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# Fall & Holiday Season



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# ABOUT US



## PEACE OF MIND

At Senior Discovery Tours, we take care of all the travel details, so all you have to do is sit back and enjoy every minute of your trip. As Canada's largest and most trusted group tour operator for over 45 years, our tours are designed to provide peace of mind and a carefree experience for the mature traveller. We offer over 100 different tour programs which deliver outstanding service, value and discovery, so get ready to fill your minds and cameras with beautiful images, striking landscapes and special moments.



## EXCEEDING YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Our Tour Planners travel the globe seeking new destinations, vetting every element of the tour - from perfectly planned itineraries, to personally inspected hotels, and even the menu choices. We don't just try to meet your expectations, we aim to exceed them. We include more meals at local restaurants for authentic dining, not-to-be-missed iconic sights, cultural immersion and off-the-beaten-track experiences, and a number of surprises along the way!



### **TRAVEL MADE EASY**

Our travellers love our tours because, unlike most other tour operators, we include everything: flights, carefully selected hotels, most meals, all tips, all taxes, insurance for cancellation and health while outside Canada, and even transportation between your home and the airport (from most Canadian cities). All prices are guaranteed in Canadian dollars, and there are never any surprise costs or hidden surcharges.



### **TOUR MANAGERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND**

Our Tour Managers are the best in the business. They go above and beyond to ensure your trip runs smoothly, and that everything is delivered at a superior level of service. Their experience enables them to expertly handle unexpected situations, and their enthusiasm for travel enlivens every tour.

# HEALTH, SAFETY, AND PEACE OF MIND

## TRAVEL SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

The world of travel has changed, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to the health and safety of our guests. As a company that has been specializing in tours for those 55+ for over 45 years, we remain committed to being the best-in-class for your health and safety. Our team consults with health and security experts worldwide to ensure that your health, well being and enjoyment remain our top priority.

### Enhanced Health & Safety Highlights:

- Those travelling outside Canada will be covered by our **Manulife Out-of-Country Health Insurance Plan** (unless you choose to decline it), which **covers all Covid related expenses** (except for testing if this ever becomes necessary again).  
\* Manulife terms and conditions apply.
- We strongly encourage that our travellers **wear a mask while on our motorcoaches**.
- Since there are still some countries that require those entering to be vaccinated, **we require that all of our travellers be vaccinated for Covid 19** (at least 2 shots).
- If there are any health protocols necessary for your tour **we will keep you informed** well in advance of the trip.
- Should any specific requirements be imposed by airlines and/or authorities in the destinations visited, our guests must fully comply.

## SPECIAL CANCELLATION TERMS THROUGH THE END OF 2023

Please rest assured that you can book your Senior Discovery Tours holiday with complete peace of mind. We will continue to be the travel industry leader by offering a refund policy far more flexible and generous than other tour operators.

### Special Cancellation Highlights:

- Up to 60 days prior to the departure of your tour (90 days prior to the departure for cruises and train tours) you may decide, at your sole discretion, whether or not you want to proceed on the trip. If you inform us by that time that you choose not to go, we will send you a full refund of your deposit / payment (less the \$75 administration fee).
- If you proceed with the tour, you will be covered by our usual Cancellation Policy, which provides coverage in case of emergency illness (including Covid) or injury, right up to your date of departure.
- If you cancel your tour less than 60 days prior to your trip (or 90 days prior for cruises), for a reason not covered in our Cancellation Policy, we have negotiated with our travel partners to obtain reduced cancellation penalties. More details can be found under our "Terms and Conditions" on the back page of our brochure.

#SAFETRAVELS



We're delighted to announce that we've been awarded the *Safe Travels Stamp* by the World Travel and Tourism Council, recognized globally for adopting safety and hygiene standards issued by government and health authorities around the world, designed specifically to address outbreaks such as COVID 19.

# MORE REWARDING TRAVEL



## A WELCOME GIFT THE MOMENT YOU JOIN

Enjoying unforgettable travel experiences with Senior Discovery Tours is now even more exciting as we launch our Discovery Rewards program. From exclusive travel items to savings on future tours with us, Discovery Rewards offer exciting ways to get more out of every trip. The more you travel, the higher your Discovery Rewards tier level status and rewards.

- Great travel-related gift items
- Rewards and savings on future tours
- Easy tier levels mean quick member status upgrades



## SHARING THE JOY OF TRAVEL

Senior Discovery Tours enjoys some of the best reviews in the travel industry, and we want to reward your loyalty by introducing our exciting new referral program, Blue Sky Referrals. If you're a member of our Discovery Rewards and opt-in to BlueSky Referrals, you may refer 5 family and friends right away! If your referrals stay subscribed to our promotional communications for at least 6 months, you will both be rewarded! Plus, if your referrals complete a trip with us, you will receive savings towards your future tour with Senior Discovery Tours. For over 45 years, Senior Discovery Tours has sent more satisfied senior travellers on more tours than any other Canadian tour operator, and we will continue to measure our success through your positive reviews.



## THE CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Senior Discovery Tours has always welcomed the opportunity to offer clubs and associations an exclusive reward for their loyalty when their members travel with us. We offer a 4% commission that will be paid directly to the club/association AND there is no minimum number of bookings required to receive the commission.

If you have any questions or would like to book a virtual presentation for your club/association, please contact us at [info@seniordiscoverytours.ca](mailto:info@seniordiscoverytours.ca) or call 1-800-268-3492.

## YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

Thank you to all clients who have posted positive reviews. We appreciate your feedback and would love to continue to hear about your past travels and memories with Senior Discovery Tours - it's an integral part of helping us plan future tours so we can continue to provide you with superior travel experiences. Please continue to leave us Google and Facebook reviews and share your travel photos using #SeniorDiscoveryTours. Be sure to subscribe to our monthly eNewsletter or request a brochure on our website to get all the latest news about our exciting tours and cruises. Let's connect on social media!

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## ALWAYS INCLUDED IN OUR EXPERTLY PLANNED TOURS

- Round-trip transportation between your home and the airport (from many Canadian cities)
- All airfare, airport taxes and fuel surcharges. (Airline baggage fees are *not* included)
- Carefully selected accommodations, including hotel taxes, gratuities and luggage handling (where available)
- All gratuities for hotels, drivers, guides and cruise staff
- Most meals, highlighting local flavour
- Comprehensive insurance plan (health while outside Canada, cancellation, trip interruption, loss of luggage, etc.)
- Plenty of unparalleled sightseeing, and entrance fees
- Expert local guides
- Experienced, professional and engaging Tour Managers
- Prices include all taxes and are guaranteed in Canadian funds!

*You have the option to arrange your own flights - air rebate will be applied.  
If you choose this option, home pick-up and airport transfers not included.*

## TO BOOK

- Phone one of our offices, with credit card info, to reserve your space.
- A deposit of \$300 per person for regular tours, or \$700 per person for tours including a cruise, is due upon booking.
- \$75 of your deposit is a non-refundable administration fee.
- For those paying by cheque - please send your deposit to one of our offices within 7 days of making your booking.
- Balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure for regular tours, or 90 days prior for tours including a cruise, train or entry visa.

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Below is a summary of our 2023 summer and fall multi-stop tours and cruises in North America and Europe, and our Exotic Tours to the rest of the world, that appeared in our previous brochures.

Should you wish a detailed description of any of these tours, please call our office.

Prices listed are based on double occupancy, Toronto departures.

### NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

**BEAUTIFUL B.C. AND THE ROCKIES** - August / September departures - from \$5297

**VANCOUVER ISLAND (GRIZZLIES AND WHALES)** - September departures - \$5997

**ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL TOUR** - Summer and Fall departures - \$6997

**QUEBEC'S GASPE AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER** - Summer departures - \$3997

**THE MARITIMES** - Summer and Fall departures - from \$5297

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR** - Summer and Fall departures - from \$5597

**CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME** - September 3 - \$6797

**SPECTACULAR SOUTHWEST USA** - October 5 - \$6997

**MUSIC CITIES - NASHVILLE TO NEW ORLEANS** - October 9 - \$6997

**PATAGONIA, CHILE AND BUENOS AIRES** - November 5 - \$9997

**WONDERS OF PERU** - November 2 - \$9797

### BRITAIN AND IRELAND

**LONDON SHOW TOUR** - August 14 - \$5197

**ANCIENT TOURING ROUTES OF ENGLAND** - July 24 - \$5397

**DEVON AND CORNWALL** - September 21 - \$6297

**CHANNEL ISLANDS** - September departures - from \$5997

**NORTHERN / CENTRAL ENGLAND (OFF THE BEATEN PATH)** - September 10 - \$5997

**ALL AROUND IRELAND** - September departures - \$5497

**SCOTLAND AND IRELAND** - September 18 - \$7297

**SCOTLAND'S EAST COAST HERITAGE** - September 10 - \$6197

### ITALY AND FRANCE

**GRAND TOUR OF ITALY** - September / October departures - from \$6397

**HILLTOP TOWNS OF ITALY PLUS ROME AND VENICE** - October 4 - \$6597

**SORRENTO AND THE AMALFI COAST** - October departures - from \$7297

**ITALIAN RIVIERA AND TUSCANY** - September 27 - \$6997

**SWISS ALPS AND ITALIAN LAKES** - September departures - \$7597

**BELLISSIMA ITALIA RAIL TOUR** - September 23 - \$7197

**SOUTHERN FRANCE AND PARIS** - Fall departures - from \$6297

**WINE ROUTES OF FRANCE AND PARIS** - September 19 - \$6297

**BORDEAUX (FRANCE), BILBAO (SPAIN) AND THE PYRENEES** - October 4 - \$6397

## **THE REST OF EUROPE**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL** - September departures - \$6397

**BARCELONA AND CATALONIA** - September 18 - \$6797

**GRAND TOUR OF PORTUGAL** - September departures - \$5797

**NORTHERN PORTUGAL AND MADEIRA** - September 27 - \$6197

**ICELAND - "LAND OF FIRE AND ICE"** - September 21 - \$8497

**GRAND RAIL TOUR OF SWITZERLAND** - September 4 - \$9997

**PRAGUE, VIENNA AND BUDAPEST** - September departures - \$6197

**MAGICAL ISLANDS OF GREECE** - September departures - from \$6797

**GLORIOUS GREECE (WITH A GREEK ISLAND CRUISE)** - September / October departures - \$7197

**CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND VENICE** - September / October departures - from \$6497

## **MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND ASIA**

**ISRAEL - THE HOLY LAND** - November 3 - \$8497

**HIGHLIGHTS OF TURKEY** - October 11 - \$6997

**WONDERS OF EGYPT (WITH A NILE CRUISE)** - October / November departures - \$7197

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, JORDAN AND OMAN** - November 10 - \$9997

**MAGNIFICENT MOROCCO** - October departures - \$5297

**SOUTH AFRICA** - September / October departures - \$11597

**TANZANIA SAFARI** - October 31 - \$13397

**VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS** - November 7 - \$9997

**BORNEO, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE** - November 6 - \$9497

**INCREDIBLE INDIA** - October 16 - \$8997

## **WALKING TOURS**

**WALKING IN SOUTH WALES AND THE COTSWOLDS** - September 14 - \$6797

**HIKING IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES** - September 10 - \$6797

**WALKING IN PROVENCE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA** - October 6 - \$6997

**WALKING THE ITALIAN DOLOMITES AND SLOVENIA** - September 4 - \$7997

**WALKING CINQUE TERRE AND THE AMALFI COAST** - September 29 - \$7797

## **CRUISES**

**BRITISH ISLES AND IRELAND CRUISE - PRINCESS** - August 11 - from \$7297

**FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE PLUS NEW YORK CITY - PRINCESS** - October 7 - from \$4197

**15-DAY CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE CRUISE - PRINCESS** - November 12 - from \$4997

**PANAMA CANAL CRUISE (PARTIAL TRANSIT) - PRINCESS** - November 20 - from \$3797

**HAWAIIAN ISLAND CRUISE - PRINCESS** - November 5 - from \$4797

**GRAND LOWER DANUBE CRUISE - AMADEUS** - September 26 - from \$8497

**THE ENCHANTING RHINE RIVER- AMADEUS** - September 5 - from \$9797

**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS CARIBBEAN CRUISE - PRINCESS** - December 21 - from \$5997



# Holiday Season in Victoria, BC

**British Columbia's capital, Victoria, boasts Canada's mildest winters – so no wonder it has the country's fastest-growing retirement community!**

Victoria lies in a beautiful natural setting on Vancouver Island, waterfront but surrounded by hills and looking out to the snow-clad Olympic mountains. It is a charming city with, it has been said, the atmosphere of a seaside resort. With its turn-of-the-century buildings and tweed and wool shops, you might be inclined to think Victoria is a transplanted corner of Britain! It is an ideal city for those who love to walk, and active seniors with an appetite for adventure will find a vast array of delightful side trips available (in addition to the many included in our program).

Christmas in downtown Victoria is a festive time of year with roaming carollers, trolley rides, parades and special events. We will enjoy the season in style, with a special High Tea at the Pendray Inn & Tea House, a Christmas Brunch, a Christmas Dinner and a special New Year's Eve Dinner and celebrations. So this Christmas don't bother with your passport, exchange rates or bottled water and come with us to the jewel of the North Pacific – Victoria!

Our hotel in Victoria will be the *Royal Scot Hotel & Suites*. This superior Canada Select 4-star, AAA 3-diamond hotel

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Superior accommodation
- 11 full breakfasts, 1 light Christmas breakfast and a Christmas Day Brunch
- 5 dinners and 2 lunches (including Christmas and New Year's dinners and celebrations)
- High Tea at Butchart Gardens
- High Tea at Pendray Inn & Tea House
- New Years Day Concert by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra
- 11 guided excursions and events
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

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is perfectly located one block from the Inner Harbour and within easy walking distance to the BC Parliament Buildings, downtown and the iconic Empress Hotel. The hotel has an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room, billiards and games room, an onsite restaurant and lounge, gift shop, guest laundry facilities, free WiFi and a free shuttle service that runs from the hotel to the downtown core for the exclusive convenience of hotel guests.

### Three types of rooms are offered:

- *Standard Room* (1 or 2 Queen Beds) has a microwave, small fridge, coffee maker, kettle, dishes and utensils.
- *Studio Suite*, ideal for couples or singles, has a comfortable seating area, fully equipped kitchen, dining table and chairs. The bedroom with a Queen Bed is set apart with a partition wall.
- *One Bedroom Suite* has a separate bedroom (2 Twins or 1 King Bed), living room and a full kitchen/dining room.

*\* This tour is suitable only for the active traveller who enjoys walking.*

1. **A sightseeing tour of Victoria** including a visit to Craigdarroch Castle.
2. **A walking tour of Victoria's fabled Inner Harbour area** with an entertaining local guide.
3. **Enjoy the magic of Christmas at the famous Butchart Gardens.** Take in the spectacle of tens of thousands of coloured lights combined with the natural beauty of this world-renowned garden, featuring the ever-popular Twelve Days of Christmas displays. Afternoon Tea is included at the Gardens. We'll also visit the Victoria Butterfly Gardens, an indoor tropical paradise which also features tropical fish and birds, ornate plants and an exquisite orchid display.
4. **On this special walking tour of the downtown area we will learn all about how Christmas was celebrated in Victoria during the Victorian era.** We will learn about First Nations legends, Christmas Day brawls at Fort Victoria, a touching Gold Rush tale, Christmas store decorations and an amusing memory from Emily Carr's childhood.
5. **We visit the world-renowned Royal BC Museum,** the highlight being the IMAX Theatre presentation.
6. **Chinatown by Night** – After a presentation on Chinatown's history, we'll walk through Fan Tan Alley and enjoy the tales of a local guide. Dinner is included at a traditional Chinese restaurant in the heart of Chinatown.
7. **Miniature World** is one of Victoria's most popular attractions. We view over 85 exciting miniature dioramas and displays, including the World's Largest Dollhouses (circa 1880), the Great Canadian Railway (one of the world's largest model railways), the World of Dickens, Olde London Towne of 1670, and much more.
8. **Afternoon Tea at the Pendray Inn and Tea House** - a magnificent Victorian manor house with old world charm.
9. **A Special Christmas Day Brunch** with all the trimmings at a nearby hotel.
10. **Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Dinners and celebrations!**
11. **New Years Day Concert - the Victoria Symphony Orchestra.** What a way to start off the New Year! The VSO and special guests share much loved arias, overtures, choruses and dances. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

### **COST** (per person, double occupancy, from Toronto)

Standard Room - \$4197

Studio Suite - \$4397

One Bedroom Suite - \$4597

### **SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS**

Standard Room - \$690

Studio Suite - \$790

One Bedroom Suite - \$890

Ottawa or Montreal - add \$90 • Halifax - add \$190 • Winnipeg - deduct \$100

• Edmonton or Calgary - deduct \$300 • Vancouver - deduct \$500



# Holiday Season on Florida's Gulf Coast

Join us this Holiday Season on this sun-filled holiday to  
Indian Rocks Beach, on Florida's beautiful Gulf Coast.

