol for 3 nights. Transfer to Madrid Airport for your return flight.

Post-tour + Gibraltar

3 days & 2 nights from £345

Travel with the group as far as Malaga Airport, before proceeding south by private transfer to explore the rock of Gibraltar, named for Tariq ibn Ziyad who landed here with his Berber army in 711 AD, commencing centuries of Islamic rule in the Iberian Peninsula. Stay at The Elliot Hotel for 2 nights before flying home from Gibraltar Airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: ALA

Guideline prices for 2025-26

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

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

Single supplement from £595

British Airways flights upgrade

Club Europe from £165 return

Private tour

Low season from £6,395 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £6,595 Guide price months: May-Jun

Single supplement from £595

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2025-26

Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn	Out	Rtn
16 May 25	22 May 25	26 Sep 25	02 Oct 25	01 May 26	07 May 26	25 Sep 26	01 Oct 26
30 May 25	05 Jun 25	10 Oct 25	16 Oct 25	29 May 26	04 Jun 26	09 Oct 26	15 Oct 26
06 Jun 25	12 Jun 25	17 Oct 25	23 Oct 25	05 Jun 26	11 Jun 26	16 Oct 26	22 Oct 26



GROUP TOUR

Journey through the Heart of Spain

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights **Small-group tour** • From £1,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £6,495 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

Journey through Spain's cultural heartland, including three historic regions: Castille-Leon, one of the oldest Spanish kingdoms; Castille-La Mancha, home of Don Quixote; and rugged Extremadura, known as the 'Land of the Conquistadors'. You will experience some of Spain's best-preserved medieval centres, delicious local delicacies, and the three UNESCO-listed cities of Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Taste Iberian ham at a traditional producer
- Stay in well-located, characterful properties
- Visit the Monastery of Yuste, once home to Charles V, and Francisco Pizarro's house in Trujillo
- Admire Mérida's Roman ruins, arguably the most impressive outside of Italy

Day 1: Fly to Madrid

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Madrid with British Airways. Transfer to the historic city of Salamanca and stay at **Hotel Catalonia Plaza Mayor** (or similar) for 2 nights. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Segovia • Ávila

Walking tour of Segovia, including its first-century Roman aqueduct. Continue to Ávila, one of the oldest cities in Spain. Take a walking tour around the 14-metre-high walls, which date back to the 11th century. At the conclusion of the tour, return to Salamanca. (B)



Salamanca

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Α	8	10	13	15	20	25	29	28	25	18	12	8
В	0	1	2	4	7	11	13	13	11	7	2	0
С	44	44	33	41	43	36	18	10	33	42	52	43

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size (max 18 people)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local guides in each destination & tour manager
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



Day 3: Salamanca • Mérida

Half-day walking tour of Salamanca's historic city centre, including the Plaza Mayor, one of the best examples of baroque architecture in Spain; the cathedral; and the university, which – founded in 1134 – is the oldest in the Hispanic world. Depart Salamanca for Merida, pausing en-route to visit the Monastery of Yuste, once home to the Habsburg Emperor Charles V. Check in at the Merida Palace (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Cáceres

Half-day walking tour of Cáceres, one of the most charming cities in Extremadura. Explore the maze of narrow, cobbled streets that twist and turn amongst ancient palaces, mansions, arches and churches. From the defence walls, enjoy views of the turrets, spires and gargoyles that have watched over the city for almost a millennium. (B, L)

Day 5: Mérida • Zafra

Enjoy a full-day gastronomy tour to discover some of Spain's best-loved delicacies. Tour a traditional producer and drying house to learn about the ham curing process before enjoying a tasting of the ham and local cheeses. Conclude with free time to explore the picturesque village of Zafra, known as Little Seville'. Return to Mérida. (B)

Day 6: Mérida • Toledo

Today it is the capital of Extremadura, but Mérida was also once the capital of the Roman province of Lusitania. See the extensive Roman ruins – some of Spain's most impressive – including the amphitheatre. Continue to Toledo, pausing en route to visit the picturesque village of Trujillo, including the home of conquistador Francisco Pizzaro. Stay 2 nights at the Hotel Maria Cristina (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Toledo

Half-day tour of this historic city, formerly the

capital of Spain and where Jews, Christians and Muslims coexisted peacefully – as reflected by its interesting mix of historical buildings. Morning tour of the main sights, including the 13th-century gothic cathedral, St Tome Church and Santa Maria La Blanca Synagogue, followed by time at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a farewell drink at your hotel. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport, approximately one hour from Toledo. Fly to London with British Airways or begin your tour extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Madrid by rail

4 days & 3 nights from £495

Transfer to Toledo railway station and travel the short distance to Madrid by high-speed train. Stay at the **Hotel Catalonia Puerta del Sol** for 3 nights.



City walls of Ávila

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: EHS

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £545

British Airways flights upgrade Club Europe from £75 return

Private tour

Low season from £6,495 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £6,695 Guide price months: May-Jun

Single supplement from £545

Regional air connections

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Pena Palace, Sintra

Portuguese Pousadas

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,095 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,195 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

Discover the old-fashioned charm of Portugal on this eight-day journey from Lisbon to Porto. Staying at two of the country's famed Pousada properties, one of which was once a Moorish castle, explore historic regional centres including Coimbra and Porto; and the picturesque, terraced hillsides of the Douro valley, where port – the world-renowned fortified wine – is produced.

*Guimarães Porto Coimbra Lisbon *Palmela

Lisbon

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Α	15	16	18	19	22	25	28	28	27	23	18	15
В	8	9	10	11	13	16	18	18	17	15	11	9
C	109	110	68	64	39	21	4	5	26	80	111	106

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Stay in historic Pousadas throughout
- Visit a bakery to learn how to make pastel de nata tarts
- Enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the Douro River
- Tour two traditional wine estates to sample a variety of port

Day 1: Fly to Lisbon

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Lisbon with TAP Air Portugal. Transfer to **Pousada de Palmela** (or similar) for 3 nights. Enjoy a welcome dinner with the group at your hotel. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon

Half-day tour of Lisbon, Portugal's colourful capital, including a visit to the highly ornate Jerónimos Monastery, Belém Tower, and cobbled streets of the old town. Enjoy time at leisure in Lisbon before returning to Palmela. (B)

Day 3: Sintra

Morning visit to the UNESCO-listed parish of

- Average group size 14 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Flexible extensions, room & flight upgrades available
- Experienced local tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees
- Hotel porterage



Azulejos tiles over Chapel of Souls, Porto

Sintra and Pena Palace – once the summer residence of King Ferdinand II. Visit a local bakery for an introduction to making *pastel de nata* tarts. At the conclusion of your tour, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Palmela. (B)

Day 4: Coimbra & Guimarães

Depart Palmela and drive to Guimarães. Stop en route in the town of Coimbra, home of Portugal's oldest and most prestigious university. Tour the campus including the baroque Biblioteca Joanina, one of the most ornate libraries in the world. Enjoy free time in Coimbra before continuing to Guimarães. Stay at Pousada Mosteiro de Guimarães for 4 nights. (B)

Day 5: Porto

Half-day tour of Porto, the country's second city. Highlights include the decorative Chapel of the Souls, São Bento Railway Station with its blue azulejo tiles, and the UNESCO-listed waterfront in Ribeira. Free afternoon to explore the city before returning to Guimarães. (B)

Day 6: Guimarães

Enjoy a full day at leisure to return to Porto by train or explore the historic city of Braga to the north. (B)

Day 7: Douro Valley

Full day tour of the stunning Douro Valley, famous for its steep, terraced vineyards carved into mountains. Visit two *quintas* (wine estates) for wine tasting, vineyard tours and a three-course farewell lunch with wine. This afternoon, enjoy a relaxing boat tour on the Douro to admire the region from the water. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly to London

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning at leisure and transfer to Porto airport or begin your tailor-made extension by travelling north to Santiago de Compostela. (B)

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



University of Coimbra



Tram in the Alfama district, Lisbon

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Santiago de Compostela 3 days & 2 nights from £645

Transfer from Guimarães and spend 3 nights at Parador de Reyes Catolicos.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: PFJ

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £2,095 Guide price months: May & Oct

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

Single supplement from £625

TAP Air Portugal upgrades

Business Class from £245 return

Private tour

Low season from £3,195 Guide price months: May & Oct

High season from £3,395 Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £625

Regional air connections

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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Greece: where ancient colonnaded temples and vibrant modern cities glisten under the same sun. The birthplace of Western civilisation is woven with a rich mythology and offers up a trove of celebrated art and architecture. Beyond the mainland attractions, there are some 1,400 islands to explore, including Crete, land of the Minoans; the sandy Cyclades; and oft-overlooked Evia.

For more under-the-radar delights, south-east Europe delivers in the form of Romania's folkloric castles, Albania's Ottoman-era towns, and Croatia's fortified city of Dubrovnik, set on the gloriously blue Aegean.



Sighisoara, Romania

METEORA, GREECE

Sample the famous truffles • Visit Byzantine monasteries

When medieval monks stumbled upon vast sandstone pillars jutting out of Thessaly's green hills, they saw potential. The dramatic precipices of Meteora (meaning 'suspended in the air') became the base of some 24 monasteries – six of which survive today.

These rock-top complexes are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a major draw. The thick forests beneath, meanwhile, shelter prized wild truffles, allowing you to combine a visit to the monasteries with a truffle hunting and tasting experience.

TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA

Saxon churches • Mountain scenery • Medieval castles

Transylvania offers a wealth of attractions, including an imposing landscape of forests, fortified Saxon churches, fairy-tale castles and rural villages – all divided by the commanding Carpathian Mountains and Transylvanian Alps.

The region has the royal seal of approval: Britain's King Charles III – himself a distant ancestor of Romanian ruler Vlad the Impaler – owns properties here, including a restored guesthouse in the village of Zalanpatak. Further highlights of the region include the iconic Bran Castle, the fiery local brandy of Palinca, and the pastel-hued town of Sighisoara – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

EXPERIENCES



Tastings at Skenderbeu Winery, Albania

Sample celebrated tipples at the Gjergj Kastrioti Skenderbeu Winery, Albania's largest winery. Founded in 1933 and named after national hero, Skenderbeu (Skanderbeg), it is famed for its brandy, which you can try on a tour of the distillery, production line and cellar.



Sail on the Strait of Evia, Greece

Take a sailboat along the narrow Euripus Strait, which parts Evia island from mainland Greece and is notable for its unusual tidal reversal. As you glide along the deep blue, relish sweeping views of craggy headlands, tucked-away harbours and quiet coves.



Explore Serifos island

Explore the Cyclades island of Serifos, a rugged beauty with steep mountains and broad bays. Be sure to venture up to Hora; the island's 'capital' is a maze of twisting streets and whitewashed houses, with a neoclassical town hall and a blue-domed church.



Kinsterna Hotel, Monemvasia

Kinsterna sits atop a hill in Laconia amid vineyards and olive groves, with the Aegean glittering on the horizon. The restoration of this 13th-century manor-turned-hotel preserved original elements, including Ottoman battlements and fireplaces, and a Byzantine cistern and vaults. These are complemented by contemporary facilities, such as a slender, L-shaped outdoor pool, three Greek restaurants, a spa complete with hammam, and a bar with seating on a hillview terrace. The rooms feature traditional wall tapestries, wood-beam ceilings, marble bathrooms, and handmade carpets, alongside all the modern amenities you would expect. Kinsterna Hotel is included in the 'Heart of Ancient Greece' tour, p. 168.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

The Secret Cyclades: Serifos, Syros & Tinos

11 days & 10 nights from £1,195 (incl. flights) Category • Standard

This tour explores three of Greece's lesser known Cyclades islands: Serifos, Syros and Tinos. After time in Athens, spend a couple of days on each tranquil island – a far cry from the crowds of Mykonos and Santorini.

Day 1: Athens

Fly to Athens with Aegean Air. Transfer to Pythagorion Hotel (or similar) for 1 night. Time at leisure to enjoy the Greek capital. (N) Day 2: Athens • Serifos

Transfer to Piraeus Port and cross to Serifos

island. Transfer to **Dorkas Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Free time in Livádion. (B)

Day 3: Serifos

Full day to explore Serifos, an island of steep mountains and broad bays. Be sure to visit the main town, Hora, a maze of twisting streets with a neoclassical town hall and a blue-domed church. (B)

Day 4: Serifos • Syros

Morning transfer to the port for a ferry to Syros. Check in to the seaside **Brazzera Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. (B)

Days 5 & 6: Syros

Two days at leisure. Syros's main town of Ermoupoli, with its tumble of pink and white buildings, is well worth exploring. (B)

Day 7: Syros • Tinos

Transfer for your ferry to Tinos. Stay 3 nights at **Anthea Boutique Hotel** (or similar). (B) **Day 8: Tinos**

Explore Tinos, known for its pilgrimage site,

the Church of the Annunciation. Beyond its main town, the island is a patchwork of 40 marble-ornamented villages found in hidden bays and terraced hillsides. (B)

Day 9: Tinos

Day at leisure to explore Tinos. (B)

Day 10: Tinos • Athens

Cross to Athens' Rafina Port, then transfer to **Pythagorion Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. Free time for a meal in the Plaka neighbourhood beside the Acropolis. (B)

Day 11: Fly home

Transfer to Athens airport and fly home. (B)

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Ancient Greek Theatre of Epidaurus

The Heart of Ancient Greece

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £7,395 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

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



Athens

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Α	12	13	15	19	24	29	32	31	28	22	18	14
В	5	6	7	10	14	19	21	21	18	14	10	7
С	63	54	50	31	23	12	6	6	13	55	64	80

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

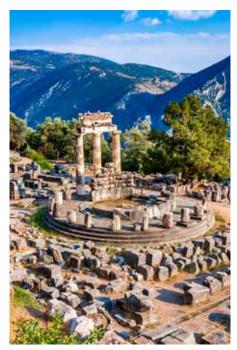
Day 1: Fly to Athens

Fly from London to Athens with British Airways. Transfer to the **Hotel Amalia** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Athens • Corinth • Nafplion

Morning tour of Athens, including Syntagma Square, Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium. Finish at the Acropolis to view the Parthenon and visit the museum. Leave Athens and visit the Corinth Canal. Continue to Nafplion, with a stop at a local winery for a tasting. Stay at the Hotel Amalia (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome drink to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, Delphi



Drive to Mycenae, the seat of mythic King Agamemnon who led the Greek armies against Troy. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls and the Royal Tombs. Depart for Nafplion, a picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff. Continue to Epidaurus to visit the fourthcentury theatre. Return to Nafplion. (B)

Day 4: Nafplion • Monemvasia

En route to Monemvasia, visit the Museum of the Olive to learn about the history, culture and cultivation of the olive in Greece; and Sparta, land of legendary King Leonidas and his Spartan army. Arrive in Monemvasia for a walking tour of its narrow, cobbled lanes, visiting the castle, perimeter walls, old mansions and churches. Time at leisure before dinner within this medieval fortified town.

Overnight at Kinsterna Hotel (or similar). (B, D)

Day 5: Mystras • Kalamata

This morning travel to Mystras and visit the remains of the castle and old town. Overnight at Filoxenia Hotel (or similar). (B, D)

Day 6: Kalamata • Olympia

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

Day 7: Olympia • Delphi

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

Day 8: Delphi

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

Day 9: Kalambaka

Travel to Kalambaka and visit the Natural History Museum of Meteora and Mushroom Museum. Take part in a demonstration of truffle hunting with dogs, followed by a snack



Monemvasia

of mushroom and truffle pasta. Stay at the **Divani Meteora Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Kalambaka

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

Day 11: Athens

Depart Kalambaka and transfer to Athens. The long route back to Athens passes through the striking Plain of Thessaly, with its bucolic panoramas, and the Vale of Tempe. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at the Hotel Amalia (or similar). Farewell drink at the hotel. (B)

Day 12: Fly to London

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3411 2135 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: GRD

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group toui

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

High season from £3,195 Guide price months: May & Jun

Single supplement from £825

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £175 return

Private tour

Low season from £7,395 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £7,595 Guide price months: May & Jun

Single supplement from £825

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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The Wonders of Ancient Crete

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

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

Private tour • From £4,995 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

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

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Heraklion

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C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Beekeeping experience and honey tasting
- Visits to the archaeological sites of Knossos and Eleftherna
- Wine tasting with a traditional Cretan lunch
- Boat trip to the isle of Spinalonga, once a Venetian fortress

Day 1: Fly to Heraklion • Rethymno

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

Day 2: Aptera • Chania

Morning visit to the ancient site of Aptera. Continue to the town of Chania with its Venetian harbour, and visit the Allied Cemetery, which contains 1,545 burials from the second world war. Enjoy a welcome lunch, then continue to Rethymno for a guided city walk. (B, L)

Day 3: Arkadi • Eleftherna • Rethymno

This morning, visit the fortified monastery of

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome lunch & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage

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

Day 4: Phaestos • Matala • Heraklion

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

Day 5: Knossos • Pediados

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

Day 6: Kera • Spinalonga • Heraklion

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

Day 7: Heraklion

Morning at leisure to relax by the pool or explore Heraklion's old town. Afternoon guided visit to the Heraklion Archaeological Museum with its collection of Minoan treasure. Enjoy a farewell drink with the group. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon flight to London with British Airways or begin your tour extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Naxos

4 days & 3 nights from £395

The largest of the Cyclades, Naxos lures visitors with its sandy beaches. Its rich history is a draw, too: Venetian and Byzantine rulers have each left their mark. The pretty waterfront town of Chora is just the place to try the local wine, cheese, and fresh fish. Stay 3 nights at Argo Boutique Hotel, transfers included.

Tour + Athens

4 days & 3 nights from £495

Extend your time in Greece with 3 nights in Athens, staying at the **B4B Signature Hotel**. Your tour cost includes a flight from Crete to Athens as well as any transfers required on a private basis.



Spinalonga

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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Chania old town

TOUR CODE: CRH

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £2,395 Guide price month: Sep

Single supplement from £495

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £235

Private tour

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

High season from £5,295 Guide price months: Jun & Sep

Single supplement from £495

Regional air connections

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GROUP TOUR

Timeless Romania

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,095 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £4,195 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

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

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Full day exploring the north's painted monasteries

Activity level • Moderate

- Visit the palaces of Peles and Pelisor
- Dine in a local family home
- Visit the village of Viscri, frequented by Britain's King Charles III
- Traditional dinner and dance show

Day 1: Fly to Bucharest

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Bucharest with British Airways. Transfer to **Grand Hotel Continental** (or similar) for 1 night. Welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Bucharest • Sibiu

Tour Bucharest, known as the 'Paris of the East' due to its boulevards and belle époque buildings. View the Old Princely Court and the Royal Palace. Transfer to Sibiu, staying at Continental Forum (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Sibiu • Sibiel

This morning, tour Sibiu's old town followed by time at leisure or a visit to the Brukenthal



Sighisoara

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В	-9	-6	-2	3	8	11	12	11	8	3	-1	-6
С	32	27	29	51	77	96	89	69	45	38	36	34

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 13 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner with your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



Sucevita Monastery, Gura Humorului

Museum. In the evening, visit the picturesque village of Sibiel. Enjoy dinner in a local family home, including a meat-and-cabbage rolls cooking demonstration. Return to Sibiu. (B, D)

Day 4: Sibiu • Biertan • Sighisoara

Transfer to Sighisoara, via Biertan Fortified Church one of the finest examples of late medieval architecture in Transylvania and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Sighisoara, staying at the Hotel Central Park (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 5: Sighisoara • Targu Mures • Gura Humorului

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

Day 6: Gura Humorului

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

Day 7: Agapia • Lacu Rosu • Brasov

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

Day 8: Brasov • Bran Castle • Sinaia

Take a short drive through the beautiful

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

Day 9: Brasov • Bucharest

This morning, tour the medieval town of Brasov. View the Piata Sfatului, one of Romania's finest baroque squares; visit the Black Church with its collection of more than 300 Ottoman rugs; and see Romani's first school and St Nicholas Church. Proceed to Bucharest, pausing en route to tour Viscri, a picturesque village visited regularly by King Charles III. Return to Bucharest for a farewell drink, and overnight at the **Grand Hotel Continental** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Bucharest • Fly to London

Visit the vast Palace of Parliament – the heaviest building in the world. Early this afternoon, transfer to the airport and fly to London or begin your extension. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Istanbul or Sofia

3 days & 2 nights • Price on request

Pre- and post-tour extensions are available to Istanbul or Sofia. The Bosphorus Express connects Bucharest and Istanbul via a sleeper service, whereas Sofia can be reached via a day train. In both cases, air connections are also available.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

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TOUR CODE: ROA

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £465

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £135 return

Private tour

Low season from £4,195 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £4,395 Guide price months: Jun & Jul

Single supplement from £465

Regional air connections

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Ottoman lamps at the Grand Bazaar, Istanbul

Turkey has played a major role in the history of the Mediterranean world. Due to its strategic location straddling two continents, it became a crucial crossroads and staging post on the trade routes between East and West. Several empires rose and fell over the centuries, from the Hittites to the Byzantines and, finally, the Ottomans.

To the east, on the ancient Silk Road, lies the Caucasus region. Encompassing Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, it offers some of Europe's oldest churches, fine wines and cognacs, as well the impressive palaces and mosques commissioned by the Khans who once ruled these lands.



Alaverdi Monastery, Kakheti, Georgia

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Topkapi Palace • Hagia Sophia • The Grand Bazaar

Istanbul, once the capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, enjoyed centuries of imperial patronage, which created one of the most famous skylines in the world. Its mosques and palaces are replete with exquisite tile decoration, fine woodwork and luxurious furnishings. The 15th-century Topkapi Palace, home to the sultans and their families, remains a magnificent treasure house and, together with the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, reflects a fascinating fusion of Eastern and Western cultures. Meanwhile, Istanbul's Grand Bazaar is one of the world's largest and oldest covered markets, and bustles with hundreds of thousands of shoppers and traders daily.

KAKHETI, GEORGIA

Wine tasting • Gremi citadel • Alaverdi Monastery

8,000 years ago, prehistoric people were cultivating wine in what is now Georgia, and left behind the oldest evidence of viticulture found anywhere in the world. Kakheti, a mountainous region with its own dialect, has emerged as one of the country's leading winemaking regions. Here, celebrated estates such as Tsinandali offer visitors tastings amid bucolic surrounds. On top of lauded vino, Kakheti is home to impressive historical monuments such as Gremi, a 16th-century hilltop citadel on the Silk Road; and the 11th-century Alaverdi Monastery – one of Georgia's four 'Great Cathedrals' alongside Oshki, Svetitskhoveli, and Bagrat.

EXPERIENCES



Stay in a cave hotel, Turkey

Cappadocia is famed for its striking rock landscape, including fantastical 'fairy chimneys' and the centuries-old dwellings and churches carved into them. In addition to touring the region, you can stay in a rock-carved hotel yourself, such as the Yunak Evleri cave houses or the luxurious Museum Hotel.



Cruise on the Bosphorus, Turkey

The Bosphorus Strait divides Istanbul – and Turkey itself – between Europe and Asia. Discover the impressive sights on both shores with a Bosphorus cruise. From Istanbul, you can sail as far as the Black Sea, passing Ottoman mansions, castles and forts; forested hills; and pretty villages.



Taste brandy in Yerevan, Armenia

Armenian brandy was reputedly a favourite tipple of Winston Churchill, who it's said arranged for several cases to be shipped to him each year. You can sample this spirit yourself at the Armenian factory which once supplied it to the Tsars of Russia and the rulers of the USSR.



Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul

Built in 1892 to accommodate passengers from the Orient Express rail service from Paris, the Pera Palace is considered one of the finest hotels in Istanbul. In its illustrious history, it has played host to famous figures including Turkey's founder, Atatürk; femme fatale Mata Hari; actress Greta Garbo; and authors Ernest Hemingway and Agatha Christie. Christie is rumoured to have written *Murder on the Orient Express* while staying in room 411. The hotel's refurbished rooms retain a classical style. Guests can wine and dine in a range of sumptuous lounges, bars and restaurants – one of which boasts a summer terrace overlooking the Bosphorus.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Georgia in Luxury

8 days & 7 nights from £2,995 (incl. flights) Category • Luxury

This fully escorted private tour explores the Caucasian nation of Georgia, beginning with Tbilisi's Old Town, followed by tastings at some of the country's finest wineries, and guided visits to UNESCO-listed cathedrals and monasteries.

Day 1: Fly to Tbilisi

Arrive in Tbilisi and stay 2 nights at Rooms Hotel Tbilisi. Enjoy a welcome cocktail. (N) Day 2: Tbilisi

Morning tour of Tbilisi's Old Town. Privately tour Zakaria Paliashvili Opera and Ballet Theatre, then attend a Georgian cooking class. Afternoon visit to Tbilisi Sulfur
Bathhouse for a treatment and tea. Free time
before dinner at a top restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tbilisi • Sighnaghi • Tsinandali

Explore the Kakheti region, birthplace of
Georgia's viticulture. Stop at the ninthcentury Bodbe Convent, then arrive in the
fortified town of Sighnaghi. Meander through
its pretty streets before lunch with a local
family. Overnight at the Radisson Collection
Tsinandali Estate, where you enjoy a tour,
wine tasting, and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Alaverdi • Gremi • Shilda • Tbilisi

Morning visit to Alaverdi Cathedral followed by the Gremi complex. Lunch and wine tasting at Shilda Winery, followed by breadmaking and *mtsvadi* cooking demonstration. Overnight at **Rooms Hotel Tbilisi**. (B, L)

Day 5: Mtskheta • Ananuri • Kazbegi
Tour Mtskheta, beginning with Jvari Church
and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Continue to
Ananuri Fortress, then Kazbegi to stay 2

nights at Rooms Hotel Kazbegi. (B, L) Day 6: Kazbegi

Ascend to the hilltop church of Gergeti by 4x4 or on foot. Return for traditional lunch with a local family. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Uplistsikhe • Gori • Tbilisi

Visit rock-hewn Uplistsikhe, one of Georgia's oldest urban settlements and a centre of pagan worship. Continue to Gori, birthplace of Stalin, with optional museum visit. Lunch at 19th-century Château Mukhrani. Overnight at Rooms Hotel Tbilisi. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Tbilisi airport and fly home. (B)

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The Blue Mosque, Istanbul

Classical Turkey

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights Small-group tour • From £1,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour •** From £4,195 (incl. flights) Category • Superior **Activity level • Moderate**

Once the centre of the Ottoman empire, Turkey has both shaped and been shaped by cultures on either side of the Bosphorus. Today, its marriage of Western and Eastern traditions is an irresistible draw. This tour combines Turkey's natural wonders and man-made marvels, including Hagia Sofia and the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, the remarkable classical sites of Troy, Aphrodisias and Ephesus, and the ancient hot springs of Pamukkale.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Visit the shop where Turkish delight was invented
- Turkish coffee tasting experience
- Wine tasting at an award-winning vineyard
- Tailor-made extensions to Cappadocia are available

Day 1: Fly to Istanbul

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines. Transfer to the The Royan Hotel Hagia Sophia (or similar) for 3 nights. Join your group for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Istanbul

Morning tour of Istanbul including Hagia Sofia, built as a church by Emperor Justinian in the sixth century; the Blue Mosque, with its exquisite blue tiles; and the remains of the Hippodrome, which at its height could accommodate 100,000 spectators. Afternoon visit to the Basilica Cistern, a marvel of Byzantine engineering located underneath the



Istanbul

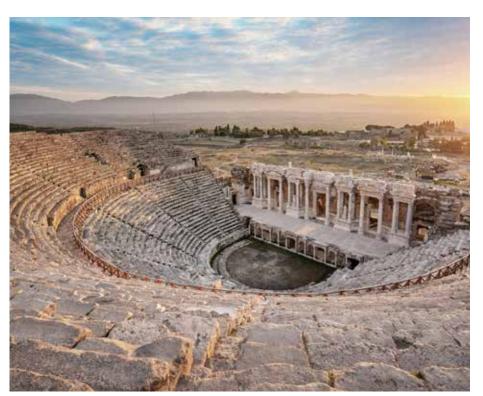
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C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Welcome dinner & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



Roman Theatre, Hierapolis

city, and finish at the Egyptian Bazaar. (B)

Day 3: Istanbul

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

Day 4: Canakkale

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

Day 5: Troy • Pergamon • Izmir

Drive from Canakkale to Izmir, stopping en route to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Troy. Continue to Pergamon for a tour of the historic town, including visits to the Acropolis and the Asclepieion. Transfer to the **Park Inn by Raddison** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 6: Hierapolis • Pamukkale • Laodicea

Morning drive to the Hierapolis ruins, the travertine terraces, and the hot springs at Pamukkale. Continue to Laodicea, home to the ruins of one of the seven Biblical churches of Asia MInor. Stay overnight at the **Adempira Hotel & Spa** (or similar) in Pamukkale. (B, D)

Day 7: Aphrodisias • Kusadasi

Drive to Aphrodisias. Visit the Temple of Aphrodite and one of the most complete ancient amphitheatres. Drive on to the village of Sirince, with its authentic Graeco-Mediterranean architecture of narrow cobbled streets and whitewashed houses. Enjoy wine tasting at a nearby vineyard. Continue to Kusadasi and stay 2 nights at Ilayda Avantgarde Hotel (or similar). (B)

Day 8: Ephesus

Morning tour of Ephesus, once the capital of

Roman Asia Minor. See the remains of the Temple of Artemis, one of the original 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World', as well as the main site with its fabled Library of Celsus. Continue to the house of the Virgin Mary. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to the hillside town of Priene and the ancient Ionian ports of the Menderes Valley. In the evening, enjoy a farewell drink at your hotel. (B)

Day 9: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport and fly to London, via Istanbul or begin your extension to Cappadocia. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Cappadocia

4 days & 3 nights from £895

Extend your tour with 3 nights to visit Turkey's renowned Cappadocia region. Admire fascinating cave dwellings, historic villages, and some of the world's oldest churches.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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Turkish coffee tasting

TOUR CODE: CLT

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £2,095 Guide price months: May-Sep

Single supplement from £495

Turkish Airlines flight upgrades

Business Class from £795 return

Private tour

Low season from £4,195 Guide price month: Oct

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

Single supplement from £495

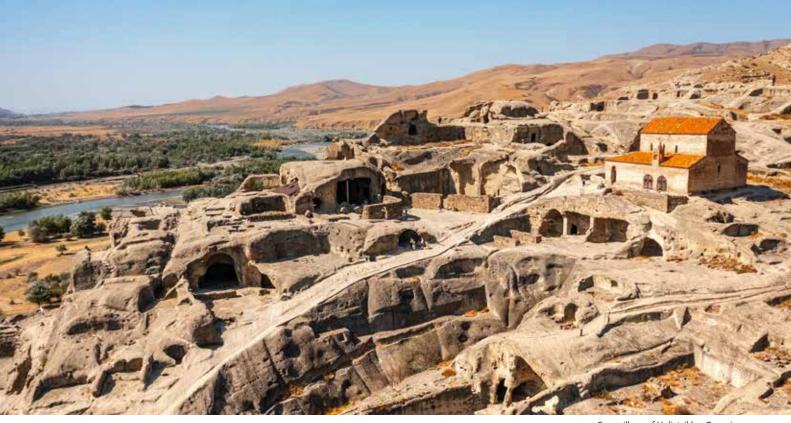
Regional air connections

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Cave village of Uplistsikhe, Georgia

Across the Southern Caucasus

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights

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

Private tour • From £4,395 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Active

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

Gori Telavi Tbilisi Sheki Dilijan Baku Yerevan

Yerevan

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C	15	21	29	45	65	52	31	23	19	32	22	15

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₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Fly to Baku, Azerbaijan

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

Day 2: Gobustan • Baku • Absheron

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

Day 3: Shemahka • Kish • Shaki

Visit the Yeddi Gumbez mausoleum in Shemahka. Continue to Shaki, stopping en

- Small group size average 16 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner & farewell drink with your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



Khor Virap Monastery with Mount Ararat behind

route at a sixth-century Albanian church. Overnight at **Hotel Macara Sheki** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Shaki • Telavi, Georgia

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

Day 5: Telavi • Sighnaghi • Tbilisi

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

Day 6: Tbilisi

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

Day 7: Gori • Uplistsikhe • Kazbegi

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

Day 8: Gergeti • Tbilisi

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

Day 9: Yerevan, Armenia

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

Day 10: Echmiatsin • Zvartnots

Visit Echmiatsin Cathedral, founded in 303AD and still the official residence of the Catholic Church in Armenia. Continue to the seventh-century Zvartnots Temple.