This leisurely tour provides the perfect combination of touring popular nearby attractions, fun get togethers with your fellow travellers and time to relax and enjoy the abundant sunshine and white sand that the Gulf Coast of Florida is so famous for. Our special *Holiday Season Tour* also includes special meals and festivities for Christmas and New Years.

Indian Rocks Beach is conveniently situated on the Gulf inter-coastal waterway between Clearwater Beach and St. Petersburg, with easy access to the many activities available in the area. There is a local trolley which stops a few steps from our hotel, and will take you to great shopping areas, restaurants and downtown St. Petersburg (a one-day trolley pass is included during your stay).

We will stay at the charming moderate First Class *Holiday Inn Harborside*. This friendly and casual property features

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a distinct Key West influence and is located just a short stroll from the beach.

Hotel amenities include 2 swimming pools, hot tubs, patios and sundecks, a fitness centre, two restaurants, a games room and a miniature golf course.

You may select from 3 types of suites:

“Key West Studio Rooms” have a courtyard view, 1 king or 2 queen-size beds, mini-fridge, microwave, stove top burners and coffee maker.

“Marina View Suites” have a fully equipped kitchen and a waterfront view.

“Marina View Villas” – 2-story villas with stairs. a fully equipped kitchen, and a waterfront view.

1. An orientation tour of **St. Petersburg** and the surrounding area, including a visit to the Salvador Dali Museum.
2. A tour of the city of **Tampa**, plus entrance to the **Florida Aquarium**. This world class facility hosts over 10,000 aquatic animals and plants in four diverse galleries. We also visit Ybor City - Tampa's Latin Quarter for over a century - an exotic blend of aromas, flavours, sights and sounds.
3. An evening visit to the **Florida Botanical Gardens** to see their fabulous "Holiday Lights in the Gardens" display, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.
4. We visit the picturesque old **Greek village of Tarpon Springs**, including a boat tour.
5. A visit to **Sunken Gardens**. This 100-year-old botanical paradise is home to some of the oldest tropical plants in Florida and exotic plants from around the world.
6. An excursion to the charming city of **Sarasota**, including a visit to the famous **Ringling Brothers Museum**.
7. A scenic, narrated **boat trip of the Intercoastal Waterways** aboard the StarLite Majesty. Lunch is included.
8. **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners**
9. **Special New Years Eve Dinner with champagne**
10. **Welcome and Farewell Dinners** at the hotel.

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada
- Moderate First Class hotel
- Full breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 8 dinners (includes a Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Day Traditional Dinner, and New Years Eve Dinner and celebrations)
- Many excursions (as described above)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto

*Key West Studio Room - \$5797. Marina View Suite or Villa - \$6197.*

Single Supplement: *Key West Studio Room - \$1490. Marina View Suite or Villa - \$1790.*

Triples deduct \$200 per person (cots are not available)

*All add-ons below include a hotel overnight in Toronto en route to Florida*

Ottawa, Montreal, or Vancouver - add \$490

Halifax - add \$590. Calgary, Edmonton or Winnipeg - add \$690



# Grand Tour of Arizona plus Las Vegas

- Tucson • Phoenix
- Grand Canyon • Las Vegas

Spectacular scenery, arid desert lands, a clear sunny climate with very low humidity, fascinating Spanish and Indian cultures, the romantic allure of the Old West and an easy-going lifestyle are just a few of the reasons why Arizona has become such a popular resort area.

We begin with 4 days in Tucson - the "City of Sunshine" with a fascinating mix of Wild Western, Spanish, Mexican and Indian cultures. Tucson is known for the flourishing beauty of the surrounding Sonoran Desert.

Next is Phoenix in the "Valley of The Sun", which boasts more than 300 days of sunshine every year. The city is rich in arts, culture and a wide array of culinary delights. The surrounding desert and the nearby Superstition Mountains offer an incredible diversity of wildlife.

After Phoenix we explore Northern Arizona (see Highlights). and finish in the desert playground of Las Vegas - a lively way to end our tour!

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- Mainly First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 8 dinners and 1 lunch
- *Wow - The Las Vegas Spectacular*
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy,  
from Toronto or Montreal - \$6997  
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- Single Supplement - \$1790
- Ottawa - add \$190 (for round-trip  
ground transportation to Montreal  
airport)
- Calgary, Edmonton  
or Vancouver - deduct \$200
- Halifax or Winnipeg - add \$390  
(includes a hotel overnight in  
Toronto or Vancouver en route)

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## Tour Highlights:

- Tombstone - "The Town Too Tough to Die" home of the legendary Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday and the OK Corral
- Sonora Desert Museum - world-renowned zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden, all in one
- Musical Instrument Museum - a world of music focusing on cultures from all over the world.
- Canyon Lake - wonderful scenery along the red rock cliffs with various wildlife sightings
- Sedona - stunning "Red Rock" monoliths
- Grand Canyon - one of the World's Natural Wonders
- Antelope Canyon - most-photographed canyon in the Southwest. A breathtakingly beautiful sight to see.
- *Wow - The Las Vegas Spectacular*

**Day 1: Tucson.** We depart for Phoenix. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in Tucson (about a 2 hour drive). This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 2: Tucson.** We have a full day of sightseeing in and around Tucson. We see the city sights first before heading to Sabino Canyon, a desert oasis in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The highlight here will be a tram tour through the stunning canyon.

**Day 3: Tombstone / Tucson.** Today we visit Tombstone - "The Town Too Tough to Die". As one of the most famous of all the old Arizona Mining towns, many treasure hunters came here to strike it rich. The town had a reputation for lawlessness, culminating with the infamous Gunfight at the O.K. Corral. An entertaining guide in period costume will bring the town to life with fascinating stories of the Old West, and the likes of "Big Nose Kate", Wyatt Earp, The Bird Cage Theater and more. We'll have a chance to walk among the tombstones and read the unusual and clever epitaphs.

**Day 4: Sonora Desert / Tucson.** We travel through beautiful Saguaro National Park to the Sonora Desert Museum - a world-renowned zoo and botanical garden. The museum re-creates the natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert with more than 300 animal species and 1,200 kinds of plants along almost 2 miles of paths traversing 21 acres of beautiful desert. A light lunch is included onsite.

**Day 5: Phoenix.** We transfer to Phoenix, but before we check-in at our hotel we will visit the Musical Instrument Museum. With state-of-the-art technology, this unique museum allows one to hear and feel the sounds of more than 10,000 instruments from all over the world.

**Day 6: Phoenix.** This area is known as the Valley of the Sun, as it receives more than 4,000 hours of sunshine annually. Our city tour includes the beautiful campus of Arizona State University, the Capital Building and Camelback Mountain. We also enjoy a walking tour of Old Town Scottsdale - a great place to revisit on a free day. This evening we enjoy a dinner and show at the Arizona Opry Theater.

**Day 7: Canyon Lake / Phoenix.** Morning at leisure. This afternoon we will enjoy more spectacular scenery as we take a boat ride on Canyon Lake, known for its interesting rock formations resembling people and animals. Listen to the tales and legends of the area told by the captain.

**Days 8 & 9: Phoenix.** Two days of leisure in which to soak up some sun, swim, shop or just explore more of the Valley of the

Sun. Your Tour Manager will offer suggestions. A wonderful western BBQ, with live country and western music is included one of these evenings.

**Day 10: Sedona / Flagstaff.** A very scenic day as we first visit Oak Creek Canyon, enjoying views of the marvellous strands of red rocks, and beautiful streams and valleys. Then we stop in Sedona - a quaint artists' colony town known for its magnificent red rock formations. We will enjoy a trolley ride to the most fantastic sights, and learn about the Western movies filmed here as well as Native American history. Later we proceed to Flagstaff.

**Day 11: Grand Canyon / Flagstaff.** Today we visit the Grand Canyon - one of the Natural Wonders of the World. The canyon is 15 miles wide, a mile deep and formed over millions of years. The most wondrous aspect of the canyon is that the walls change hue with every change of light throughout the day. There are many scenic lookouts, so bring those cameras. We return to Flagstaff and overnight.

**Day 12: Antelope Canyon / Page.** On this marvellous day of sightseeing we pass two Indian reservations and the vibrant Painted Desert. We enter the spectacular Antelope Canyon and enjoy a Navajo guided jeep tour through the Canyon's petrified sand dunes - a natural marvel created by wind, water and sand! We overnight in Page.

**Day 13: Las Vegas.** We travel to Las Vegas and our First Class hotel right on The Strip. The rest of the day is free for gambling, shopping, or some of the best people-watching in the world!

**Day 14: Las Vegas.** Our city tour begins at The Strip with its theme hotels. Look out for erupting volcanoes, dancing fountains, an Egyptian pyramid, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty! A visit to the historic downtown ("Glitter Gulch") includes a stop at the legendary Golden Nugget Hotel (one of the few hotels remaining from the Rat Pack era), displaying "The Hand of Faith" - at 61 pounds the largest gold nugget in the world! We'll also visit the Mob Museum and the amazing Fremont Street Light Show, which stretches 5 blocks with the world's largest video screen! After our Farewell Dinner, we'll attend *Wow - The Las Vegas Spectacular*, a multi-award-winning, 180 degree spectacle featuring incredible acrobats, dancers, jugglers, a crossbow archer, and awe-inspiring holograms.

**Day 15: Home.** We fly home from Las Vegas.



# Holiday Season in Phoenix, Arizona

## Includes a 2-day excursion to the Grand Canyon and Sedona

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada Rouge
- First Class hotel
- Full breakfast daily, a Christmas Day Brunch and a New Years Day BBQ
- 10 dinners (includes Christmas Eve Dinner, and New Years Eve at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6997
- .....
- Single Supplement - \$1490
- Winnipeg or Edmonton - add \$90
- Montreal - add \$190. Halifax - add \$390
- Ottawa - add \$390 (with round-trip ground transportation to Montreal airport)
- Calgary or Vancouver - deduct \$100

**On this special Holiday Season tour we will enjoy the sunshine in Phoenix - Arizona's foremost resort town.**

Phoenix (located in what is known as the "Valley of the Sun") is one of North America's most popular vacation areas with spectacular desert scenery, lakes, canyons, mountains and 4000 hours of sunshine annually.

Our accommodation will be at the First Class *Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Biltmore Hotel* located in Arizona's most prestigious community. Enjoy the finest dining and shopping experience at the nearby Biltmore Fashion Park with over 70 of the finest shops and restaurants just steps away. Close by is Downtown Phoenix, Old Town Scottsdale and Scottsdale Fashion Square, Biltmore Golf and Country Club - a great nearby option for golf enthusiasts, and Camelback Mountain - a top attraction in Phoenix less than 1 mile from the hotel

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with great hiking and biking possibilities to enjoy the local flora and fauna.

This well equipped all-suite hotel offers a lovely open atrium with a full-service restaurant, lounge, state of the art exercise facility, outdoor pool, sundeck, complimentary cooked to order breakfast, complimentary daily Manager's Reception, and a 24 hour Fitness center.

Special dinners for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, a Broadway themed New Year's Eve dinner and a New Year's Day BBQ are part of the meals included, along with some impressive excursions (including a 2-day excursion to the Grand Canyon and magical Red Rock Sedona)!

1. **A tour of Phoenix and Scottsdale.** The area is called the Valley of the Sun because it receives over 4,000 hours of sunshine annually. On our tour we see the man-made lake at Tempe, the pleasant downtown area, the beautiful campus of Arizona State University, Camelback Mountain and more. We finish in Old Town Scottsdale for a walk around the pedestrian streets with art galleries, boutiques, cafes, bars and restaurants.
2. **An overnight excursion to the Grand Canyon,** one of the Great Natural Wonders of the World. We will have plenty of time to wander along the brink of the chasm and enjoy the various vantage points. On the way there we will visit the artists' colony town of **Sedona**, where our trolley tour will show us the incredible red desert rock formations. We'll also see beautiful **Oak Creek Canyon** en route to our overnight in Flagstaff.
3. A day of spectacular scenery as we enjoy **an old-fashioned paddleboat ride on Canyon Lake.** We will see the interesting rock formations resembling people and animals while listening to the riverboat captain's fascinating yarns of the area and its legends. Dinner follows at Zappone's.
4. **We visit the Musical Instrument Museum** – the world's only global musical instrument museum. With state-of-the-art technology you can hear, see and feel the sounds of more than 6500 instruments from all over the world. Then we will enjoy some excellent western entertainment, line dancing and a western style dinner!
5. **A visit to the internationally acclaimed Heard Museum.** Millions of visitors have stepped through the graceful arches to discover the rich Native American heritage of the southwest. Exhibits include an extensive collection of jewelry, pottery, textiles, arts and crafts.
6. **A visit to one of the largest Flea Markets in the southwest U.S.A.**
7. **A City Christmas Lights Tour** including the Desert Botanical Garden's unique and spectacular Las Noches de las Luminarias! Stroll the trails as thousands of Luminaria bags (yes bags not bugs) illuminate the Garden's trails lighting up the night and the Garden's 50,000 desert plants. There will be musical performances, entertainment and more.
8. **A special Christmas Eve dinner** at a fine restaurant.
9. **A very special Christmas Day Brunch**
10. **New Year's Eve at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre,** featuring a musical extravaganza, a fine dinner, party favours and champagne.
11. **A New Year's Day BBQ dinner.**



# California Split

## 2 Centre Holiday

### San Diego and Palm Springs

With a pleasant climate, varied scenery and endless sightseeing opportunities, it's no wonder California is one of North America's most popular holiday destinations.

**San Diego.** The sparkling oceanside city has a wonderful climate year-round and is great for sightseeing with its lovely parks, numerous bays and beaches, museums and art galleries, superb restaurants, excellent shopping and close proximity to the Mexico border. Our hotel for 7 nights will be the *Hacienda Hotel Old Town* - in a classic Spanish and Southwestern setting surrounded by colourful courtyards, patios and lush landscaping. The hotel is in the heart of Old Town, a historic part of the city with many restored buildings, old adobe structures, restaurants, cafes and shops – a wonderful place in which to stroll.

#### Highlights in San Diego:

- San Diego Zoo - a world-renowned icon for 100 years, considered one of the finest in the world
- Harbor Cruise – the perfect way to see the sights, from historic landmarks to marine wildlife
- Temecula - historic town surrounded by vineyards

**Palm Springs.** The desert resort town is surrounded by splendid mountains, canyons and, of course, countless

#### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily, 10 dinners and 3 lunches
- Theatre performance in Palm Springs
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

#### COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver
  - 1-Bedroom Suite* in Palm Springs - \$6997
  - 2-Bedroom Suite* in Palm Springs - \$7197
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- Single Supplement (1 bedroom suite in Palm Springs) - \$2190
- Montreal or Ottawa - add \$390 (includes an overnight in Toronto en route to San Diego)
- Halifax - add \$690 (overnight Toronto each way)

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palm trees. The desert's natural beauty, warm dry climate and clean air make this the perfect winter getaway. Our hotel for 6 nights is the moderate *Homewood Suites by Hilton Cathedral City*, located 5 miles from downtown Palm Springs (regular shuttles provided) where you can find boutiques, restaurants and casinos. Choose between a 1-Bedroom Suite (one king size bed and a pull-out couch) or a 2-Bedroom Suite (a king bed in each room).

#### Highlights in Palm Springs:

- Natural wonders of Indian Canyon and Joshua Tree National Park
- Living Desert Museum - a desert botanical garden and zoo located in Palm Desert
- Theatre – professionally-produced Broadway musical

Our last overnight will be in Los Angeles, including a tour of the city and Hollywood.

All hotels have heated swimming pools, whirlpool and fitness rooms, or privileges at a nearby health club.

**Day 1: Departure / San Diego.** We depart for San Diego. Upon arrival we'll transfer to our hotel right in Old Town.

**Day 2: San Diego Tour.** A full-day tour of California's second largest city and the surrounding area, including Point Loma, Gaslamp Quarter Little Italy, Coronado, Mission Bay, Balboa Park, Old Town and more. Dinner is in a nearby restaurant.

**Day 3: San Diego Zoo.** This morning we visit the world famous San Diego Zoo, with its renowned 100-acre botanical gardens, home to more than 777 species of 3,200 animals. A guided bus tour covers most of the zoo grounds and aerial trams allow for viewing the animals from a higher altitude. The zoo is classified as a must-see, and one of the world's finest. After the Zoo, we'll enjoy a short walking tour of Balboa Park.

**Day 4: At Leisure.** There is much to see and do, especially since your hotel is located in Old Town. You may want to return to Balboa Park, the largest urban cultural park in the U.S. and home to 16 museums, numerous art galleries, beautiful gardens and the Globe Theatre. Or perhaps visit Seaport Village – a charming area with an 1890 carousel.

**Day 5: Harbour Cruise.** A short walk takes us to the Old Town trolley stop to ride to the waterfront, where we board a narrated cruise/tour of San Diego Harbour and Shelter Island. On the cruise we will see Point Loma, North Island Naval Station, the Submarine Base, as well as the Coronado Bridge and much more.

**Day 6: Mission San Diego.** To the south of the border, it's a whole different country – Mexico which is just a tram ride away. Our guide will touch on the rich history, traditions, and culture of Mexico, and how it has influenced San Diego and Southern California. Then we'll take the trolley to the Mission San Diego de Alcala (known as the "Plymouth Rock of the West Coast") - the first mission founded by the Franciscans in "Upper California". The road connecting the missions was known as the El Camino Real, or "The Royal Highway"!

**Day 7: At Leisure.** Another day at leisure in San Diego.

**Day 8: Temecula / Palm Springs.** We leave San Diego, and make our first stop and visit in the quaint historic town of Temecula. The town is in an area known as "Southern California's Citrus and Wine Country", as there have been hundreds of award-winning wines produced by the 35 wineries in the area. After some free time in town we'll visit a winery for a Tour and Tasting, as well as a picnic lunch. After our visit we proceed to Palm Springs.

**Day 9: Tour Palm Springs / Villagefest.** On our morning guided tour we experience the world of the 'rich and famous'. Relive Hollywood's golden era as we pass by the former homes of such stars as Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Liberace and Frank Sinatra, to name a few. We'll also enjoy a casual nature hike into the famous Indian Canyon - a lush oasis located within desert scenery. Since the Coachella Valley here is known as the Date Capital, later we will visit a Date Garden! This evening is Palm Springs "Villagefest" - a weekly colourful street fair with craft stalls and food stands

**Day 10: Joshua Tree National Park.** Today we visit the stunning Joshua Tree National Park - a veritable treasury of wildlife and plants. The wildflowers, palm groves, colourful canyons, surreal geological features and breathtaking vistas make this one of the world's richest living museums. Lunch is included.

**Day 11: At Leisure / Theatre Show.** A morning at leisure. Our coach will be on hand to provide shuttles to and from Palm Springs' renowned downtown district. Or, relax at the hotel, take a swim in the heated pools or use the fitness room. In the afternoon we'll enjoy an entertaining performance at one of the local theatres.

**Day 12: Living Desert Museum.** We visit the Living Desert Museum, where we will enjoy a guided tram tour through this unique wildlife and botanical park. Lunch is included.

**Day 13: Aerial Tramway.** The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway - the world's largest rotating tram car, travels over 2 miles along the cliffs of Chino Canyon into the pristine wilderness of Mt. San Jacinto State Park. The tram rotates slowly, offering spectacular vistas of the valley below as it elevates to almost 9000 ft.! Stunning viewpoints, trails and hikes can be found at the top.

**Day 14: Los Angeles.** We proceed to Los Angeles, where we'll have some free time at the Farmer's Market. Later, our city tour will pass by famous sights such as Rodeo Drive, Sunset Strip, Beverly Hills, Hollywood and more. A walking tour will take us into the heart of Hollywood to see the famous celebrity hand and foot prints on the Walk of Fame, and also Awards Walk - home to the Academy Awards. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner!

**Day 15: Home.** We transfer to the LA airport and fly home.



# Holiday Season Southwest Explorer

- Phoenix • Grand Canyon • Las Vegas
- Palm Springs • Southern California

On this leisurely Holiday Season tour we'll enjoy the best of the American Southwest, with its dry, warm and sunny climate, spectacular landscapes, fascinating history and diverse culture. Our overnights are as follows:

**Las Vegas (2 nights).** "The Entertainment Capital of the World". Our hotel, the First Class *Horseshoe Resort and Casino*, is perfectly located on "The Strip". The hotel has a spa offering various treatments, and an outdoor pool.

**Grand Canyon (2 nights)** We stay in Flagstaff, and from here we'll also visit Sedona - "Red Rock Country".

**Phoenix (4 nights).** The "Valley of the Sun" is known for its dry, warm climate, and spectacular desert scenery. We will stay at the *Embassy Suites by Hilton - Biltmore*, located close to downtown Scottsdale - a lively pedestrian area with art galleries, boutiques and restaurants.

**Palm Springs (3 nights).** A resort oasis that lures the rich and famous, the nature lover and sunshine seeker. Around Palm Springs are canyons, splendid mountains and

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- Mainly First Class hotels
- Breakfast daily (11 full breakfasts and 4 continental breakfasts)
- 10 dinners (with Christmas Eve dinner and a New Years Eve Gala Dinner Party)
- Christmas Eve Brunch and Broadway Show
- Rose Bowl Parade (with behind-the-scenes Floatfest Viewing and packed lunch)
- *Extravaganza* - The Las Vegas Spectacular!
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$7997
- .....
- Single Supplement - \$1790
- Montreal, Ottawa or Calgary - add \$190
- Halifax, Winnipeg or Edmonton - add \$290
- Vancouver - deduct \$100

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countless palm trees. The town's ideal location ensures warm sunny weather year-round. Our hotel, the *Homewood Suites by Hilton Cathedral City* is in the Greater Palm Springs area. Our coach will provide shuttles into town every day. The hotel has an outdoor heated swimming pool, Backyard BBQ Pavilion and fire pit.

**San Diego (4 nights).** This oceanside city has a wonderful climate year-round, and is rich with lovely parks, bays and beaches, museums, art galleries, superb restaurants, and excellent shopping. Our hotel will be the *Hacienda Hotel Old Town*, in a classic Spanish and Southwestern setting with by colourful courtyards and lush landscaping. Located in the heart of historic Old Town and close to numerous restaurants and shops - a wonderful place to stroll!

All hotels offer spacious rooms with complimentary WIFI, fitness/exercise rooms, heated outdoor pools and some have Jacuzzis.

**Day 1: Departure / Las Vegas.** We depart on our direct flight to Las Vegas, and transfer to our hotel located right on “The Strip”. Our Welcome Dinner is tonight.

**Day 2: Las Vegas Tour.** Our city tour will include the best of Glitter Gulch (the older downtown section) and “The Strip” with all its theme hotels. Along The Strip, we’ll see erupting volcanoes, Bellagio’s spectacular water fountain show, and replicas of the Colosseum, the Eiffel Tower, Pyramids and more! After some leisure time in the afternoon, we’ll enjoy a production of *WOW – The Vegas Spectacular*, an award winning production with incredible acrobats, dancers, jugglers, 3D projections, stunning choreography, and awe-inspiring holograms!

**Day 3: Flagstaff, Arizona.** We drive across the Mojave Desert past the famous Hoover Dam and beautiful Lake Mead to Flagstaff, Arizona for a 2-night stay.

**Day 4: Grand Canyon / Flagstaff.** A full-day tour to the magnificent Grand Canyon. There will be free time to wander along the brink of the chasm and marvel at the spectacular views of one of the Great Natural Wonders of the World, whose walls change hue all day with every change of light!

**Day 5: Sedona / Oak Creek Canyon / Christmas Eve Dinner / Phoenix.** We proceed to the magnificent Red Rock town of Sedona. A trolley ride and guided tour will show us the spectacular scenery including Oak Creek Canyon, views of the marvelous strands of red rocks and picture book valleys. There will be time at leisure to stroll in the artist colony before heading to Phoenix in the “Valley of the Sun”. Tonight we enjoy the mighty Wurlitzer at the “Organ Grinder”!

**Day 6: Christmas Eve Lunch and Broadway Show / Christmas Eve Dinner.** It’s everybody’s favorite curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge! This lavish Broadway adaptation of Charles Dickens’ story breathes new life into the classic tale of Christmas tidings and heart-warming generosity. This evening, our dinner will be at a fine restaurant!

**Day 7: Merry Christmas!** We visit the Musical Instrument Museum – the world’s only global musical instrument museum. With state-of-the-art technology you can hear, see and feel the sounds of more than 6500 instruments from all over the world. This evening we enjoy a very special dinner followed by a Christmas Lights tour!

**Day 8: Scottsdale and Phoenix Tour.** Morning at leisure. Our afternoon tour of Scottsdale and Phoenix will include a walking tour of historical Old Town Scottsdale with its many art galleries, boutiques and cafes. We’ll see the beautiful campus of Arizona State University, Camelback Mountain and more.

Then we will enjoy some excellent western entertainment, line dancing and a western style dinner!

**Day 9: Palm Springs.** A drive across the desert brings us to our hotel located in Greater Palm Springs.

**Day 10: Palm Springs Tour / “Villagefest”.** Morning at leisure. Our afternoon guided tour of Palm Springs shows us the homes of some of the movie stars who have lived and live here, as well as some of the beautiful desert scenery for which this area is famous, including a walk in Indian Canyon. This evening we enjoy the weekly “Village Fest” Street Fair of Palm Springs, featuring craft vendors and food stands.

**Day 11: Palm Springs (Aerial Tramway).** This morning we ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway – the world’s largest rotating tram car. The tram will take us more than two miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, to the pristine wilderness of Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Tram cars rotate slowly, offering spectacular vistas of the valley below. At the top you can enjoy restaurants, observation decks, a natural history museum, two documentary theaters, gift shop and 50 miles of hiking trails.

**Day 12: Hollywood Tour / San Diego.** We depart our desert oasis for Los Angeles, where we will have a guided tour of Hollywood and more, before continuing to San Diego.

**Day 13: San Diego Tour / Happy New Year!** San Diego is the birthplace of California, and our full-day tour takes us through the city’s old and new – Point Loma, Cabrillo National Monument, Mission Bay, and a walking tour of Old Town where the first Europeans settled, which today is rich with historical architecture, museums, art galleries and more. This evening we enjoy a special New Years Eve Dinner, with party favours, champagne and celebrations!

**Day 14: Tournament of Roses / Rose Bowl Parade!** We go to Pasadena where we will have prime seats for The Rose Bowl Parade. Bands, floats, and equestrian units from all over the world will be sure to impress at the largest and most beautiful floral parade in the world! For the post-parade we’ve included Floatfest – a behind-the-scenes tour to view the creativity and detail of each magnificent parade float up close, in a celebratory atmosphere. A picnic lunch is included.

**Day 15: Harbour Cruise.** Morning at leisure. Later, we board a narrated cruise/tour of San Diego Harbour and Shelter Island, and we’ll see Point Loma, North Island Naval Station, The submarine base, Coronado Bridge and perhaps some sightings of dolphins or whales! Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

**Day 16: Home.** Air Canada takes us home.



# Hawaii

## 3-Island Tour

### Oahu, Maui and Kona

A string of lush islands set in a cobalt blue ocean, Hawaii is a tropical paradise where you can experience Polynesian culture, swim in waterfalls, enjoy a wide diversity of scenic wonders and soak up the sun on golden-sand beaches.

Each of the islands has its own distinct personality and unique attractions, but perhaps Hawaii's most enchanting feature is the “Aloha Spirit” you will find in the Hawaiians.

We begin with a 5-night stay in the legendary beachfront Waikiki district of Honolulu on the island of Oahu. Waikiki brims with cultural activities, entertainment, shopping and culinary delights. Our hotel is the *Courtyard by Marriott*, located in the heart of Waikiki and just a short walk from the famous Waikiki Beach. The hotel has a restaurant, spa, pool area and gardens, and all our rooms have kitchenette facilities and a balcony.

Our next stop is the Island of Hawaii (also known as the “Big Island”), home to a wide array of scenic wonders including Volcanoes National Park, the snow-capped peaks of Hawaii’s highest mountains, lush rainforests and the jet-black sands of Punaluu Beach. It is also home to sacred Hawaiian historical sites, such as Hawaii’s first missionary church. Our hotel, the *Royal Kona Resort*, has a dramatic oceanfront setting overlooking picturesque

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Kailua Bay. It is conveniently located within walking distance of the town of Kona which has a great assortment of restaurants, shops, historic sites and activities. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, oceanfront swimming pool, lush gardens and lovely, spacious guestrooms.

Our final stop is the island of Maui (the “Valley Isle”). Designated as the World’s Best Island to Visit by most major travel publications, Maui offers a wealth of activities (on land and sea) and scenic wonders which include black, red and white sand beaches, the soaring summit of the Haleakala Volcano and the emerald peaks that tower above the lush Iao Valley. Our hotel, the *Royal Lahaina Resort*, is located right on Kaanapali Beach with its 3 miles of fine white sand, a championship golf course, a daily sunset cliff-diving ceremony and the Whaler’s Village shopping complex. Kaanapali, a historic whaling village which is now a lively resort town with world-class art galleries, is also a short drive from Lahaina. Our hotel has a restaurant, 2 bars, a beach activity centre, 2 oceanfront swimming pools, tennis courts, fitness centre with classes, scheduled activities, nightly live Hawaiian entertainment, lush gardens, shuttle service to Lahaina and lovely, spacious guestrooms with balconies.

- 13 nights accommodation, with late check-out included on the last day
  - Full breakfast daily
  - Flower Lei greeting upon arrival
  - Full day tours of each of the 3 islands
- Honolulu city tour including the Pearl Harbour site and memorial
  - Spectacular Polynesian Dinner show
  - Visit of Volcano Park on Kona
- Visit Maui's spectacular Iao Valley and Tropical Plantation
- Special Farewell Luau - with traditional Hawaiian buffet dinner, cocktails & entertainment
- All inter-island flights including taxes (airline baggage fees not included)
  - *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COST** per person, based on double occupancy, from Toronto,  
Montreal or Halifax - \$8497

Single Supplement ... \$3190

Ottawa - add \$190

Winnipeg - deduct \$100

Calgary or Edmonton - deduct \$200

Vancouver - deduct \$300



# Towns and Villages of Quebec (Fall Colours)

Departs from Toronto, Hamilton,  
Whitby and Kingston

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi
- Moderate and First Class hotels
- 9 breakfasts, 8 dinners and 1 lunch
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except round-trip airfare if required)*

## COST:

- \$3997 per person, double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Triples - deduct \$70 per person

**There is good reason why Quebec is known as “La Belle Province”, especially during Fall Colour Season!**

While the splendour of its cities, towns and countryside have enticed artists including the Group of Seven, Quebec’s history, delicious cuisine and that sense of “joie de vivre”, unique in North America have seduced visitors to return again and again.

Our journey begins and ends with stays in the vibrant city of Montreal, beloved for its delightful mixture of old and new. Montreal has great shopping, cafes, museums and beautifully-restored buildings, especially in the Old Montreal quarter along its historic waterfront.

After Montreal, we explore the nearby Eastern Township region, a veritable country paradise with mountains and valleys that are home to the most picturesque villages and rural landscapes – and the setting of Louise Penny’s wildly-popular mystery novels. We will enjoy quality wines and delicious food proudly produced in this region.

We then enjoy a 2-night stay in Quebec City, one of Canada’s outstanding cities and, with over 400 years of history, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Fall under the charm of the walled city’s cobbled streets lined

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with art galleries, artisan shops, and bistros. Enjoy the clip-clop of the horse-drawn carriages as you stroll on the Governor’s Promenade which offers spectacular views of the St. Lawrence and Orleans Island - known as the garden of Quebec with its typical New France architecture, rural traditions and gorgeous scenery over the Montmorency Falls and Quebec City skyline.

Next we travel through the picturesque Charlevoix region. A highlight of the tour will be our scenic train journey along the Beaufort hills and the St. Lawrence River coastline, where we will see historic hamlets and the shores where hundreds of migrating birds come to rest and feed. We will visit the pretty village of Baie-Saint-Paul, where a thriving artist community exhibits colourful and dazzling interpretations of the surrounding landscape. We will stay in Tadoussac, a village on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, site of the first trading post in Canada, and now renowned worldwide as a prime holiday resort. Visitors come from around the world to whale-watch in this pristine environment – an unforgettable experience!