Have lunch in the village of Parakar and take part in a cooking lesson, learning how to make *arishta* (traditional Armenian pasta) and sweet *sudzukh*. (B, L)

Day 11: Yerevan

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

Day 12: Khor Virap • Noravank • Yerevan

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

Day 13: Garni • Geghard • Sevan • Dilijan

Visit Garni, Armenia's only surviving Hellenistic temple, then attend a performance of spiritual

music. Admire the basalt formations of Garni Gorge, before continuing to the fourth-century, mountain-carved monastery of Geghard. Enjoy lunch with a local family and a *lavash* bread-making lesson, then visit two 10th-century monasteries. Drive to Dilijan and overnight at the **Best Western Paradise** (or similar). Farewell drink with your group. (B, L)

Day 14: Dilijan • Goshavank • Tbilisi, Georgia Morning stroll in Dilijan followed by a visit to Goshavank Monastery and its green and pleasant surrounds. Drive to Tbilisi Airport for your flight home. (B)

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

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30 Aug 25	12 Sep 25			29 Aug 26	11 Sep 26		



Stockholm, Sweden

In Scandinavia, head-turning nature abounds. Fjords cut through vaulting mountains and emerald forests, islands stagger jaggedly out from crystalline waters, and the ephemeral ribbons of the northern lights ripple above the Arctic Circle. Some of Earth's most picturesque water, rail and road journeys are here waiting for you.

Amid this pleasing nature, you'll find cities that exude understated confidence and boast some of the world's highest standards of living. Trends are set and broken here, in the bold, modern designs of buildings as in the gourmet kitchens. Yet history and tradition survive, with medieval churches and woodclad harbour towns that feel ageless, and museums that explore the origin of the seafaring Vikings. On their own or in combination, Norway, Sweden and Denmark are destinations worth venturing north for.



Trondheim's old town, Norway

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Tour the historic old town, Gamla Stan • See the city by boat • Visit Vasa's Viking ship

Nicknamed the 'Venice of the North', Sweden's capital stretches across 14 islands where Lake Mälaren meets the Baltic Sea. Its past is well preserved in the cobbled old town, Gamla Stan, home to the baroque Royal Palace and the 14thcentury Storkyrkan Cathedral. On the island of Djurgården, you'll find museums aplenty, including Vasa, with its salvaged 17th-century Viking ship; Skansen, Sweden's oldest openair museum and zoo; and the ABBA museum, dedicated to the nation's pop royals. Stockholm is eminently explorable on foot, by boat, and via the metro (whose eccentric, art-filled stations are themselves an attraction). A wander will take you to handsome harbours, leafy parks, eclectic galleries, and cosy cafes perfect for a fika (coffee and pastry in good company).

TRONDHEIM, NORWAY

Renowned gastronomy • Easily explored on foot • Home to gothic Nidaros Cathedral

Today, Norway's Viking-age capital is a certified European Region of Gastronomy. Trondheim's chefs have carved a reputation for the city as a sustainable, palate-pleasing food destination. When you aren't sampling elk, cloudberries, or straight-off-the-boat crayfish, explore the cobbled streets of this compact, walkable city. A visit to Nidaros Cathedral is a must; the ornate gothic church is topped by patina-green spires and sits atop the tomb of Viking king, Saint Olaf. Nidelva River bisects Trondheim, and a boat ride along its course lets you see the city from the water. Cruise through the centre, past historical merchant houses whose colourful wood facades have been preserved, and into Trondheimsfjord - the third-longest fjord in Norway.

EXPERIENCES



Cruise the Stockholm canals in Sweden

Like Venice or Amsterdam, Stockholm's history is inextricably linked with the water, therefore exploring the city's canals is not to be missed. Shared and private cruises can ferry you around the waterways, granting novel views of the city's landmarks, such as the imposing, 18th-century Royal Palace, completed at the end of Sweden's golden age, and picturesque Djurgården island.



Ride the Flåmsbana Railway in Norway

Connecting mountainous Myrdal with fjordside Flåm, the 20-kilometre Flåmsbana Railway offers one of the world's most scenic train journeys. You roll along at a leisurely pace in vintage carriages, passing gushing waters and quaint farms flanked by plunging, forested slopes. There is typically a photo stop at Kjosfossen waterfall, so you can capture its 225-metre, zig-zagging cataract.



Tour the Viking Ship Museum in Denmark

In 1962, archaeologists uncovered five ships at the bottom of a waterway north of Roskilde, all dating from the Viking age, and all deliberately scuttled to block invading vessels. Today, their skeletal hulls are showcased in the Viking Ship Museum, a centre of experimental archaeology and where reconstructed longships give visitors insight into Viking shipbuilding.



Grand Hotel Oslo, Norway

Since the 19th century, Norway's most notable residents have signed the guestbook of the Grand Hotel Oslo, from playwright Henrik Ibsen to painter Edvard Munch. Recently renovated, this large, landmark hotel occupies an attractive spot on Karl Johans Gate in the historic heart of Oslo. Rooms and suites blend the traditional with the contemporary, and feature armchairs, high ceilings, and all modern conveniences. Guest facilities include a spa, a fitness room, a rooftop bar with views onto the city, and a restaurant serving a Nordic menu. You can also stop by the adjacent Grand Café, where luminaries of the arts would thumb newspapers and nurse nightcaps amid the belle époque décor.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

The Heart of Scandinavia: Stockholm to Trondheim

8 days & 7 nights from £4,495 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

This leisurely Scandinavian holiday combines Sweden and neighbouring Norway, exploring Stockholm, Åre and Trondheim by rail, road, and boat.

Day 1: Arrive in Stockholm, Sweden Arrive in Stockholm. Privately transfer to Hotel At Six (or similar) staying 2 nights. (N) Day 2: Stockholm

Explore Stockholm on a three-hour guided tour, including its historic centre, Gamla Stan. Afterwards, entrance to the Vasa Museum

allows you to see the preserved hull of a 17th-century warship. This afternoon, admire Stockholm from the water on a canal tour looping around Djurgården island. (B) Day 3: Åre

Travel First Class by rail to the scenic slopes of Åre, popular with walkers, cyclists and skiers. Privately transfer to **Copperhill Mountain Lodge** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B) **Day 4:** Åre

Your day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel, where you have spa access and a complimentary *fika* break, or to admire Åre's mountains and pine forests, gleaming with snow in winter and sprinkled with wildflowers in the warmer months. (B)

Day 5: Trondheim, Norway

Cross into Norway, arriving in Trondheim with the rest of the day to relax. Stay 3 nights at **Britannia Hotel** (or similar). (B)

Day 6: Trondheim

Explore Trondheim from the water with a boat tour along the Nidelva River. Pass historical merchant houses with colourful wood-clad facades, and into Trondheimsfjord – Norway's third-longest fjord. (B)

Day 7: Trondheim

Your day is at leisure to unwind at your hotel or explore more of Trondheim – Norway's Viking-age capital and more recently a European Region of Gastronomy. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Privately transfer to Trondheim Airport in time for your departure flight. (B)

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Seljalandsfoss waterfall, Iceland

Way out west in the Atlantic lies the 'Land of Fire and Ice'. True to its sobriquet, Iceland's volcanoes, geysers and hot springs offer insight into Earth's fiery beginnings, while its glaciers are some of Europe's largest. Summer here is for hikes along green, undulating trails past smoking waterfalls, while winter is for snowmobiling, husky sledding, and chasing the northern lights. Nature takes centre stage, but hip capital Reykjavík punches above its weight, with an effervescent nightlife and a wave-making arts scene.

Scattered between Iceland and Britain's northern isles, you'll find the Faroes. This sparsely populated archipelago is typified by plunging headlands and treeless, mist-quenched hills, where small farms and fishing communities shelter.



Atlantic puffins, Faroe Islands

REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Excellent nightlife • Centre of culture • Close to nature including the Blue Lagoon

The world's most northerly capital was first settled by Vikings in 870 AD, and remained a collection of farms until wool brought wealth and development in the 18th century – a history explored in the city's National Museum. Today, Reykjavík is Iceland's most populous city, yet still one of the smallest capitals, making it easy to explore on foot. It is home to the remarkable Hallgrimskirkja church, as well as pioneering musicians, writers and film makers. Framed by the majestic Mount Esja and Faxaflói Bay, the city enjoys a wonderful natural setting, with the tempting thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon as well as whalewatching opportunities in close reach.

FAROE ISLANDS

Barren island beauty • Bird watching • Nordic history

Equidistant between Iceland, Scotland and Norway, the Faroes lie far off the tourist radar. Fewer than 60,000 people live in the quiet villages dotting its 18 major islands. Most are descended from Vikings, though the Celts likely settled here first. The landscape is astounding, with snow-dusted promontories that sweep down into silvery ocean and dwarf the colourful timber houses on their edges. Picture endless, treeless hills, speckled by hardy wildflowers and equally hardy Faroese sheep, wreathed in sea mists that have several local names. Here, you can go island hopping and birdwatching, dine on the freshest seafood, and tour turf houses and stone churches.

EXPERIENCES



See the Gullfoss waterfall, Iceland

Icelandic for 'Golden Falls', Gullfoss is a powerful, two-tiered waterfall with a white cascade that plunges over 30 metres. It is one of the most photogenic sights in southern Iceland, and a two-hour drive from the city of Reykjavík.



Chase the northern lights, Iceland

Iceland is just a few degrees south of the Arctic Circle, making it an excellent place to see the northern lights. Visit in winter for the greatest chance of witnessing this natural lightshow, with its diaphanous ribbons of green and pink set against white snow and black sky.



Visit the Viking Village of Stokksnes, Iceland

Originally built as a film set in 2010, the Viking Village of Stokksnes occupies an appropriately cinematic position: on a green pasture in front of the jagged, grey peaks of Vestrahorn Mountain. It's a 25-minute drive from Höfn, and offers a glimpse of village life in Viking times.



Hotel Reykjavik Saga, Iceland

Opened in 2022, this stylish hotel sits on Laekjargata Street in downtown Reykjavík, a stone's throw from Lake Tjörnin and a variety of museums, restaurants and shops. The 130 rooms and suites here are spread between the main property and its annex. Each room is contemporary in design with a sophisticated palette blending shades of white, black, grey and gold. Two roof terraces afford views onto the capital (and up to the northern lights, if you're lucky), while the art deco restaurant features an open kitchen, allowing you to watch your dishes being prepared. There is also a spa, fitness centre, and 24-hour front desk.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Iceland: The Golden Circle & The South

5 days & 4 nights from £3,195 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Frolic amid the elemental nature of Iceland on this tour of the highlights, including the waterfalls and geysers of the Golden Circle and southern coast, the lively capital of Reykjavík, and the geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon.

Day 1: Arrive in Reykjavík

Arrive at Keflavik Airport and transfer to Reykjavík. Stay 4 nights at **Hotel Reykjavík** Saga (or similar).

Day 2: Reykjavík

Enjoy a private tour of Reykjavík, Iceland's

capital, learning about the city's storied past. This afternoon, visit the Blue Lagoon for a chance to bathe in the silica-rich geothermal waters. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík

Navigate Iceland's Golden Circle, the scenic route linking many of the country's greatest natural and historical landmarks. Your shared excursion begins in UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park, where you can see Iceland's Viking-age parliament, and the rift dividing Europe from North America. Continue to the hot springs of the Haukadalur Valley, home to the dependable Strokkur geyser, which erupts every 10 minutes or so. Next, visit Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most powerful waterfalls, and the aquamarine crater lake of Kerid, nicknamed the 'Eye of the World'. Finish in the geothermal town of Hveragerdi, with its hotspring heated greenhouses and earthquake exhibition. This evening, you have the option of joining a northern lights and stargazing

excursion (subject to availability). (B)

Day 4: Reykjavík

Embark on a comprehensive tour of Iceland's southern wonders. Your shared excursion visits the dramatic waterfalls of Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss – the latter offering a chance to stand behind its cascading curtain; the volcanic black-sand beach of Reynisfjara, with its roiling waves and remarkable basalt columns; and Vik, a small coastal town with a charming red-roofed church. (B)

Day 5: Fly home (B)

This afternoon, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

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CENTRAL ASIA & BEYOND

Many moons ago, caravans laden with silk, tea, perfume and porcelain crossed Central Asia to the markets of Europe and Africa. Heading in the opposite direction: honey, horses, glassware and gold. And along this ancient Silk Road, nations and empires emerged.

You can explore this fascinating legacy in Uzbekistan, birthplace of conqueror Timur and home to blue-domed mosques, madrassas and mausoleums. Timur's descendants founded the Mughal Empire, whose influence you can see first-hand in the landmarks of Lahore, Pakistan.

The yurt-studded steppe of Kazakhstan, meanwhile, offers the chance to experience a traditional nomadic lifestyle. Neighbouring Kyrgyzstan is home to impressive scenery, including the Issyk-Kul Lake, the Tian Shan mountains, and Bishkek's Soviet architecture, while Tajikistan promises off-the-radar highlights, including the mountain-bound capital, Dushanbe.

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Lahore Fort, Pakistan

FERGANA VALLEY, UZBEKISTAN

Bucolic scenery • Kokand's impressive palace

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

LAHORE, PAKISTAN

Impressive Islamic architecture • Tomb of Mughal emperor Jahangir

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

EXPERIENCES IN CENTRAL ASIA



Hike in the Altyn-Emel National Park Kazakhstan

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



Tour an Aral Sea ghost town Uzbekistan

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



Witness eagle hunting in Djety-Oguz Kyrgyzstan

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



Lernidee Orient Silk Road Express

Follow in the path of Silk Road traders with a stay aboard one of Lernidee's premium sleeper trains, the *Orient Silk Road Express*. Enroute excursions include visits to the Kazakh capital of Almaty and the Uzbek capital of Tashkent; as well as seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Khiva, Bukhara, and Samarkand – the centre of the Timurid Empire and replete with ornate Islamic architecture. The air-conditioned express train features a restaurant carriage with dining area and bar service. Sleeper cabins come in five categories, the most luxurious of which boasts private ensuite facilities for complete comfort.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

The Legendary Silk Road by Rail: Almaty to Tashkent

15 days & 14 nights from £5,395 (incl. flights) Category • Standard

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

Day 1: Fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan (N) Day 2: Almaty

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

Day 3: Almaty

Morning city tour including the Russian Orthodox Zenkov Cathedral, one of the world's tallest wooden buildings. Lunch at a traditional yurt-style restaurant before transferring to the *Orient Silk Road Express* train. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Issyk-Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan

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

Day 5: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

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

Day 6: Bishkek

Enjoy a relaxing day of lectures aboard your train as it makes the journey to Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Overnight aboard the train.
(B. L. D)

Day 7: Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Full-day tour of Samarkand, with visits to Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, the imposing



Almaty in front of the Tian Shan mountains

madrasas on Registan Square, and the excavation sites of Afrasiyob – among the oldest ruins of this ancient city. Stay at the **Hotel Grand Samarkand** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Samarkand

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

Day 9: Shahrisabz

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

Day 10: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

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

Day 11: Bukhara, Uzbekistan

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

Day 12: Bukhara

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

Day 13: Khiva

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

Day 14: Tashkent

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

Day 15: Fly home (N)

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Registan Square, Samarkand

Uzbekistan is home to a fascinating blend of arid desert, open steppe, lush oases and fertile river valleys. It is, however, the ancient history and culture that makes this the most alluring destination in Central Asia.

Set on the ancient Silk Road, Uzbekistan was besieged for centuries by waves of traders, nomads and conquerors. The architectural legacy that remains is awe-inspiring. Visit intricately decorated mosques, madrasas and mausoleums, as well as immense palaces and fortresses in Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva - once some of the most powerful cities in the world. In the capital, Tashkent, the more recent remnants of Soviet rule are equally fascinating.



Interior dome of the Tilva-Kori Madrasa, Samarkand

SAMARKAND

Magnificent architecture of Registan Square • Ulugbek observatory

Samarkand is one of the world's oldest cities and has seen periods of power and decline throughout its 2,700-year history. It was destroyed by Alexander the Great, the Arabs, Genghis Khan and many other conquerors, but rose again each time. In the 14th century, when Timur made Samarkand his capital, it became one of the most powerful cities in the world.

Samarkand was also an influential scientific centre. Among the many scholars here was Ulugbek, Timur's grandson and the ruler of Samarkand. His observatory, built in the 1400s, was a model for the two famous Indian observatories of the 18th century in Jaipur and Delhi.

TASHKENT

Part modern capital, part traditional Uzbek city • Colossal monuments & colourful local life

Although little remains of Tashkent's early history, there has been a settlement on this site, where the western outreaches of the Tian Shan Mountains meet the Kyzylkum Desert, since at least the first century BC. In 1966, it was devastated by an earthquake, which allowed the Soviet designers free rein to rebuild the city with lots of open spaces.

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



Mir-i-Arab Madrasa and Kalyan Minaret, Bukhara

BUKHARA

Kalyan Minaret • The Ark, an imposing fortress

Lord Curzon described Bukhara as "the most interesting city in the world". The city offers an amazing array of monuments covering 1,000 years of history, including the renowned Kalyan Minaret. It is 47 metres tall and was probably the tallest structure in Central Asia when built by Arslan Khan in 1127. The oldest monument in Bukhara is the Ismail Samani Mausoleum, built in the early 10th century for the founder of the Samanid dynasty. It was partially buried during Genghis Khan's visit, and so escaped his attentions.

No visit to Bukhara is complete without a tour of the Ark, an imposing fortress that was continuously occupied from the fifth century until the 1920s.

KHIVA & URGENCH

Remarkably well-preserved 'museum city' of Khiva with enormous city walls

The ancient city of Khiva lies around 450km north-west of Bukhara. Another of the Silk Road cities, Khiva has been extensively restored and is in effect a giant open-air museum. Many of the mosques and madrasas located within the old city are no longer in use, but instead contain numerous displays and collections. The old city is surrounded by an 18th-century mud-brick wall and has four main entrance gates.

Urgench is the capital of the Khorazm province, wedged between the Amu Darya River and the Turkmen border, and is mainly used by travellers as a transport hub for Khiva, which is around 40km away.



Bazaar, Khiva

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Central Asia Explorer

14 days & 12 nights from £4,695 (incl. flights) Category • Discovery

Explore two of Central Asia's contrasting countries; discover Silk Road history in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, and experience the nomadic culture and green open spaces of Kyrgyzstan.

Days 1 & 2: Fly to Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Fly overnight to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran International Hotel** for 1 night. Afternoon tour of the old city. (N)

Days 3 & 4: Samarkand

Drive to Samarkand and explore the city, including Registan Square. Stay at Emirkhan Hotel for 2 nights. The next day, continue your exploration on a full-day city tour. (B) (B, D)

Days 5 & 6: Bukhara

Travel to Bukhara and visit the silk market,

the Jewish Quarter and Poi-Kalyan complex. Sample a range of herbal teas in the old part of the city. Stay 2 nights at Malika Bukhara. Continue your exploration the following day. (B, D) (B)

Day 7: Tashkent

Morning at leisure. Take the *Afrosiyob* train to Tashkent and transfer to the **Miran** International Hotel for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Fly to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Fly to Bishkek, via Almaty, and transfer to the **Plaza Hotel** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 9: Ala-Archa National Park • Bishkek

Drive south to Ala-Archa National Park, which offers a range of walking options, from gentle strolls to more strenuous hikes. Return to Bishkek for a city tour. (B)

Day 10: Burana Tower • Issyk-Kul lake

Visit the Burana Tower and its surrounding ruins, an important Silk Road trading post. See the Bronze Age petroglyphs at Cholpon-Ata. Overnight at Karven Issyk-Kul Hotel. (B, D)

Day 11: Karakol

Drive to Karakol and visit the museum dedicated to the Russian explorer Nikolai

Przewalski. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Amir**. (B) **Day 12: Diety-Oguz**

Walk through Djety-Oguz Gorge, with its impressive red-rock formations and spruce forests. See a golden eagle hunting show and join a Uyghur family to learn how to cook traditional dishes. (B)

Day 13: Bokonbaevo • Bishkek

Short walk at Fairy Tale Canyon then continue to Bokonbaevo village. Visit a local handicraft centre before driving to Bishkek and staying overnight at the **Plaza Hotel**. (B)

Day 14: Fly home

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly home. (B)

Tailor-made travel

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Shah-i-zinda, Samarkand

Uzbekistan: Heart of Central Asia

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights

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

Private tour • From £4,295 (incl. flights)

Category • Standard

Activity level • Moderate

Set on the Silk Road, Uzbekistan has played host to waves of conquerors and nomads, from Alexander the Great to Timur. See the legacy they left behind in the towering fortresses of Khiva and Bukhara, and the blue-domed mosques of Samarkand. The remnants of more recent Soviet history are evident in the capital city, Tashkent, where highlights include the bustling Chorsu bazaar as well as the city's elaborately decorated metro stations.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Tour a restored silk paper mill in Samarkand
- Learn to prepare traditional Uzbek plov at a demonstration in Bukhara
- Excursion to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Turco-Mongol conqueror Timur
- Travel by Uzbekistan's famous Afrosiyob train from Samarkand to Tashkent

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Tashkent with Uzbekistan Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tashkent

Arrive and transfer to the Mercure Tashkent (or similar) for 1 night. Afternoon tour of Tashkent, stopping at the Kukeldash mosque and Madrasa. A visit to the city's resplendent metro is also included. (D)

Day 3: Fly to Urgench • Khiva

Transfer to the airport and take a one-hour morning flight to Urgench. Visit the ancient fortresses of Ayaz-Kala and Toprak-Kala before



Tashkent

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Α	6	8	15	22	28	34	36	34	29	21	14	9
В	-3	-1	4	10	14	18	20	18	13	8	4	0
С	60	57	79	73	47	11	7	2	6	44	56	60

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 18 people (max 20)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- High-speed rail between Samarkand & Tashkent
- Porterage at all hotels with a separate luggage transfer when travelling by train



Gate of the Ak-Saray Palace, built during Timur's rule, Shahrisabz

an afternoon drive to Khiva via Ulli Khovli. Stay 2 nights at the Malika Kheivak Hotel (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of Khiva, including Kunya Ark, Islam Khoja minaret, Tash Hauli palace and a local bakery. (B, D)

Day 5: Bukhara

Full-day drive to Bukhara (7-8 hours) through the Kyzylkum Desert, stopping at the Amu Darya River for photos. Stay at the **Paradise** Plaza / Minorai Kalon (or similar) for 3 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Bukhara

City tour of Bukhara, including visits to Chor Minor mosque, the Poi-Kalyan complex, the surviving trading domes, and Lyab-i-Hauz - once the city's principal source of water. This evening enjoy dinner and a cooking demonstration. (B, D)

Day 7: Bukhara

After breakfast, continue your tour of Bukhara, including visits to The Ark, a vast fortress whose foundations date back 2,000 years; the Summer Palace; and the Samanid mausoleum, built in the early 10th century with a facade incorporating Zoroastrian symbols. (B)

Day 8: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

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

Day 9: Samarkand

Full-day tour of Samarkand, including visits to Registan Square, the Ulugbek observatory, Afrosiab Museum, Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, and the Bibi Khanum mosque. (B)

Day 10: Samarkand

Continue your tour of Samarkand. Visit Gur-Emir mausoleum, which marks the final resting place of several members of the Timurid dynasty, including Timur himself. Other visits include Nodir Divan Begi madrasa, Hazrat Khizr returning to your hotel. (B, D) Day 11: Tashkent Morning at leisure in Samarkand. This afternoon visit one of Samarkand's renowned silk paper workshops before travelling by rail

mosque and the Khodja Doniyor mausoleum. After lunch, stop at a silk carpet factory before

to Tashkent. Transfer to the Mercure Tashkent (or similar) for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 12: Fly to London

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport. Fly from Tashkent to London with Uzbekistan Airways. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £995

Extend your tour and explore Uzbekistan's cultural heartland with visits to some of the

major towns of the Fergana valley.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Standard tour: Simpler in emphasis, based in 4- or 3-star accommodation (or best alternative)

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: UZB



Chor Minor Madrasa, Bukhara

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £2.995 Guide price months: May & Sep

Single supplement from £555

Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,065 return

Private tour

Low season from £4,295 Guide price months: Mar & Oct

High season from £4.495 Guide price months: May & Sep

Single supplement from £555

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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21 Mar 25 01 Apr 25	05 Sep 25 16 Sep 25	20 Mar 26 31 Mar 26	04 Sep 26 15 Sep 26
11 Apr 25 22 Apr 25	12 Sep 25 23 Sep 25	10 Apr 26 21 Apr 26	11 Sep 26 22 Sep 26
18 Apr 25 29 Apr 25	19 Sep 25 30 Sep 25	17 Apr 26 28 Apr 26	18 Sep 26 29 Sep 26
02 May 25 13 May 25	26 Sep 25 07 Oct 25	01 May 26 12 May 26	25 Sep 26 06 Oct 26
16 May 25 27 May 25	10 Oct 25 21 Oct 25	15 May 26 26 May 26	09 Oct 26 20 Oct 26







Bibi Khanum mosque, Samarkand; traditional ceramics & silks

Uzbekistan: The Golden Road to Samarkand

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights Small-group tour • From £3,495 (incl. flights) Category • Specialist-led **Activity level • Moderate** Art • Architecture • History

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

archaeologist and artist, Igor Savitsky from the Soviets.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Specialist-led group tour
- See traditional silk weavers at work
- Tour the renowned Savitsky Museum in Nukus with an expert-curator
- Visit artisan ceramic workshops
- Travel by Uzbekistan's famous Afrosiyob train from Samarkand to Tashkent

Day 1: Fly to Tashkent

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

Day 2: Tashkent • Fly to Nukus

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



Samarkand

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Α	6	8	13	21	26	32	34	32	28	21	14	9
В	-4	-2	3	9	13	16	18	16	11	6	2	-1
C	39	35	59	62	34	4	3	1	3	21	22	35

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

- Small group size average 18 people (max 20)
- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Specialist lecturer and experienced local tour manager
- High-speed rail between Samarkand and Tashkent
- Porterage at all hotels with a separate luggage transfer when travelling by train

Day 3: Chilpak • Khiva

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

Day 4: Khiva

Full-day tour of the old walled city of Khiva, capital of Khorezm between the 16th and 20th centuries, and one of the most remote of the Silk Road cities. Visits include the Kunya Ark fortress, the original residence of the Khiva khans; the beautifully decorated Tash Hauli (stone palace); the Friday Mosque; and madrasas (theological colleges), which now house museum collections. Also visit a UNESCO-listed silk carpet workshop. (B)

Day 5: Drive to Bukhara

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

Day 6: Bukhara

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

Day 7: Bukhara

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

Day 8: Rabati Malik • Gijduvan • Vabkent

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

Day 9: Shahrisabz • Samarkand

Drive to Shahrisabz, birthplace of Timur, where he built an enormous palace, of which part of the beautifully ornamented audience chamber remains. Drive alongside the Zarafshan Mountains to Samarkand for 2 nights at the **Hotel Welfort** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Afrosiyob • Samarkand

Drive to the ancient deserted site of Afrosiyob on the outskirts of Samarkand, where a settlement once thrived until it was destroyed by Timur. Archaeological finds are housed in the Afrosiyob History Museum. Continue to the observatory of Ulugbek, Timur's astronomer grandson, and see the Bibi Khanum mosque, built by Timur for his favourite wife. End the day at the magnificent Gur-Emir mausoleum, where Timur is buried beneath the Timurid fluted blue domes. (B)

Day 11: Samarkand • Tashkent

Visit the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and the Samarkand Museum of History, Culture & Art. In the afternoon, travel by rail to Tashkent. After a farewell dinner, overnight at the **Hotel Manor** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 12: Tashkent • Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Fergana Valley

4 days & 3 nights from £995

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

Day 12: Fergana valley

Drive to the Fergana region of Uzbekistan. Stay for 2 nights at the **Hotel Asia Fergana / Grand Fergana** (or similar). (B, D) **Day 13: Fergana valley**

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

Day 14: Kokand • Tashkent

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

Day 15: Fly to London

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

Alternative extensions are also available to Tashkent and Muynak.