**Day 1: Departure / Montreal.** We depart for Montreal. Upon arrival we check-in at our centrally-located hotel. Later, we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 2: Montreal / Magog.** We begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Montreal's highlights; Mount Royal, lively Sainte-Catherine Street, Notre-Dame Basilica and authentically-charming Old Montreal. This afternoon we depart for the Eastern Townships with a scenic stop on Quebec's wine route to enjoy a visit and tasting at a renowned winery. We continue on to our resort hotel nestled by a scenic lake.

**Day 3: Magog.** Our first visit is to St-Benoit Abbey, where we learn about the lives of the more than fifty cloistered monks living under the Rule of St. Benedict. We then visit the town of Stanstead, home to some magnificent 19th-century buildings (and considered one of Quebec's most beautiful villages). The town straddles what's been called the friendliest border in the world including the famous CANUSA Street, with the border actually running down the middle of the road! We will visit the Colby-Curtis Museum - a heritage house built in the 19th century. After today's touring we will enjoy some free time in the charming town of Magog with its numerous shops, cafés and pleasant lakeside promenade.

**Day 4: Quebec City.** We depart for Quebec's capital, Quebec City, for a 2-night stay. We'll begin our stay with a guided tour of the city's most famous sights including Place Royal, Little Champlain Quarter, the Plains of Abraham and the port where so many newcomers first set foot in this new land after their long crossing over the Atlantic.

**Day 5: Quebec City.** This morning we will drive through picturesque Orleans Island. These country roads are full of history, old architecture and pastoral landscapes – truly a regional jewel! We will visit a historic home and the Bilodeau Orchard where cider making is an art form passed down through generations. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Old Quebec's enchanting streets, boutiques and museums - all within walking distance of our hotel.

**Day 6: Quebec City / Tadoussac.** A short drive takes us first to Montmorency Falls - a magnificent cascade 100 feet higher than Niagara! Then, for what may be the highlight of the tour, we board a train that will take us along the St. Lawrence River and through the beautiful Charlevoix region. Enroute we will stop in Baie-Saint-Paul - a charming little town of artisans nestled in a valley. Here we will have some free time to visit the many art galleries in town and enjoy lunch at one of the quaint bistros. We continue by coach on our scenic route to our final destination, Tadoussac at the mouth of the Saguenay Fjord.

**Day 7: Tadoussac.** Today we enjoy another tour highlight - a whale-watching cruise on the magnificent St. Lawrence River, renowned for its large concentration of resident belugas and rorqual whales. The afternoon will be at leisure to take in the beauty of the site, stroll on the beach or one of the picturesque walking trails by our hotel, or perhaps visit the Marine Mammal Interpretation Centre.

**Day 8: Montreal.** We depart for Montreal. Enroute we will drive on the first road built in New France, Le chemin du Roi (the King's Road), where we can see some of the area's finest and oldest homes. We then stop for lunch at an authentic and lively Quebecois sugar shack, where we will enjoy some traditional "reel" and "rigidons" music, as well as a taste of maple taffy on snow! This evening we will have the opportunity to try our luck at The Montreal Casino, brimming with the vitality so characteristic of one of North America's most exciting cities.

**Day 9: Montreal.** This morning we visit Montreal's Botanical Gardens, ranked as one of the world's largest and most spectacular gardens with its collection of 22,000 plant species, 10 exhibition greenhouses and some thirty thematic gardens. The afternoon is free to visit one of the city's many museums, do some fine shopping or simply enjoy the view from one of the city's many terraces. Tonight enjoy our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 10: Home.** We proceed home bringing with us fine memories of La Belle Province.



# History and Flavours of Quebec

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- First Class and moderate hotels
- Full breakfast daily, 10 dinners and 3 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except for round-trip airfare if required)*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$4397 .....
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Triples - deduct \$100 per person

## Charlevoix, Saguenay and Lac-Saint-Jean

New France was one of the first places settled in Canada, and the European influence combined with indigenous traditions helped create a unique identity. The regions we visit on this tour are not only home to some beautiful landscapes, quaint villages and majestic fjords, but also offer that contagious French-Canadian *joie-de-vivre*!

We begin (and end) our tour in the vibrant city of Montreal with its delightful mix of the old and new.

Then we'll enjoy a 2-night stay in Quebec City - one of North America's oldest cities and a designated UNESCO World Heritage City. The city has a distinctive European flair, with its spectacular stone buildings and winding streets. We will take the picturesque Route of New France to Côte-De-Beaupré, visiting local artisans and prominent Quebecois heritage sites.

Our first stop in the Charlevoix region is the cultural hub of Baie-Sainte-Paul, and from there we'll ferry over to the

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Isle-Aux-Coudres in the middle of the Saint-Lawrence, with its spectacular views in every direction. The island is renowned for its signature delicacies, breathtaking coastlines and the legendary hospitality of the locals.

We then proceed to the 230-kilometer-long Saguenay Fjord with its rugged mountains, dense forests and high cliffs dotted with tiny villages. Our scenic drive along this magnificent fjord is a highlight of our tour.

Next is spectacular Lac-Saint-Jean, surrounded by dairy farms, quaint villages and dramatic wildlife. We will visit attractions here such as a wildlife conservation zoo, a ghost town and some important First Nations sites.

We end with a stay at a breathtaking mountain resort in the Mauricie region, before heading back to Montreal for our final farewell *to La Belle Province*.

**Day 1: Depart / Montreal.** We depart by coach for Montreal. Upon arrival we check-in to our centrally located hotel, and enjoy our Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 2: Quebec City.** We make our way to Quebec City, and upon arrival we will enjoy a guided city tour. Stops include the Place Royale, the Little Champlain Quarter, the Plains of Abraham, and the Old Port where so many immigrants first set foot on this new land after their long journey.

**Day 3: Côte-De-Beaupré / Quebec City.** Today we take the New France Route from Quebec City to Côte-De-Beaupré - one of the most historic roads in North America. This scenic route takes us back through four centuries of history, with magnificent 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes, as well as several significant historical and cultural gems, such as the magnificent St-Anne-De-Beaupré sanctuary. We will visit a museum of traditional wood sculpture, followed by a visit to the breathtaking Montmorency falls - a magnificent cascade 100 feet higher than Niagara! The afternoon is at leisure to explore old Quebec's enchanting streets, boutiques, and museums.

**Day 4: Baie-Saint-Paul / L'Isle-aux-Coudres.** We proceed to the beautiful Charlevoix Region and its "Flavour Trail". Our first stop will be Baie-Saint-Paul - a charming artisanal town, for some free time to visit the many art galleries and enjoy lunch at one of the quaint bistros. Then we will ferry over to the L'Isle-aux-Coudres - a small island in the middle of the St-Lawrence river, renowned for its 360 degree views of magnificent landscapes, breathtaking sunsets and beautiful shingle beaches! We will have a guided tour of a local flour mill on the island.

**Day 5: L'Isle-aux-Coudres.** On our scenic drive around the island we will make breathtaking photo stops and enjoy some of the local artisanal fare, such as the cider at Pedneault Orchard, where cider making is an art form passed on through generations. The rest of the day is free.

**Day 6: Malbaie.** We continue along the beautiful Charlevoix region's "Flavour Trail." We will stop at an artisanal cheese factory, and then proceed to Emu Charlevoix - an Economuseum that houses over 400 emus and is known worldwide for its emu oil. Here we will enjoy a guided visit and a wonderful lunch, highlighting some

of the regions finest artisanal fare! Our next stop is Hautes-Gorges-De-La-Riviere-Malbaie National Park - the centerpiece of the UNESCO Charlevoix reserve, where we will walk along the colourful "Maple Trail" that follows the Malbaie River. Our overnight will be in Malbaie.

**Day 7: Saguenay Fjord National Park / Chicoutimi.** We travel along the magnificent fjord route, which offers the most breathtaking views of the Saguenay Fjord. We'll stop for lunch in the village of L'Anse-Saint Jean - known as one of Quebec's most beautiful villages, and then proceed to the Fjord Museum to learn about Saguenay's history and the fjord. We overnight in Chicoutimi.

**Day 8: Chicoutimi / Val Jalbert / St-Félicien.** Our first stop is Chicoutimi's famous "Little White House" - an early 19<sup>th</sup> century home that withstood massive floods while everything around it perished. We then proceed to Val-Jalbert in Lac-Saint-Jean - a historically preserved town from the 1920s. This heritage town was known for its pulp mill, and it was a pioneer town of electricity in Canada due to the nearby massive Ouaitchouan Falls!

**Day 9: St-Félicien.** We begin with a visit to the Wildlife Zoo of St-Félicien - dedicated to wildlife conservation of the Boreal Climate. Later we proceed to the Mashteuiatsh Museum, to learn about the First Nations communities who originally arrived over 6000 years ago!

**Day 10: La Mauricie.** We make our way to la Mauricie Region for an overnight stay at a spectacular mountain resort. En route, we will stop in La Tuque to see the waterfalls "De-La-Petite-Riviere-Bostonnais" - a hidden gem in the region! The afternoon is free at the resort to enjoy the many activities offered such as canoeing, hiking or relaxing in the spa!

**Day 11: Montreal.** We proceed to Montreal, and in the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the city's highlights; Mount Royal, lively Sainte-Catherine Street, Notre-Dame Cathedral and quaint Old Montreal. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 12: Home.** We travel home, bringing with us fine memories of "La Belle Province".



# Autumn Splendour

Departs from Toronto  
and Hamilton

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi
- Moderate accommodation
- 6 breakfasts (5 full breakfasts and 1 continental breakfast)
- 5 dinners and 2 lunches (including the Grand Buffet at the *Grand Hotel* in Mackinac)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except round-trip airfare if required)*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2997
- Single Supplement - \$690
- Triples deduct - \$50 per person

- **Agawa Canyon**
- **Mackinac Island**
- **Frankenmuth**
- **Windsor Casino**

A stunning way to experience fall at its best! Our tour starts off with a trip on the famous Algoma Railway which takes us through the Agawa Canyon - a natural phenomenon that comes ablaze with colour in the fall. Then its off to the enchanting Mackinac Island, Michigan - a place of pretty Victorian

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architecture, horsedrawn carriages and majestic views. From here we proceed to Frankenmuth - Michigan's "Little Bavaria" complete with half-timbered buildings like a page out of a Grimms fairytale. Then in Dearborn, we will have the opportunity to visit the impressive Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. We finish off with an overnight in Windsor and our Farewell Dinner at the Windsor Casino before heading home.

**Day 1: Sault Ste. Marie.** We depart from the Toronto and Hamilton areas by coach and travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a 2-night stay.

**Day 2: Agawa Canyon.** Early this morning we board the legendary Algoma Railway for the journey through the scenic vistas of the Agawa Canyon where we will enjoy Mother Nature's spectacular fall foliage display. Lunch will be served on board the train.

**Day 3: Mackinac Island.** We depart the Sault and head into Michigan where we will board the hydroplane ferry for a speedy trip to Mackinac Island on Lake Huron. Time slows down to a leisurely pace on this genteel island. As there are no cars allowed, we will enjoy a narrated carriage ride of this historic isle with its many legends. We will enjoy a fabulous luncheon buffet at the Grand Hotel, take some time to browse in the shops and maybe treat ourselves to some of that famous Mackinac fudge!

**Day 4: Frankenmuth.** We leave Mackinac Island and head for Frankenmuth where we spend 2 nights. Frankenmuth was settled in the 1840's by Franks - emigrants from Franconia in Bavaria (the town's name means "courage of the Franks").

**Day 5: Frankenmuth.** Today we will discover the many attractions of Frankenmuth - including Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and the Glockenspiel Tower. We will also enjoy wine tasting at a local restaurant. Almost like visiting a corner of Germany in the US!

**Day 6: Dearborn / Windsor.** We depart for Dearborn, Michigan where we will visit the Henry Ford Museum, founded in 1929 by Ford himself. The exhibits here are truly one-of-a-kind, tracing back over 150 years and highlighting the changes that America has experienced. After the museum visit we'll experience the awe-inspiring scale of a real factory floor and get an inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150.

In the early afternoon we cross the border back into Canada, with a stop at the Duty-Free Shop, and check in to our hotel in Windsor. This evening we enjoy our Farewell Dinner, and then visit the Windsor Casino, with an opportunity for you to challenge the slot machines or blackjack dealers.

**Day 7: Home.** We say farewell to our fellow travellers as we return to the Toronto and Hamilton areas to end our tour.



# Cape Cod

## Plus Boston, Nantucket Island and Newport, Rhode Island

### Departs from Toronto and Hamilton

#### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi
- Moderate accommodation
- 6 full breakfasts and 6 dinners
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except round-trip airfare if required)*

#### COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2797
- Single Supplement - \$590
- Triples deduct - \$100 per person

**Cape Cod is a pine-scented, sea swept peninsula that extends its arm out into the Atlantic Ocean.**

With its dune-lined beaches, atmospheric towns full of shingled thatched cottages, charming seafood restaurants and rustic, laid back appeal, it's no wonder that Cape Cod has been one of the most popular holiday destinations on the east coast of the U.S. for generations.

We hope that like us, you'll fall in love with Old Cape Cod.

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#### Tour Highlights:

- Plymouth Rock
- Sandwich
- Cruise to Nantucket Island
- Excursion to Newport, Rhode Island
- Whale-watching in Provincetown
- Hyannis
- Kennedy Memorial
- Eastham Windmill
- Boston's Quincy Market and the Common
- And much more!

**Day 1:** Departure from pre-determined pick-up points in the Toronto/Hamilton area. We travel through the lovely scenery of New York State and arrive at our stopover point, Albany, the state capital.

**Day 2:** After breakfast we proceed to Cape Cod. Enroute we'll stop at America's Home Town: Plymouth, where the Pilgrims first settled in 1620. We'll stop for photos at iconic Plymouth Rock, Forefather's Monument and the Mayflower II - a reproduction of the ship that transported the Pilgrims to the New World. This evening we will enjoy our first dinner on the Cape, and overnight in South Yarmouth.

**Day 3:** A full day of exploring scenic Cape Cod, beginning in the Cape's hub, Hyannis. Here we stop at the Kennedy Memorial, then drive along Main Street, through the village of Hyannisport - home of the famous St. Francis Xavier Church and the Kennedy family compound. We then travel along historic Route 6, stopping at the Eastham Windmill and a typical Cape Cod lighthouse. Driving along the Cape Cod National Seashore, we reach the historic North Shore and spend some time in Provincetown. This charming town was the scene of the first landing of the Pilgrims and is now an art colony with many photogenic sights and tempting boutiques. In Provincetown we board a boat for a whale-watching excursion led by a naturalist who will provide commentary on the various marine life we will see during our cruise.

**Day 4:** Today we visit Newport, Rhode Island, best known for its opulent mansions built by America's rich and famous of the 1890's, many of which are now museums. A local guide will meet us and take us through the city, including the famed Ocean Drive and the Bellevue Avenue Mansion area. Admission to one of the mansions is included.

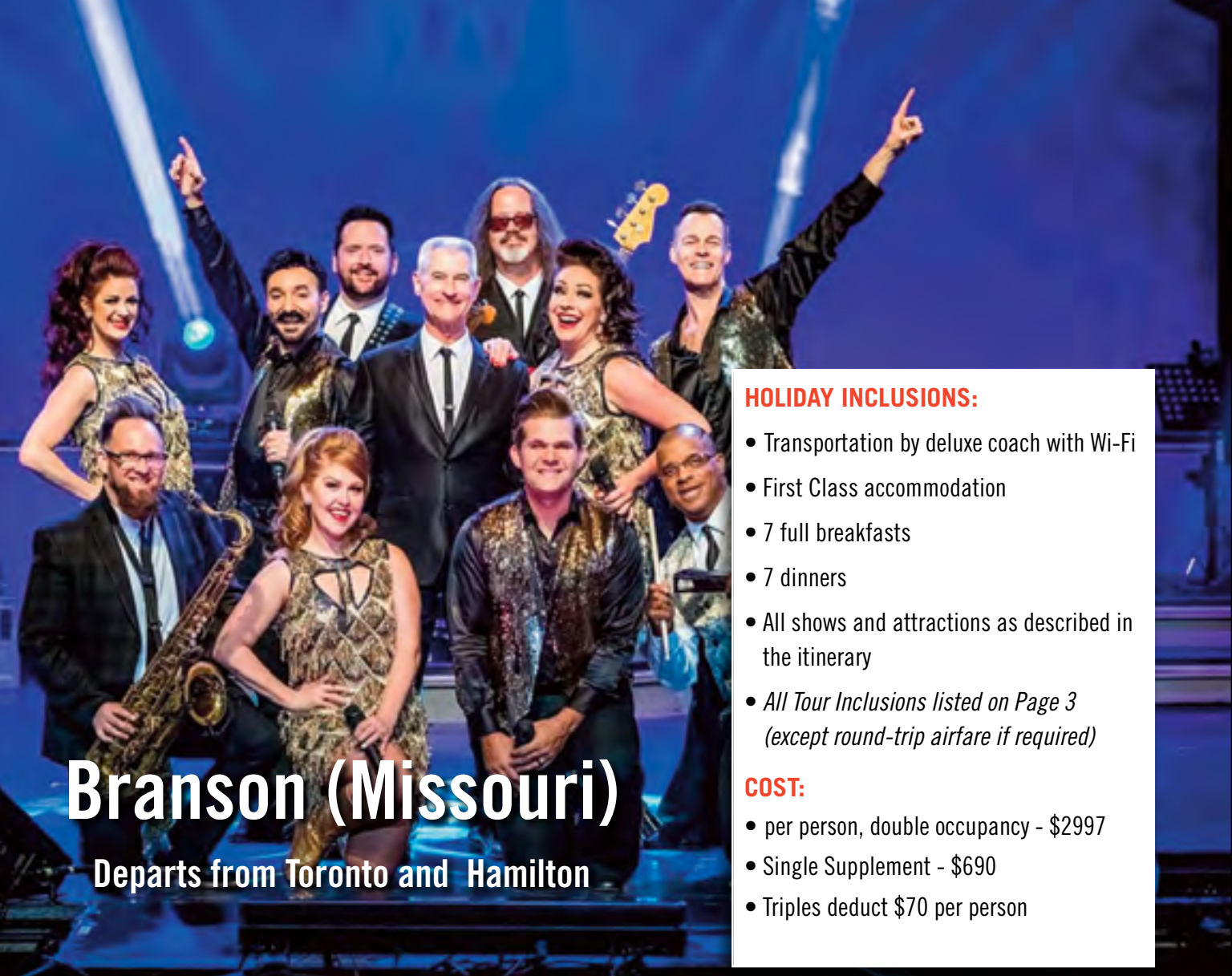
Tonight we enjoy some local entertainment during dinner.

**Day 5:** This morning's highlight will be a cruise to Nantucket Island which, for 100 years, was the greatest whaling centre in the world. Today it is a picturesque island of beautifully-preserved homes, cobblestone streets and very special charm. Enjoy a tour of the island and some free time for browsing the galleries, shops and museums before returning to the Cape.

Tonight we enjoy a special lobster dinner (with alternative entrees available upon request).

**Day 6:** We depart the Cape for Boston, considered by many to be America's most historic city. We will enjoy a guided tour of the various historical and famous landmarks such as Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Boston Common, the Public Gardens and the original site of Cheers. There will be some time for lunch and shopping at Boston's famous Quincy Market. Then we travel through the charming villages and countryside of Massachusetts until we arrive back in Albany for our dinner and overnight.

**Day 7:** We continue our journey back to the Toronto / Hamilton area (with a stop for duty-free shopping), taking with us fond memories of beautiful Cape Cod.



# Branson (Missouri)

Departs from Toronto and Hamilton

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach with Wi-Fi
- First Class accommodation
- 7 full breakfasts
- 7 dinners
- All shows and attractions as described in the itinerary
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except round-trip airfare if required)*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2997
- Single Supplement - \$690
- Triples deduct \$70 per person

**Branson, known as one of the friendliest places on earth, is a small town nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains with more live shows than anywhere else in the world!**

The hospitality is obvious from the moment you arrive, but what makes Branson a truly magical place is the entertainment - more live shows are located here than anywhere else in the world! For this reason, over the past 20 years Branson has attracted millions of visitors.

We have included in this tour a variety of the finest musical shows and attractions that Branson has to offer. We will attend 6 top shows. Each entertainer and production team brings their own unique touch to every performance - a veritable feast of entertainment!

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Added features of this tour include sightseeing tours of St. Louis and Branson, with a visit to the famous Titanic Museum and a shopping excursion. Branson boasts a variety of unique shopping adventures and you can even visit an authentic "old time" five and dime store.

So join us on this adventure to Branson where we know you'll have the time of your life!

**Day 1: Departure / Columbus, Ohio.** We depart from pick-up points in the Toronto / Hamilton area, and cross into the US at Fort Erie with an opportunity to purchase Duty-Free. Tonight's overnight is in Columbus, Ohio, with dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 2: St. Louis.** We travel to St. Louis, Gateway of the West, known for its iconic Gateway Arch - America's largest man-made monument. Upon arrival we check-in to our centrally located hotel.

**Day 3: St. Louis / Branson.** We enjoy a tour of the grand old city of St. Louis, including the historic Soulard District, Forest Park - site of the 1904 World's Fair - and of course the Gateway Arch. We then continue to Branson, for a 4-night stay. Tonight we enjoy our first evening of entertainment at the *Grand Jubilee Show*. Audiences fall in love with the power harmonies and dynamic performance of Branson's finest quartet. The high energy and versatility of the entire cast astound with songs from Country to Gospel and 50's to modern day.

**Day 4: Branson.** Today we will attend Branson's #1 show - *Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis*, a high energy musical journey spanning the 20-year career of the "King of Rock 'n' Roll", from his rise to fame in the 1950s, to his infamous Las Vegas performances of the 1970s. *Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis* boasts a powerful 11-piece band, horn section, vocalist and immersive video content for a truly unforgettable concert experience.

Following dinner at McFarlain's Restaurant we will attend the exciting Clay Cooper Country Music Show. Clay and his fantastic cast of fifteen veteran entertainers perform a high-energy show of singing, dancing, gun-slinging, rope-twirling and hysterical comedy!

**Day 5: Branson.** This morning we enjoy a city sightseeing tour of Branson, including a visit to the interactive Titanic Museum.

In the evening we head to Shepherd of the Hills to enjoy the Whodunnit Hoedown Murder Mystery Dinner. The hoedown takes a hilariously dark turn when legendary Fiddler Squeaky Bowman meets his mysterious demise, with an entertaining list of suspects. Enjoy the delicious dinner, lots of laughs and, who knows, you might figure out Whodunnit!

**Day 6: Branson.** This morning we enjoy a ride on the Scenic Railway through the Ozark Mountains. Then we're "All Aboard" the famous Showboat Branson Belle for a fun-filled dinner cruise and entertainment. We begin with a visit to White River Landing followed by a two-hour cruise on Table Rock Lake for fabulous dining and award-winning theatre.

In the evening we'll enjoy *Hamner's Unbelievable Variety* where we'll be treated to a fantastic array of Branson entertainment. Led by master magicians, Dave and Denise Hamner, the show is packed full of performing artists. The variety includes sensational singing, phenomenal dancing, stunning illusions and a singing impressionist too spot-on to be believed!

**Day 7: Indianapolis.** We say farewell to Branson and travel through scenic Northern Missouri and Indiana. Our overnight and Farewell Dinner will be in Indianapolis.

**Day 8: Home.** After our buffet breakfast we return to Canada, arriving back in the Toronto area by early evening.



# New York, New York

Departs from Toronto and Hamilton

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Transportation by deluxe coach equipped with Wi-Fi
- First Class hotel (in the heart of Times Square in New York City!)
- 4 breakfasts (3 full breakfasts and 1 continental breakfast)
- 4 dinners
- Broadway play - *Hamilton*
- All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3 (except round-trip airfare if required)

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy - \$2997
- Single Supplement - \$590
- Triples - deduct \$50 per person

Immerse yourself in New York City on this special tour and you'll see why it's like no other place on earth.

Only in "The Big Apple" will you find all of America's best attributes - diversity, culture, and style - intensified in such an intriguing way. Our tour will feature all of the highlights: the Empire State Building; Statue of Liberty; Rockefeller Center; Times Square; Brooklyn Bridge; Soho; Central Park and much more. In addition to our sightseeing tours, we'll enjoy a harbour cruise, plenty of time for shopping and take in the hit musical, and winner of 11 Tony Awards, *Hamilton*.

After an overnight enroute in upstate New York, we continue on to our First Class hotel in the heart of Times Square for a 3-night stay. Our hotel is the *New York Marriott Marquis*, located near some of the city's most exciting attractions, including Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and the Theater District.

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## Tour Highlights:

- Central Park
- World Trade Center Observatory
- Empire State and Chrysler Buildings
- Harbour Cruise to the Statue of Liberty
- Trump Tower
- Rockefeller Center
- Times Square
- Wall Street
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Broadway musical *Hamilton*

**Day 1: Departure / Albany, NY.** We depart from pre-determined pick-up points in the Toronto and Hamilton areas. After crossing the border, we travel through New York State to our overnight stopover in Albany, NY. Tonight we enjoy our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 2: New York City Tour.** We proceed to New York and upon arrival we begin our first city tour which will include Times Square, Central Park and much more. We then continue to the One World Observatory World Trade Center and take the elevator to the top for the world-famous city views. We will enjoy dinner at a downtown restaurant before proceeding to our hotel, the *Marriott Marquis*.

**Day 3: New York City Tour.** A full day of sightseeing in the "Big Apple". Our guided panoramic tour will take in the major highlights; the Chrysler Building, Rockefeller Center, Soho and the famous shops of Fifth Avenue. We also see some beautiful views of the Brooklyn Bridge. This afternoon we embark on a narrated harbour cruise to the Statue of Liberty. Our on-board guide will bring New York's sights and fascinating history to life while we enjoy views of the world's most famous skyline.

Tonight we hit Broadway and enjoy the winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Hamilton*, the story of the ambitious Founding Father determined to make his mark on the new nation. From orphan to George Washington's right-hand man, rebel to war hero, Hamilton became the Treasury head who made an untrusting world believe in the American economy. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Hamilton's lifelong friend (and foe) Aaron Burr all make their mark in this astonishing musical exploration of a political mastermind.

**Day 4: New York City.** A day at leisure for sightseeing and shopping. Perhaps take the ferry to Staten Island, explore the artist enclave of Greenwich Village or visit one of the countless museums the city has to offer. Your Tour Manager will happy to provide suggestions. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

**Day 5: Return Home.** We cross the border back into Canada, with a stop at the Duty-Free Shop. We arrive at the Toronto / Hamilton areas in the early evening.



# Barbados - All Inclusive

Classy and chic, Barbados is famed for its soft white-sand beaches, perfect climate and distinct personality. The arts scene is vibrant here, shopping amongst the best in the Caribbean and visitors are warmly welcomed at local events from cricket matches to live concerts.

From the rugged beauty of the east coast to the serene elegance of the west coast, with acres of sugar cane in the middle, it is one of the most varied and scenic islands.

As the “Culinary Capital of the Caribbean”, Barbados brings together the influences of African, Caribbean, West Indian and European delights to create a unique culinary experience. Of course fish is a mainstay, including Flying Fish - a national symbol of Barbados, but your options range from elegant sophistication to funky street food.

Sightseeing on the island is a pleasure with many historic UNESCO World Heritage sites, splendid architecture and rich cultural attractions. But it is the friendliness of the people that will leave a lasting impression.

Our hotel during our stay is the beachfront *Barbados Beach Club* - a great-value, informal All-Inclusive resort located on the south coast in laidback Maxwell Gap. You may prefer to lounge by the beachfront poolside with a

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rum punch in hand. This is also the spot for an early morning dip or to join a water aerobics class. Enjoy the water toys such as kayaks, paddle boats and snorkelling equipment - available on-site and included in your stay. Within walking distance or a short taxi ride away is bustling St. Lawrence Gap with its many fun restaurants and pubs including karaoke venues, sports bars and classic old rum shops.

3 meals daily, afternoon tea and unlimited beverages (soft drinks, juice, beer, wine, local spirits, cocktails and smoothies) are all included at the Barbados Beach Club. Choose between two on-site restaurants featuring an array of local and international cuisine throughout the day. There is low-key local entertainment during the evenings.

Hotel rooms are simply furnished and include individual air conditioning, safe, mini-fridge, complimentary WiFi and private balcony.

**1. Island Tour:** This tour, which takes us all around the island, begins with a visit to Oistins village - once a major seaport and now home to one of the world's best open-air parties. Then we visit the historic capital, Bridgetown, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we see the 19th century Parliament Buildings and a synagogue (with attached museum) built in 1654 (one of the oldest Synagogues in the Western Hemisphere). On the west coast we'll stop in Holetown - the landing site of the first British settlers in 1627. On the rugged east coast we'll see the roaring waves pounding the shore, carving out natural pools in the coral. Lunch is included at a scenic spot on the east coast.

**2. Gardens and Abbey Tour:** We first visit the important historical site of St. Nicholas Abbey Great House and Distillery. Built almost 350 years ago, this sugar plantation is well maintained and has retained its architectural beauty. The distillery here produces award-winning rums, and our local guide will educate us on the history and rum making process at the Abbey. We will take a ride on a steam locomotive through the plantation fields and mahogany woods, ending with a breathtaking view from Cherry Tree Hill of the rugged East Coast and Scotland District. Our last stop will be at the Flower Forest Botanical Gardens, 53 acres of tropical trees and flowering plants which bloom year-round.

**3. Caves and Critters:** Our first visit is the geological wonder of Harrison's Cave. We'll board the electric trams and travel underground to discover the stalactites and stalagmites in their quirky formations, naturally flowing waterfalls and crystal-clear pools. We then visit the Barbados Wildlife Reserve and stroll through the four acres of forest, looking out for the famous Barbadian Green Monkey, deer, tortoise and beautiful peacocks roaming the grounds. The aviary here features brilliantly-coloured parrots and macaws.

**4. Catamaran Cruise:** We enjoy a scenic catamaran cruise along the stunning coast of Barbados. There will be several stops for a chance to swim in a tranquil secluded bay, snorkel at a sunken shipwreck and an opportunity to see the incredible sea turtles that inhabit these waters! An on-board lunch of local specialties and drinks is included.

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada.
- Moderate accommodation as described
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, as well as afternoon tea
- Unlimited beverages (soft drinks, juice, beer, wine, local spirits, cocktails and smoothies)
- 4 excursions as described above
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COSTS** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal - \$6597

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Single Supplement - \$1790

Halifax - add \$90 (*includes a Toronto hotel overnight en route to Barbados*)

Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary or Vancouver - add \$290 (*includes hotel overnights in Toronto in each direction*)



# Costa Rica

- 3 nights San Jose with excursions
- 4 nights Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs
- 7 nights All-Inclusive Guanacaste Resort

Chances are, anyone who has been to Costa Rica remembers this admirable Central American country to be a paradise on earth. This is a land of towering waterfalls, breathtaking cloud forests, simmering volcanoes, mist-covered hot springs and unspoiled jungles, where remarkable flora and fauna thrive (there is no place on earth with such an abundance of both tropical plant and animal species). This is a destination where you can see Blue Morpho butterflies resting in the trees, comical capuchin monkeys chattering amongst themselves and scarlet macaws gracefully soaring along their flight path.

We begin with 3 nights in the capital San Jose. Our hotel, the first class *Aurola Holiday Inn*, is conveniently located right downtown. Then we travel to Arenal with its dramatic volcano, and stay 4 nights at the beautiful *Arenal Paraiso Hotel* with its gorgeous series of natural thermal mineral pools. After Arenal we proceed to the province of Guanacaste on the Pacific Coast for a 7-night stay. Our all-inclusive resort, the *Occidental Tamarindo*, is located oceanfront near the charming coastal town of Tamarindo.