SPECIALIST LECTURERS

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

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

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Guideline prices for 2025-26

04 Apr – 15 Apr 2025 25 Apr – 06 May 2025	with Diana Driscoll with William Taylor	from £3,595 from £3,595	single supp. from £455 single supp. from £455
19 Sep – 30 Sep 2025	with William Taylor	from £3,495	single supp. from £455
10 Oct – 21 Oct 2025	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,695	single supp. from £455
24 Apr – 05 May 2026	with William Taylor	from £3,795	single supp. from £525
08 May – 19 May 2026	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,795	single supp. from £525
18 Sep – 29 Sep 2026	with William Taylor	from £3,695	single supp. from £525
09 Oct – 20 Oct 2026	with Diana Driscoll	from £3,895	single supp. from £525

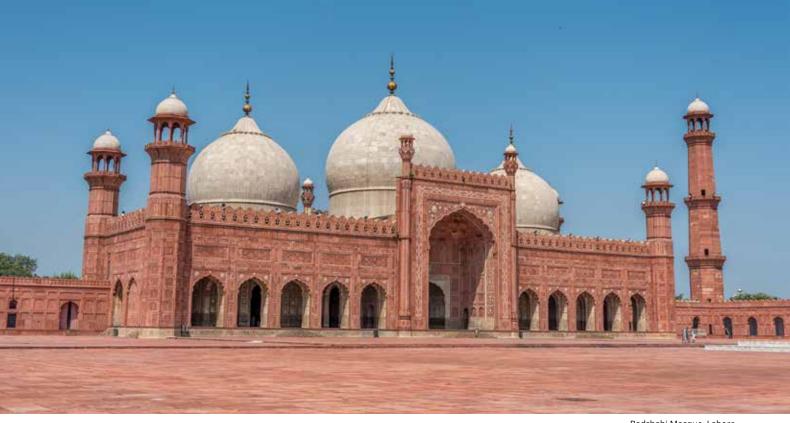
Uzbekistan Airways flight upgrades

Business Class from £1,025 return

Regional air connections

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Badshahi Mosque, Lahore

Pakistan: Persians, Mughals & Mystics

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights

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

Category • Specialist-led

Activity level • Moderate

History • Art • Architecture • Archaeology

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



Lahore

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Α	20	22	27	34	39	40	36	35	35	33	27	21
В	5	8	14	19	23	27	27	26	24	18	11	6
С	21	23	36	17	19	35	203	167	73	11	5	13

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Visit the tomb of the fourth Mughal emperor, Jahangir
- Experience the famous Wagah border ceremony from the Pakistani side of the border
- Admire the grandeur of the Royal Fort in Lahore
- See the artisans who produce Multan's renowned Kashikari glazed pottery

Day 1: London

Fly overnight from London to Lahore via Doha. (N)

Day 2: Lahore

Arrive in Lahore, Pakistan, and check in at **Avari Hotel** (or similar) to stay 3 nights. After a rest, tour the Shalimar Gardens followed by an evening lecture and welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Lahore

Enjoy a full day's sightseeing of Lahore, the historic capital of both the Mughal Empire and the Punjab region. Highlights include the Badshahi Mosque, commissioned by Emperor Aurangzeb in the 17th century, as well as the

- Small group size average 18 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Specialist-led
- Experienced local tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Porterage at all hotels



Tomb of emperor Jahangir, Lahore

Royal Fort, one of the finest examples of Indo-Islamic architecture. Visit both the Wazir Khan Mosque and the restored, Persianate Shahi Hamman ('Royal Baths'). (B)

Day 4: Lahore

Today, you visit the tomb of Emperor Jahangir, the only one of the six major Mughal emperors to be buried in what is now Pakistan. Continue to the nearby tomb of his favourite wife, Nur Jahan. This afternoon, visit the Lahore Museum, famous in the works of Rudyard Kipling and home to impressive Mughal artefacts. Conclude the day at the bustling Anarkali Bazaar, which dates from the reign of Emperor Akbar the Great. (B, L)

Day 5: Harappa & Multan

Trave to Multan, stopping en route in Harappa, ancient home of one of the subcontinent's earliest civilisations. In Multan, visit a workshop where artisans still produce the city's famous Kashikari pottery, a style brought by Mongol invaders from Central Asia. Continue to Faletti's Grand Multan (or similar), where you stay 3 nights. Optional afternoon excursion to the tomb of Shah Rukn-e-Alam for a performance by local Sufi musicians. (B)

Day 6: Uch Sharif & Multan

This morning, drive to Uch Sharif. Said to have been founded by Alexander the Great, the city has long been a stronghold of Islamic rule in the subcontinent. See the famous Sufi shrines, including the 15th-century Tomb of Bibi Jiwandi. After, return to Multan. (B, L)

Day 7: Multan

Enjoy a morning tour of Multan, including the city's key Sufi shrines as well as the Shahi Eidgah mosque, an excellent example of late Mughal architecture. In the afternoon, enjoy time at leisure or take an optional excursion to visit the Multan Arts Bazaar. (B, L)

Day 8: Sheikhupura & Lahore

Drive to Sheikhupura where you will see the Hiran Minar complex, unusual for being a commemoration of Emperor Jahangir's favourite antelope, Mansraj. Jahangir was noted for his love of wildlife both as quarry for the hunt and to observe in the wild. Proceed to Lahore and stay 2 nights at **Avari Hotel** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 9: Lahore

Explore the historic Heera Mandi district of Lahore, including the Fakir Khana Museum (subject to confirmation), within what was once the home of the Mughal Emperor's Treasurer. Then visit Wagah in time to see the India-Pakistan border ceremony, followed by dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Rohtas & Islamabad

Drive to Islamabad, pausing en route to visit the 16th-century Mughal fort at Rohtas. Proceed to Islamabad and stay at the **Marriott Islamabad** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 11: Islamabad & Taxila

Visit nearby Taxila, an ancient Buddhist centre which was conquered by Alexander the Great. Return to Islamabad for a highlights tour of Pakistan's modern capital. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Fly to London

Fly direct to London with British Airways or extend your stay in Islamabad. (B)

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



Tomb of Hazrat Shah Rukn-e-Alam, Multan

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TOUR CODE: MUG

Guideline prices for 2025-26

British Airways flight upgrades

Club World Upgrades prices on request

Regional air connections

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THE FAR EAST

Asia's eastern-most countries are a harmony of contrasts. Bullet trains zip through serene rice paddies, and frenetic cities hide temples and tea houses. Here, even the most seasoned traveller will discover something new.

In Japan, revel in neon-lit Tokyo then retreat to the hot springs, traditional inns and alpine trails. Foodies will find a bento box of tempting venues, from the matcha houses of Kyoto to the izakaya eateries of Osaka. And for dazzling colour, book ahead to enjoy spring's cherry blossom viewing (hanami) or autumn's leaf admiring (momijigari).

China proves the local proverb: hearing about something one hundred times can't compete with seeing it once. Admire up close the black-eyed pandas of Chengdu, the stone-still battalions of the Terracotta Army, the verdant cliffs along the Yangtze, and – of course – the 21,000-kilometre Great Wall.

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Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Kyoto, Japan



Ginkaku-ji Silver Pavilion, Kyoto

Japan is a country like no other, at once futuristic but also with a strong sense of tradition and exceptional natural beauty. Cities that set the trend for the modern world rub side by side with timeworn temples and gardens, snowy volcanic peaks, valleys of spring cherry blossom, remote mountains and subtropical islands.

Experience the modern buzz of Tokyo, discover the imperial past of Kyoto, retreat to a Buddhist temple on Mount Koya, see the snow monkeys in Yudanaka, or take part in a traditional tea ceremony. High-speed rail links mean that you can discover much of the diversity of this country in comfort.



Senso-ji temple, Tokyo

TOKYO

Neon cityscapes \bullet World-class restaurants \bullet Ancient temples, palaces $\mathcal E$ gardens

One of the largest and most densely populated cities in the world, Tokyo merits several days' exploration. A good starting point is the Asakusa Kannon temple (Sensoji), the city's largest Buddhist temple and a popular meeting place for locals. Nearby is Nakamise-dori, one of Japan's oldest shopping streets, where you'll find crafts and tempting street food. The East Gardens of the Imperial Palace are open to the public, where paths wind through manicured lawns and waterlilies top pretty ponds. The displays of the Tokyo National Museum could take up a full day, while the districts of Ginza, Shibuya and Shinjuku are lined with video screens and gleaming department stores - the classic vision of Tokyo by night.

KYOTO

Zen gardens, pavilions & temples • Geisha district • Arashiyama bamboo grove

The nation's capital from the eighth century until the Meiji Restoration in 1868, Kyoto is known today as the cultural heart of Japan. Historical treasures here include Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion), covered entirely in glittering gold leaf; and Nijo Castle. Other highlights include Sanjusangendo Hall, known as the 'Temple of 1,001 Images of Buddha'; and the Fushimi Inari shrine, with its long arcades of vermilion torii (shrine gates). Gion, Kyoto's geisha district, is an area of hushed narrow lanes and hidden alleys where you may come across geisha going between appointments. Arashiyama, to the west, is an area of wooded hills, lakes and towering bamboo groves, and is especially beautiful in cherry blossom season.

HAKONE NATIONAL PARK

Hakone Open-Air Museum • Lake cruises, museums ℰ hot springs

Located 100km south-west of Tokyo, Hakone National Park is a picturesque landscape of lakes, valleys and volcanoes. The park can be visited on a day trip from Tokyo, while an overnight stay allows more time for exploration. Attractions include the Hakone Tozan mountain railway, numerous hot springs that provide thermal waters to many of the bath houses and *ryokans* in the region, and scenic cruises across Lake Ashi to Hakone Botanical Garden. A cable-car ride up Mount Komagatake offers superb views of Mount Fuji.



Mt. Fuji and a big red Torii on the Ashinoko Lake



Hiroshima atomic dome



Kenroku-en garden, Kanazawa

HIROSHIMA

Visit the A-Bomb Museum ℰ Peace Memorial Park • Carp Castle

Hiroshima needs no introduction, as the first city on Earth to be hit by an atomic bomb, although these days it is a young and prospering city. The A-Bomb Museum & Peace Memorial Park was built by the people of the city to symbolise their wishes for everlasting peace. It encompasses the Peace Memorial Museum, the Memorial Cenotaph and the Flame of Peace. The city's castle, sometimes called Carp Castle, was originally constructed in 1589. Much of it was dismantled following the Meiji Restoration, leaving only the donjon (castle keep), the main gates and turrets.

KANAZAWA

The beautiful garden of Kenroku-en • Nagamachi district, home of the samurai

Kanazawa, on the west coast of Honshu island, grew in importance from the 15th century, when the Ikko and Maeda clans chose the town for their headquarters and it came to rival Kyoto and Edo (Tokyo) in cultural significance. The Nagamachi district at the foot of Kanazawa Castle is where the samurai (a military nobility) used to reside, and it retains a historical atmosphere with its remaining samurai mansions, earthen walls, narrow lanes and canal. Kanazawa is also notable for Kenroku-en, considered one of Japan's most beautiful gardens.

EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN

Tea ceremony, Kyoto

Experience an audience with a *maiko* (apprentice geisha), who will entertain you with dances and some traditional games over afternoon tea. With a translator on hand to assist, this experience is an opportunity to gain an understanding of this fascinating and highly ritualised tradition.

Sumo stable visit, Tokyo

A visit to a sumo stable to see asageiko (morning training) provides an insight into the lives of sumo wrestlers and the dedication that's required to excel in this sport. We can also arrange for you to attend one of the large annual tournaments held in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Nagoya and Osaka.

Food tours in Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima & Osaka

Discover where locals eat on an escorted tour to a range of restaurants, teahouses, bars and street stalls. Each city has its own specialities, and these tours are a wonderful opportunity to try them for yourself and gain an understanding of the importance of food to Japanese culture.



Ryokans of Japan

The origins of *ryokan*, traditional Japanese inns, can be traced back to the Nara period (710–784AD) as rest houses for travellers, with a tradition of good food and hospitality that continues today. Guestrooms are often simply decorated, featuring tatami straw mats and futon bedding, and a traditional multi-course *kaiseki* dinner is usually included. Many have *onsen* (hot spring) facilities, with shared or private hot spring baths. Some *ryokan* are located in the older, more traditional areas of towns, while others are set within stunning natural landscapes.



Kinkaku-ji temple, Kyoto

Japan's Cultural Treasures

Duration • 12 days & 10 nights **Small-group tour** • From £6,995 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

Discover the cultural heritage of Japan on this exciting journey through the country's main island of Honshu. Begin with an exploration of Tokyo and the nearby Hakone National Park, visit the tranquil Kenroku-en garden and the castle of Kanazawa before exploring the imperial city of Kyoto, with its many temples and shrines. Experience the sombre modern history of Hiroshima, then visit the picturesque island of Miyajima with its celebrated torii gate. Finish with a visit to Himeji, famed for its castle and gardens.

Shirakawa-go Tokyo Hirneji Kyoto Sun-Hakame-tau Notional Park

Tokyo

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С	43	58	94	119	132	181	128	147	181	158	84	44

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Traditional tea ceremony experience and cooking class in Kyoto
- Visit Shirakawa-go to see the UNESCO-listed gasshō-zukuri houses
- Tour the Nomura Samurai House historic home and garden
- Try your hand at bonsai tree shaping in Tokyo

Day 1: Fly to Tokyo

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Tokyo Haneda airport with British Airways. (N)

Day 2: Tokyo

Arrive and transfer to the **Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa** (or similar) for 3 nights.
(N)

Day 3: Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park

Full-day excursion to the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park for views of Mount Fuji, a cruise on Lake Ashi and a ride on the Mount Komagatake Ropeway (cable car). Enjoy a welcome lunch. (B, L)

- Small group size average 15 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced tour manager throughout
- Porterage at hotels & train stations
- Bullet train travel
- Cherry blossom season departures



Gasshō-zukuri houses, Shirakawa-go

Day 4: Tokyo

Full-day tour visiting Asakusa Kannon temple, Tokyo National Museum and the peaceful Meiji shrine. Visit the Shunkaen Bonsai Museum to try your hand shaping a bonsai tree. (B, L)

Day 5: Kanazawa

Morning departure by *shinkansen* (bullet train) to Kanazawa. Visit Kanazawa castle park, Kenroku-en garden and the Nomura Samurai House. Visit a gold leaf workshop. Stay 2 nights at the **Crowne Plaza ANA Kanazawa** (or similar). (B, L)

Day 6: Kanazawa • Shirakawa-go

Morning excursion to Shirakawago to see the UNESCO-listed gasshō-zukuri houses, notable for their unique architectural style. Afternoon visit to the Higashi-Chayamachi District, full of teahouses and craft shops; and Omicho market. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Kyoto

Travel by express train to Kyoto. Visits include Nijo Castle, a walking tour of Nishiki market to browse the numerous food stalls, and the WAK cultural centre, housed in a wooden townhouse known as a machiya, for a cooking class and a traditional tea ceremony experience. The following day is at leisure to explore Kyoto at your own pace. Stay 2 nights at the Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (or similar). (B)

Day 9: Kyoto • Hiroshima

Morning visit to Kinkakuji temple (Golden Pavilion), then Ryoanji temple, famous for its Zen rock garden. Afternoon tour of the historic city of Nara, then return to Kyoto to catch the bullet train south to Hiroshima. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Granvia Hiroshima** (or similar). (B)

Day 10: Miyajima island • Hiroshima

Take the ferry to Miyajima island to visit the Itsukushima shrine and see the *torii* gate. Return to the mainland and travel back to the city to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Memorial Museum. (B)

Day 11: Himeji • Tokyo

Board a bullet train for the journey north



Traditional tea ceremony

to Himeji city. Take a tour of Himeji Castle, which, unlike most castles in Japan, is still in its original form and is arguably the finest example of medieval castle architecture in

the country. Afterwards, take a stroll in the Koko-en gardens, which consist of nine separate, walled gardens with ponds, waterfalls and a tea ceremony house. Enjoy a farewell lunch. Travel by train on to Tokyo, and stay at the **Royal Park Haneda** (or similar) for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 12: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and board a flight back to London, arriving later the same day. (B)

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

FESTIVAL DEPARTURES

Cherry blossom season

Hanami ('flower viewing') is the traditional Japanese custom of enjoying the blossoming cherry trees from March to early May, and specifically in Tokyo and Kyoto in early April. Cherry blossom may be seen on many of the excursions on the March and April departures.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Itinerary: Excursions on Day 3 and 4 may be switched, subject to local conditions. Please note that travellers will need to pack an overnight bag for Days 5–6 and 9–10, as main luggage will be transferred separately between hotels.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £6,995 Guide price month: Oct High season from £7,595 Guide price month: Mar Single supplement from £1,695

TOUR CODE: JCT

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £945 return Club World from £2,995 return

Regional air connections

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

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam

Intertwined along the eastern edge of the Indochinese peninsula, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are fascinating destinations, all with a colonial legacy yet each with a distinctive history, culture and landscape.

Explore karst-strewn bays, stepped paddies, historic towns, glorious beaches and the languid Mekong Delta in Vietnam. Cambodia is home to the temples of Angkor, the magnificent legacy of the Khmer empire, as well as lush jungle and beautiful coastline. For many years, Laos was over-shadowed by its neighbours. Today, it is still a laid-back country while the Buddhist culture lends its people a delightful charm.



Flower vendors, Hanoi

CRUISING IN THE GULF OF TONKIN

Towering limestone karsts • Range of vessels including traditional Vietnamese junks

In northern Vietnam, the Gulf of Tonkin encompasses the three bays of Halong, Lan Ha and Bai Tu Long. Bai Tu Long Bay occupies the far north of the region, Halong Bay is the most well-known and busiest area, while Lan Ha is a quieter, less-visited bay and includes the large island of Cat Ba.

The geography of all three areas features a number of small islands, beaches, floating villages and spectacular limestone karst formations. Easily reached from Hanoi via a two- to three-hour drive, an overnight cruise here is the best way to get the most from your visit.

HANOI, VIETNAM

Colonial buildings \bullet Lively markets $\ensuremath{\mathcal{E}}$ street food

The Vietnamese capital is a mix of tree-lined avenues, maze-like backstreets and fine colonial buildings from the era of French rule. Visitors to the city can see various sites connected with the life of the former revolutionary and political leader, Ho Chi Minh. Also of interest are the 900-year-old Temple of Literature, Vietnam's principal Confucian sanctuary; the Museum of Ethnology, which details the history and culture of Vietnam's many ethnic minority groups; and Hoan Kiem Lake, which encompasses Jade Island and the Ngoc Son Temple. The city has a lively street food scene - be sure to try a bowl of pho, a warming broth with noodles and slices of chicken or beef flavoured with chilli, fresh herbs and lime.



Stone faces of the Bayon temple, Angkor Wat

THE ANGKOR TEMPLES, CAMBODIA

Magnificent temples, carvings & jungle • Explore with an expert private guide

These magnificent temples are protected within the Angkor Archaeological Park, just a 20-minute drive from Siem Reap. The monuments belong to the classic period of Khmer art and civilisation. They were created by a succession of Khmer kings who presided over an empire that dominated the region from 800AD to 1430AD, reaching its peak in the 12th century. From the 15th century, the temples were abandoned and forgotten; the French naturalist Henri Mouhot is attributed with their rediscovery in 1861.

Highlights include the walled and moated royal city of Angkor Thom, the giant stone faces of Bayon and the huge three-tiered pyramid of Angkor Wat. At least two full days are recommended to get the most from the site, allowing time to visit some of the outer temples such as Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Prasat Kravan or Pre Rup.



Wat Mai temple, Luang Prabang



Old town, Hoi An



Royal Palace, Phnom Penh

LUANG PRABANG, LAOS

Buddhist temples ℰ colonial architecture

The former royal capital of Luang Prabang is considered the best-preserved historic town in South-east Asia, with a UNESCO-protected old town district that encompasses a distinctive combination of Buddhist temples, French colonial architecture and historic Laotian buildings. The town is beautifully situated on a peninsula formed by the Mekong and the Nam Khan rivers set against verdant mountains.

With numerous quiet temples to visit and back streets to wander, the town rewards a leisurely stay, but the National Palace Museum, and Wat Mai, the city's largest temple, are the highlights.

HOI AN, VIETNAM

Charming coastal resort \bullet Distinct Chinese architecture

The ancient town of Hoi An is located 30km south of Danang on the banks of the Thu Bon River. Occupied by many early western traders, Hoi An was one of the major trading centres of South-east Asia in the 16th century. This laid-back town has a distinct Chinese atmosphere with low, tile-roofed houses and narrow streets; the original structure of some of these streets remains almost intact.

Hoi An is known for being a culinary hotspot and is an excellent place to learn about Vietnamese cuisine. Arrange a food tour or a cooking class here.

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Reveals Cambodia's recent history • Relaxed riverside setting

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



Hoai An waterfront

Spirit of Vietnam

Duration • 13 days & 10 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,995 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,395 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

Discover the varied sights, sounds and flavours of Vietnam, touring the fascinating cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), the Vietnam Warera Cu Chi Tunnels and the historic pearls of Hue and Hoi An. A tour of the Mekong Delta and an overnight cruise amid the magical landscapes of Lan Ha Bay are also included.



Ho Chi Minh

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SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Tour the Hanoi Military History Museum and meet a former NVA nilot
- Cruise in the less-visited Lan Ha Bay
- Dine at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty in Hue
- Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta's waterways

Day 1: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) direct to Ho Chi Minh City with Vietnam Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City

Morning arrival. Transfer to the **Grand Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. Afternoon city tour with visits to the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the War Remnants Museum and a former safe house used by the Viet Cong. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Mekong Delta

Full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta,

- Small group size average 12 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Porterage at hotels
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Overnight cruise aboard the Indochine



Temple of Literature, Hanoi

including a trip to Cai Be town, a boat ride exploring the smaller channels, and walking in the countryside. (B, L)

Day 4: Cu Chi Tunnels

Drive through the southern Vietnamese countryside and visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Continue to the airport for an afternoon flight to Hue. Stay at the Pilgrimage Village Boutique Resort & Spa for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Hue

Visit Hue citadel, which encompasses the numerous pavilions, temples and courtyards of the former Imperial City, including the Purple Forbidden City. Continue to Thien Mu pagoda, then take a short cruise on the Perfume River back to the city centre. In the afternoon, visit the tombs of the Nguyen emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Lunch today is at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. (B, L)

Day 6: Hue • Danang • Hoi An

Enjoy a morning at leisure then drive over the spectacular Hai Van Pass (weather permitting) to Hoi An. Visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture in Danang en route. Stay 3 nights at the beachfront **Boutique Hoi An Resort**. (B, L)

Day 7: Hoi An

Tour of the ruined temple of My Son. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise with the purpose of developing sustainable programmes for street children. In the afternoon, take a walking tour of the former trading port of Hoi An, which has historic Chinese, Japanese and European influences. (B, L)

Day 8: Hoi An

Day at leisure. Optional classes at the Vy's Market Restaurant. (B)

Day 9: Fly to Hanoi

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

Day 10: Hanoi

Morning tour of the National Museum of History, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son temple and the Temple of Literature. Next visit to Ba Dinh Square. Walk outside Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, then visit the residence and One Pillar Pagoda. Continue to the Military History Museum and meet former North Vietnamese Army pilot, Nguyen Hong My. (B, L)

Day 11: Cruise on Lan Ha Bay

Cruise today in the lesser known Lan Ha Bay, home to Cat Ba Island, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Stay overnight onboard the *Indochine*. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Days 12 & 13: Fly to London

Morning cruise in Lan Ha Bay. Disembark and drive to Hanoi, where a hotel room is available

for the rest of the day. Early evening transfer to the airport, then fly direct to London, arriving the following day. (B) (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Phu Quoc beach 4 days & 3 nights from £595

End your tour on one of Vietnam's most beautiful beaches. Choose from a range of 4and 5-star options on the island of Phu Quoc, off the coast of southern Vietnam, such as the Dusit Princess Moonrise Beach Resort.

Tour + Angkor Wat temples

4 days & 3 nights from £795

After your visit to Vietnam, take the opportunity to discover the Angkor Wat temples in neighbouring Cambodia. Cruise on Tonle Sap and visit Neak Pean. Stay 3-nights at Tara Angkor Hotel or Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: SPV

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

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

Single supplement from £965

Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £625 return Business Class from £3,095 return

Private tour

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

High season from £3,595 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £965

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Grand Tour of Indochina

Duration • 17 days & 14 nights

Small-group tour • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

Private tour • From £4,695 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

Head into the heart of Indochina, starting with the rapidly developing country of Vietnam, with its karst-strewn bays, green mountains and buzzing cities. Sample life along the Mekong Delta by boat and on foot, before an adventure in the kingdom of Cambodia, culminating in a visit to the awe-inspiring Hindu-Buddhist temples of Angkor Wat – the largest religious structure in the world.



Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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С	6	8	29	68	166	156	149	162	245	263	115	27

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B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Cruise in the less-visited Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam
- Lunch at KOTO restaurant, an organisation that provides vocational training for underprivileged youths in Vietnam
- Sunset cruise on Angkor Thom moat, Cambodia
- Farewell dinner in the Angkor Archaeological Park, Cambodia

Day 1: Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Hanoi, with Vietnam Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Hanoi

Arrive and transfer to **The Ann Hanoi Hotel** (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (D)

Day 3: Hanoi

Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, the Museum of Ethnology, Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple. Lunch is at KOTO restaurant, an organisation that provides vocational training

- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Direct international & internal flights
- Porterage at hotels
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees



Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam

for underprivileged youths in Vietnam. This evening, there is the opportunity to see a water puppet show*. (B, L)

Day 4: Cruise on Lan Ha Bay

Cruise today in the lesser known Lan Ha Bay, home to Cat Ba Island, in the Gulf of Tonkin. Overnight accommodation on board the *Indochine*. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fly to Danang • Hoi An

Cruise around the karst limestone islands. Disembark in the late morning and drive to Hanoi Airport for your evening flight to Danang. Transfer to the beachfront **Boutique Hoi An Resort** for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Hoi An

Morning walking tour of Hoi An. Lunch at Streets International restaurant, a social enterprise with the aim of developing and operating sustainable programmes for street children. Afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Hoi An

Day at leisure. You may choose to cycle through the countryside or a visit to a local village*. (B)

Day 8: Hue

Morning drive over the spectacular Hai Van Pass to Hue (weather permitting), stopping at the Museum of Cham Sculpture en route. Afternoon visit to the tomb of the Nguyen emperor, Tu Duc. Dine at a restored royal home of the Nguyen dynasty. Stay 1 night at the Pilgrimage Village. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

Take a cyclo ride to the Imperial Citadel and the Purple Forbidden City, followed by a river cruise to Thien Mu Pagoda. Transfer to the airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Stay 3 nights at the **Grand Hotel**. (B)

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City

Drive through the countryside to the Cu Chi Tunnels. Afternoon city tour, visiting the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. (B)

Day 11: Mekong Delta

Drive to Cai Be, and explore the Mekong Delta by boat and on foot. (B, L)

Day 12: Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Fly to Phnom Penh and transfer to La Rose Suites Hotel & Spa for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 13: Phnom Penh

Morning visit to the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Afternoon tour of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Choeung Ek Killing Fields. (B, L)

Day 14: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap and stay at Tara Angkor Hotel for 2 nights. Afternoon visit to Angkor Thom, the Terrace of the Elephants, the Terrace of the Leper King and the Bayon Temple. Watch the sun set with a cruise on Angkor Thom moat, drink in hand. (B)

Day 15: Angkor temples

Full-day tour of the temples. In the morning visit the magnificent Angkor Wat. After lunch, explore Ta Phrom and Neak Pean Temple. Farewell dinner at Khmer House, Srah Srang, within the Angkor Archaeological Park. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Angkor temples

Morning excursion to Banteay Srei temple and Angkor National Museum. Transfer to the airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

Day 17: Fly to London

Fly to London (N)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Luang Prabang

4 days & 3 nights from £1,375

Extend your Indochina adventure with a tour of Luang Prabang, Laos. Discover the city with a guided tour, explore local monasteries and temples, and unwind with a scenic sunset cruise along the river. Stay 3 nights at Villa Maly Boutique Hotel.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **Optional excursions:** Pre-bookable options at an additional expense.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: LVX

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,895 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £4,195 Guide price months: Feb-Mar & Nov

Single supplement from £945

Vietnam Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £795 return Business Class from £2,995 return

Private tour

Low season from £4,695 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £4,895 Guide price month: Feb

Single supplement from £945

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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Departure dates for 2025-26

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Boats on the Mekong River, Luang Prabang, Laos

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

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



Aqua Mekong



Aqua Mekong sun deck

AQUA MEKONG

Award-winning architecture • Suites with panoramic views

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

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

BASSAC PANDAW

1920s character • Exploratory itineraries

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



Pandaw Expeditions



JAYAVARMAN

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



JAHAN

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

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

A River Journey on the Mekong

14 days & 12 nights from £4,695 (incl. flights) Category • Luxury

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

Day 1: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Catch your flight to Vietnam. (N) Days 2 & 3: Ho Chi Minh City

Arrive and transfer to the Caravelle Hotel for 2 nights. Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. (B, L) Day 4: Mekong

Transfer to My Tho to board the Jayavarman or Jahan for a 7-night cruise to Siem Reap,

Cambodia. (B, D)

Day 5: Cai Be • Sa Dec • Binh Thanh island

Take a boat trip around Cai Be to see the floating market, and explore the islands and orchards of the delta. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tan Chau

Visit a local market and village that specialises in catfish farming, then cross the border into Cambodia. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Full-day tour of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's bustling capital. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Angkor Ban & temples

Visit the hilltop pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey and enjoy views of the countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Koh Oknha Tey

Sail downstream and stop at the island of Koh Oknha Tey, notable for its manufacture of high-quality silk products. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Kampong Chhnang • Tonle Sap

Take a walking tour to see Khmer pottery and palm sugar production, then cruise along the

narrow Tonle river into the vast Tonle Sap lake (subject to river levels). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Siem Reap

Early morning crossing of Tonle Sap lake, then transfer to Siem Reap. Stay at the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor for 3 nights. (B)

Days 12 & 13: Angkor temples

Explore picturesque Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and some of the smaller temples of Angkor, including the Roluos Group and Banteay Srei. (B)

Day 14: Fly home

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

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The Forbidden City, Beijing

China is a vast and varied country with innumerable rewarding sights to see. There are the cutting-edge cities of Shanghai, Hong Kong and Beijing, but beneath the glitz the old way of life continues. Beyond the bright lights lie ancient villages and canal towns where traditions endure, spiritual sanctuaries including the monasteries of Tibet and the temples of Dengfeng, and archaeological wonders such as the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall. Alongside the many cultural splendours are numerous national parks with stunning variations in scenery, from the limestone peaks of Guilin and the misty mountains of Huang Shan to the mighty Yangtze river. China deserves more than one visit to truly understand its depth of history and scenery.



The Great Wall of China

BEIJING

Ancient temples, palaces & museums • Range of luxury hotels & fine restaurants

Beijing has long been the political, cultural and economic centre of China and its turbulent history is reflected in its ancient palaces, grand monuments, landscaped parks, narrow backstreets and wide boulevards. Tiananmen Square remains the city's most well-known site, but it is the adjacent Forbidden City that holds more interest for visitors, built in the 15th century and a forbidden area for 500 years until the revolution of 1911. For those with more time, the Temple of Heaven complex, including the Ming dynasty-era Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, and the Lama Temple, one of the largest and most important Tibetan Buddhist monasteries in the world, make for interesting visits, while a walk in the gardens of Prince Gong Mansion or the Summer Palace provide a welcome respite from the busy city.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Remote & little-visited section at Jinshanling
• Cable car access at Mutianyu

Stretching from the Gobi desert to the Yellow Sea, the Great Wall is the largest man-made structure on Earth and an amazing feat of engineering, labour and sacrifice. The original wall was begun 2,000 years ago, when China was unified under Emperor Qin Shi Huang, to keep out marauding nomads, then later lengthened and upgraded during the Ming dynasty. Much of the wall is in disrepair but sections around Beijing remain in a good state or have been restored. The wall at Mutianyu, 1.5 hours' drive from Beijing, offers superb views and is accessible by cable car. Jinshanling Pass, a 3.5-hour drive from Beijing, is much less developed and sees far fewer visitors, allowing for a more peaceful experience.



The Terracotta Warriors, Xi'an

RIVER CRUISE

Panoramic scenery • Range of vessels

Cruising on China's great rivers is a wonderful way to discover the life of the people away from the major cities, allowing access to farflung areas of the country. The Yangtze river, or Chang Jiang, has been central to China's trade and transport for thousands of years. It is the longest river in Asia, flowing all the way from the glaciers of the Tibetan plateau in Qinghai province, north-west China. Cruises pass through beautiful countryside and villages, which contrast sharply with the huge Three Gorges Dam, a symbol of the major industrial developments that are taking place in modern China.

XI'AN & THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Ancient walled city with pagodas & tombs • Terracotta Warriors archaeological site

Xi'an, in Shaanxi province south-west of Beijing, is one of the oldest settled areas of China. Once one of the great cities of the world due to its location at the end of the ancient Silk Road, the city retains much of its historic character and is laid out in a grid within large city walls. Over 2,000 years, the city has seen the rise and fall of many Chinese dynasties, the most influential of which were the Tang. Xi'an's most famous attraction is an army of thousands of life-sized warriors and their horses in battle formation, known as the Terracotta Warriors. Buried for 2,000 years, they stand guard over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Discovered in 1974 by a farmer digging a well, they came to be one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century.



Yangtze River

EXPERIENCES IN **CHINA**

Observe giant pandas

The Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Research Base, located within an hour's drive from Chengdu city centre, offers the best chance to see these charming animals up close and learn about local conservation and educational programmes.

Eat like a local

We can arrange food experiences that take you off the beaten track to where the locals eat, including family-run restaurants, private houses and street stalls. Tours operate either privately or in small groups, travelling on foot or by tuk tuk. Try local specialities such as jianbing (savoury crepes) in Beijing, Shanghai's famous xiao long bao (steamed buns), spicy Sichuan hotpot in Chengdu or biang biang noodles in Xi'an – all topped off with locally-brewed craft beer or a glass of strong baijiu spirit.

Raft down the Li River

The Li River meanders 164km from the slopes of Mao-er Mountain, through Guilin, and down to Yangshuo. Flanking its course: conical karsts veiled in mist, wrapped in greenery and punctured by mawing caves. It's a landscape barely changed since the Tang-era poet Han Yu described it: "the river winds like a blue silk ribbon, while the hills erect like green jade hairpins". The best way to admire this scenery is with a cruise aboard a traditional bamboo raft, and we can arrange this for you.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

China's Ancient Heartlands

15 days & 13 nights from £5,495 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

The expansive journey takes you to some of China's more remote sites, including ancient Buddhist art and sculpture at the Yungang and Longmen caves, the Hanging Monastery near Datong, the Shuanglin temple near Taiyuan, and the famous Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an.

Days 1-2: Beijing

Fly to Beijing and transfer to Beijing Unified Courtyard Hotel for 3 nights. Tour the hutong alleys by rickshaw. (N)

Day 3: Beijing

Visit Tiananmen Square and the adjacent Forbidden City, former home of Ming and Qing emperors. In the afternoon, visit the Lama Temple. (B)

Day 4: Great Wall

Drive north to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a quiet and dramatic section of the wall where you can walk between the watchtowers. (B, L)

Days 5 & 6: Datong

Morning train to Datong, the former capital of

the Northern Wei dynasty. Spend the following day visiting the Cloud Ridge Caves of Yungang, Buddhist temples that were hewn from the rock face, and a remote section of the Great Wall at Desheng Bao. Stay 2 nights at the Datong Yungang Jianguo Hotel. (B, L) Day 7: Taiyuan

Drive to Taiyuan, stopping en route at the Hanging Monastery, built precariously on sheer cliffs, and the Yingxian Pagoda, one of the world's oldest wooden buildings and built without using a single nail. Overnight at the Mercure Taiyuan Jinyang Hotel. (B, L)

Days 8 & 9: Pingyao

Visit Shanxi Museum, then drive to Pingyao via Qiaotou village to visit the UNESCO-listed Shuanglin Temple, which houses more than 2,000 colourful clay statues. Continue to the Family Wang Courtyard, home to superb Ming and Qing architecture. Stay 2 nights at Pingyao Yide Hotel. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Pingyao's ancient centre, then wander the cobblestoned Ming-Qing Street, lined with Qing-era architecture and shops with hanging lanterns. (B)

Day 10: Xi'an

Take the high-speed train to Xi'an, then visit the city's Muslim quarter. Stay 2 nights at the Grand Noble Hotel. (B)

Day 11: Xi'an

Visit the Terracotta Warriors, followed by the

Forest of Steles Museum, and the Shaanxi History Museum where exhibits include terracotta horses and soldiers. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Luoyang

Take the train to Luoyang, which has played a central role in China's history. The city's museums, monasteries and caves hold fragments of its former prominence, including the Longmen grottoes that contain more than 100,000 Buddhist images. Nearby, UNESCO-listed Dengfeng is a renowned spiritual centre, home to various religious institutions and temples. Overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott Luoyang. (B)

Days 13 & 14: Shanghai

Visit the Shaolin Temple to watch demonstrations of kung fu by the resident monks. Fly to Shanghai, then transfer to the Central Hotel for 2 nights. (B, L) The next day, tour the Jade Buddha temple and the Yu garden, and walk along the historic Bund. Optional evening visit to the state acrobatics show. (B)

Day 15: Fly Home

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Forbidden City, Beijing

China Experience

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights **Small-group tour** • From £2,595 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,295 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

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

Great Wall at Mutianyu Beijing Nanjing Shanghai

Beijing

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Α	2	4	11	20	27	30	31	30	26	19	10	3
В	-10	-7	-1	7	13	18	22	20	14	7	-1	-7
C	2	4	7	18	29	65	152	143	42	18	7	2

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B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Take a pedicab through Beijing's traditional hutong neighbourhoods
- Discover ancient Ming dynasty history in the city of Nanjing
- See the famous Terracotta Warriors in the ancient city of Xi'an
- Cruise on the scenic Qinhuai river in Nanjing

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Beijing. (N)

Day 2: Beijing

Arrive and transfer to the **Beijing XinQiao Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. The rest of the day is at leisure. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Day 3: Beijing

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

- Average group size 10 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced tour manager throughout
- Porterage at hotels & train stations
- ❖ Welcome & farewell dinners
- High-speed rail journeys
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



The Bund, Shanghai

Day 4: Great Wall of China

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

Day 5: Xi'an

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

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xi'an

Travel to the legendary Terracotta Warriors, followed by lunch at a local restaurant and witness a noodle throwing demonstration.

Afternoon visit to the city's atmospheric Muslim quarter and the Great Mosque. Evening performance of a Tang dynasty show. (B, L)

Day 7: Nanjing

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

Day 8: Shanghai

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

Day 9: Shanghai

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

Day 10: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Hong Kong

4 days & 3 nights from £1,695

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: CXP

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £2,595 Guide price months: Sep - Oct

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

Single supplement from £545

Cabin upgrades available

Prices on request

Private tour

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

High season from £3,595 Guide price month: Apr

Single supplement from £545

Regional air connections

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GROUP TOUR

China: The Grand Tour

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights **Small-group tour** • From £4,395 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £5,195 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

This comprehensive tour visits many of China's iconic sights. Start in Beijing, exploring historic treasures including the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Continue to Xi'an to marvel at the Terracotta Warriors, then take in the stunning landscapes between Guilin and Yangshuo. See the pandas of Chengdu before a scenic cruise along the Yangtze, including a visit to the Three Gorges Dam. Conclude in vibrant Shanghai, where modernity meets tradition.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Terracotta Warriors and enjoy a cruise on the Yangtze River
- Tour the less-visited Jinshanling section of the Great Wall
- Tea tasting at the Huxinting Teahouse in Shanghai
- Private expert-led tour of the Shanghai Museum

Day 1: Fly to Beijing

Overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Beijing. (N)

Day 2: Beijing

Arrive and transfer to the **Novotel Peace Hotel** (or similar) for 3 nights. Afternoon visit to the Temple of Heaven. Welcome dinner at a Peking duck restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Beijing

Morning visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, then stroll through the historic Liulichang district. Evening visit to the state acrobatics show. (B, L)

The Great Wall of China at Jinshanling



Beijing

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- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced tour manager throughout
- Porterage at hotels & train stations
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- 3-night cruise on the Yangtze River from Chongqing to Yichang aboard the 5-star luxury Victoria Jenna



Li river, Guilin

Day 4: Great Wall of China

Drive out of the city to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a quiet and dramatic section of the wall. (B, L)

Day 5: Xi'an

Visit a *hutong* (narrow streets) area on a pedicab, then drive to the railway station to board a high-speed train to Xi'an, where you stay at the **Grand Noble Xi'an** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Terracotta Warriors • Xi'an

Morning excursion to the Terracotta Army and the Xi'An Museum, followed by a lesson in Chinese calligraphy. Afternoon visit to the Muslim quarter and Great Mosque. (B, L)

Day 7: Train to Chengdu

Morning high-speed train journey to Chengdu, then transfer to the **Kempinski Hotel Chengdu** for 1 night. Evening excursion to enjoy a Sichuan Opera music performance. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly to Guilin

Visit to the Giant Panda Research Base. Fly to Guilin and overnight at the **Sheraton Guilin**. (B)

Days 9 & 10: Yangshuo

Morning cruise down the Li River, past a dramatic landscape of limestone peaks. Arrive in Yangshuo and stroll along busy West Street, then transfer to the Yangshuo Resort for a 2-night stay. Following day at leisure to enjoy the relaxed riverside atmosphere of Yangshuo. (B)

Day 11: Chongging

Train journey to Chongqing, then transfer to the port to board the *Victoria Jenna* (or similar) for a 3-night cruise to Yichang. (B, D)

Days 12 & 13: Yangtze River cruise

Cruise through the striking Three Gorges section of the Yangtze, an area of towering cliffs and twisting canyons. A range of shore excursions are available, with entertainment provided in the evenings. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Yichang • Train to Shanghai

Disembark in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam, then take the train to Shanghai. Stay 2 nights at the **Central Hotel**. (B)

Day 15: Shanghai

Morning tour of Jade Buddha temple and Yu Garden, followed by tea tasting at the Huxinting Teahouse. Afternoon tour of the Shanghai Museum with an expert guide, then end the day with a walk along the historic Bund. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 16: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Hong Kong

5 days & 3 nights from £1,695

Fly from Shanghai direct to Hong Kong, and stay 3 nights at the **Hotel Icon**. Take a direct flight back to London.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Itinerary: Excursions on Days 12 and 13 may be switched, subject to local conditions.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: CGS



Terracota Warriors, Xi'an

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £4,395 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £4,695 Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £1,295 $\,$

Cabin upgrades available

Prices on request

Private tour

Low season from £5,195 Guide price month: Oct

High season from £5,345 Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £1,295

Regional air connections

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Alishan National Scenic Area

Taiwan: The Beautiful Island

Duration • 11 days & 9 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,495 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior **Activity level** • Moderate

Early Portuguese sailors named Taiwan *'Ilha Formosa'* ('Beautiful Island') because of its soul-stirring scenery. Experience this natural beauty first-hand, alongside the cultural highlights. Energetic Taipei is home to possibly the best collection of Chinese artefacts in the world, while Sun Moon Lake is an atmospheric place to rest. The countryside is often the biggest surprise, with deep gorges, snow-capped mountains, hot springs and tea plantations.



Taipei

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C	105	168	185	163	215	263	196	202	184	122	98	87

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B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Overnight at Fo Guang Shan monastery and join the monks for prayers
- Discover ancient Chinese treasures at the National Palace Museum
- Farewell dinner at a Michelin-star restaurant
- Discover traditional Hakka culture at Beipu village

Day 1: Fly to Taipei

Fly from London (regional connections available) direct to Taipei with China Airlines. (N)

Day 2: Taipei

Arrive and transfer to **The Landis** (or similar) for 2 nights. Attend a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

Day 3: Taipei

Full-day tour of Taipei, including the National Palace Museum, Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, the Martyrs' Shrine and Longshan Temple. (B, L)

- Average group size 10 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced tour manager throughout
- Porterage at hotels & train stations
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Tse-en Pagoda and Sun Moon Lake

Days 4 & 5: Sun Moon Lake

Drive south to the village of Beipu, home to members of the Hakka ethnic minority. See the traditional architecture and sample Hakka food, then continue to Sun Moon Lake for a 2-night stay at the **Einhan Taihe**. The following day, take a short boat excursion on the lake, then visit the Wenwu Temple and the Tse-en Pagoda. (B)

Day 6: Alishan

Drive to the Alishan Forest Park, one of the most spectacular mountainous regions of Taiwan. Afternoon walking tour of the park. Overnight at **Alishan House**. (B, D)

Day 7: Tainan • Fo Guang Shan monastery

Early morning ride on the Alishan Forest Railway to see the sunrise (weather permitting) from the summit of Mount Alishan. After breakfast, drive to the charming mountain township of Zhuqi, and take a stroll down historic Fenchihu Old Street. Continue to Tainan to visit Fort Anping and historic Yanping Street. Then proceed to Fo Guang Shan, the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan. Stay overnight at the Fo Guang Shan monastery guesthouse*. (B, D)

Day 8: Kenting National Park • Taitung

Rise early and join the monks for morning prayers. Drive south to Kenting National Park, which protects an area of low-lying hills, limestone caves, forests and beaches. Explore the park on foot, then head north towards Taitung. Stay 1 night at the Hotel Royal Chihpen and enjoy the hot-spring facilities. (B)

Day 9: East Coast National Scenic Area • Hualien

Drive north through the East Coast National Scenic Area towards Hualien, and stay 1 night in a Scenic Room (Sea View) at the **Fullon Hotel**. (B)

Day 10: Taroko Gorge • Taipei

Morning tour of the remarkable Taroko Gorge followed by a visit to the Eternal Spring Shrine



Chiang Kai Shek Memorial, Taipei

and the Swallow Grotto. Drive on to Taipei. Stay overnight at **The Landis**. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner at a Michelin star restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Fly to London

Fly direct to London with China Airlines. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Fo Guang Shan monastery: Overnight stays at the monastery are subject to availability and a night at a nearby hotel may be provided instead.

Taroko National Park: Touring may be amended if the park is closed.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5233 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,495 Guide price month: Mar High season from £3,595 Guide price months: Apr & Oct-Nov Single supplement from £1,095

TOUR CODE: TWP

China Airlines flight upgrades

Premium Economy from £1,295 return Business Class from £3,745 return

Regional air connections

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THE MIDDLE EAST 8 NORTH AFRICA

Oceans of sand glitter under the sun while cities as old as time share their stories with you – at the lively souks, the grand mosques, and the Ozymandian ruins that reveal glimpses of our earliest civilisations.

History is written across the Middle East and North Africa. Explore the legacy of the ancients in the Roman ruins of Morocco, Jordan's rock-carved city of Petra, and the Egyptian temples flanking the Nile. As the cradle of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, this is also a place of pilgrimage, where you can follow in the footsteps of the prophets. But it is no mere museum, as ebullient cities such as Cairo, Riyadh and Marrakech testify.

Nature tells a story just as grand. The billowing dunes of the Sahara, Sharqiya and Wadi Rum provide a playground for off-roaders and a pitching ground for Bedouin-style campers. Meanwhile, the peaks of the Atlas and Hajar ranges gift hikers top-of-the-world scenery. For coastal delights, head to the Red Sea, the eastern Mediterranean, and the stark-still, mineral-rich Dead Sea.

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Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza

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

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



Avenue of Sphinxes, Karnak Temple, Luxor

CAIRO

Pyramids and the Great Sphinx at Giza • Ancient Khan el-Khalili souk

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

Among the city's many attractions are the ancient Khan el-Khalili souk, the towering citadel, and the many mosques, minarets and tombs of the old city. The Egyptian Museum is home to more than 120,000 ancient artefacts, including Tutankhamun's burial mask, while the vast, highly anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum is expected to open in late 2024.

LUXOR

East Bank temples of Karnak & Luxor • Valley of the Kings & Queens on the West Bank

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

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



ASWAN

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

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

Aswan

ABU SIMBEL

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

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

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



Temple of Ramses II, Abu Simbel

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Egyptian Grand Tour: Nile Cruise & Lake Nasser

13 days & 12 nights from £4,795 (incl. flights)

Category • Superior

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

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Arrive in Cairo and transfer to the **Intercontinental Semiramis** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

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

Day 3: Fly to Luxor

Transfer to Cairo airport for an early morning flight to Luxor. On arrival, transfer to the **Mövenpick** *Royal Lily* for a 4-night cruise.

Afternoon visit to the East Bank to see the temples of Luxor and Karnak. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Luxor

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

Day 5: Edfu • Kom Ombo

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

Day 6: Aswan

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

Day 7: Fly to Abu Simbel

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

Day 8: Sail to Qasr Ibrim

Visit the 18th-dynasty Temple of Amada, the

rock-cut Temple of Derr, and the Tomb of Penout. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Wadi El Sebua

Morning visit to the Temple of Wadi El Sebua. Afternoon cruise to Aswan. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Aswan • Fly to Cairo • Giza

Disembark this morning and visit the Temple of Kalabsha. Fly to Cairo and transfer to the InterContinental Citystars for 3 nights. (B) Day 11: Giza

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

Day 12: Alexandria

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

Day 13: Fly home

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Egypt: Ancient Wonders of Cairo & the Nile

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

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

Private tour • From £3,895 (incl. flights)

Category • Luxury

Activity level • Moderate

Explore the wonders of Egypt via the River Nile on this exceptional tour. After visiting the pyramids of Giza, fly to ancient Aswan, where Agatha Christie wrote *Death on the Nile*. Here you board one of the country's premier luxury vessels, the Sanctuary *Nile Adventurer*, for a four-night, five-star cruise to Luxor. Finish with a flourish at the Egyptian Museum. Throughout, an expert Egyptologist is on hand to regale you with tales of pharaohs and a pantheon of exotic gods. You depart with a deeper insight into this fascinating corner of the world.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Learn about archaeological excavations during a private lecture aboard the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer
- Tour ancient temples alongside expert Egyptologists
- Ride a traditional felucca sailboat around Elephantine Island

Day 1: Fly to Cairo

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Cairo with Egyptair. Transfer to the **Kempinksi Nile Hotel** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Cairo

Today you visit Giza's iconic pyramid complex. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the last standing of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, as well as the oldest – built over 4,500 years ago. Nearby, the enigmatic Sphinx guards King Khafre's enormous funerary monument. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a welcome buffet dinner with wine. (B, D)



Cairo

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A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

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

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- 5-star accommodation
- Guaranteed to run with a minimum of 4 passengers
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage
- Welcome dinner

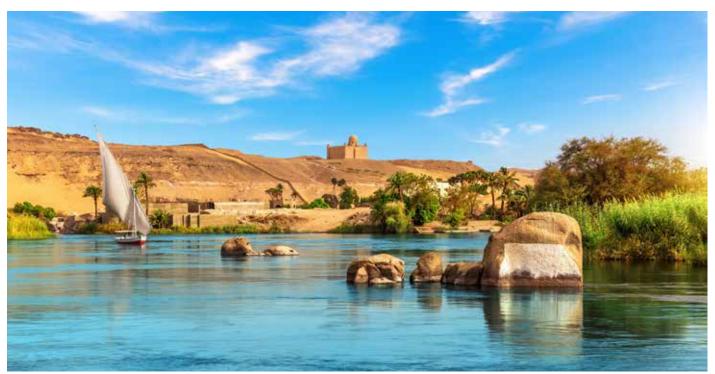


IMAGE LEFT: Pyramids, Giza; TOP: Nile River, Aswan



Temple of Hatshepsut, Valley of the Queens, Luxor

Day 3: Aswan

Fly to Aswan this morning to begin your 4-night Nile cruise aboard the Sanctuary Nile Adventurer (Nile Deck Cabin)* (or similar). After check-in and lunch, ride a traditional felucca sailboat around Elephantine Island, Lord Kitchener's Botanical Gardens and the Agha Khan Mausoleum (weather permitting). This evening, attend a welcome reception and programme overview. Enjoy Egyptian wine and beer with canapés, followed by a gourmet dinner. A folklore show and whirling Dervish performance follow (subject to confirmation). (B, L, D)

Day 4: Agilkia Island • Kom Ombo

After breakfast, take a short motorboat ride to see the Philae Temple on Agilkia Island. Next, it's on to the quarries which supplied much of the granite used to build the pyramids. Here you see the Unfinished Obelisk. Back aboard, partake in an Egyptian cookery lesson, then visit the Temple of Kom Ombo – dedicated to the crocodile god, Sobek. This evening, enjoy a lavish buffet of local specialities, and traditional music and dancing. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Edfu • Esna

This morning, explore the extraordinary Temple of Horus. Despite being built by the Greeks, this impressive structure is the largest and most complete preserved Pharaonic temple in Egypt. Return to your boat in time for lunch and continue cruising to Esna. This

afternoon, your Egyptologist guides you round the Graeco-Roman Temple of Khnum in Esna. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Luxor

Start the day exploring the imposing Temple of Luxor alongside your Egyptologist. Continue to the Temple of Karnak, and – this afternoon – the Valley of the Kings. You have the chance to visit at least one tomb in the Valley of the Queens, and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Returning to the Nile, pass the famed Colossi of Memnon, known in ancient times for their haunting 'voices' at dawn. Return to your vessel for afternoon tea. This evening, enjoy a farewell gala dinner, with white-gloved waiters

serving gourmet cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Giza • Cairo

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

Day 8: Fly to the UK

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

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



Detail of astronomical ceiling at the Temple of Khnum, Esna









TOUR CODE: EGT

Sanctuary Nile Adventurer

This 32-cabin vessel affords guests a luxurious standard of cruise on the world's longest river. Interiors blend the contemporary and the traditional, with nods to Egyptian heritage such as Cairene rugs and Arabian patterns. All cabins are air-conditioned and boast Nile views. The extensive teak-floored sundeck includes private cabanas around the pool area – the perfect spot for relaxing while taking in the scenery. Gourmet cuisine, sightseeing excursions, on-board entertainment and expert Egyptologists elevate your cruise experience. The Sanctuary *Nile Adventurer* offers a choice of three- and four-night cruises, expertly designed to take in the best of the ancient sites along the river.

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre-tour extension available in Alexandria for 4 nights from £1,735 per person. Post-tour extension available in Luxor for 2 nights from £455 per person, or a 4-night cruise on beautiful Lake Nasser from £1,275 per person or to Abu Simbel from £595 per person.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Cruise direction: On dates highlighted with asterisk, the cruise will sail from Luxor to Aswan.

Luxury tour: 5-star, deluxe accommodation & high-level comfort throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

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

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,395 Guide price months: May & Sep

High season from £4,695 Guide price month: Mar

Single supplement from £895

Egyptair flight upgrades

Business Class from £695 return

Private tour

Low season from £3,895 Guide price month: Aug

High season from £4,345 Guide price month: Nov

Single supplement from £895

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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Alleyways of the Medina, Marrakech

Get lost in the labyrinthine souks of Marrakech – the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes – and stay in a boutique riad. Go on a cultural exploration of Morocco's imperial past, from the ruins of Roman Volubilis to the medieval alleyways of Fez and the modern boulevards of Rabat. Venture into the wild, trekking the valleys and peaks of the Atlas Mountains and camping beneath the stars in the Sahara Desert; or simply relax in coastal towns such as Essaouira or Agadir.

All this is just a short flight from the UK, making it an ideal destination if you are looking for a complete change of scene without the trouble of a long-haul flight.



Kasbah of the Udayas seen from the water, Rabat

MARRAKECH

Walled medieval city • Buzzing Djemaa el Fna square • Stay in a traditional riad

Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Atlas Mountains, Marrakech's walled medina is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with medieval buildings. The skyline is dominated by the Koutoubia minaret, built in the 12th century and part of a large mosque complex. At the heart of the city, the famous Djemaa el Fna market square is a frenzy of colour and activity, akin to a carnival.

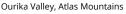
Riads provide comfortable, often luxurious accommodation in converted, traditional Moroccan houses. Due to the architecture and design of some riads, rooms may have small windows facing the interior public areas.

RABAT

The capital of Morocco, modern Rabat is a planned city of wide boulevards, handsome public buildings and landscaped gardens on the Atlantic coastal plain, at the mouth of the Bou Regreg River. Behind this modern façade is a long history, traces of which can still be seen.

The river port was first colonised by the Carthaginians and then by the Romans. Evidence of their rule remains at Chellah, or Sala Colonia, where a complex of ancient ruins sits on the riverside. The tranquil alleys of the Kasbah of the Udayas are also well worth a visit to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and for superb views of the river and ocean.







Fez



Erg Chebbi

THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Scenic hikes • Fertile Ourika Valley • Lavish stays in converted kasbahs

The highest range in North Africa, the High Atlas has many fertile valleys, snow-covered peaks, rivers and waterfalls. About an hour's drive from Marrakech, the area can be visited on a day trip or as part of a longer itinerary.

The lush Ourika Valley makes another excellent day trip from Marrakech, with olive groves, citrus tree orchards, willows and poplar trees covering the slopes. Accommodation is in luxurious converted casbahs or more basic local houses

FEZ & MEKNES

Medieval atmosphere of Fez • Meknes, imperial capital of Moulay Ismail

Home to one of the oldest universities in the world, Fez is considered to be the intellectual capital and most imperial of Morocco's cities, famed for its labyrinthine souks. The tanneries are a major highlight; you can watch the centuries-old process of treating cowhide in huge vats of dye.

To the west of Fez, Meknes is a prosperous provincial town, cut in two by the river valley of the Oued Boufekrane, with varied and busy souks in its medina

THE SAHARA & SURROUNDS

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

The start of the Sahara is marked by the fivekilometre-wide and 50-kilometre-long band of sand dunes called Erg Chebbi, with the small Berber village of Merzouga located on the fringe. The dunes here rise as high as 350 metres.

Explore the otherworldly desert landscapes in a 4x4 vehicle, and be sure to spend a night under canvas so you can see the colours of the sunset and sunrise over the sands.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Historic Cities & Culinary Delights of Morocco

8 days & 7 nights from £2,845 (incl. flights) Category • Standard

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

Day 1: Fly to Casablanca

Transfer to the **Barcelo Casablanca** for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat • Fez

Take a morning tour of Casablanca then continue to Rabat, where you will have time at leisure to see Oudayas garden, Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V.

After lunch, depart for Fez and stay 2 nights at the Palais Ommeyad Suites & Spa. (B) Day 3: Fez

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon tour of Fez, visiting the medieval medina and exploring the famous souks and tanneries. (B, L)

Day 4: Marrakech

Early departure for Marrakech. En route, stop at the Berber village of Imouzzer du Kandar, the delightful ski resort of Ifrane, and Azrou, a town known for its handicrafts. Continue to Marrakech and stay at the Les Jardins de la Medina for 2 nights. (B)

Day 5: Marrakech

Morning cooking class at a traditional riad. Afternoon sightseeing tour visiting the Saadian Tombs, Menara gardens, Koutoubia Mosque, and Bahia Palace. Continue to the souks and Djemaa el Fna square. Optional evening dinner and folklore show. (B, L)

Day 6: Essaouira

Travel to Essaouira, where you will visit the ramparts of Skala, the seaport and the medina. Stay at the Palais L'heure Bleue for 1 night. (B, D)

Day 7: Casablanca

Morning cooking class in a local riad. Drive to Casablanca. Dinner at Rick's Café, a restaurant designed to recreate the famous bar from the film *Casablanca*. Stay at the **Barcelo Casablanca** for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Fly home

Transfer to Casablanca airport and fly home. (B)

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GROUP TOUR

Moroccan Explorer: Imperial Cities to Desert

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,145 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £4,725 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

Explore the imperial cities of Fez, Rabat and Marrakech, all former or current capitals of Morocco and known for their architecture and vibrant souks. Along the way, travel through diverse landscapes, from the Atlantic coast through fertile plains to the Sahara.

Rabat Fez Casablanca Volubilis Marrakech Erfoud Ait Benhaddou Erg Chebbi

Marrakech

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A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Dine in an authentic riad in Rabat
- Explore Chefchaouen's medina on a walking tour
- Drink mint tea with a local nomadic family and watch the sun set over the desert dunes
- Sample local food at the medina in Fez

Day 1: Fly to Marrakech

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Marrakech with British Airways. Transfer to the 5-star **Kenzi Menara Palace Resort & Spa** for an overnight stay. (N)

Day 2: Casablanca • Rabat

After breakfast, you will travel to Casablanca for a city tour including the Hassan II Grand Mosque. Continue to Rabat for a 2-night stay at Riad Dar El Kebira or Dar El Kebira Salam in the heart of the Rabat medina. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the riad. (B, D)

Day 3: Rabat

Take a morning tour of Rabat including the

FEATURES

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome & farewell dinners with your group & tour manager
- Hotel porterage
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included



Chefchaouen

Royal Palace and the 12th-century Hassan Tower with its mausoleum. Enjoy a mint tea in the Andalusian gardens at Oudaya Kasbah. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Chefchaouen

Travel by road to the blue-walled town of Chefchaouen, perched beneath the rugged Rif Mountains. Take a walking tour to discover the casbah with its charming garden, then continue to the cobbled main square, Outa-el-Hammam, and admire the 15th-century Grand Mosque with its distinctive octagonal minaret. Stay overnight at **Dar Echchaouen**, a riad furnished in Arabic style with exemplary views. (B)

Day 5: Volubilis • Fez

Travel to Fez, stopping en route at the Roman ruins of Volubilis, which mark the westward extent of the Roman Empire. Spend 2 nights at the Palais Ommeyad & Spa. (B, D)

Day 6: Fez

Full-day tour of Fez, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities. Visit the Bou Inania madrasa, the Nejjarine fountain, the souk, tanneries and medina. Visit a communal bakery and join a tasting tour through the medina. (B, D)

Day 7: Erfoud

Travel to Erfoud on the edge of the Sahara, through the high plains between the Middle Atlas and High Atlas mountain ranges. Stop en route at Ifrane village for a walking tour. Continue to Erfoud and stay 2 nights at Palais du Desert & Spa. (B, D)

Day 8: Erg Chebbi

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, journey into the Sahara in 4x4 vehicles. Stop for a refreshing mint drink with a local nomad family and see the sun set over the dunes before returning to your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 9: Ouarzazate

Travel west to Ouarzazate with a photo stop at Todra Gorge, an impressive orange-coloured canyon. Take a panoramic tour of Ouarzazate and stay overnight at **Ksar Ighnda** (or similar). (B, D)

Day 10: Ait Benhaddou • Marrakech

Depart for the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou, a superb example of traditional



Roman ruins at Volubilis

Moroccan earthen architecture. Scenes from the films *Gladiator*, *Prince of Persia* and *The Jewel of the Nile* were shot here. Arrive in Marrakech and visit the beautiful Jardin Majorelle to see the exotic plants and Berber museum before continuing to **Kenzi Menara Palace Resort & Spa**, where you stay for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Marrakech

Full-day city tour of Marrakech. Highlights include the lavish Moroccan architecture of Bahia Palace, the walls of the former El Badi Palace, Koutoubia mosque and the bustling souks. Finish in Djemaa el Fna market square, a swirling carnival of musicians, fire eaters, storytellers and snake charmers. Attend a farewell meal at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Fly to London

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

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: DEZ

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £3,145 Guide price month: Sep

High season from £3,195 Guide price months: Mar-Apr

Single supplement from £1,045

British Airways flight upgrades

Club Europe from £175 return

Private tour

Low season from £4,725 Guide price month: May

High season from £4,825 Guide price months: Mar-Apr

Single supplement from £1,045

Regional air connections

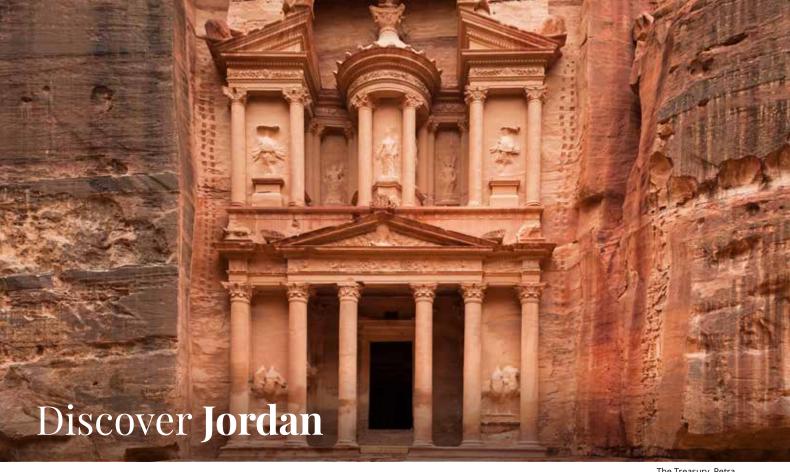
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The Treasury, Petra

Jordan is a kingdom packed with history and culture, full of Roman cities, Crusader castles and Biblical sites. There are also some unmissable natural sites, from its beautiful nature reserves and the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum to the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea and the glittering Red Sea.

Whether it's culture, cuisine, natural wonders or relaxation you're seeking, you'll find it all here. Amman, the capital, is the starting point for most, its modern buildings blending with the remnants of ancient civilisations. Jordan's modest size means that many of its sites can be easily combined, and it pairs well with Egypt, Saudi Arabia or Oman for a longer holiday.



Ancient Roman city of Jerash

PETRA

Nabataean capital • UNESCO archaeological

No exploration of Jordan would be complete without visiting the ancient site of Petra. Founded in about the sixth century BC as the capital city of the Nabataean civilisation, the site has since been settled by the Romans, Crusaders and the Byzantine Empire, all of whom left churches, fortifications and monuments.

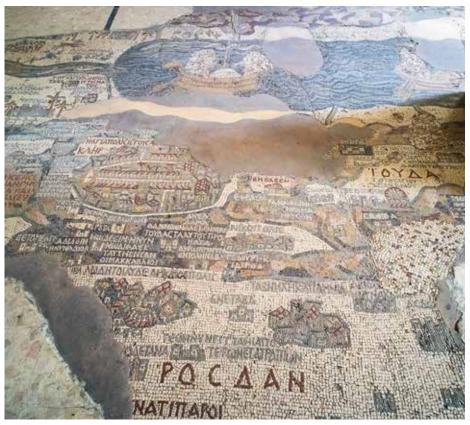
The walk through the 1,600-metre-long Siq, a natural rock corridor only three metres wide in places, opens out in front of Al Khazneh ('The Treasury') - Petra's most remarkable edifice. There are various other walks throughout the site that reveal hundreds of smaller buildings and tombs worth exploring.

JERASH

Roman ruins • Christian churches & mosaics

North of Amman, the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash is widely regarded as the best-preserved city of the Decapolis, a confederation of ten Roman cities dating from the first century AD. As you approach the ruins, the imposing triumphal arch comes into view, built to honour the arrival of Emperor Hadrian in 129AD.

Beyond the arch, continuing excavation work has revealed two theatres, a forum, temples dedicated to Zeus and Artemis, a hippodrome, a long colonnaded street known as the Cardo and an almost complete circuit of city walls. From 350AD, a large Christian community lived here. They left their mark in the various churches and mosaic floors that remain.



Fragment of the oldest floor mosaic map of the Holy Land, Church of St George, Madaba

MADABA, MOUNT NEBO & AS-SALT

Mosaic map of Jerusalem • Views from Mount Nebo • Ancient trading town

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

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

The bustling historic town of As-Salt, to the north-east of Amman, was once a major trading post in ancient times.

THE DEAD SEA

Mineral-rich waters • Luxury spa resorts

Situated 400 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on the surface of the Earth. 75km long and ranging from 6km to 16km wide, the salt lake is fed mainly by the Jordan River. There is no outlet for the water, so it becomes trapped and evaporates, leaving behind salts and minerals. The high salt content makes any significant plant and animal life impossible, and thus gives it its name. The mineral-rich waters are reputed to bring health benefits, and the high concentration of salt makes the water exceptionally buoyant. Less than an hour from the airport in Amman, and with several luxurious spa resorts, it's an ideal place to relax at the end of a trip or to stop for a night after visiting Petra.



Dead Sea

Shobak Castle

DESERT CASTLES

Early Islamic art • Crusader forts

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

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

WADI RUM

Stunning natural scenery • Luxury desert camps

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

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



Wadi Rum, known as the 'Valley of the Moon'

DESERT CAMPS IN WADI RUM



Memories Aicha Luxury Camp Wadi Rum

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



Discovery Bedu Camp Wadi Rum

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



Saraya Rum Private Luxury Camp Wadi Rum

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



Wadi Ghuweir canyon, Dana Biosphere Reserve

DANA BIOSPHERE RESERVE

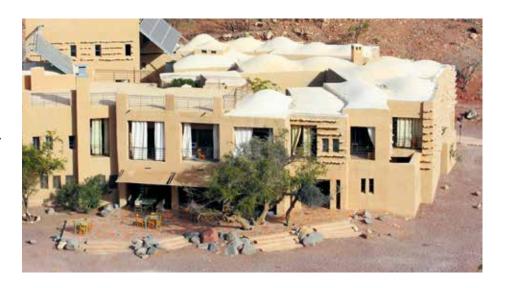
Nature walks • Birdwatching

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

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

Feynan Ecolodge, Dana Biosphere Reserve

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



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Natural Wonders of Jordan

10 Days & 9 Nights from £3,845 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Discover the diverse landscapes of Jordan by exploring the ancient rock-hewn city of Petra, hiking through Dana Biosphere Reserve and relaxing on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Day 1: Fly to Amman

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

Day 2: Amman

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

Day 3: Ajloun Forest Reserve

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

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

Day 4: Mount Nebo • Madaba • Dana Biosphere Reserve

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

Day 5: Feynan

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

Day 6: Petra

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

Day 7: Petra

You have the chance to spend a second day

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

Day 8: Wadi Rum

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

Day 9: The Dead Sea

Depart Wadi Rum this morning and transfer to the stark-still, mineral-rich Dead Sea. En route, visit the 12th-century Crusader castle of Shobak or Kerak. Overnight at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

Day 10: Fly home

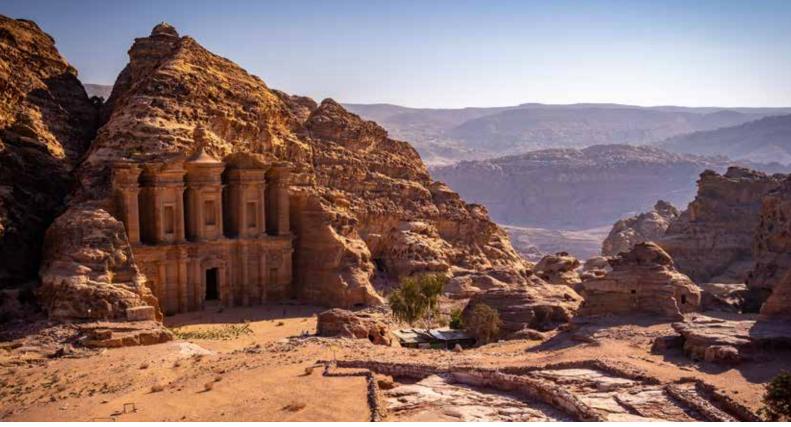
Transfer to Amman's international airport and catch your flight home. (B)

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The Monastery, Petra

GROUP TOUR

Splendours of Jordan

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights Small-group tour • From £2,395 (incl. flights) **Private tour •** From £3,195 (incl. flights) Category • Superior Activity level • Moderate

This tour reveals the best of Jordan's cultural heritage and desert-bound landscapes. Visit hallowed Mount Nebo, where the Bible says Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land. Tour the classical city of Jerash, famed for its Roman ruins. Explore the Nabataean city of Petra, staying just a stone's throw from its rock-hewn complex; and stop by lesser-visited 'Little Petra' (Sig al-Barid). Your tour ends with a drive across Wadi Rum's shifting sands, and a resort stay beside the Dead Sea's stark-still, mineral-rich waters.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Spend two full days exploring Petra and visit the remote ruins at 'Little Petra'
- Take a 4x4 desert excursion over the dunes of Wadi Rum
- Time at leisure to enjoy the mineralrich waters of the Dead Sea
- Visit the Biblical site of Mount Nebo

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Day 1: Fly to Amman

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines. Transfer to the Intercontinental Amman (or similar) for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Amman • Jerash

Morning tour of Amman, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Amman is built on seven hills (jebels) and your acension to its hilltop citadel rewards you with panoramic views. Here you also see the ancient ruins of the Temple of Hercules, and the fascinating National Archaeological Museum. The highlight of downtown Amman is the restored Roman theatre, a remnant of

•Jerash *Amman Madaba Shobak Petra Wadi Rum

Amman

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С	76	66	61	20	4	-	-	-	-	8	32	65

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 18 people (max 20)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour manager
- Welcome dinner to meet your group & tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage



Wadi Rum

the days of the city of Philadelphia. Built into the side of a hill, the theatre dates back to the second century AD and has a capacity for 6,000 people. In the afternoon, tour the wellpreserved Graeco-Roman city of Jerash, hidden for centuries in sand. Tonight, you attend a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Madaba • Mount Nebo • Shobak • Petra

Travel along the King's Highway, visiting Madaba, home to a Byzantine mosaic map of the region; the Biblical site of Mount Nebo, where Moses is reputed to be buried and where he first saw the Holy Land; and the crusader castle of Shobak. Continue to the historic city of Petra and stay 3 nights at the Mövenpick Resort Petra, situated at the entrance to the site. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Petra

Take a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed site of Petra, the rose-red city rediscovered by Johann Ludwig Burckhardt in 1812. More than 2,000 years ago, Petra was used as a temporary refuge by nomadic Nabataeans. Starting with only a few caves, they carved the sandstone to create this spectacular fortress city, which became the capital of their desert kingdom. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra

Return to the main site for more exploration with your guide. Optional evening visit to Petra by candlelight; approximately 1,800 candles light the way down the Siq, their glow picking out various points of interest. (B, D)

Day 6: Little Petra • Wadi Rum • Dead Sea

Morning visit to Al Beidha and 'Little Petra' (Siq al-Barid), before driving to Wadi Rum for a 4x4 excursion into the desert. Afternoon transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. Optional morning excursion to

the baptism site of Jesus in Bethany, on the banks of the River Jordan. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink with the group. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport and fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: SPJ

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

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

High season from £2,595 Guide price months: Mar-Apr & Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £575

Royal Jordanian Airlines flight upgrades

Crown Class from £1,195 return

Private tour

Low season from £3.195 Guide price month: Nov

High season from £3,295 Guide price months: Mar-Apr & Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £575

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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

JORDAN TOUR VARIATIONS & EXTENSIONS

Tour variation: Desert Adventure

8 days & 7 nights from £435 Variation starts on Day 6 of tour

Explore the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum with an extended drive into the wilderness for a night under canvas. The dramatic colours of the sandstone mountains are truly spectacular at sunrise and sunset, while the clear night sky reveals innumerable stars.

Day 6: Wadi Rum

Transfer with the group to Wadi Rum. Leave the group and take a 5-hour 4x4 tour into the heart of the desert, passing spectacular rock formations. Overnight stay at Saraya Rum Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Dead Sea

Transfer to the shores of the Dead Sea and stay 1 night at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport with the rest of the group. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)



Off-road adventure in Wadi Rum



Day 9: Dead Sea

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

Tour + the Red Sea & Dead Sea

3 days & 2 nights from £610

Visit the shores of the Red Sea and Dead Sea, both ideal places to unwind at the end of your tour. The Red Sea has clean, sandy beaches and clear waters with an array of marine life, while the salty, still waters of the Dead Sea are rich in nutrients.

Day 6: Aqaba

Following your 4x4 excursion in Wadi Rum, leave the group and transfer by road to Aqaba. Stay 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay. Facilities include multiple swimming pools, a spa and a private beach area. (B) Day 7: Aqaba

Day at leisure. Relax at your hotel, visit the beach, take the shuttle into town or swim in the nearby warm waters of the Red Sea.

Day 8: Dead Sea

Morning transfer to the Dead Sea. Stay for 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B)



Dead Sea, Jordan



Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

Tour + the Dead Sea 3 days & 2 nights from £220

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

Days 8 & 9: Dead Sea Stay for a further 2 nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. (B) Day 10: Fly to London Morning transfer to the airport. Fly from Amman to London with Royal Jordanian Airlines. (B)

Tour + Saudi Arabia

7 days & 5 nights from £5,345

Continue your adventure in Saudi Arabia. Combine visits to Jeddah, Medina and Riyadh with the desert scenery and archaeological riches of AlUla, including the ancient Nabataean ruins of Hegra.

Day 8: Fly to Jeddah

Transfer to the airport and fly to Jeddah. City tour including the Corniche, Floating Mosque and old town. Overnight at Novotel Tahlia. (B) Day 9: Medina • AlUla

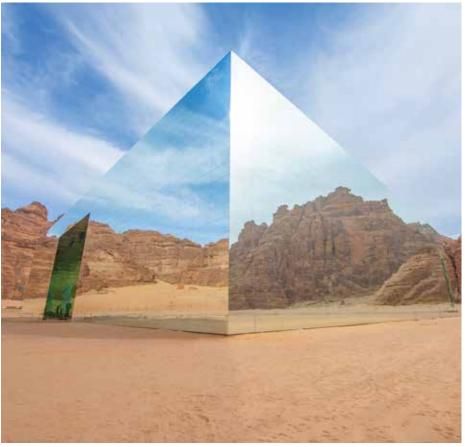
Take the bullet train to holy Medina and explore the key sites. Continue by road to AlUla for 3 nights at Cloud 7 Residences. (B, L) Days 10 & 11: AlUla

Take 2 full days to explore the desert scenery and ancient wonders of AlUla, from UNESCO-listed Hegra, the second largest Nabataean city after Petra, to the Lihyanite tombs of Dadan and the open-air inscriptions of Jabal Ikmah. (B, L)

Day 12: Riyadh

Morning flight to Riyadh to explore both the modern and historic areas of the city. Stay overnight at Joudyan Hotel Riyadh. (B, L) Day 13: Fly to London

Fly to London via Istanbul with Turkish Airlines. (B)



Maraya concert hall, AlUla



Millions of pilgrims flock to Saudi Arabia each year to visit two of Islam's holiest cities: Mecca and Medina. Yet this desert kingdom offers much beyond the pilgrim trail, and it has now opened its doors to tourism – your chance to step off the well-trodden path. Saudi Arabia's hypermodern, oil-rich cities and highspeed trains contrast with its sand-dusted archaeological treasures, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Mingle with the locals, traverse vast deserts and green oases, relax on the Red Sea coast, or venture to the cool, verdant mountains and forests of the south-west. The Nabataean heritage of Hegra in AlUla makes Saudi Arabia an excellent pairing with neighbouring Jordan, or combine with tours of Oman, Egypt or the United Arab Emirates.



Al-Balad old town, leddah

ALULA

Hegra, second city of the Nabataeans • Labyrinthine Old Town • Rock-carved tombs of Dadan

AlUla was once a strategic stop along the ancient Hajj and incense trade routes. This desert-valley oasis was inhabited for millennia by different cultures who left behind a trove of archaeological treasure. Visit here to explore the ruins and rock-carved tombs of Dadan, capital of the Dadan and Lihyanite kingdoms over 2000 years ago; and Nabataean Hegra, Saudi Arabia's first UNESCO World Heritage site. Browse Jabal Ikmah, an open-air library of rock inscription; stroll the streets of AlUla's Old Town; journey on foot or by 4x4 through the desert and canyons, along the old Hijaz railway, and past sandstone arches and rock formations, such as the landmark 52-metre Elephant Rock.

IEDDAH

Ottoman-influenced old town of Al Balad • The glamorous Corniche waterfront

Saudi Arabia's commercial capital and the gateway to Mecca, Jeddah lies on the Red Sea coast and offers a cosmopolitan blend of old and new - a result of its historic role as a key Indian Ocean trading port. 500 years of Ottoman rule, ending in 1915, has given the Al Balad old town a distinctly Turkish feel, with its narrow alleys, souks, and tall Ottoman and Hijazi houses featuring colourful wooden balconies and windows. Contrast this with the modern waterfront on the Corniche home to hotels, restaurants and cafes, as well as an outdoor art museum and the attractive Al Rahma Floating Mosque.

RIYADH

Vibrant capital city with head-turning architecture • Restored historic district of Al-Turaif • Al-Bujari Heritage Park

Saudi Arabia's buzzing modern capital mixes glittering high-rises, art galleries and fine dining with souks, palaces and historical buildings. Marvel at the gleaming modern architecture, explore the National Museum, then discover the origins of the Saudi state at Diriyah on the outskirts of Riyadh. Stroll through the restored Al-Turaif district, once a thriving walled mudbrick city and the original home of the Saudi royal family, then sample local cuisine in Al-Bujari Heritage Park.



Diriyah, Riyadh,



Jubbah rock art, Ha'll

HA'IL

Historic stop for caravan traders • Markets, forts & souks • Jubbah's prehistoric rock art

The agricultural oasis city of Ha'il, nestled between the Shammar mountains and red dunes of the Al Nafud desert, was once an important stop on the caravan trade routes. Explore the forts, souks and date market, before heading northwest into the desert to Jubbah, famed for its prehistoric rock art. Here, you will find thousands of carvings of animals and hunters etched into the sandstone outcrops, some dating back 10,000 years.

EXPERIENCES IN SAUDI ARABIA

Buraydah Camel Market

From Arabian Nights to the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, the best tales of the desert star a camel or two. In Jubbah, you'll find rock art depicting the iconic ungulate chipped into Jabel Umm Sinman (Two Camel-Hump Mountain'). But the greatest camel spectacle in Saudi Arabia is in Buraydah, host of the world's largest camel market. Arrive early to see thousands of camels, goats and sheep as they're displayed and traded.

Star gazing at Gharameel

Easily reached on an evening excursion from AlUla, Gharameel Nature Reserve offers dark skies free from light pollution. Gaze up at countless stars peppering the heavens like a pointillist painting and framed by strange, silhouetted pillars of rock. You won't need a telescope to appreciate the spectacle, but a star-gazing guide can elevate your experience with insights into the constellations. After, dine under the stars around a crackling campfire.

Explore hallowed Medina

Only recently have non-Muslims been allowed to visit Medina, the second holiest city in Islam after Mecca, and a key pilgrimage site. This is where Muhammad built the Prophet's Mosque in 622, which still stands today. Contrast the journey in from Jeddah on the high-speed Haramain railway with a visit to the Hejaz Railway Museum, the Quba Mosque, the historic battleground of Mount Uhud, and a traditional local market.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Saudi Arabian Discovery

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

Venture into the heart of the Arabian Peninsula to discover the desert kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Visit the glittering capital of Riyadh, Ha'il and its prehistoric rock art, and the AlUla archaeological area, including the rock-carved relics of the Nabataean's second city, Hegra. Finish with a tour of holy Medina, and Jeddah's vibrant Corniche on the Red Sea coast.