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, and 12 lunches
- All drinks at the All-Inclusive resort
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6997 .....
- Single Supplement - \$1390
- Montreal or Ottawa - add \$190
- Halifax, Winnipeg or Calgary - add \$190 (includes a hotel overnight in Toronto on the way home).
- Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$290 (includes hotel overnights in Toronto in each direction)

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## Tour Highlights:

- San Jose City Tour
- Britt Coffee Plantation Tour
- Irazu Volcano
- Orosi Valley
- Sarchí Handicraft Village
- Mineral Hot Springs
- Sky Tram and Sky Walk in the rainforest.
- Caño Negro Wildlife Reserve
- Palo Verde Boat tour
- Coastal Sunset Cruise

*\* This tour is suited only for the fit and active traveller .*

**Day 1: Departure / San Jose.** We depart for San Jose, and upon arrival transfer to our hotel for a 3-night stay.

**Day 2: San Jose.** This morning we see the historical monuments, museums and parks of San Jose, including the commercial district, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Theatre (an historical landmark) and the university campus. Then, since coffee is the country's main export, we learn about its production in an entertaining way - through a multi-medium, interactive tour. Of course we will have an opportunity to taste Costa Rica's finest blends. Lunch is included. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 3: Irazu Volcano National Park.** Today's tour takes us to the highest volcano in the country. The huge crater at Irazu is surrounded by an eerie moonscape and has a small lagoon at the bottom. From the top you can enjoy the wonderful view over the forest of Braulio Carrillo National Park and the Caribbean coast. Later we visit the Orosi Valley, which offers some of the richest scenery in Costa Rica - a landscape of rolling hills terraced with shade-grown coffee plantations, and expansive valleys dotted with pastoral villages. We will stop in the town of Orosi and see the oldest church in Costa Rica.

**Day 4: Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs.** We transfer by coach to Arenal. Enroute we will visit the town of Sarchi - a traditional craft centre where we can see the artisans at work, including on their trademark colourful oxcarts. The local church is one of the prettiest in the country.

**Day 5: Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs.** This morning we will experience the rainforest from the truly unique perspective of the sky walk - a spectacular combination of suspension bridges situated 30 meters off the ground, and pathways through the rainforest. In the afternoon we have the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate in the thermal mineral pools, surrounded by lush vegetation.

**Day 6: Arenal Volcano.** A day at leisure to enjoy the hotel's hot springs or to spend time in the town of La Fortuna. Your Tour Manager will be happy to offer suggestions.

**Day 7: Cano Negro Boat Tour / Arenal.** A very scenic day as we head out to the lush countryside and take a leisurely cruise on the Sarapiquí River. While one can enjoy the glorious scenery on these trips, the emphasis is on observing animals and birds in the trees and on the riverbank. You might see howler monkeys, sloths, caimans, river otters and a variety of birds. Our boatman/guide will be spotting for us and you will be amazed at how quickly you can spot them too. Be sure to bring your binoculars and camera. Lunch is included.

**Day 8: Guanacaste.** We proceed to the coast for a 7-night stay at our all-inclusive resort.

**Day 9: Guanacaste.** A day at leisure to enjoy the sun and sand, or an optional tour offered by the hotel.

**Day 10: Palo Verde / Guanacaste.** Today we visit Palo Verde, one of the most important National Parks in Costa Rica. The park has some 12 different habitats including mangroves, swamps, swamp forests, marshes and saltwater and freshwater lagoons. Included will be a boat tour on the Tempisque River to enjoy the fabulous array of wild birds and myriad creatures such as howler monkeys (yes, they do howl!), green iguanas, crocodiles and more.

**Day 11: Guanacaste.** A day at leisure to enjoy the sunshine and resort facilities.

**Day 12: Coastal Cruise / Guanacaste.** Today we enjoy a cruise along the Guanacaste coastline. Enjoy cocktails en route to a secluded bay where we enjoy an island picnic lunch and a swim, before returning to our hotel.

**Days 13 & 14: Guanacaste.** At leisure to enjoy the beach, resort facilities or one of many optional sightseeing tours offered by the hotel. The last evening will be our Farewell Dinner.

**Day 15: Departure.** We transfer to the airport for our flight home.



# Holiday Season in Bermuda

**This little island in the middle of the Atlantic has one of the most beautiful settings in the world.**

In Bermuda you will find legendary pink sand beaches, an ocean that is a hundred shades of turquoise, 170 varieties of semi-tropical flowers splashing colour and fragrance everywhere you go, pastel houses, stately mansions, ancient forts, narrow country lanes and Bermuda shorts (yes, local businessmen do wear them!) Add to that a warm, sub-tropical climate (good to know that Bermuda is not in the Caribbean) and old-world charm that's both historic and romantic, and it's no wonder Bermuda has been voted "Best Island to Visit in the World" by Condé Nast Travel Magazine 18 times since 1994.

The British heritage adds a colourful touch to your holiday; in Bermuda they drive on the left; serve tea promptly at 4:00; the policemen are known as bobbies; and cricket is the national sport. In the UNESCO World Heritage town of St. George some lanes are wide enough just for horses and carriages, and in the town you will also find superb museums and art galleries.

Our hotel in Bermuda is the First Class *Grotto Bay Beach Hotel*, located on a secluded and charming cove with 21 acres of naturally landscaped gardens with spectacular

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views of Bermuda's azure blue waters. The guestrooms are beautifully-appointed with two doubles or one king bed, mini-fridge, coffee maker and an ocean view with private balcony or patio. Hotel facilities include a restaurant, bar, convenience shop, 3 private beaches, jacuzzi, tennis courts, exercise room, swimming pool, in-house movies, guest laundry and occasional evening entertainment. Tee-off times can be arranged at a nearby golf course, and there's nothing like riding the reliable, pink local buses for a fun mini-adventure!

The hotel is a 10-minute bus ride from historic St. George and 20 minutes from the capital, Hamilton (the bus stops at the resort entrance). There are many nearby attractions that you can visit by local transportation.

This relaxing holiday is best suited for those who enjoy exploring at their own pace, and the simple pleasures of the beach and tropical surroundings.

*\* Those joining this tour must be able to climb stairs, as there are steps and stairs in and around the hotel.*

## Holiday Inclusions for Bermuda

- Flights with Westjet (passengers from all cities fly each way via Toronto)
- First Class hotel
- Full breakfast and dinner daily
- Afternoon tea daily
- Manager's weekly cocktail party
- Christmas Dinner and Gala New Years' Dinner
- Panoramic island tour
- Bermuda Transport Pass (valid through December 31st) - allows access to all buses and ferries on the island
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6997

Single Supplement - \$1790

*\* All add-ons below include an overnight in Toronto in each direction*

Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax - add \$390

Winnipeg - add \$490

Calgary or Edmonton - add \$690

Vancouver - add \$790



# Cuba Towns and Villages 3-Centre Tour

## •Havana • Varadero • Cienfuegos

Cuba is one of the Caribbean's most scenic, hospitable and safe destinations. This tour offers a wonderful opportunity to experience Cuba's vibrant culture, enchanting countryside, colourful history, pristine beaches and friendly people.

We begin with a 3-night stay in the classic beach resort town of Varadero, known for its beautiful white sandy beaches and turquoise blue waters.

Next is a 3-night stay in Trinidad, the crown jewel of Cuba's colonial cities. The city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its historical importance, and is one of the Caribbean's best-preserved cities with cobblestone streets and neo-classical architecture. We'll enjoy an excursion to Cienfuegos, featuring Cuba's most beautiful bay.

Then we proceed to the lively capital of Havana for a 5-night stay, stopping enroute in Zapata for a show of Cuban music and dance. In Havana we will sightsee in both the old and modern sections, visit the Ernest Hemingway Museum and take an excursion to Pinar del Rio - an area of picturesque valleys and dramatic landscapes.

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Transat
- First Class hotels
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Local beverages throughout the tour (mineral water, soft drinks and beer with all lunches, wine with all dinners). All beverages and local spirits while in Varadero
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### COST:

- per person double occupancy from Toronto or Montreal - \$4997

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- Single Supplement - \$990
  - Ottawa - add \$190 (for round-trip ground transportation to the Montreal airport)

*\*\*Add-on fares below include an overnight in Toronto on the way home*

- Halifax - add \$790
- Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver or Edmonton - add \$1090

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We end with 3 nights back in Varadero, where we will enjoy 3 excursions.

### Tour Highlights:

- Beaches of Varadero
- Cardenas, known as the "Flag City"
- Cienfuegos - *Pearl of the South*
- Boat ride through mangroves to visit an Indian village
- Trinidad, Cuba's most well-preserved old city
- Playa Giron Museum
- Old and New Havana
- Performance of Cuban music and dance
- Pinar Del Rio

*\* This tour is recommended for the fit and active traveller who enjoys walking.*

**Day 1: Departure / Varadero.** We depart for the lively beach resort town of Varadero, and upon arrival we transfer to our hotel.

**Day 2: Varadero.** A day to relax, stroll or swim at the beach or enjoy the activity program and facilities of our All-Inclusive resort.

**Day 3: Cardenas / Varadero.** We first visit Cardenas City - known as the "Flag City" (we will see where the Cuban national flag was raised for the first time). We also visit a traditional sugar mill factory, where we will stroll through the sugar cane plantation and sample the island's famous guarapo juice. Then we board a century-old steam train for a memorable journey across Cuba's scenic countryside - past sugar cane fields, banana and orange groves and lush green hills. Finally, we visit the Oscar Maria de Rojas Museum - Cuba's second-oldest museum with important collections of art and history.

**Day 4: Trinidad.** We proceed to Trinidad for a 3-night stay. Enroute we stop in Guama where we visit a crocodile farm. Raised wooden platforms provide vantage points to admire these awesome beasts. We will take a boat ride through the mangroves to visit the historic indigenous village of Taino where we'll see first-hand how Cubans lived centuries ago. A delicious seaside lunch is included.

**Day 5: Trinidad.** We enjoy a tour of Trinidad, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its historical importance as a center of the sugar trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is Cuba's most well-preserved colonial city. During our walking tour we'll visit Cantero Palace, the famous Canchanchara Bar (located in an 18th century mansion), and the Plaza Mayor in the town centre. There will be free time to explore colonial Trinidad on our own.

**Day 6: Cienfuegos / Trinidad.** We enjoy an excursion to Cienfuegos, a well-preserved colonial city with European flavour. The city has wide Parisian-style boulevards and elegant colonnades. Our city tour includes a visit to the colonial-style Terry Theatre and De Valle Palace, with its ornate architecture. We also enjoy a boat excursion on Cienfuegos Bay, and then explore Cuba's oldest botanical garden, which consists of more than 2,000 plants, including 280 breeds of palm trees, 65 species of figs and 23 varieties of bamboo, before returning to Trinidad.

**Day 7: Havana.** Our first stop today will be a visit of the Playa Giron Museum, located on the landing site of the Armed Cuban Exiles during the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961. Then we continue on to the town of Jagüey Grande, where we visit the Commander Museum of the Revolutionary Armed Forces. This museum of Cuba's historical and cultural heritage displays photographs, documents, furniture, armaments and other artifacts related to this building when it served as Command Post during the Bay of Pigs invasion. After our visit we proceed to Cuba's capital, Havana, for a 5-night stay.

**Day 8: Old Havana.** Our tour of historic Old Havana will include a visit to the General Captain's Palace and the Rum Museum where we will enjoy a sampling, of course!

**Day 9: Pinar Del Rio / Havana.** We tour the Vinales Valley in Pinar del Rio, where the world's finest tobacco is grown and the sight of ox-drawn plows will transport us back in time. Then we'll enjoy a boat ride through a local cave where guides will point out fascinating rock formations.

**Day 10: New Havana.** We enjoy a city tour of New Havana, including a visit to Revolutionary Square where you will see the Memorial of José Martí. We will also visit the Decorative Arts Museum.

**Day 11: Havana.** Today we visit the Ernest Hemingway Museum, one of the most popular museums in Havana. Located in a villa that was owned and occupied by the writer, this was the cradle of many of Hemingway's best works, including *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*. Later we will enjoy a dance and music performance by the local community.

**Day 12: Varadero.** We proceed to Varadero and our All-Inclusive hotel for a 3-night stay.

**Day 13: Varahicacos Ecological Reserve.** Today we'll enjoy a city tour of Old Varadero before visiting the Varahicacos Ecological Reserve, with its natural caves, ancient burial grounds and unique flora and fauna. Later we'll see a lively dolphin show, always an exciting and heartwarming experience.

**Day 14: Varadero.** A day at leisure to relax on the beach and to enjoy the many facilities of our All-Inclusive resort.

**Day 15: Home.** We fly home from Varadero.



# Spain's Costa Del Sol

Located on the southern coast of Spain on the scenic of the Mediterranean, the Costa del Sol (“Coast of the Sun”) boasts 320 days of sunshine every year, enabling visitors to enjoy miles of sandy beaches in addition to the delightful mix of Spanish culture, historic sites and spectacular scenery.

Stretching for miles in both directions is the famous Paseo Marítimo promenade, a bustling waterfront boardwalk popular with visitors and locals alike, all day and well into the night. Kiosks and shops of every description stretch as far as the eye can see; and on the beach, rows of striped sun umbrellas dot the shoreline. You can walk to the centre of Torremolinos - a charming town with a busy pedestrian-only main street that is home to myriad colourful boutiques, cafes and bars.

Both hotels we will use for this program are First Class. Our hotel for the October tour will be the lovely “all-suites” *Ocean House Costa del Sol* located directly on the seafront promenade and famous Carihuela Beach, steps away from the luxurious Puerto Marina with its yachts and sailboats, along with art galleries, shops and restaurants.

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Transat (direct flights between Toronto or Montreal in each direction. All passengers fly via Montreal)
- First Class accommodation
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (mineral water and wine included with all hotel lunches and dinners)
- Daily afternoon tea (except on touring days)
- Special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinners, and a Gala New Years Eve dinner/party featuring many delicacies, open bar and live band (December tour only)
- 7 excursions as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

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**(HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATION TOUR)**

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For the Holiday Season tour we will stay at the *Melia Costa del Sol*, located right on Bajondillo beach, just steps away from the centre of Torremolinos.

Both hotels feature a variety of indoor and outdoor restaurants, swimming pools, gym, and evening entertainment. Rooms at both hotels have a large picture window and sliding doors out to a private terrace or balcony, plus free WiFi, flat-screen TV and a minibar.

Rooms at the *Ocean House* have a separate living area with sofa and bedroom. A limited number of upgrades are available to “Puerto Marina Sea View”.

All rooms at *The Melia* feature a panoramic seaview!

At both hotels, full buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner (including wine and mineral water with lunches and dinners), plus afternoon tea and coffee, are included daily.

## Included Excursions in the Costa Del Sol

1. A full-day tour to **Malaga**, Picasso's birthplace. A special Tapas lunch is included.
2. A full-day tour to **Granada** and the **Alhambra**.
3. A half-day tour to visit the prehistoric **Nerja Caves** and the mountain village of **Frigiliana**.
4. A half-day coastal tour to the resort areas of **Marbella and Puerto Banos**.
5. A half-day tour to the medieval town of **Antequera** including **Alcazab Castle and Najera Palace**.
6. The colourful **Fuengirola Tuesday Market** - bargains galore, and the traditional village of **Mijas**.
7. A **Countryside Tour** - whitewashed villages and a plantation visit.

### **COSTS**, from Toronto or Montreal

October Tour (16 Days) - \$4997 per person, double occupancy

December *Holiday Season* Tour (23 Days) - \$7497 per person, double occupancy

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Single Supplements.    October tour - \$790.    December tour - \$1490.

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### Seaview rooms.

October tour - upgrade to "Puerto Marina Seaview" \$250 per person, double occupancy. \$490 single.

December tour - *all rooms are seaview!*

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Ottawa - add \$190 (includes round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)

Halifax - add \$690

Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$990

Passengers from western provinces - for an additional \$99 p.p. double occupancy (\$189 single)  
you may overnight in Montreal before or after the tour.



# Costa Blanca

## Special Value

### All-Inclusive Holiday

#### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with KLM
- Moderate hotel as described
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (except for 1 lunch)
- All beverages (local wines, beers and spirits) while in Benidorm
- 8 guided excursions (2 of which include lunch in a local restaurant)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

The region of Spain known as the Costa Blanca (“White Coast”) is scenically centered on a large bay ringed with low hills - the perfect setting for our tour which combines the convenience of an all-inclusive resort stay with numerous daytrips to the surrounding attractions.

A longtime favourite with British sunseekers, the region is flat (perfect for strolling!) and runs along a beautiful stretch of shoreline with long, white, sandy beaches blessed by the Mediterranean sun and sparkling-blue sea. This holiday is based in the classic beachfront resort town of Benidorm, which is fronted by a palm-fringed promenade. This esplanade is an ideal place on which to stroll and visit the shops and outdoor cafes and bars.

Our hotel in Benidorm is the moderate *Poseidon Resort* which comprises the *Poseidon Hotel* and the *Poseidon Palace*, joined by an extensive garden area with swimming pool. Best of all, the Poseidon is ideally situated near shopping, restaurants and the wonderfully inviting beach - the Playa de Levante.