Day 1: Fly to Riyadh

Fly to Riyadh with British Airways. Stay 2 nights at Joudyan Hotel Riyadh. (N)

Day 2: Riyadh

Explore the old and new sides of the Saudi capital, including historic Diriyah, the National Museum and the souk. (B, L)

Day 3: Ha'il

Travel by train to the city of Ha'il. This afternoon, visit Jubbah to see the ancient petroglyphs and Thamudic inscriptions. Stay overnight at Millenium Ha'il Hotel. (B)

Day 4: AlUla

Enjoy a short exploration of Ha'il and its forts and museum. Drive through the desert to the AlUla archaeological site. Later this afternoon, visit the iconic Elephant Rock and Harrat viewpoint in time for a scenic sunset. Stay for 2 nights at Cloud 7 Residences. (B) Day 5: AlUla

Spend the morning touring Dadan and its rock-carved tombs, the 'open-air library' of Jabal Ikmah, the old Hejaz railway, and Hegra, home of the 'Lonely Castle'. After lunch,

explore AlUla's old town and a local farm. (B. L)

Day 6: Medina • Jeddah

Transfer by road to Medina for a city tour of this holy city, then board the bullet train to Jeddah. Stay 2 nights at **Novotel Tahlia** (or similar). (B)

Day 7: Jeddah

Take a morning tour to explore the Corniche, which skirts the Red Sea coast, and Jeddah's historic centre. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Fly to London

Early morning flight to London. (B)

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GROUP TOUR

Oman: An Arabian Odyssey

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights **Small-group tour** • From £3,195 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £3,745 (incl. flights) **Category** • Superior

Activity level • Moderate

Visit the key cultural and scenic sights of Oman including magnificent forts and palaces, the rolling dunes of Sharqiya Sands, Oman's highest mountains, and picturesque coastal fishing villages. Discover the warmth of the Omani people and travel between the contrasting landscapes of the desert, sea and mountains.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight flight to Muscat

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

Day 2: Arrive Muscat

Transfer to the marina-side **Mysk al Mouj** for a 3-night stay. Enjoy a welcome lunch to meet the rest of the group and guide. (B, L)

Day 3: Muscat

Morning visit to the spectacular Grand Mosque[†], followed by a tour of the city, including a visit to the Bait Al Zubair Museum, the sultan's palace and the forts of Al Jalali and Mirani. Continue to the magnificent Royal Opera House, the largest in the

* Muscat * Muscat * Muscat * Modi Shab Ras al Jinz Sharqiya Sands

Muscat

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В	16	17	20	24	27	30	29	27	26	24	20	18
С	22	27	15	11	5	1	2	5	0	0	5	10

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 14 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation*
- Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Experienced local tour manager
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage

Middle East. Remainder of afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Muscat & surrounds

This morning, visit the Barka fish market to see local life and a view of the Barka fort. Continue by road to Nakhal hot springs where a picnic lunch is served. Early afternoon visit to Bait Al Ghasham House before returning to Muscat. Optional twilight *dhow* cruise. (B, L)

Day 5: Wadi Shab • Qalhat • Ras Al Jinz

Drive south by 4x4 along the coast from Muscat to Sur, passing the fishing village of Quriyat, and Wadi Shab, a palm-fringed lagoon. Check in at your hotel, then make an evening visit to the green turtle nesting site at Ras Al Jinz beach. Stay overnight at the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve Hotel (or similar)*. (B)

Day 6: Sharqiya Sands

Take a scenic drive through the eastern Hajar Mountains to Sharqiya Sands. Stop at Wadi Bani Khalid, a picturesque river valley, before continuing to Sharqiya Sands, home to the Bedouin people. Stay overnight at **Arabian Nights Resort** (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 7: Jabal Akhdar

Early departure for the Jabal Akhdar, stopping en route at the Oman Across the Ages Museum and the Wadi Al Madeen checkpoint, which leads to the high peaks of the Jabal Akhdar, with spectacular views. Stay 2 nights at **The Sama Hotel, Jabal Akhdar** (or similar)*. (B, D)

Day 8: Nizwa & surrounds

Drive to Jabal Shams, Oman's highest peak, stopping enroute at Wadi Ghul and Wadi Nakher farming villages. Drive past the date plantations in Al Hamra village and visit a traditional Omani house at Bait Al Safah. After lunch, continue to Bahla to visit a pottery maker and watch mud vessels being made, and pass Bahla fort before returning. (B, D)

Day 9: Nizwa • Muscat

Visit the impressive new souk in Nizwa, then continue to the massive Nizwa Fort. Drive through the Sumail Gap to Muscat, arriving this afternoon. Stay overnight at Mysk al Mouj. (B)

Day 10: Fly to London

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Muscat to London with Oman Air. (B)

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

TOUR EXTENSIONS

Tour + Salalah

3 days & 2 nights from £575

Relax in semi-tropical Dhofar, staying in the capital, Salalah. Visit cultural sites and unwind amid palm trees and coconut groves.

Day 9: Fly to Salalah

Morning flight to Salalah. Transfer to the **Crowne Plaza** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 10: Salalah & surrounds

Local visits to Taqah, the province's second town; the ancient port of Khor Rouri; and picturesque Mirbat. (B)



Green turtle returning to the sea, Ras Al Jinz

Day 11: Fly to London via Muscat

Morning flight to Muscat. Afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

Tour + luxury Muscat stay

3 days & 2 nights from £445

Extend your tour with a relaxing stay at one of Muscat's best hotels, positioned on the Gulf of Oman with the Hajar Mountains as a backdrop.

Day 9: Muscat

This morning, take a private transfer to The Chedi Muscat for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Muscat

Day at leisure. Dine at one of six on-site restaurants, enjoy treatments at the Balinese spa or cool down in one of three swimming pools. (B)

Day 11: Fly to London

Transfer to Muscat airport for an afternoon flight to London with Oman Air. (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Accommodation: This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, with the exception of Ras al Jinz, where accommodation should be considered more basic.

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

* Grand Mosque visit: Both men and women visiting the mosque must be fully covered. Women must also cover their head with a scarf.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5211 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

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Group tour

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High season from £3,295 Guide price months: Feb-Mar & Oct

Single supplement from £645

Oman Air flight upgrades

Business Class from £3,895 return First Class from £7,795 return

Private tour

Low season from £3,745 Guide price months: Year round

Single supplement from £645

Regional air connections

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Sidi Bou Said

In its long and eventful history, Tunisia has been ruled by the Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs and, briefly, even the Normans. With such a varied heritage, it is therefore unsurprising that the country has an array of attractions for the culturally curious, including nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Following in the footsteps of Hannibal, tour the ancient city of Carthage, steeped in legend. To the south lies Kairouan, arguably North Africa's principal holy city and once the seat of the region's emirs, while El Djem's vast Roman amphitheatre is one of the best preserved in the whole of the Mediterranean.



Dougga's well-preserved Roman ruins

TUNIS & SIDI BOU SAID

Tunis's historic medina, with souks, palaces, mosques ℰ mausoleums • Sidi Bou Said's Mediterranean vistas

While the new city has a distinctly European feel, old Tunis has remained unchanged for centuries. The medina, dating from the 12th century, has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979 and is home to bustling souks and a maze of colourful streets. There are around 700 monuments, including palaces, mosques, mausoleums, madrasas and fountains dating from the Almohad and the Hafsid periods. 20km to the city's north-east the picturesque town of Sidi Bou Said, with its Mediterranean vistas and painted almost exclusively in blue or white since the 1920s, offers a tranquil contrast to the bustling capital.

CARTHAGE

Sprawling ancient ruins • Crescent-shaped port that served Carthage's navy

Approximately 15 minutes from Tunis, Carthage refers both to the ancient city and to the civilisation that developed within its sphere of influence. Originally a settlement of Phoenician colonists, Carthage was Rome's rival for dominance of the western Mediterranean throughout the second and third centuries BC. Eventually this rivalry led to the three Punic wars, each of which Carthage lost. The third Punic war ended with the complete destruction of the city in 146BC. Today, the city's sprawling ruins have been excavated, and include the remains of the crescent shaped Punic port, which would have once served Carthage's navy.



The Great Mosque, Kairouan

Old medina Sousse

KAIROUAN

Home to the first mosque in North Africa • **UNESCO World Heritage Site**

Known as the 'City of 50 Mosques', Kairouan was established in 670 AD by the Umayyad Caliphate, one of the world's largest empires. It flourished under the Aghlabid dynasty in the ninth century. Despite the transfer of the political capital to Tunis in the 12th century, Kairouan remained the Maghreb's principal holy city, and is home to the Great Mosque - the first mosque in North Africa, and well worth a visit. Today, Kairouan is one of Tunisia's nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites



Tozeur oasis, Sahara

SOUSSE & MONASTIR

Museum of Sousse ℰ its Roman-African mosaics • The ancient Ribat of Monastir

Sousse sits on the Mediterranean coast, and the city's medina is UNESCO-listed for its early Islamic architecture. In the courtyard of the former casbah, you'll find the Museum of Sousse, which boasts an impressive collection of Roman-African mosaics. Many are inspired by ancient myths, such as Medusa, while others depict the daily life and entertainment of a bygone age. Eastward lies coastal Monastir and its Ribat, an ancient Islamic defensive structure which dates from the eighth century.

THE TUNISIAN SAHARA

Chott el Dierid salt flat & mirages • Desert wildlife of Jebil National Park

The desert of southwest Tunisia offers fascinating natural and cultural sights, with the Tozeur oasis and the town of Douz serving as bases of exploration. The Chott el Djerid is the Sahara's largest salt flat, and an ideal summer location to experience Fata Morganas, a form of mirage. To observe wildlife, visit Jebil National Park, which is classed as an Important Bird Area, as well as being a habitat for fennec fox, jackal, horned viper, endemic barbary sheep, and many other animals.

EXPERIENCES IN TUNISIA



The Sahara

Sleep in the Saharan dunes

Enjoy a taste of Bedouin life staying at a tented camp in the Grand Erg Oriental, a vast series of Saharan dunes within the Jebil National Park. While the facilities are simple, by night the candlelit camp provides an atmospheric desert experience. The cuisine served features barbecued meats, homemade couscous and bread baked beneath the sands.

Discover Dougga's Roman ruins

Perhaps Tunisia's best-preserved archaeological site, Dougga once held the status of municipium under the Romans. Today, visitors can still follow the ancient stone-paved streets and admire its capitol, theatre and other splendid public buildings. The site is also littered with Latin inscriptions which provide insight into some of the city's illustrious residents.

See the carpet weavers of Kairouan

Kairouan is famed for its alloucha – handknotted carpets made from natural wool with symmetrical patterns and floral designs. Tunisia's government maintains strict quality control: only those of the requisite standard receive the seal of excellence. You can observe Kairouan's artisans at work during a visit to a traditional alloucha workshop.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Tunisian Highlights

8 days & 7 nights from £2,495 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Explore the rich history of Tunisia on this private journey. Highlights include visiting ancient Carthage, Monastir's Ribat fortress, the walled city of Kairouan and its historic mosques, the well-preserved Roman town of Dougga, and the old centre of the capital, Tunis. Your itinerary can be extended to explore the desert, oases and Berber villages of the south.

Day 1: Arrive in Tunis

Fly to Tunis and stay 2 nights at the Ramada Plaza (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Carthage & Sidi Bou Said

Morning excursion to the Punic and Roman ruins at Carthage. Continue to the beautiful blue-and-white village of Sidi Bou Said, with its palm-fringed bay overlooking the Gulf of Tunis. (B)

Day 3: Sousse, Monastir & El Djem

Morning drive to Sousse to visit the Great Mosque and archaeological museum. Continue to Monastir to see the Ribat fortress, an Islamic art museum, and the Bourguiba mausoleum. Drive to El Djem to visit North Africa's most impressive amphitheatre, and a mosaic museum in a reconstructed Roman townhouse. Drive to the old walled city of Kairouan for 2 nights at La Kasbah. (B)

Day 4: Kairouan

Morning tour of the Great Mosque of Ugba, one of North Africa's largest Islamic monuments; the Mosque of the Barber, reputed burial place of Muhammad's companion Sidi Sahib; and the Aghlabid Reservoirs, built in the ninth century to supply the city with water. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Thuburbo Magnus & Tunis

Morning visit to the vast site of Thuburbo Majus with its Capitol and Forum. Continue to Tunis for 3 nights at the Ramada Plaza. (B)

Day 6: Bulla Regia & Dougga

Morning drive to Bulla Regia, the site of underground Roman townhouses and excellent mosaics. Continue to Dougga, arguably one of the best-preserved Roman towns in North Africa. (B, L)

Day 7: Tunis

Morning walking tour of old Tunis. This afternoon visit the Bardo Museum, which contains an excellent collection of artefacts including Roman and Byzantine mosaics from all over Tunisia. (B, L)

Day 8: Fly to London (B)

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AFRICA

Welcome to where lions and nomads roam. Africa is a continent of sweeping savannas and golden shores; cosmopolitan cities and tribal villages; among the world's most impressive wildlife, and its most celebrated wine.

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Humanity began in Africa, so the story of its people is the story of all of us. We ensure you have the chance to mingle with the locals, including remote tribes whose traditions span millennia, and to explore their history.

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Avenue of the Baobabs

Geographically isolated some 70 million years ago, Madagascar is a lost world of fauna and flora dating back to the era of the dinosaur. Earth's fourth largest island is home to 18 tribal cultures, five contrasting regions and hundreds of endemic species.

As you explore from desert to spiny rainforest to palm-fringed beach, you can expect to spot some of Madagascar's 100 species of lemur and 120 endemic bird species, as well as the likes of the technicoloured panther chameleon and the silky sifaka. In fact, everywhere you look in this naturalist's wonderland, there is something at which to marvel.



Indri lemur, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park

ANTANANARIVO

Colourful capital city • Sacred Ambohimanga Palace

Forget any negative preconceptions about capital cities on mainland Africa. Antananarivo (known locally as Tana) offers a bustling blend of Afro-Asian culture and a friendly atmosphere that makes the city a must on any itinerary. The Rova (royal fort) sits atop the highest point, while below, jumbles of houses cover the steep slopes and mazes of narrow alleys and stairs crisscross the town.

For an insight into Malagasy life past and present, visit the Ambohimanga Palace, the burial site of former kings and queens, as well as the lively markets and craft stores. You can also enjoy a fun, informal lesson in traditional Malagasy cooking at the Tana Kitchen.

ANDASIBE-MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK

Home to indri lemurs • Untouched primary rainforest in Mantadia

A scenic drive east from Antananarivo, the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park is split into two separate forested reserves: Analamazoatra and Mantadia. Analamazoatra is a small rainforest where the star attractions are the 11 lemur species, the best known being the indri. There are more than 100 bird species and many reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. Mantadia's primary rainforest is magical. Walking in the area can be strenuous and, due to the forest's size, spotting lemurs is not guaranteed. However, this forest offers excellent bird and reptile viewing, and serenity not always found in its smaller sister reserve.

ISALO NATIONAL PARK

Deep canyons & magical waterfalls • Elephant's foot bloom in September & October

One of Madagascar's prettiest parks, Isalo encompasses a huge sandstone massif interspersed with canyons, tapia forest, waterfalls and natural springs. Wildlife densities may be lower than in other parks, but both ring-tailed and red-fronted lemurs are often seen. There are 80 bird species (50 endemic) and more than 500 plant species – including elephant's foot, whose austral-spring bloom creates a sea of yellow. The dry climate ensures suitable conditions for walking year round, and trails cater for all abilities.



Isalo National Park



Greater bamboo lemur, Ranomafana National Park

RANOMAFANA NATIONAL PARK

Beautiful montane rainforest • Home to rare golden bamboo & greater bamboo lemurs

Established in 1991, Ranomafana has quickly become a popular destination for wildlife viewing on foot. Steep slopes and elevations ranging between 600 and 1,400 metres allow for different forest types, from lowland to cloud. There are 12 lemur species in total here, the best known being the golden, greater and lesser eastern bamboo lemurs. Ranomafana is also noted for its 118 bird species, of which 36 are endemic. Amongst them are Henst's goshawks, rufous-headed ground-rollers, velvet asities and the crested ibis.

IFOTAKA COMMUNITY FOREST

Lemur spotting in rare gallery & spiny forest • Fascinating Antandroy tribal culture

The Ifotaka Community Forest is a reserve managed by the local Antandroy people. Wildlife activities range from spotting ringtailed lemurs and Verreaux's sifakas in the deciduous gallery forests, to searching for white-footed sportive and mouse lemurs by night in the unique spiny forest. Cultural activities, focused on the Antandroy tribe, are exceptional. Spend a morning at the buzzing and authentic local market, or take a walk with an Antandroy guide into the sacred forests to find huge, individually decorated tombs.



Traditional Antandroy tribal tomb



The Fossa, Madagascar's largest native carnivore

KIRINDY PRIVATE RESERVE

Best place to see fossas • Home to Madame Berthe's mouse lemurs

Kirindy's dry deciduous forest is home to some extraordinary wildlife, not least the elusive fossa, a nocturnal feline that is the only natural hunter of Madagascar's lemurs. The best time to find them is at night during their mating season (October to December). Madame Berthe's lemurs are one of eight lemur species that can be found in the park and are the smallest primates in the world. Giant jumping rats – kangaroo-like rodents – are another rarity. Kirindy is best visited between October and January when rain-quenched vegetation draws animals out of hibernation.



GROUP TOUR

Madagascar Wildlife Adventure

Duration • 16 days & 14 nights **Small-group tour** • From £4,295 (incl. flights) **Private tour** • From £5,395 (incl. flights) **Category** • Discovery **Activity level** • Active

Much of Madagascar's exotic flora and fauna is found nowhere else on Earth. This tour offers an opportunity to discover the island's extraordinary wildlife, natural history, stunning scenery, idyllic beaches and fascinating culture, which is based on a mix of Christianity and ancient spiritual beliefs. Your itinerary is well paced, allowing for a wildlife focus in Andasibe, Ranomafana and Isalo National Parks.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Walk in Maromizaha primary rainforest
- Traditional sunset music performance in Isalo National Park
- Special 'chef's dinner' in Antananariyo
- Evening walks in search of nocturnal species

Day 1: Fly to Antananarivo via Addis Ababa

Take an overnight flight from London (regional connections available) to Antananarivo, via Addis Ababa. (N)

Day 2: Andasibe • Analamazaotra Reserve

Arrive early this afternoon and transfer to **Vakona Forest Lodge** for 3 nights (5 hours, including stops). This evening enjoy welcome drinks and dinner. (D)

Day 3: Andasibe • Vakona Private Reserve • Analamazaotra Reserve

Enjoy a morning walk in Andasibe, returning to the lodge for lunch. Visit Lemur Island in Vakona Private Reserve, an island sanctuary

Diademed Silaka, Maromizaria Reserve



Antananarivo

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FEATURES

- Small group size average 8 people (max 16)
- 3- & 4-star accommodation
- Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees included
- Hotel porterage included

for lemurs, ahead of an afternoon walk in Andasibe. Before dinner, embark on a night walk in the Analamazoatra Reserve. Here you may spot nocturnal species, including mouse, greater dwarf and eastern woolly lemurs. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Maromizaha Reserve (or Mitsinjo forest)

Spend the day walking through the primary forest of Maromizaha Reserve. This lush setting is home to the black-and-white ruffed lemur, the diademed sifaka, Parson's chameleon and a wide variety of frogs. Alternatively, for a less strenuous option, walk in Mitsinjo Reserve and plant an endemic tree as part of the area's reforestation project (subject to vehicle availability). Before dinner, embark on another evening walk, close to the Analamazaotra Reserve. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Antananarivo

Drive back to Antananarivo for an afternoon city tour, including the hills of the royal palaces. Enjoy a special chef's dinner in the evening. Overnight at Palissandre Hotel & Spa. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Antsahabe • Antsirabe

Drive to Antsahabe, a village typical of the Merina tribe, for a short visit. Continue to the spa town of Antsirabe for a late lunch and afternoon tour. Antsirabe is a centre of the gem trade and home to hundreds of *pousse-pousse* (rickshaws), a legacy of Chinese labour imported to work on the railways. Overnight at Couleur Cafe Hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Ambositra • Ranomafana

Continue south to Ambositra, known as Madagascar's handicraft and wood-carving capital. Following a typical Malagasy lunch accompanied by folklore entertainment, continue to Ranomafana. In the evening, walk in search of nocturnal species. Spend 3 nights at the Hotel Thermal. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranomafana

During your morning walk in Ranomafana National Park, see if you can spot the three resident species of bamboo lemur: the grey, the golden and the greater. Endemic birding in the park is also excellent. This afternoon, visit Tanala village. In the early evening, walk in search of nocturnal species. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranomafana

Enjoy a morning walk in the national park, before an afternoon visit to the Ranomafana Arboretum, home to hundreds of rare tree species. This evening, take another nature walk. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fianarantsoa • Ambalavao • Ranohira

This morning, drive via Fianarantsoa to Ambalavao. Visit the Antemoro paper factory and the Anja Reserve, where ring-tailed lemurs are often spotted. Continue to Ranohira and stay 3 nights at **Relais de la Reine**. (B, L, D)

Days 11 & 12: Isalo National Park

Spend the next 2 days exploring the spectacular sandstone landscapes of Isalo National Park. Seek out flora and fauna including ring-tailed lemurs, Malagasy hoopoes, Verreaux's sifakas and the elephant's



Fishing boats, Ifaty

foot plant, and enjoy a traditional music performance as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Zombitse-Vohibasia • Ifaty

Continue towards the west coast. Stop en route at Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park. It may be possible to spot Appert's tetrakas, one of the most endangered endemic birds on the island. The region is known for its large baobab trees and traditional family tombs, central to Malagasy culture. Transfer on to Ifaty (driving time of 6 hours, not including stops), a quiet coastal fishing village boasting a long beach, for your evening farewell dinner. Overnight at Les Dunes d'Ifaty. (B, D)

Day 14: Fly to Antananarivo

Spend your morning at leisure. Late this afternoon, fly from Toliara to Antananarivo. Overnight at **Palissandre Hotel & Spa**. (B, L, D)

Days 15 & 16: Fly to the UK via Addis Ababa

After a morning at leisure, take an afternoon flight to the UK via Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, arriving the following day. Alternatively, extend with a tropical beach stay. (B) (N)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Group tour manager: This tour is fully escorted by a local tour manager from arrival in Antananarivo to Day 13 in Toliara.

Discovery tour: Suited to hardier travellers, with some basic accommodation & rougher journeys.

Active activity level: higher-intensity activities, early starts, more uneven terrain and full-day excursions requiring good fitness and mobility.

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The natural beauty and cultural diversity of South Africa often surprises visitors. The Cape Provinces in particular offer rich cultural delights with their combination of Cape Malay cuisine and world-class vintages from the vineyards of the Winelands.

Wildlife abounds, with superb opportunities for both land- and water-based whale watching, along with self-drive or guided 'Big Five' safaris. For dramatic scenery and diamond-rush history, the Northern Cape should not be missed. Alternatively, head up the less-travelled west coast to Paternoster and the Cedarberg mountains to explore ancient Bushman rock art.



Franschhoek in the Cape Winelands

V&A Waterfront and Table Mountain, Cape Town

CAPE TOWN

One of Africa's most liveable cities • Table Mountain views • Robben Island, Nelson Mandela's former prison

Cosmopolitan, relaxed and with a comfortable Mediterranean climate, Cape Town is sandwiched between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, giving it one of the world's most recognised city locations. It offers a captivating mix of modern living and old-world charm. Take a guided walking tour to discover the city's street food, antique shops, art galleries and heritage buildings. Join a boat trip to UNESCO-listed Robben Island, home to Nelson Mandela during his time as a political prisoner. Wander around the vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Other excursions available to our guests delve deeper into South Africa's political past and engage with the local communities.

THE CAPE WINELANDS

World-renowned wine estates • Epicurean delights • Picturesque mountain scenery

Affluent Constantia Valley, now within Cape Town's suburbs, is South Africa's oldest winemaking area, but a little further afield you will find the undulating valleys and towering mountains of the Cape Winelands. Popular destinations within this viticultural epicentre include the university town of Stellenbosch, the French Huguenot village of Franschhoek and the Cape Dutch estates of Paarl. Here, you can sample celebrated local wines, have lunch at a vineyard or arrange to picnic beside one of the pretty streams and lakes. For a whistle-stop tour of several wineries, choose a scenic cycle ride or board the hop-on, hop-off Franschhoek Wine Tram.



Tsitsikamma National Park

Bull elephant, Addo Elephant Park

THE GARDEN ROUTE

Excellent marine wildlife • Quaint towns & local culture • Wildly beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park

A journey along the Garden Route is an easy way to elevate your visit to South Africa. You can explore by car or guided tour, travelling east to west or vice versa. Beautified by endemic Cape flora and fauna, the area is known for its small owner-run guesthouses and unique farms. Visit Oudtshoorn where you can tour the dramatic Cango Caves, or continue further east to the small seaside town of Knysna which overlooks a picturesque lagoon. Plettenberg Bay offers long stretches of hidden beaches and, close by, the quaint hamlet of Stormsriver at the feet of the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma mountains. For wildlife viewing, there are a number of reserves dotted along the journey, but a logical extension to the Garden Route is the Eastern Cape – a short drive east from Port Elizabeth.

THE EASTERN CAPE

Excellent malaria-free wildlife reserves • Community conservation enterprises • Wild coastline

An ideal place to begin or end a Garden Route itinerary, the Eastern Cape has some excellent private wildlife reserves and a striking coastline where great white sharks, dolphins and southern right whales may be seen. The region's vast plains, reduced to marginal land during the time of the settler farmers, have now been rehabilitated to support a huge variety of wildlife, and Addo Elephant Park has one of the most concentrated elephant populations in Africa. Just an hour's drive from Port Elizabeth and malaria-free, the private reserves in this region are ideal for family travel. Activities range from safari drives, bush walks and alfresco dining to river cruises, canoeing and beach strolls. Accommodation options range from basic chalets to luxury lodges and tented safari suites.



Zulu tribesmen

Lions, Kruger National Park

KWAZULU-NATAL

Sub-tropical coastline • Rich cultural heritage • UNESCO World Heritage Sites & historic battlefields

Forming much of South Africa's sub-tropical east coast, KwaZulu-Natal features unspoilt Indian Ocean beaches, underrated wildlife areas, magnificent mountain scenery and the rich cultural traditions of the Zulu people. Known as the 'Garden Province', it is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park - and numerous Anglo-Boer and Anglo-Zulu battlefields. Both Eswatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho are easily combined with KwaZulu-Natal, offering their own spectacular landscapes and traditional ways of life.



THE NORTH

Renowned for wildlife • Exceptional bird watching • Sleep-out experiences in

In South Africa's north lies the nation's flagship wildlife area: Kruger National Park, one of the largest reserves on the continent. Home to hundreds of mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian and plant species, its unfenced boundaries border some of Africa's finest private wildlife reserves, including Sabi Sands, Timbavati and Manyeleti. Alternatively, the less-visited Waterberg occupies 1,500 sq km north of Johannesburg and comprises craggy mountains, sweeping grasslands and spectacular rock formations. Then there is the 750-sq-km, malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve, which borders Botswana and is one of the best places to spot African wild dogs.

EXPERIENCES IN **SOUTH AFRICA**



Summitting Table Mountain Cape Town

A visit to Cape Town is incomplete without experiencing the many vantage points of Table Mountain. This iconic flat-topped landmark forms a dramatic backdrop to the city. Hike the trails or take a relaxing cable-car ride to the top (weather permitting) for panoramic views over the rooftops to the Atlantic beyond.



Whale watching from the wild coast | Garden Route

Depending on the season, those journeying along the famous Garden Route may be lucky enough to spot all of southern Africa's 'Marine Big Five'. Take to the water to view whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins, or stop by Hermanus - renowned as a whale watching hot spot – and meet the famous 'whale crier'.



Safaris in support of conservation | Eastern Cape & the north

South Africa offers nature enthusiasts a trove of protected wildlife habitats for safari expeditions, especially in the north and southeast. Track animals into the bush alongside an expert ranger, lend a hand to non-profit conservation organisations, and round off your safari with a sundowner - the perfect pairing for romantic savanna views.



Stellenbosch

GROUP TOUR

Highlights of South Africa

Duration • 14 days & 11 nights Small-group tour • From £5,195 (incl. flights) **Private tour •** From £6,995 (incl. flights) Category • Superior Activity level • Moderate

This escorted group tour blends a selection of South Africa's quintessential experiences into a well-paced itinerary for lovers of wildlife, walks, wine and sensational scenery. Go on safari, ascend Table Mountain, tour Wineland vineyards and more with an average group size of just 10 people.

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Cape Town

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₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- 3 nights in a private safari reserve handpicked by Cox & Kings
- Experience the famous Knysna lagoon by historic boat
- Sample Cape Malay cuisine at a local home
- Tour world-class vineyards on a private wine-tasting 'safari'

Day 1: Fly to Port Elizabeth via **Johannesburg**

Fly overnight from London (regional connections available) to Port Elizabeth via Johannesburg. (N)

Day 2: Port Elizabeth • Kariega Game

Arrive in Port Elizabeth and transfer to the Kariega Game Reserve. After lunch, join a late-afternoon safari drive within the reserve, rounded off with sundowners. Spend 3 nights at River Lodge. (L, D)

Days 3 & 4: Kariega Game Reserve

Board specialist safari vehicles for morning

FEATURES

- Small group size average 10 people (max 16)
- 4-star accommodation
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees for national parks, conservancies & safari reserves included
- 2 full days in a 'Big Five' wildlife reserve, including 6 safari drives
- Includes tour of the Cape Peninsula & private wine-tasting safari
- Hotel porterage included

and late-afternoon safari drives in a 'Big Five' wildlife reserve. Cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests and an assortment of antelope species also roam these lands. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tsitsikamma & Knysna

After an early morning wildlife drive, head to the Tsitsikamma National Park. Here you can take a scenic walk and cross the suspension bridge that spans the gorge at the Storms River mouth. Then continue west to the coastal town of Knysna. Stay 3 nights at **Knysna Hollow**. (B, D)

Days 6 & 7: Knysna

Cruise across a stunning lagoon to the Knysna Heads aboard the *John Benn*, a classic boat named after a legendary harbour pilot. Then enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Featherbed Nature Reserve. The next day is at leisure to relax or join an optional excursion. (B)

Day 8: Oudtshoorn

Drive to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'ostrich capital of the world'. Take a guided tour of the Cango Caves, one of Africa's most spectacular natural rock formations. Its vast network of tunnels and chambers, which extends for over 4km, is adorned with delicate stalagmites and stalactites. Then enjoy lunch and an informative excursion to a working ostrich farm, where you will come face to face with the world's largest birds. Overnight at **De Zeekoe**. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Cape Winelands

Head out on an optional early morning meerkat adventure, meeting rescued meerkats accompanied by an expert guide (£32pp). Then continue along the scenic Route 62. Stop at the quirky town of Barrydale for lunch (payable locally). Stay 2 nights in the Winelands at Franschhoek Boutique Hotel / Le Franschhoek. (B, D)

Day 10: Cape Winelands

Spend a full day touring the Cape Winelands. Drive through mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads between the golden triangle of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl. Then join a 4x4 wine-tasting safari at Warwick Wine Estate, sampling 'Big Five' grape varieties. (B, L)

Day 11: Cape Winelands & Cape Town

Take a guided morning walk around Stellenbosch, including a visit to the village museum charting the history of the region. Transfer to Cape Town for an afternoon to explore the bustling V&A waterfront, followed by dinner at a local home in the Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, tasting authentic Cape Malay cuisine. Stay 2 nights at Hyatt Regency Cape Town*. (B, D)

Day 12: Cape Town

Full-day tour of the Cape Peninsula, including an Atlantic seaboard drive past fishing villages and the seaside suburbs of Camps Bay and Hout Bay, finishing at Cape Point. Return via the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a stylish local restaurant. (B, D)

Days 13 & 14: Cape Town • Fly to the UK

Begin your final morning in spectacular fashion: ascending Table Mountain via cable



Kariega Game Reserve

This private malaria-free game reserve is home to the famous 'Big Five', as well as hippo, giraffe, zebra and an array of other animals. Kariega's expert rangers take guests on drives in open safari vehicles, granting you unimpeded views of the wildlife and surrounds. Other activities available include guided bush walks, canoeing, fishing, and cruises to spot wildlife along the Kariega or Bushman's River. Stay at **River Lodge**, which features 10 spacious air-conditioned suites with private patios, a swimming pool, spacious lounges and a deck with views over the Bushman's River.

car (weather permitting; excursion may take place on Day 11). Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, or extend your journey with a visit to Victoria Falls or a beach stay - see pages 210-211 for ideas.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

February-March departures may allow guests to experience the famous harvest season in the Cape Winelands.

*23 January 2025 departure: the hotel in Cape Town will be **Cape Town Hollow**.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

TOUR CODE: HZA

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £5,195 Guide price month: Sep

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

Single supplement from £995

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £625 return Club World from £3,745 return

Private travel

Low season from £6,995 Guide price month: Aug

High season from £7,695 Guide price months: Jan-Mar; Oct-Nov

Single supplement from £995

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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23 Jan 25 05 Feb 25	03 Sep 25 16 Sep 25	04 Feb 26 17 Feb 26	02 Sep 26 15 Sep 26
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Guaranteed departures: for departure dates that have reached the minimum number of guests, and are therefore guaranteed to run, please visit online and refer to the tour's Dates & Prices grid.

SOUTH AFRICA EXTENSIONS

ROVOS RAIL

Scenic routes across southern Africa • Elegantly restored wood-panel carriages • Options range from 48 hours to 15 nights

Ride through some of Africa's most headturning scenery aboard the Rovos Rail. This luxury train service evokes the romance of rail travel's golden age, and selected journeys can be added as a pre-tour extension on group tours to southern and eastern Africa, with added hotel stays where required. Three-night journeys include the classic Cape-Town-to-Pretoria route, which includes tours of Matjiesfontein and the diamond-rush city of Kimberley; and Durban to Johannesburg, featuring two safari drives and a Zulu battlefields tour. There are also two-night journeys, such as a visit to Victoria Falls with a wildlife drive in Hwange National Park; and longer journeys, taking you to Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia or Tanzania.



Rovos Rail



Cape Town



Victoria Falls



Hermanus

Tour + Cape Town 4 days & 2 nights from £275 Variation starts on Day 13 of tour

Cape Town has one of the most spectacular city locations in the world, nestled between Table Mountain and the vast Atlantic Ocean. Soak up the atmosphere in one of the world's greatest cities with time at leisure to explore the city's many cafes, restaurants, galleries, shops, museums and community projects. Alternatively, choose from a range of optional excursions, such as a trip to Robben Island or a helicopter tour over the city.

Extend your stay by 2 nights at the **Hyatt** Regency. Alternatively, stay at a hotel on the lively waterfront, or overlooking the ocean in the suburb of Sea Point, or further south in Camps Bay for exclusivity and relaxation. Speak to our travel consultants for more inspiration.

Tour + Victoria Falls

5 days & 3 nights from £595 Variation starts on Day 13 of tour

At Victoria Falls, the mighty Zambezi river thunders over a 100-metre drop into a narrow ravine, dividing Zimbabwe and Zambia. While it is not the world's highest nor widest waterfall, it can lay claim to being the largest sheet of falling water and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Fly to Victoria Falls via Johannesburg and transfer to Insika Lodge for 3 nights or upgrade to The Wallow from £405. Explore the Zimbabwean side of Victoria Falls, spend time at leisure or choose from a range of optional excursions. Depending on the time of year, either a breakfast or sunset cruise on the Zambezi will be included. At the end of your extension, fly to London via Johannesburg. Alternatively, you can further extend with a safari in Botswana's Chobe National Park, or Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park.

Tour + Hermanus whale watching

4 days & 2 nights from £510 Variation starts on Day 13 of tour

Hermanus, a small seaside settlement just two hours' drive from Cape Town, is one of the best places in the world for ocean and land-based whale watching. Between June and November, the nearby bays become swamped with whales arriving to breed and rear their young. Stay 2 nights at the Marine Hotel. Spot whales from the hotel and beach, or prebook an optional boat trip for a closer view of these majestic creatures.

Port Elizabeth + Tour

2 days & 1 night from £170

Enjoy a pre-tour stay at The Beach Hotel in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) for 1 night. The coast here is famous for the resident dolphins and visiting whales, both of which can be spotted close to shore. The following day, meet your group at the airport and continue to Kariega Game Reserve.

INDIAN OCEAN EXTENSIONS



Le Morne mountain and beach, Mauritius

MAURITIUS

Haven for water sports \bullet Melting-pot culture \bullet Tempting fusion cuisine

The name Mauritius evokes images of walking barefoot along white sandy beaches, swimming in shallow lagoons and indulging in spa treatments. Most hotels and resorts here offer an array of complimentary water sports, a range of restaurants, and excellent long- and short-stay beach packages. Mauritius, however, has more to offer. Look beyond the resorts and the island is a fascinating melting pot of cultures, with delicious fusion cuisine and a warm welcome wherever you go. There are mountains swathed in verdant forests, huge sugar plantations, hidden waterfalls, vibrant local markets, and historic sites.

Extend from £1,295 per person, including flights, 1 night in Johannesburg and 5 nights at LUX* Grande Gaube.

SEYCHELLES

Fascinating creole culture • Beautiful bays • Remote beach stays

The Seychelles is a paradisal archipelago in the Indian Ocean and gilded with natural beauty. Picture turquoise sea lapping white sand, thick rainforest under blue skies, boats bobbing in sleepy bays, and coconut palms nodding in the year-round warmth. In this, Africa's smallest country, creole culture meets a colonial past, reflected in the islands' buildings, traditions and languages. The three main islands of Mahé, Praslin and La Digue are where most Seychellois people live, and where most hotels are located – though, with 115 islands to visit, your options are numerous.

Extend from £1,575 per person, including flights, 1 extra night in Cape Town and 4 nights at the **Hilton Labriz**.



Anse Source d'Argent beach, La Digue Island, Seychelles

Vilankulo, Mozambique

MOZAMBIQUE

Archetypal barefoot luxury • Shallow reefs teeming with life • Exclusive lodges

Mozambique is one of Africa's most unspoilt marine areas and an ideal honeymoon or post-safari beach destination. Visitors are often pleasantly surprised to discover the fascinating culture and history on offer too. Travel south from Maputo, along Mozambique's Lagoon Coast, to the exclusive White Pearl Resort. Alternatively, dotted off the northern coast, the sun-soaked Bazaruto archipelago is accessed from Vilanculos by boat or light aircraft. A National Marine Reserve, Bazaruto offers idyllic sandy beaches dotted with palm trees.

Extend from £2,525 per person, including flights, 1 extra night in Cape Town and 4 nights at **Santorini** near Vilanculos.



Oryx, Sossusvlei

One of the world's least densely populated countries, Namibia contains the world's most ancient desert, highest dunes and second largest canyon. It is ruggedly beautiful, with ever-changing colours and fascinating indigenous San and Himba culture. Around 44 per cent of Namibia is under conservation and, as a result, there is a unique range of wildlife to see.

The most popular way to get around is by road, either with a private driverguide or on a self-drive basis - a liberating, flexible and cost-effective way to explore. If you prefer the ease of travelling by air, consider a fly-safari by light aircraft. The aerial views over Namibia are breathtaking.



Wildlife gathering at a watering hole, Etosha National Park

NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK

Stunning sunsets over Sossusvlei's sand dunes • Hot-air balloon flight over the desert

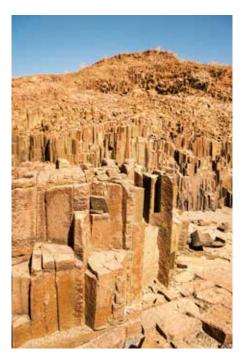
The Namib-Naukluft Park is home to Sossusvlei, the giant red dunes for which Namibia is best known. The area is a photographer's paradise and is easy to reach in your own hire car. Alternatively, all the park's lodges offer a range of guided excursions, including an outstanding half-day trip to the dunes.

We recommend staying in one of the private Kulala Wilderness Reserve lodges. These lodges have their own private gates to the park. Guided horse rides lasting several days can be booked from Desert Homestead Lodge and Namib Outpost.

ETOSHA

Explore the park on self-drives • Water holes that attract large groups of wildlife

Etosha, meaning 'great white place', is mostly covered by a silvery-white chalk that shimmers in the heat, referred to as the Etosha Pan. Watering holes and natural springs dot the southern edge of the pan and act as a magnet for large herds of animals, especially during the dry season. Large family groups of elephants, giraffes, kudu, gemsbok, springbok, zebras, impala and eland are common, as are good numbers of lions, leopards and cheetahs. The black and white rhino may also be seen. To explore Etosha you can either self-drive from camps inside the park or enjoy both selfdrive and guided trips from one of the private reserves outside the park gates.



Organ Pipes, Damaraland

DAMARALAND

Twyfelfontein rock art site • Rare desert elephants

Now part of the Kunene region, Damaraland is the historical home of the Damara people. This rugged landscape is home to elusive desertadapted elephants and black rhinos, as well as huge granite boulders adorned by a wealth of Bushman rock art.

There are a number of interesting geological sites worth a visit, including the Petrified Forest, where tree trunks have turned to stone over millions of years; Burnt Mountain, formed from solidified lava flow; and the nearby Organ Pipes, a series of striking basalt columns rising out of the desert.

For an adventure, try a two- or three-night mobile camping safari in the breathtaking Palmwag Concession area. Stay in dome tents and dine alfresco under the stars.

Young Himba woman in traditional dress

EXPERIENCES IN NAMIBIA



Walvis catamaran cruise

Search for Namibia's 'Marine Big Five' - whales, dolphins, mola mola (ocean sunfish), leatherback turtles and seals - on a cruise past the oil rigs and ships of Walvis Bay out to the lighthouse at Pelican Point. Fresh oysters, sparkling wine or tea and coffee are served.



Tracking black rhinos on foot

In the Palmwag Concession, conservation of the black rhino has been made a priority. Using the Desert Rhino Camp as a base, it is possible to spend time tracking black rhinos accompanied by experts from the Save the Rhino Trust. If found, the rhino is likely to be wandering alone in his territory, foraging for food.

SKELETON COAST

Rugged coastline & shipwrecks • Visit a Himba village

Namibia's remote north-west contains some of the most dramatic scenery in the country, including the Skeleton Coast National Park. Called 'the land made in anger' by the indigenous San people, this 16,000-squarekilometre wilderness is strewn with desertbound shipwrecks. The southern section of this stark coastline can be driven along, while the more remote, northern quarters can be admired on a flying safari.

We recommend a four-night stay between Shipwreck Lodge and Hoanib Valley Camp, where you can explore shipwrecks, rock formations and rare desert wildlife. You can learn about the conservation efforts to protect the desert-adapted giraffe, and interact with the semi-nomadic Himba people, known for their distinctive dress and traditional crafts.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Namibia Classic Self-Drive

17 days & 14 nights from £4,495 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

This popular self-drive itinerary is a flexible, cost-effective way to discover the best that Namibia has to offer. Visit the giant red dunes of Sossusvlei, the adventure town of Swakopmund, impressive granite landscapes in Damaraland, and Etosha National Park, which promises extraordinary self-drive safaris to see its many resident big cats.

Days 1 & 2: Fly overnight to Windhoek On arrival in Windhoek, you will be met and assisted with collection of your hire car. Overnight at The Elegant Guesthouse. (N) Day 3: Gamsberg

Transfer to Corona Guest Farm, set at the foot of the majestic Gamsberg Mountain. (B, D)

Days 4 & 5: Sossusvlei

Explore Sossusvlei, home to some of the world's largest sand dunes. Stay 2 nights at Desert Homestead Lodge. (B,D)

Day 6 & 7: Swakopmund

Head to the Germanic town of Swakopmund, gateway to the Skelton Coast. Enjoy a catamaran cruise the following day. Stay 2 nights at Cornerstone Guesthouse. (B)

Days 8 & 9: Twyfelfontein

Travel to the wildlife-rich region of Damaraland, also home to Africa's largest concentration of ancient rock art. Stay 2 nights at Camp Kipwe. (B, L, D)

Days 10-13: Etosha National Park

Spend the next 4 days exploring one of Africa's largest national parks. Stay 2 nights at Okaukuejo Rest Camp and 2 nights at Onguma Bush Camp. (B)

Days 14 & 15: Okonjima Nature Reserve

Travel to Okonjima Nature Reserve, home to the AfriCAT carnivore sanctuary. Stay 2 nights at Okonjima Plains Camp.

Days 16 & 17: Overnight flight to UK Transfer to Windhoek airport and fly home. (B)

Tailor-made travel

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Ngorongoro Crater

Tanzania's vibrant landscapes are a photographer's dream, from snow-capped Kilimanjaro to exotic Zanzibar, via the plains of the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater. Visitors can witness dramatic wildlife spectacles including the annual Great Migration in the Serengeti.

Neighbouring Kenya is home to wide-open spaces, impressive mountain ranges, deep lakes and golden beaches. Here, too, are the fascinating pastoralist cultures of the Masai, Samburu and other indigenous peoples. This is the birthplace of safari, and the country's 23 national parks offer exceptional wildlife viewing.



Wild dogs, Ruaha National Park

TANZANIA'S NORTHERN SAFARI CIRCUIT

World-class safari parks • Great Wildebeest Migration • UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater

The national parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti form Tanzania's Northern Safari Circuit, among Africa's most impressive wildlife areas. Sprinkled with ancient baobab trees, Tarangire comes to life in the dry season, when its eponymous river attracts large animals - especially elephants. Lake Manyara contains a beautiful soda lake and an exceptional variety of wildlife, including elusive tree-climbing lions. The fertile Ngorongoro Crater is home to one of the world's greatest concentrations of wildlife and presents dramatic views from its vertiginous rim. The Serengeti is known for its expansive savanna, perennially excellent wildlife viewing, and the Great Wildebeest Migration.

SOUTHERN TANZANIA

Pristine wilderness • Laid-back safaris

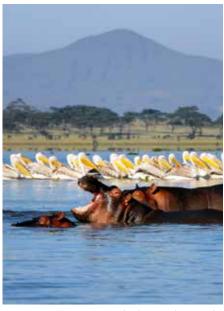
With pristine wildernesses and fewer visitors, southern Tanzania offers a more adventurous safari than the busy north - though they are easily combined. Nyerere National Park is close to sea level and, with the Great Rufiji river flowing through it, has a tropical ambience. All lodges offer wildlife viewing in open 4x4 vehicles, on foot and by boat, where you may drift past pods of hippos and numerous crocodiles. There is a healthy population of wild dogs and more than 450 bird species. In mountainous Ruaha National Park, the animals are relaxed - especially the elephants, who share this habitat with lions, leopards and wild dogs. Activities include 4x4 safari drives, guided walks and fishing trips.



Cheetah and cub, Ol Pejeta



Wildebeest migration, Masai Mara



Hippos and pelicans, Lake Naivasha

LAIKIPIA PLATEAU

Rugged, untamed landscapes • Authentic cultural interactions • Impressive conservation enterprises

Laikipia is an attractive region that stretches from the foothills of Mount Kenya to the shoreline of Lake Baringo. The area covers a wide range of landscapes and is a sanctuary for elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes and a wealth of plains wildlife. The safari lodges in Laikipia include some of the most opulent in Kenya, and the involvement of Samburu and Maasai communities allows visitors a rare opportunity to meet local people. The large conservancy of Lewa and OI Pejeta is excellent for those interested in wildlife conservation and learning about the vital work the communities do to protect the environment.

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Wildebeest migration • Cinematic savannas • As seen in *Out of Africa*

The Masai Mara is Kenya's most celebrated reserve, made famous by the film Out of Africa and featured in the BBC's Big Cat Diaries. All of the 'Big Five' can be found here, as well as hyenas, cheetahs, jackals, bat-eared foxes and distinctive Masai giraffes. Hippos and crocodiles are present in large numbers in the Mara and Talek rivers and a wide range of antelopes abound, including Thomson's gazelle, topi and eland. The Mara ecosystem itself is growing as new wildlife conservancies emerge on the reserve's edges, offering further protection to the animals on their migration routes. These conservancies also provide the opportunity to escape the crowds, take night safari drives and go on guided walks in areas where most tourists cannot go.

RIFT VALLEY LAKES

Boat trips for excellent bird \mathcal{E} wildlife spotting \bullet Fishing for Nile perch

In Kenya, the Rift Valley runs from Lake Turkana in the north to Lake Natron in the south. Lake Naivasha is a wonderful place to watch birds and spot hippos. Colourful kingfishers, fish eagles and goliath herons can all be viewed at close quarters on a boat trip. Black rhinos are protected and may be seen alongside a variety of antelopes, giraffes, lions and hyenas. A drive north takes you to Lake Elementaita, another birders' paradise. Here, the Soysambu Private Conservancy is home to large herds of buffaloes, and leopards are regularly spotted. Travel west to tranquil Lake Victoria for boating, cultural walks and excellent birdwatching.

EXPERIENCES IN KENYA & TANZANIA



Ngorongoro wildlife viewing | Tanzania Embark on a safari across the expansive floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic caldera and UNESCO World Heritage Site that serves as a habitat to tens of thousands of large animals, including buffaloes, black rhinos, wildebeest,

lions and spotted hyenas.



Meet the locals | Kenya

Experience the cultures and traditions of Kenya's indigenous tribes with visits to remote, authentic villages. Break bread with the Maasai of the south and the Samburu of the north – who have preserved their traditions, pastoralist lifestyles and vibrant handicrafts for millennia.



Elewana Loisaba Star Beds | Kenya Set on a rocky kopje overlooking a waterhole, Loisaba Star Beds lets you slumber under endless starry skies in raised four-poster beds that extend out from thatched accommodation. This rare experience is hosted by local Samburu and Laikipia Maasai people.



GROUP TOUR

Highlights of Kenya

Duration • 10 days & 8 nights Small-group tour • From £4,095 (incl. flights) **Private tour •** From £4,795 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Kenya promises world-class safaris, dramatic scenery and diverse cultures. This escorted tour provides the perfect pace for exploring both acclaimed and lesser-known national parks, lakes and private concessions.



Nairobi

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Α	25	26	26	24	23	22	21	21	24	25	23	24
В	12	12	13	14	13	11	10	10	11	12	13	13
С	57	49	93	244	186	42	22	27	29	67	151	99

A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Activity level • Moderate

- Wildlife viewing in private reserves handpicked by Cox & Kings
- Sip specialist Kenyan tea while learning about conservationist Joy Adamson
- **Explore Crescent Island Game** Sanctuary on foot

Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Nairobi. Transfer to the Tamarind Tree Hotel (or similar) for the night. (N)

Day 2: Aberdare National Park

Leave Nairobi for the Aberdare region, known as the place where a young Queen Elizabeth first learnt she had ascended to the throne. Lunch at Aberdare Country Club, then proceed to Aberdare National Park for wildlife viewing en route to your lodge. One of the country's oldest reserves, this park safeguards rare alpine forests featuring centuries-old cedars and camphors. It is home to African elephants, black rhinos, spotted hyenas, leopards, colobus

FEATURES

- Small group size average 10 people (max 14)
- 4-star accommodation
- Experienced local tour guide
- Guided sightseeing & entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & safari reserves included
- 10 included safaris
- Walking Safari in Crescent Island Game Sanctuary

monkeys and many more creatures worth spotting. Overnight at **The Ark Lodge**. (B, L, D)

Days 3 & 4: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Go on safari in Ol Pejeta, a pristine 'Big Five' conservation area home to a variety of rare species, such as black and white rhinos, African wild dogs and Grevy's zebras. Optional activities include birdwatching, lion tracking, community tours, and a visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Stay 2 nights at Sweetwaters Serena Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lake Naivasha

Drive south of Lake Naivasha in the Great Rift Valley. After lunch, take a boat ride to enjoy a walking safari in Crescent Island Game Sanctuary. This evening, visit the Elsamere Conservation Centre; the retirement home of naturalist Joy Adamson. Enjoy an informative video on Adamson, sample special Kenyan teas, and explore the museum. Overnight at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge. (B, L, D)

Days 6-8: Masai Mara

Transfer to the Masai Mara – Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve – for 3 days of safari thrills. All of the 'Big Five' can be found here, as well as hyenas, cheetahs, jackals, bat-eared foxes, hippos, crocodiles, and Masai giraffes. Admire prolific wildlife and sweeping views alongside expert rangers. Stay 3 nights at the Zebra Plains Mara Camp. (B, L, D)

Days 9 & 10: Depart Nairobi

Transfer by road to Nairobi and enjoy the use of dayrooms at the **Tamarind Tree Hotel**. Your afternoon is at leisure. This evening, fly overnight to the UK, or begin an extension - see pages 220-221 for details. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* Wildebeest migration: Departure dates marked with an asterisk are those offering the best chance of seeing the wildebeest migration. Wildlife movements vary and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry



White rhino family, Ol Pejeta



Sweetwaters Serena Camp, Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Located within 'Big Five' OI Pejeta Conservancy, the **Sweetwaters Serena Camp** offers 56 luxuriously appointed tents, each with a thatched roof, an en suite bathroom and a veranda or balcony with views of the waterhole. The camp features a swimming pool and Water Hole Bar with stunning views of the abundant wildlife which surrounds the camp. Activities include day and night wildlife drives, bush walks in the company of a resident naturalist, riverine birdwatching and visits to the chimpanzee sanctuary. Thanks to OI Pejeta Conservancy's private status it is able to offer night game drives, an activity not available in most national parks and reserves in Kenya.

Guideline prices for 2025

Group tour

Low season from £4,095 Guide price month: Jun

High season from £5,195 Guide price months: Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £795

British Airways flight upgrades World Traveller Plus from £445 return Club World from £2,495 return

Private travel

Low season from £4,795 Guide price months: Apr-May

High season from £5,995 Guide price month: Jul-Aug

Single supplement from £795

Regional air connections

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GROUP TOUR

Ultimate Tour: In the Footsteps of the Great Migration

Duration • 13 days & 11 nights Small-group tour • From £6,695 (incl. flights) **Private tour •** From £8,395 (incl. flights) Category • Superior Activity level • Moderate

Tanzania and Kenya share hosting duties for one of nature's greatest spectacles: the annual Great Wildebeest Migration. This group tour offers the chance to follow the millions of migrating wildebeest, zebras and antelope as they move from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara. Enjoy authentic cultural experiences and immersive wildlife viewing in some of Africa's greatest national parks.

₩ SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Admire the wildlife of celebrated national parks including Amboseli, Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti and the Masai Mara
- Time your visit for the chance to witness the Great Migration
- Take a break from your safari vehicle with walks, boat trips and a visit to Olduvai Gorge

Day 1: Fly to Nairobi

Fly from London (regional connections available) to Nairobi. Overnight at the Sheraton Four Points (or similar). (N)

Day 2: Amboseli National Park

Transfer from Nairobi to Amboseli National Park by custom safari vehicle. Arrive for lunch followed by wildlife watching activities, when you may spot elephants silhouetted against the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. Stay 2 nights at **OI Tukal Lodge** with its views of Kilimanjaro. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Amboseli National Park

Spend a full day in Amboseli embarking on





Nairobi

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A: Maximum average temperature (°C)

B: Minimum average temperature (°C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

FEATURES

- Small group size average 10 people (max 18)
- 4-star accommodation
- Scenic flights from Serengeti to Masai Mara
- 10 included safaris
- Entrance fees to national parks, conservancies & wildlife reserves included

morning and afternoon safari drives that showcase the park's diversity of wildlife. Look out for bush elephants, cape buffaloes, spotted hyenas, lions, cheetahs and more. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tarangire National Park

This morning, depart Amboseli and drive approximately 2 hours to the Namanga border, crossing into Tanzania. Enjoy lunch in Arusha before continuing to Tarangire. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at **Kirurumu Tarangire** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ngorongoro highlands

Enjoy an early morning safari drive, before proceeding for 3 hours to the Ngorongoro highlands – arriving for leisure time and dinner. Spend 2 nights at **Pamoja Farm Lodge**. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

Today, you visit one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife destinations: the UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater. Descend to the crater floor in search of the 'Big Five', the forested walls providing a photogenic backdrop. Travel through the Lerai Forest looking for leopard and onto the plains where wildebeests and zebras graze whilst cheetahs and lions lie in watch. Old elephants may pass your vehicle as distant rhinos wander and hippos wade. A picnic lunch maximises your time in the crater. Return to your lodge late afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Serengeti National Park

Descend from the crater, via the Olduvai gorge, to the Serengeti plains, host of the annual Great Wildebeest Migration from October to July, as well as numerous species year-round. The predator concentration in the Serengeti is high, with large prides of lion, many hyena clans, and regular sightings of cheetahs and leopards. Elephants, buffaloes, giraffes and antelope can be found grazing, as can less-known species such as aardwolves, mongooses, caracals, servals, and hyraxes. Spend 2 nights at Pamoja Serengeti Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Serengeti National Park

Spend your day exploring the extensive plains of the Serengeti in search of the 'Big Five'. If you would like to maximise your time on safari, take a picnic lunch with you into the park, dining in the vast savanna before returning to your lodge later in the day. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fly to the Masai Mara

Transfer to the airstrip for a short scheduled flight to Tarime, then transfer to Migori for your flight to the world-famous Masai Mara National Park. Arrive in the afternoon and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, with the option of a safari drive. Stay 2 nights at **Zebra Plains Camp**. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara

Spend a full day in the Masai Mara on morning and afternoon safari drives, with the option of a hot-air balloon ride at extra cost. The renowned Masai Mara reserve and its adjunct concessions are home to prolific wildlife, including the 'Big Five'. Travel between July and August and you may also witness the dramatic, heart-in-your-mouth river crossings of the Great Migration. (B, L, D)



Elephants and Mt Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park

Day 11: Lake Naivasha, Great Rift Valley

Transfer from the Masai Mara to Lake Naivasha, arriving in this wildlife-rich area of the Great Rift Valley This afternoon enjoy a presentation on conservation pioneer Joy Adamson, sample speciality teas and visit the local museum. Overnight at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge. (B, L, D)

Days 12 & 13: Lake Naivasha • Fly to the UK

Transfer to Nairobi and enjoy the use of a day room at the **Tamarind Tree Hotel** or take an optional excursion. This evening, transfer to Jomo Kenyatta airport for your flight home. Alternatively, extend your journey with extra time to unwind on the coast. (B)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wildebeest migration: This tour follows the approximate route of the Great Migration. However, the exact timing of the migration varies, and sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Superior tour: Based in 4-star accommodation or above throughout.