The facilities of both hotels include a heated indoor pool, an outdoor pool with chaise lounges and umbrellas, a gym and Jacuzzi, which are available to all guests (although

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guests have access only to the restaurant at their own hotel). There are several bars and lounges, sports activities, games and daily entertainment with shows and live music performances. Guest rooms are simply furnished with twin beds, private bathroom, satellite TV, central heating / air conditioning, safety deposit box (optional for a small fee), mini-bar, hair dryer and balcony. WiFi is available throughout the hotel.

All meals are buffet style offering an ample selection and a wide variety of cuisines featuring local specialties. There are live cooking demonstrations and table service for beverages. All-inclusive beverages are available throughout the resort any time you please, and include local wines, beers, spirits and soft drinks.

We will fly via Amsterdam. In order to make our flight schedule more convenient we will spend our final night in Valencia (Costa Blanca's international gateway).

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**1. Villajoyosa:** We visit the coastal village of Villajoyosa and enjoy a walking tour of the charming old quarter to see the colourful fisherman's houses along the beach. We will then visit the factory and museum of Chocolates Valor (with a sampling of course!) before returning to Benidorm.

**2. Guadalest:** We visit the old town here, a fine example of one of southern Spain's Arab villages, and we'll enjoy a stop at the Belem Museum of Miniatures.

**3. Novelda and Bodega Winery:** An excursion to the city of Novelda, famous for its magnificent vineyards and beautiful marble. We visit the 8th century Arabic-Christian Castle followed by a tour of a wine cellar and a chance to taste the local Alicante wine.

**4. Elche:** Elche is known today as Spain's palm capital and the palm fronds from here are dried and used in Easter celebrations. We'll see a palm forest that was planted centuries ago by the Moors and see the ruins of the castle and its surrounding gardens in the old quarter of town. Elche is also Spain's shoe producing capital and so we'll visit a shoe factory, where we'll enjoy a local liqueur and see a demonstration.

**5. Alicante:** This town has a delightful palm fringed promenade paved in marble. We see the Santa Barbara Castle, the cathedral and the town hall with its beautiful statue of Saint John made by Salvador Dali. There will be some free time for those who wish to visit the Modern Art Museum.

**6. North Coast:** We tour the Costa Blanca's north coast to see some of the small villages and towns with a visit to the famous Virgin de Loreto's church.

**7. Murcia:** We visit the typical Spanish town of Murcia to see its famed cathedral and also the Orchard Museum. Free time for shopping on the streets and the El Corte Ingles department store.

**8. Valencia:** On the last day of the tour we visit Valencia - the third largest city in Spain. Our sightseeing will take us to the old quarter with its 14th century cathedral, the World Heritage building of Lonja, Plaza Mercado and the beautiful bridges spanning the river that runs through the city. We overnight in Valencia before the following morning's flight home.

**COST** per person, based on double occupancy, from Toronto - \$4797

Single Supplement ..... \$990

Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax - add \$690

Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$990



# Canary Islands

**Spain's Canary Islands – located off the northwest coast of Africa - have long been a popular holiday destination with Europeans, thanks to their year-round warm, sunny climate and lovely beaches.**

Each island has its own personality and geography, resulting in extremely varied landscapes of dramatic volcanoes, broad beaches, lush pine forests, prehistoric sites, lunar landscapes and Sahara-style sand dunes.

The local “Canarios” are a blend of Spanish and South American heritage with a touch of African influence.

We will stay on Tenerife, the largest island, which features a well-developed tourism infrastructure, sandy beaches, cosmopolitan cities, historic towns, small villages, huge expanse of National Park and the highest mountain in all of Spain - the towering Mount Teide.

Our hotel for this relaxing holiday is the First Class *Hotel Best Semiramis* situated on the north coast of Tenerife in the peaceful area of La Paz, approximately 1.5 km from

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the centre of Puerto de la Cruz. The hotel itself features lovely sub-tropical gardens and facilities include a main buffet-style restaurant with “show cooking” offering local and international cuisine, a lounge and pool bar, a heated pool, freshwater pool and jacuzzi. There is a fitness centre, full-service spa, gift shop, beauty salon and games room. The spacious and airy guest rooms are all oceanview with a balcony or terrace. Several evenings a week there is live music, and WiFi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

Due to flight scheduling we will overnight in Dublin on the way home from Tenerife.

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

*Please note that many of the attractions we visit require quite a bit of walking.*

- 1. Orientation of Puerto de la Cruz and Orotava Valley.** We enjoy the panoramic view of the Orotava Valley, and visit La Orotava's Town Hall Square, the Church of La Concepción and Casa de Los Balcones. In Los Realejos we see the Church of Santiago Apóstol then returning along the picturesque north coast.
- 2. National Park Las Canadas del Teide.** We drive through lush tropical scenery to Las Canadas National Park - one of the world's largest craters. Enjoy spectacular views of volcanic Mount Teide and the "Roque Garcia", rock formations.
- 3. Santa Cruz, Anaga and Teresitas.** We visit the island's capital - the port city of Santa Cruz, which features old-world charm and beautiful parks and gardens. After visiting some of the typical squares and buildings, we'll enjoy the panoramic view from Teresitas Beach, then drive along the Anaga Mountains with stops at scenic lookouts.
- 4. Candelaria / La Laguna.** We visit Candelaria, site of the Patron Saint of the Canary Islands. We'll visit the impressive basilica and the statue-lined square, before proceeding to the university town of La Laguna (a World Heritage Site), for a walking tour of the old town centre with its narrow streets, pastel-hued houses, inviting cafes and quaint shops.
- 5. Icod de los Vinos / Garachico.** We visit Icod de los Vinos to see the famous thousand-year-old "dragon" tree, then proceed to Garachico - a charming town in a deep valley flanked by forested slopes and a rocky coastline. We will enjoy the panoramic viewpoint of the town, then continue to El Tanque for an optional camel ride!
- 6. Masca.** We take a scenic drive to the mountaintop village of Masca, and enjoy the stunning views of the land and sea, the cliffside buildings and the small local museum. Isolated for centuries, Masca is like stepping back in time.

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Aer Lingus
- First Class oceanview accommodation
- Full buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily while in Tenerife (wine and mineral water included with all dinners)
- Daily afternoon tea/coffee and cookies
- An overnight stay in Dublin on the way home, dinner and breakfast included
- 6 half-day guided excursions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5397

Single Supplement - \$990

Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax - add \$690

Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$990



# Portugal

## 2-Centre Holiday

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with TAP Air Portugal
- First Class hotels
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily, plus 1 lunch
- Beverages with dinner (mineral water, soft drinks, house wine and local beer)
- 7 excursions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### Cascais and the Algarve. Many excursions included!

Castles, history, sunshine, beaches, beautiful scenery, seafood, and above all friendly people. These are some of the features that make Portugal a perfect travel destination.

The Algarve is a wonderful resort region deep in the south of Portugal with much more to offer than its golden sand beaches and temperate climate. We will stay in the lively town of Albufeira, a perfect base for exploring the nearby Moorish towns, charming fishing villages, historic castles and churches, mountain views and spectacular cliff-edge vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. Albufeira is one of the Algarve's most popular towns with picturesque white-washed buildings, a main central square, cobblestone streets and many shops and cafes to enjoy.

Our hotel in the Algarve for our 7-night stay is the *Vila Gale Cerro Alagoa*, within walking distance of the town centre, beach, shops and restaurants. Facilities of the hotel include a buffet restaurant, pub, outdoor pool,

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fitness centre with an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi, games room and complimentary WiFi.

We then travel to Cascais, stopping for a visit of the beautiful historic city of Evora. Once a quaint fishing village, Cascais is now a much-loved resort area on the Estoril coast just outside Lisbon. The harbour and square are wonderful for people-watching and catching sight of returning fishing boats. The main square is pedestrian-only and features many outdoor restaurants, cafes and shops.

We will stay 6 nights at the *Hotel Vila Gale Cascais*, a short walk from the town centre. Facilities of the hotel include a restaurant serving buffet meals with a live-cooking station, 2 bars, health club and delightful gardens with an outdoor swimming pool.

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

- 1. Santa Maria Coast.** Faro - capital of the Algarve, the typical Moorish fishing village of Olhao, and Tavira with its medieval castle and famous 4th century Roman bridge.
- 2. Monchique Mountains.** We begin with a visit to Silves, the old Moorish capital of the Algarve, where we'll view the cathedral and visit the castle. Then on to the wonderful panoramic views from Foia, the highest point in southern Portugal.
- 3. Lagos and Sagres.** Lagos is known for its beautiful church and castle walls, while Sagres is where Portuguese explorers learned their navigation skills. We also visit Cape St. Vincent - the westernmost point in Europe.
- 4. Evora.** We transfer from the Algarve to Cascais, and visit Evora en route. Portugal's Golden Age lives on in this beautiful, historic city. On our walking tour we see the Roman temple and wall, the Gothic Cathedral, the Aqueduct and its fountains. This historic centre is on UNESCO's Heritage List. Lunch is included today.
- 5. Queluz, Sintra, Cascais and Estoril.** We begin with a visit of the magnificent royal palace in Queluz, the country's finest example of Rococo architecture. Then we take a short walk in the old city centre of Sintra (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), stop at the seaside town of Cascais and drive along the coast back to Estoril to see the famous casino and gardens.
- 6. Lisbon.** On our panoramic tour of Portugal's capital city we'll stroll in the Baixa district, considered the heart of Lisbon. Then we'll enjoy the scene along Rua Augusta - a lively pedestrian street with beautiful mosaic pavement, outdoor cafes, cosmopolitan shops and the occasional street artist and peddler. We continue to Belem to see the Tower, the Monument to the Discoveries and Jeronimo's Monastery before sampling the famous custard tarts - "pasteis de Belem".
- 7. Obidos, Nazare and Fatima.** A full-day tour to the medieval town of Obidos, the fishing village of Nazare, and Fatima - home to one of the most important catholic shrines in the world which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto ... \$5797

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Single Supplement - \$990

Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax - add \$690

Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary - add \$990



# Spain & Portugal

## 2-Centre Resort Holiday

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with TAP Air Portugal
- First Class hotels
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (except for 2 lunches. Wine, water and beer included with all dinners)
- 10 guided excursions as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**This holiday to Spain's Costa del Sol and Portugal's Algarve will suit those who want to explore both countries while enjoying a relaxing vacation.**

In Costa del Sol we stay 6 nights at the lovely seaside resort town of Torremolinos situated on the inviting Mediterranean Sea. Our hotel here will be the lovely “all-suites” *Sol House Costa del Sol* located directly on the seafront promenade and famous Carihuela Beach, steps away from the luxurious Puerto Marina with its sleek white yachts and charming sailboats, along with many unique art galleries, shops and restaurants. The hotel lobby is beautifully designed with polished marble floors and natural wood décor. There are 5 outdoor seafront pools (one is heated during the winter), an international buffet restaurant and a nightly entertainment program with a variety of live music and shows. Guest suites feature a large picture window and sliding doors out to a private terrace or balcony. There is a separate living area with sofa and bedroom (queen or twin beds), and complimentary Wi-Fi.

After our stay in the Costa del Sol we transfer by coach to the Algarve region in Portugal, enjoying en route a sightseeing tour of the historic Spanish city of Seville.

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In the Algarve we stay 6 nights in the popular resort town of Albufeira, one of the most picturesque areas of the Algarve with a sandy beach that stretches for miles, azure waters and impressive cliffs and rock formations. Our hotel here is the First Class *Vila Gale Cerro Alagoa*, located within a 5-minute walk from the town centre and the beach. Facilities of the hotel include a restaurant, bar, outdoor pool, fitness centre with an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi and a games room with billiards and card tables. Guest rooms are simply furnished and all have a balcony. Wine, beer, soft drinks and water are included with dinners.

After our stay in Albufeira we enjoy a scenic drive to Lisbon where we enjoy a city sightseeing tour, and dinner and overnight in a centrally located hotel.

*\*Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**WHILE IN SPAIN**

- 1. MALAGA** (Half day tour). Our tour of the modern yet historic port city of Malaga will take in the ancient Roman Theatre, Picasso's birthplace, entrance to Alcazaba - a palatial fortification built during Muslim rule, and entrance to the Cathedral - one of the best examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture, featuring paintings by famous Spanish artists.
- 2. MIJAS** (Half day tour). Situated in the foothills of the Sierra de Mijas, this picturesque village is known as the "Essence of Andalusia" for its white houses, windows full of flowers and narrow streets. During our walking tour we will see the Shrine of the "Virgen de la Peña", the Parish Church, the Bullring and the Auditorium.
- 3. ALFARNATEJO** (Full day tour with lunch). A tour through the olive oil route to see the largest and oldest olive groves in the region. We visit a rural oil production plant to sample different varieties before continuing to the charming mountain village of Alfarnatejo. A special lunch with a local family showcases the world renowned gastronomy of the region.
- 4. MARBELLA and PUERTO BANUS** (Half day tour). We visit the well preserved Old Town of Marbella, with its iconic white streets and flowered balconies. The Castle here is the only local structure remaining from the Muslim period. Then on to the marina of Puerto Banus - popular with international celebrities and harbouring some of the world's most luxurious ships.
- 5. SEVILLE** (Transfer day). Known for its impressive monumental heritage, Seville boasts beautiful gardens at Maria Luisa Park, the Plaza de España and the typical, delightful district of "Santa Cruz" (the former Jewish Quarter). We also see the 15th century Cathedral, the largest Gothic Church in Christendom, with its magnificent chancel, carvings and paintings.

**WHILE IN PORTUGAL**

- 1. ALTE and SALIR** (Half day tour). We visit elegant Alte - a typical Algarve village of whitewashed houses with lattice work, handcrafted chimneys and narrow, cobbled streets nestling in the foothills of the Serra do Caldeirão. There are many little cafes in which to relax and soak up the tranquility of the village. We then step back in time as we travel to Salir where a white row of charming houses are surrounded by the typical Algarve Carob, olive and almond orchards.
- 2. LAGOS and SAGRES** (Full day tour). Lagos still has many architectural signs of its ancient past, with one of the buildings dating back to 1445 and recorded as Europe's first slave market. After some time here we visit Sagres and nearby Cape St. Vincent - the most southwestern point of Europe. The lighthouse here provides safety for the many ships that pass the Cape. The surrounding cliffs provide a dramatic backdrop with their sheer height and the constant pounding of the ocean.
- 3. FARO and OLHAO** (Half day tour). The provincial capital of the Algarve, Faro is a thriving university town with a maze of twisting lanes and a lovely marina. Olhao is the Algarve's main fishing port and we will see the town centre, charming waterfront and visit the municipal market (mercado) with its display of an exceptional variety of seafood.
- 4. SILVES and MONCHIQUE MOUNTAINS** (Half day tour). Silves, located in one of Portugal's best citrus growing areas, was historically the most fought over place in the Algarve. Its 1000-year-old sandstone castle is the best preserved Moorish castle in Portugal. After our visit we drive to Foia - the highest point in the Algarve, with beautiful panoramic views.
- 5. LISBON CITY TOUR** (Half day - upon arrival from the Algarve). Portugal's capital is a legendary city with over 20 centuries of history. On our city tour we'll stroll through the winding streets and alleys of the old quarter of Alfama, we'll see Jeronimos Monastery, Tower of Belem, Monument to the Discoveries, and we'll taste the famous "Pasteis de Belem".

**COST** per person, from Toronto ... \$6797.

Single Supplement - \$990.

Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax - add \$690.

Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$1090 (including an overnight in Toronto on the way home).



# Autumn in Tuscany Stay-Put Holiday

The beloved region of Tuscany encompasses the best of Italy: stunning historic cities; artistic masterpieces; extraordinary views and landscapes; sea and mountains; and welcoming mild weather year-round. Not to mention the wonderful local food products (especially during the fall harvest season), fine wines and artisan shops with age-old traditions!

With its carefully-tended hills covered with grape vines, olive groves, and stone farmhouses, Tuscany is a delightful area for an enriching yet relaxing stay-put holiday.

We will stay in Viareggio, a small resort town with a long, lovely Mediterranean coastline of wide sandy beaches, parks and pine forests. Parallel to the beach is a wide promenade and lively shopping area. The town has easy access to the great Renaissance cities of Florence, Siena, Pisa and Lucca, all of which are included in our tour. We will also visit Cinque Terre - the unforgettable cluster of villages clinging to the dramatic cliffs along the coast; the medieval town of Bolgheri, a beautiful historic hamlet with a famous avenue of cypress trees; and Livorno - with

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France and KLM
- First Class hotel
- Full breakfast and dinner daily (mineral water and wine included with dinners)
- Farm lunch
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

September 21 - \$5797

October 5 - \$5697

October 19 - \$5597

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- Single Supplement - \$790
  - Ottawa - add \$190 (for round-trip transportation to the Montreal airport)
  - Halifax - add \$690
  - Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary - add \$990

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its dramatic rocky coastline. On the day we explore Chianti we will sample many famous regional wines.