Moderate activity level: Medium pace, some longer travel days, with uneven terrain and longer walks requiring good fitness and mobility.

Private & tailor-made travel: This itinerary can be taken privately and tailored to your exact requirements. Please call 020 3930 5008 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2025-26

Group tour

Low season from £6,695 Guide price month: Jun

High season from £7,495 Guide price months: Sep-Oct

Single supplement from £775

British Airways flight upgrades

World Traveller Plus from £445 return Club World from £2,495 return

TOUR CODE: UGM

Private travel

Low season from £8,395 Guide price months: Apr-May

High season from £9,495 Guide price month: Jul

Single supplement from £775

Regional air connections

Please speak to your consultant for details

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

Departure dates for 2025-26

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

KENYA & TANZANIA EXTENSIONS

KENYA'S BEACHES

Enjoy the Swahili culture of the coast •
Take a traditional *dhow* cruise • Sample the freshest seafood

Kenya's 536-kilometre coastline is an idyllic place to round off a safari holiday. You'll find a striking combination of Swahili culture and Indian Ocean scenery here, with the contrast of quiet fishing towns, such as UNESCO-listed Lamu in the north, with port cities, such as bustling Mombasa in the south. Off shore, coral reefs teem with marine life offering abundant snorkelling and diving opportunities. Relax on the white sands of Diani Beach near Mombasa, stay on the pristine tropical shores of Watamu, or take a secluded beach escape on a charming islet such as Funzi.



Fly from Nairobi to Diani Beach, south of Mombasa, and transfer to Leopard Beach Resort or Baobab Beach Resort & Spa for 3 nights. Alternatively, fly to Malindi and transfer to Hemingways Watamu from £995. Enjoy days at leisure relaxing on the white sand beaches, or book an optional activity. Fly back to the UK via Nairobi.



Diani Beach, Kenya

Mnemba Island, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO

Melting-pot culture • Known as the 'Spice Islands' • Pristine sandy beaches

This former sultanate was a trading post for silk, slaves and spices, earning it the epithet the 'Spice Islands'. Two main islands, Unguja and Pemba, plus numerous islets, make up the Zanzibar archipelago. Unguja, informally known as Zanzibar Island, features picture-perfect beaches and historic Stone Town, with its maze of beautiful old buildings, carved wooden doors and colourful markets. Combine relaxation with activities such as spice plantation tours, snorkelling and boat trips, and forest walks in search of red colobus monkeys. Meanwhile, Pemba Island offers more off-the-beaten-track experiences, with fewer crowds and a slower pace of life.

Tour + Zanzibar 5 days & 3 nights from £1,045

Leave the group in Nairobi and fly to Zanzibar for 3 nights at Breezes Beach Club and Spa. Alternatively, stay at Baraza Resort & Spa from £2,145. Spend 2 full days at leisure relaxing on the beach or choose from a range of optional excursions. Fly back to UK via Nairobi, arriving the following day.



Zanzibar



Breezes Beach Club & Spa, Zanzibar

Breezes places you on the edge of the pristine white sand that hems Zanzibar's eastern coast. Where better to unwind after a safari holiday? The villa-style accommodation at this relaxed beach retreat is surrounded by palm trees, and affords views across the gardens to the Indian Ocean. Spacious, air-conditioned rooms are tastefully furnished in authentic Zanzibari fashion, and each features a garden terrace or balcony offering sea views. Breezes' restaurant serves a different menu daily, providing an authentic taste of the island's fusion cuisine. There is also a spa, fitness centre, tennis court, outdoor swimming pool, and a beachfront water-sports centre.



Baraza Resort & Spa, Zanzibar

On the southeast coast of Zanzibar, this 30-villa, all-inclusive resort fuses Arabic, Swahili and Indian elements throughout. There is a range of spacious one- and two-bedroom villas to choose from, with beautiful fabrics, hand-carved furniture, large bathrooms, wide terraces and private plunge pools. Like the resort's design, food at Baraza is a fusion of the island's influences, with Arabic, Indian, Persian, Asian and Swahili flavours served in the open-air restaurant. The spa boasts a lap pool with underwater music, indoor and outdoor relaxation rooms, a yoga and fitness centre and tennis court. Other facilities include a library, and a seafront water-sports centre.



Hemingways Watamu, Kenya

The white sands and cerulean waters of Watamu form one of Kenya's most alluring shorelines. This was the country's first marine park, and the coral reefs host sea life that is as colourful as it is diverse. Just a short drive inland, you'll find the medieval ruins of Gedi – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hemingways Watamu is situated in the heart of the marine national park, and accommodates guests in light, airy and luxurious ocean-view rooms and residences. There is a spa offering Africaninspired treatments; al-fresco dining featuring the freshest seafood; a garden cafe for Kenyan coffee and pastries; and a curving palm-fringed swimming pool.



Mountain gorillas, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park

Uganda and Rwanda place you but a tree-swing away from humanity's closest cousins: the gorilla and the chimpanzee. Both African nations offer stirring encounters with these great apes, along with Big Five safaris, tremendous natural scenery, and welcoming communities.

Uganda offers a diversity of wildlife and landscapes. Here, in excess of 20 national parks and wildlife reserves shelter all manner of animal, including over 1,000 bird species, making it one of the finest birdwatching destinations on the continent.

Rwanda is generally more expensive, but with more habituated gorilla families and high-end accommodation. Landscapes here range from the lofty Virunga Mountains to the sweeping plains of Akagera National Park and the shores of Lake Kivu – home to some of Africa's best inland beaches.

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Trek to see mountain gorillas • Spot endemic birds • Meet the indigenous pygmy people Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is home to around 450 mountain gorillas – over half the world's population of this endangered primate. It's also one of the most biologically diverse forests on Earth, with 120 species of mammal, including black-and-white colobus monkeys, baboons, antelopes, chimpanzees, and elephants; and 350 species of bird, including 23 Albertine Rift endemics. Beyond wildlife watching, you can visit philanthropic enterprises, as well as pygmy villages to learn how the indigenous Echuya Batwa live.



Hippos, Murchison Falls National Park

MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Explore an untamed natural landscape • Spot shoebill storks • Cruise on the Nile

Murchison Falls National Park lies in the northern part of Uganda's Albertine Rift Valley. Here, the White Nile crashes spectacularly through a green gorge, before its cataracts slow to a calmer flow. Regular boat trips carry visitors across the river to the base of the falls, an opportunity to spot hippos, buffaloes, waterbucks and crocodiles. Other wildlife in the area includes lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, hartebeest and the graceful oribi antelope. Birdwatching is excellent and visitors have a good chance of seeing shoebill storks.



Golden monkey, Volcanoes National Park

L'Hoest's monkey, Nyungwe Forest National Park

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Track rare mountain gorillas • Spot golden monkeys in the canopy

Sitting close to a family of mountain gorillas is undoubtedly one of the world's greatest wildlife experiences. Rwanda's mountain gorillas roam the Virunga slopes of Volcanoes National Park. Some, such as the Susa group, studied by famous primatologist Dian Fossey, live at over 3000 metres. Golden monkeys can also be tracked here and are well worth the shorter hike

NYUNGWE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Chimpanzee trekking • Forest canopy walks • Colobus monkeys

Nyungwe is the largest surviving expanse of montane forest in east and central Africa. It also has east Africa's highest canopy walk, some 75 metres above ground. Within the forest are 13 primate species including chimpanzees, L'Hoest's monkeys, red-tailed monkeys and Ruwenzori colobus monkeys, all of which can be seen on foot. Guided walks can also be taken in the Kamiranzovu swamps and to scenic waterfalls.



Lake Kivu

LAKE KIVU

Spectacular lake views • Relax on the 'Riviera of Rwanda'

The scenic, high-altitude Lake Kivu forms the border between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. Steep terraced hills lead down to the picturesque lake shore and the resort town of Kibuye. Visit as an overnight stop on the long land-transfer between Volcanoes and Nyungwe national parks or for relaxation after a busy itinerary. Kayak excursions and walks are available for those wishing to remain active.

EXPERIENCES IN UGANDA & RWANDA



Chimpanzee in the wild

Witness gorillas in the mist

A handful of habituated mountain gorilla groups reside deep in the dense forests of Uganda and Rwanda. With experts guides, visitors can safely trek to see them first-hand. A guided gorilla trek is physically challenging and can range from one to four hours each way. Once you have found a gorilla group, spend a magical hour in their company.

Chimpanzee trekking

Treks to find habituated chimpanzee groups usually involve shorter, yet still challenging hikes, likely through slippery and overgrown terrain. Chimps spend more of their time high in the canopy and tend to be more mobile, meaning that the hour you spend with them can be an active encounter as you follow their trail through the forest. The effort is well worth it.

Birding in Akagera National Park

Lakes and papyrus swamps cover a third of Akagera in north-eastern Rwanda. In the park's north lie vast savanna plains, while the south offers undulating hills and valleys covered with grasses and bracken. The diverse habitat makes for a birder's paradise with over 500 recorded species.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Rwanda Primate Safari

10 days & 8 nights from £9,895 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Showcasing Rwanda's natural beauty and remarkable wildlife, this private guided journey will take you between the highlights, meeting several of our closest cousins, including chimpanzees and mountain gorillas.

Days 1 & 2: Arrive in Kigali

Fly overnight from London to Kigali. Stay 1 night at the Mille Collines Hotel. (N)

Day 3: Butare & Nyungwe National Park
Travel south by road (or helicopter at added
cost) to Nyungwe National Park, stopping at
Butare for lunch (payable locally) and a visit
to the Ethnographic Museum. Stay 3 nights at
Mantis Kivu Marina Bay or upgrade to

One & Only Nyungwe House. (B) Days 4 & 5: Nyungwe National Park

Rise early for a forest trek in search of chimpanzees, followed by an hour to observe their behaviour. The next morning, hike to see troops of black-and-white colobus monkeys followed by an optional canopy trail across 70-metre-high rope bridges. (B)

Day 6: Lake Kivu

Drive along the shores of Lake Kivu, followed by an option afternoon boat excursion on the lake. Overnight at Lake Kivu Serena Hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Lake Kivu & Volcanoes National Park

Optional kayaking excursion, before transferring to Volcanoes National Park. En route, visit the Dian Fossey Research Centre which details the life and work of the famed Gorillas in the Mist conservationist. Afternoon village tour to learn how conservation efforts are helping mountain gorillas return from the brink of extinction. Stay 2 nights at The Bishop's House. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Volcanoes National Park

Trek in search of a mountain gorilla family and spend a privileged hour in their company. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Volcanoes National Park • Kigali Join one last primate adventure with a

short trek to meet the golden monkeys that roam the forest canopies. Continue to Kigali for an afternoon city tour, including the thought-provoking Genocide Museum. Overnight at Mille Collines Hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fly to London

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

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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe's history, culture and wildlife, not to mention the magnificent Victoria Falls and superb value for money, make it a showstopper of a destination. In the west lies Hwange National Park, home to one of the largest concentrations of elephants in Africa. Lake Kariba, the world's biggest human-made lake, and scenic Mana Pools National Park, offer great birding, wildlife and fishing. History enthusiasts can also marvel at Zimbabwe's medieval-era ruins, such as the city of Great Zimbabwe.

Neighbouring Botswana boasts a high diversity of ecosystems, the most notable being the UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta. About 40 per cent of the country's land comprises national parks and private reserves, and – as most are unfenced – wildlife roams freely, making Botswana one of Africa's premier safari destinations.



Herd of elephants, Hwange National Park

THE VICTORIA FALLS

Walk the Falls • Thrilling activities from land, water and air • Historic hotels

Victoria Falls forms the largest falling sheet of water in the world. Every minute, up to half a million tonnes of the Zambezi River tumbles down into the deep gorges beneath. Locally known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, meaning 'The Smoke That Thunders', the falls form part of the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, with the Zimbabwean side generally providing better views from its network of rainforest trails. For those seeking a different vantage point, the Falls offer unique viewing experiences, from sunset cruises to exhilarating light-aircraft flyovers. The historic on-site town is a must, thanks to its vibrant community and friendly service. Stays in national parks on both sides of the falls offer chances for game drive or wildlife walks.

HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Large elephant population • See the 'Big Five' • Authentic safari camps

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest wildlife reserve, containing vast tracts of Kalahari sandveld where teak and mopane woodlands are interspersed with salt pans and grassy plains. Wildlife here is prolific and population densities rank among the highest in Africa. There are more than 100 mammal species, including up to 30,000 elephants and the endangered African wild dog – the Painted Dog Conservation Project here has a visitor centre and trail system that are well worth a visit. Birding in Hwange is also excellent, with the wet season (December to March) providing excellent opportunities to see some of the 400 recorded species.

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

View elephants from the water • Remarkable boating safaris • Impressive sunsets

Within easy reach of Victoria Falls, Chobe – known as the 'Land of the Giants' – is celebrated for its huge elephant population, which is concentrated on the Chobe riverfront in the dry season (May to October). The park is also known for its large lion prides, especially in the Savute area, as well as buffalo herds and prolific birdlife. Perfect for slower adventures, Chobe offers unusual experiences such as boat safaris where guests can sip on a sundowner while spotting animals from the water.



Wildlife watching, Chobe National Park



Red lechwe antelope, Okavango Delta

THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Mokoro canoe safaris • Gain a bird's eye view from the air • Authentic tented bush camps

The UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta. From May to October, its floodwaters are a magnet for wildlife, including large populations of otherwise-rare animals such as crocodiles, sitatungas, elephants, red lechwe, African wild dogs, buffaloes and wattled cranes. Activities include day and night safari drives, bush walks, seasonal *mokoro* canoe rides, fishing, and birdwatching – a chance to spot some of Botswana's more than 570 bird species.

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Botswana's prime big-cat location • Top safari camps • Limited visitors

Moremi lies in the heart of the Okavango Delta, encompassing almost 5,000 sq km of protected wilderness. Unfenced and surrounded by private concessions, it has a good variety of habitats, from riverine and mopane forests to open savannas and shallow lagoons. Wildlife viewing in the reserve is exceptional, especially on Chief's Island, where a large density of big cats – most notably lions and leopards – can often be found. Moremi is home to some of Botswana's premier safari camps, elevating the visitor experience.



Leopard, Moremi Game Reserve

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Highlights of Zimbabwe & Botswana

11 days & 8 nights from £10,395 (incl. flights) Category • Superior

Discover the highlights of Zimbabwe and neighbouring Botswana on a tour revelling in their respective cultures and natural wonders. Marvel at Victoria Falls, go on safari, and visit a remote village for insights into rural life.

Day 1: Fly to Victoria FallsFly overnight from London (regional

connections available) to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe via Johannesburg, South Africa. Stay at Ilala Lodge for 3 nights. (N) Days 2-4: Victoria Falls

Visit a remote village for a window into daily life and enjoy an authentic lunch at a local institute. The following day, take a privately guided tour of Victoria Falls. (B, L)

Days 5-7: Chobe National Park

Cross into Botswana and arrive at Chobe National Park for a classic safari drive. Spend the next 2 days taking advantage of the myriad activities on offer here. Stay at **Chobe Safari Lodge** for 3 nights (B, L, D).

Days 8 & 9: Okavango Delta

A short flight delivers you onto the banks of the Okavango Delta in time for an afternoon water safari. Spend the following day exploring the delta. Should water levels permit, cruise along the waters by *mokoro* canoe. Stay at **Mogotlho Safari Lodge** for 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Days 10 & 11: Fly home

After a final morning safari drive, transfer to Maun and fly home via Johannesburg. Or extend your stay with an adventure in the Kalahari Desert or a visit to Cape Town. (B)

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1) YOUR CONTRACT

Where you book a holiday with us, your contract will be with Cox & Kings. By making a booking, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party our Terms and Conditions.

2) BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

(a) Full information as to how to make a booking is shown on our website. A minimum deposit of £250 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost, whichever is greater, must be paid at the time of booking. For some holidays, a higher deposit will be payable or it may be necessary to make full payment at the time of booking. This is usually the case where full payment for certain services, such as your flight, has to be made immediately after your booking is confirmed in order to secure that service or the price quoted at the time of booking. Where full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges will also apply from confirmation of booking in the event that you subsequently cancel.

(b) A binding contract between you and Cox & Kings will come into existence when we issue a confirmation invoice. Please note, if you book private travel arrangements or an extension to a group tour, your accommodation, flights etc will only be requested by us once the payment due at the time of booking has been received. Your confirmation invoice will indicate your requested package cost and you will be advised of any accommodation, flights etc that are still on request and not confirmed at the time the confirmation invoice is issued. We will let you know once such additional services have been confirmed or, where we are unable to complete such booking, we will inform you and discuss alternative options including a refund where no suitable alternative services are available.

(c) If your confirmed booking includes a flight and you are a UK resident, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will issue you with an ATOL Certificate.

(d) It is your responsibility to check the confirmation invoice, ATOL Certificate and any other documents we send you carefully and to let us or your travel agent know immediately in the event of any error or inaccuracy, as it may not be possible to make changes later.

(e) The balance of your holiday cost is payable not less than 75 days prior to departure, unless you are informed otherwise. If any payment is not received on time, we are entitled to treat this as a cancellation by you and cancellation charges will apply in accordance with clause 9(a).

(f) Prices include all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Local taxes in destination may be payable in addition and are your responsibility (such as international airport departure tax or local resort taxes).

3) REDUCED MOBILITY / MEDICAL CONDITIONS / DISABILITIES / SPECIAL REQUESTS

The information you are provided with about your holiday before you make your booking will include a general indication of the suitability of the holiday for someone with reduced mobility. However, reduced mobility means different things to different individuals as individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. Please refer to our full Terms and Conditions for what to do if you are affected by reduced mobility or another medical condition, either before or after booking.

4) YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

For flight inclusive bookings made by UK residents, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees

of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5) INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you take out adequate insurance for your holiday at the time of booking your holiday and, at the latest, prior to travel. Further information on this requirement is shown in our full Terms and Conditions.

6) ALTERATION BY YOU

If you wish to make any amendments to your holiday after it has been confirmed (including where you wish to transfer your place to someone else), you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. An amendment fee of £150 per change together with the costs and charges incurred as a result (including additional supplier costs) or, for certain alterations, cancellation charges, will be payable. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

If you wish to change any aspect of your holiday after it has commenced, we and our agents will do our best to assist, subject to payment locally of all applicable charges and costs.

If you wish to transfer your place on your booking to another person (introduced by you), you may do so, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

a) the person to whom you are transferring your place satisfies all conditions applicable to the holiday; which form part of your contract with us.

b) requests for a transfer must be made in writing at least 7 days prior to departure and must be accompanied by the name and other applicable details of the person who will replace you.

c) if the balance of the holiday cost is due but has not been paid when the transfer request is made, this must be paid before the transfer can be completed. Any additional payment amount that our suppliers require to effect the change (if the transfer can be made) will be payable. Please note, in some cases suppliers such as airlines treat name changes as a cancellation, levying cancellation charges and requiring payment for a new ticket. These charges must be paid by you, before any change can be made.

d) the transferee agrees to our Terms and Conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 9 will apply to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

7) PRE-DEPARTURE CHANGES TO, OR CANCELLATION OF, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS BY US

(a) Pre-departure Changes

Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes need to be made and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be minor and we reserve the right to make these. Where a minor change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for minor changes. Minor changes are likely to include (but are not limited to) (1) changes to any destination(s), place(s) of stay or port(s) or place(s) of call for your holiday which is not a major, confirmed destination, place of stay or port or place of call and (2) substitution of a named lecturer and/or leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field. We also deem certain Covid-19 related travel and destination requirements as minor changes in that we do not expect these changes to significantly affect the performance of the holiday or your overall holiday enjoyment. Such changes may include the requirement to wear face masks, make regular use of sanitising stations and maintain social distancing. Some changes may also affect the availability of certain services and facilities. We expect all guests to adhere to the local and national guidance that is in force at the destination and whilst travelling to and from the destination, and the

Company shall have no liability to you if you fail to comply with those rules and regulations. Where we deem Covid-19 changes to have a significant impact upon your holiday we will follow the procedure as outlined below.

Occasionally, before departure, we may have to make a significant change to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking or to any special requirements which we have accepted as referred to in clause 3. Examples of significant changes can be found in our full Terms and Conditions. If we have to make a significant change, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration(s) and any impact they have on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration(s), details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the

alteration(s) or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so.

If you choose to cancel your booking, we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your written cancellation. If we don't hear from you with your decision within the specified period (having provided you with the above mentioned information for a second time), we will cancel your booking and refund all payments made to us within 14 days of our doing so. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from Force Majeure (see clause 8).

(b) Pre-departure Cancellation

Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so. In the event: (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of Force Majeure (see clause 8) and we notify you of this as soon as reasonably possible; or (ii) we cancel because the number of persons who have booked the holiday on which you are travelling is smaller than the minimum number applicable to the holiday; we have the right to terminate your contract. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. All group holidays, except those labelled as 'non-exclusive', require a minimum number of bookings before we can operate them.

8) FORCE MAJEURE

For the purposes of our Terms and Conditions, Force Majeure means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include but are not limited to warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risks to human health such as such as pandemics, epidemics or the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, airport, port or airspace closures, restrictions or congestion and flight restrictions imposed by any regulatory authority or other third party and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control. Except where otherwise expressly stated in our Terms and Conditions, we have no liability including for compensation, costs and expenses in such situations.

9) CANCELLATION BY YOU

(a) You may cancel your confirmed holiday booking at any time prior to departure. Should you wish to do so, you must notify us or your travel agent (as applicable) in writing. Such notification will only be effective on receipt by us or the travel agent (as applicable).

Cancellation charges will apply as set out below unless you are otherwise advised at the time of booking. In calculating these cancellation charges, we have taken account of possible cost savings and the generation of income from other bookings which may be able to utilise cancelled services to the extent this is likely to be achievable for tailormade holiday arrangements. For some bookings, including those for which full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges apply from confirmation of your booking. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling, excluding any amendment charges which are not refundable.

Days before departure
departure notificationAmount of cancellation
charges received as a %
of total holiday costMore than 75 daysDeposit(s) (inc any
higher deposit)60-74 days30% or deposit(s) if higher30-59 days60%5-29 days90%0-14 days100%

Part cancellation of a booking may result in increased costs for the remaining party members.

(b) Cancellation charges will not be applicable in the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity which significantly affect the performance of the contracted holiday services or the carriage of passengers to that destination and as a result you notify us in writing prior to departure that you wish to cancel your holiday. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date you notify us in writing of your cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs

or expenses you incur or have incurred. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

10) PRICES

We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. While we do our utmost to avoid such a scenario, due to human or computer error there may on occasion be an incorrect price shown in a brochure or on our website. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible after. We do have to reserve all our rights in a situation such as this which may include cancelling a booking if the actual price applicable to the holiday is not acceptable to you. We will, of course, allow you to amend your booking with us, if you so wish, to an alternative holiday at the correct price.

Occasionally our holiday prices are discounted for a limited period for promotional purposes. Discounts cannot be applied retrospectively to reduce the price of a confirmed booking.

11) YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) British Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Travel Advice: The UK government provides advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health for countries around the world, as well as general information, at www. gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and https://travelaware.campaign.gov.ukl/. You are strongly recommended to read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is possible to sign-up to receive FCDO e-mail updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and it is recommended you do this.

(b) Visas: General information concerning visa requirements applicable is set out in our Travel Notes Documentation. Please also see our full Terms and Conditions for further information

(c) Passports: A full passport (valid for at least six months beyond the end of your holiday) is required for the holidays we offer. Please see our Travel Notes Documentation for full details or seek the advice of our travel consultants. Requirements may change and you must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure. See our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(d) Health: It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. See our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

(e) Documents: It is the responsibility of the person who makes the booking to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents and have all necessary vaccination certificates before departure.

12) OUR LIABILITY

(i) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to our Terms and Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday, you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in our Terms and Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(ii) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of possessions or enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any nature whatsoever which results from any of the following: (1) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected; or (2) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (3) Force Majeure as defined in clause 8.

(iii) We cannot accept responsibility for any services that do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel, cruise provider or any other supplier agrees to provide

for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our brochure or on our website as forming part of your holiday and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract, and any excursion / activities you purchase while away.

(iv) Except as set out in clause 12(v), no limitation on the amount of damages which can be claimed will apply in respect of personal injury or death which we or our employees have caused intentionally or negligently or in respect of any other liability which we cannot limit under English law. For all claims concerning or arising out of loss of, delay and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money) for which we are liable, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind, unless a different limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(vi) below. For all other claims, if we are found liable to you on any basis, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is up to three times the total price of your holiday unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(v) below. re any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned)provided by any air, rail or sea carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, our liability (including the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you, the types of claim and the circumstances in which compensation will be payable) will be limited as if we were the carrier in question as referred to below. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or EU regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention

(v) For international travel by air and / or, for airlines with an operating license granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, EC Regulation 392/2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers in the event of accidents and / or the Athens Convention (as amended by the 2002 Protocol) for international carriage by sea and the Convention of 1980 concerning International Travel by Rail (COTIF) as amended for travel by rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or EU regulation (including where any claim is not notified and issued in accordance with the time limits stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation), we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. Please also note that strict time limits apply for notifying loss, damage or delay of luggage to the airline. Any proceedings in respect of any claim (including one for personal injury or death) must be brought within 2 years of the date stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation. You are not entitled to make any claim against us which concerns or is based on any travel arrangements provided by any air, rail or sea carrier if such a claim is not expressly permitted to be brought against the carrier by the international convention or regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question. When making any payment, we will deduct any payment that you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(vi) We cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not reasonably have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally, we cannot accept liability for any expenses or losses that relate to or arise from any business (including without limitation, self-employed loss of earnings), or any indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(vii) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding 3 nights per person. Please note that the 3-night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

13) PREGNANCY

Some of our activities may not be appropriate for an individual that is pregnant. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of what to do if you are pregnant when booking or become pregnant after completing a booking.

14) MINORS

Some of our activities may not be appropriate for people under the age of 18. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of what to do if you wish to include a minor in your booking. Additional terms apply where you have booked a Group Tour. Due to the nature of our group tour portfolio, we are unable to accept clients below 14 years of age on group tours. If a Guest wishes to include a minor aged 14-17 on a booking of a group tour, this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Company, depending on the specific routing and inclusions of the relevant itinerary. In all cases a Guest that is a Minor must be accompanied by an adult.

15) PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMUNICABLE OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Our full Terms and Conditions contain information regarding our approach to communicable or infectious diseases and the steps to be followed in the event you are affected by one.

16) TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING DELAY)

(a) Air, rail, road and other departure times are supplied by the carriers. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for details of our responsibility in the event of delay.

(b) If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and / or provide you with accommodation and / or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption). Please see our full Terms and Conditions for further information.

17) COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

If you have a complaint about any of the holiday arrangements booked with or through Cox & Kings, you must follow the complaint procedure set out in our full Terms and Conditions.

18) FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that UK residents pay for the package holidays booked with us and for their repatriation in the event of our insolvency.
We provide this security for our flight-inclusive holidays by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) (number 2881) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight-inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The price of our flight-inclusive holiday packages includes the amount of £2.50 per person which is the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. For further information, visit the ATOL website at: www.atol.org.uk.

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which don't include flights, by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd, The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

Alternative arrangements apply where you live in Europe.

19) LAW AND JURISDICTION

Your relationship (and any contract you may have) with us and any dispute, claim or other matters of any nature arising from it ("claim") shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. We both agree that any claim (whether or not involving any personal injury) that arises between us must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, you may choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland (as applicable) if you wish to do so.



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