In Viareggio our hotel is located on the Tuscan coast in a region called the “Riviera Versilia”, which features the backdrop of the magnificent Apuan Mountains. We’ll stay at the *Hotel President*, a 4-star hotel that overlooks the seafront promenade. The beach is across the road and shopping is just a short walk away. Hotel facilities include a pleasant lounge, bar and restaurant, and free WiFi. The guestrooms are comfortably furnished with two beds, telephone, satellite TV, mini-bar, safe and climate control.

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Tuscany with a change of planes in Amsterdam.

**Day 2: Florence / Viareggio.** We arrive in Florence and transfer by coach to Viareggio on the Riviera Versilia.

**Day 3: Viareggio.** Today we have a walking tour of the town, with its delightful seafront promenade, market and shopping area.

**Day 4: Farm Visit.** We visit a family-run farm that produces some of the finest olive oil found in Tuscany, as well as other fine produce specific to this region.

**Day 5: Viareggio.** At leisure to explore this lovely Italian town. The bus and train stations are close to the hotel, and public transport is very good, so it is easy to visit the many surrounding towns and villages.

**Day 6: Florence.** A full day in the city called the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and former stronghold of the Medici family. Today we visit the Accademia Gallery to see the magnificent statue of David by Michelangelo. We then have a walking tour of the city and see the multi-coloured marble cathedral, the Baptistery, Signoria Square and Piazzale Michelangelo from where we have the best view of the city.

**Day 7: Viareggio.** At leisure to perhaps join an optional excursion to see more of the region. Your Tour Manager will assist and offer suggestions.

**Day 8: Bolgheri / Castagneto Carducci.** Today we travel "off the beaten path" as we visit some of the unspoiled medieval villages in the region. In Bolgheri we drive the impressive avenue of cypress trees stretching 5 km long! The town has maintained its original historic buildings, old roads and small shops. The atmosphere is enhanced by the amazing views of the hills covered in olive trees and the sea in the distance. There will be time to shop for local products before we continue along the wine route to visit one of the traditional wine cellars (this region produces some of the best wines in Italy). Lunch will be at a restaurant in Castagneto Carducci, featuring a selection of typical dishes including homemade pasta with wild boar sauce. We return to Viareggio via the beautiful rocky coastline.

**Day 9: Cinque Terre / Ligure.** We travel by train to the five villages known as Cinque Terre, which cling dramatically to the cliffs along the rocky coastline. Upon arrival at the village of Manarola we explore the village and then take the local train to Vernazza for some free time. Then there will be a boat ride to Monterosso - one of the prettiest of the five villages. At the end of our visit we return to Viareggio by train.

**Day 10: Viareggio.** At leisure, perhaps to visit the street market or other nearby towns.

**Day 11: Siena and Chianti.** This full-day tour begins in the medieval town of Siena - famous for its annual Palio horse race and also a lovely city in many other respects. We will see the wonderful cathedral and the Piazza del Campo - considered one of the most beautiful squares in the world. After a morning of history and art we unwind in Chianti with a tasting of the well-known wines.

**Day 12: Viareggio.** At leisure.

**Day 13: Pisa / Lucca.** This morning we visit Pisa, and yes, the tower is still leaning! The beauty in the area of Campo dei Miracoli will amaze you. It includes the tower, the duomo, the baptistry and the cemetery. A visit to the cathedral is included. There will also be time to stroll around after the tour. We then proceed through the countryside to Lucca, a charming town which looks like a movie set for a medieval epic film. Most of Lucca is traffic-free and it is pleasant to stroll through the narrow streets and see the magnificent churches, squares and statuary. We will have a little free time to visit the small shops and perhaps enjoy a coffee and people watch, always a great pastime in Italy!

**Day 14: Viareggio.** At leisure. This evening we enjoy a Tuscan evening with a typical meal of local specialties.

**Day 15: Home.** We say arrivederci to Tuscany and head home via Paris.



# Umbria

## Off the beaten path in Central Italy

**Italy is renowned for spectacular scenery, famous cuisine and wines, and of course its many delightful towns and villages.**

We will savour it all as we explore the beautiful region of Umbria north of Rome - an inland area of deep green valleys, rolling hills, olive groves and charming old stone villas. It is well known for its many enchanting picture-postcard towns and villages, and also for the venerable cathedrals, castles and monasteries in the countryside. We will absorb the timeless atmosphere in the many well-preserved medieval town centres as we stroll the ancient, cobbled streets.

We will stay in the region of Perugia, famous for its rich chocolate and delicious fresh pasta. Some of our sightseeing will take us off the beaten path to places rarely visited by tourists, including the charming town of Gubbio which sits at the base of the Apennine Mountain range, a cruise on Lake Trasimeno to marvel at the beauty of its islands, coastline and the surrounding mountains, a visit to Orvieto - a ceramic centre located on a cliff high above the countryside which boasts one of Italy's most impressive Gothic cathedrals, and of course Assisi and its magnificent famous shrine - the St. Francis Basilica.

### **HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:**

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Generous continental buffet breakfast and dinner daily (mineral water, wine and coffee included with all dinners)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### **COST:**

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Ottawa or Halifax - \$5597 .....
- Single Supplement - \$790
- Winnipeg - add \$90
- Montreal, Calgary or Vancouver - add \$290
- Edmonton - add \$390

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Along the way we'll enjoy the local wine, savour the purest olive oil and indulge in the finest chocolate and truffles.

We begin with 6 nights in Perugia at the *Perugia Park Hotel*, located near a "light metro" station for easy access to Perugia's famous historic centre, and near the train station for those who want to explore nearby towns and villages. The hotel features a wellness and fitness centre, a relaxing lounge, and bright, modern guestrooms.

From Perugia, we move on to Assisi for a 7-night stay, at the lovely *Hotel Assisi La Terrazza* - a perfect base for exploring this region. The hotel is beautifully-situated among the olive groves of Assisi's hills overlooking the green Umbria valley. The historic city centre of Assisi is approximately 800 meters away (walk, or take the local bus which stops near the hotel). The hotel's restaurant serves regional specialties of Umbria as well as international cuisine. The hotel has a wellness centre and swimming pool (not heated).

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Rome with Air Canada.

**Day 2: Perugia.** We arrive in Rome and transfer to our hotel in Perugia. Afternoon at leisure until our Welcome Dinner this evening.

**Day 3: Perugia.** Today we enjoy a tour of Perugia, the capital city of the region of Umbria and well-known cultural and artistic centre of Italy. We will see Cavallotti Square in the historical centre, San Lorenzo Cathedral and Palazzo dei Priori. In the afternoon we visit the historical museum of Perugina Chocolate.

**Day 4: Spello / Deruta / Perugia.** A full day tour to Spello, one of the most beautiful borgos (villages) in Umbria with its old churches, walls and narrow streets full of flowers - sights that adorn travel posters for Italy all over the world. After our tour there will be some free time to wander the village. In the afternoon we stop in Deruta to visit a workshop known for its ceramics that are exported worldwide.

**Day 5: Orvieto / Perugia.** Today we visit medieval Orvieto - a unique town sitting atop the summit of a large butte of volcanic tuff. It dominates the surrounding area and offers spectacular views over the countryside. We will visit the old town centre and the Duomo, and enjoy a special lunch complete with local wine and medieval costumes!

**Day 6: Perugia.** A day at leisure to explore Perugia's historic centre on your own, or perhaps take a stroll in the countryside. You could also join an optional tour to Cortona in Tuscany - rich in museums, history and art, or to a wild deer and boar farm with jeep rides and a farm-fresh lunch featuring local specialties.

**Day 7: Lake Trasimeno.** A splash of inky blue on the hilly landscape, Lake Trasimeno is Italy's fourth-largest lake and is surrounded by silver-green olive groves, vineyards, forests of oak and cypress, and castle-topped medieval towns. We will enjoy a relaxing cruise on the lake and see the three picturesque small islands before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the lake. This afternoon we will have time for a stroll around the charming lake-side town of Passignano, rich in history and beauty, before we return to our hotel.

**Day 8: Assisi.** We depart for Assisi with a stop enroute to sample the local olive oil.

**Day 9: Assisi.** Our tour of Assisi today includes a visit of the famous St. Francis Basilica, Santa Maria degli Angeli, the 13th century gothic Basilica di Santa Chiara and the frescos of the Pilgrim's Oratory.

**Day 10: Assisi.** A day at leisure. You may want to join an optional excursion to Urbino - one of the best preserved and historic cities in Italy, and the holy city of Loreto, featuring its famous Basilica.

**Day 11: Gubbio / Assisi.** We visit Gubbio, one of the architectural jewels of Umbria. This city preserves important vestiges of Umbrian, Roman and medieval history. We will see the Roman theatre, Palazzos dei Consoli, Bargello and Ducale, and the Duomo of Sant'Ubaldo Mount Ingino.

**Day 12: Assisi.** A day at leisure to further explore Assisi on your own, or join an optional tour.

**Day 13: Spoleto / Cascate delle Marmore / Assisi.** Today we visit Spoleto to see its historic monuments and buildings: the Roman Theatre, Piazza del Duomo, La Rocca and the San Salvatore and San Ponziano Churches. And we're in for a treat: our included lunch today will feature Italian truffles! In the afternoon we set off for Marmore's Falls - a man made waterfall created by the ancient Romans. Enjoy the observatory near the top which offers a grand view of the falls and the Nera Valley below.

**Day 14: Assisi.** A day at leisure for last-minute shopping and for a final opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of this beautiful region of Italy.

**Day 15: Home.** Arrivederci, Italia! We transfer to the Rome airport for our flight back to Canada.



# Southern Italy (Calabria)

## Special Value Holidays

Both fall and Christmas are lovely times of year in Southern Italy, as the pleasant mild climate is ideal for walking and exploring the small villages and towns of the Calabrian region.

The Holiday Season in particular is a very special time of year in Calabria - the “toe” of the boot of Italy. It is one of the regions of Italy where old traditions thrive, and ancient festivals and customs are still enjoyed.

Calabria is one of Italy's most untouched regions, off the major tourist routes. Each turn of the road here reveals secluded valleys, remote hilltop villages and architectural gems that range from Greek and Roman ruins to Norman castles, Byzantine monasteries and Romanesque cathedrals. The dramatic coastline features secluded sandy beaches and bustling resorts, including the city of Reggio Calabria with its lovely wide promenades.

We will stay in the seaside town of Siderno, which has a pleasant boardwalk along the seafront. Our hotel is the moderate *Grand Presidente*, owned by a local family with a long experience of welcoming visitors. It is modern in design and conveniently located on the main route between Catanzaro (the region's capital) and Reggio. The hotel overlooks the Ionian Sea, which is accessible via the hotel's private pedestrian tunnel. The centre of town and its boardwalk are 2 km away and can be reached by road or a stroll along the beach. Visiting the nearby towns and villages is easily done by public bus.

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**(SPECIAL VALUE TOUR)**

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**18 DAYS • DECEMBER 18 - JANUARY 4**  
**(HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATION TOUR)**

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Facilities of the hotel include a main restaurant, bar, pool with lounge chairs, tennis court and fitness centre.

Guestrooms of the hotel are comfortably furnished with a balcony or terrace. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included daily, with complimentary wine and mineral water served with lunch and dinner (which are “table service” meals). WiFi is complimentary throughout the hotel.

Hospitality is a way of life in Calabria and this tour offers a unique opportunity to engage with the country and its proudly independent people in a personal way, to gain insight into their hearts and minds. We will explore the vibrant markets, visit tiny hilltop villages where time seems to have stood still for centuries, discover typical dishes of the region at a local farm, and enjoy language lessons, folklore and dance performances at our hotel.

Once you've immersed yourself in Calabria you'll no longer be a tourist, but forever regarded as a welcome guest.

*\*Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

1. We first visit **Gioiosa Jonica**, a typical village with an open-air market offering local produce. Our next stop today is Mammola, famous for its narrow streets, historic centre and brilliant flower displays.
2. A half-day tour to **Gerace**, called the "tiny Florence" of Calabria, thanks to its medieval appearance, many churches and a cathedral dating back to 1045.
3. A visit to **Siderno Antica**, a small and ancient village, to see how the villagers live and work. We visit private houses and see an exhibition of embroidery.
4. A full-day tour to **Reggio Calabria**, the area's largest town. Our sightseeing includes the surrounding countryside and a stop to view the Bronzi di Riace at the National Museum.
5. A visit to **Locri**, one of the oldest Magna Grecian cities in southern Italy. The site was established by Greek colonists between 710 and 683 BC. A small museum houses locally excavated finds including Hellenistic pottery and votive statues.
6. A visit to a **local farm** to see how olive oil and wine are produced.

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada
- Accommodation as described
- Generous continental buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, (including 2 special Calabrese dinners with a local musician, and a gala Farewell Dinner). Wine and mineral water are included with all lunches and dinners.
- Special dinners for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and a gala New Year's Eve dinner and party (December tour only)
- Cultural program (Italian language lessons, cooking, music, dance, folklore and artisan presentations)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### **COST** (per person, double occupancy, from Toronto)

October Tour (15 days) ... \$4997

December Tour (18 days) ... \$6597

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Single Supplements October Tour - \$790. December Tour - \$990.

Ottawa - add \$190.

Montreal, Halifax or Calgary - add \$290

Winnipeg, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$590



# Magic of Sicily

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Generous continental breakfast and dinner daily. Wine, mineral water and coffee included with all dinners
- 4 lunches while touring
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$6997
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- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg or Calgary - add \$290
- Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$390

**Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean and boasts a proud culture distinctly different from the rest of Italy.**

It's a destination rich in culture, customs and tradition as evident in the local art, music, cuisine, architecture and even its own language – and a wonderful choice for the history buff. It is also incredibly scenic, with a coastline of pristine sandy beaches, dramatic cliffs and rocky shores with crystal-clear azure waters. Inland, you'll find rolling hills, fruit and olive orchards, ancient villages and archaeological treasures.

We begin with 3 nights in Palermo, followed by 6 nights on the western side of the island in Mazara del Vallo, famous as one of Italy's foremost fishing harbours. Mazara is a diverse, multi-ethnic city where the people are known for their warm hospitality. The area has seen myriad rulers (including Arabs and Normans) which is apparent in the great variety of architectural styles.

We then travel to eastern Sicily for a 6-night stay in the elegant clifftop resort town of Taormina - a perfect base for visiting the sights on the eastern side of the island.

Our tour will also include a sampling of local wines and regional specialties.

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## Tour Highlights:

- Palermo's Duomo (Cathedral), Capo Market & Monreale
- The Greek archaeological site of Segesta
- Arab-flavoured town of Mazara del Vallo
- Boat trip to the island of Mozia
- Historic centre of Marsala with lunch at a winery
- Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- Cliff-side town of Taormina
- Giardini Naxos seafront boardwalk
- Riviera of the Cyclops and city of Catania
- Sicilian hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza d'Agro
- The ancient city of Syracuse

*\*Those participating in any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Sicily, via Rome.

**Day 2: Palermo.** We arrive in Palermo and transfer to our hotel for a 3-night stay.

**Day 3: Palermo.** We travel to the hilltop town of Monreale, renowned for its Arab-flavoured Cathedral covered in mosaics dating back as far as 1194 AD. We then visit the city of Palermo, including the Duomo (Cathedral) and the old town to see the Capo market selling fresh food and artisan products.

**Day 4: Palermo.** A day at leisure. This is a wonderful city in which to stroll and enjoy the time-worn elegance, lively street life and bustling outdoor markets, or perhaps take a boat tour in the busy harbour. An optional excursion will be offered to the charming town of Cefalu, which features famous Norman monuments and architecture

**Day 5: Segesta / Mazara Del Vallo.** We begin with a visit to Segesta, one of the best preserved and most beautiful Greek archaeological sites. We then enjoy some time in the historical town of Erice, located on a mountaintop 750 meters above sea level overlooking the city of Trapani. Our included lunch will feature typical Sicilian fare. We then continue to Mazara del Vallo for a 6-night stay.

**Day 6: Mazara del Vallo.** This morning we enjoy a guided visit of the historic town centre, to see the many Moorish and Norman churches, the beautiful cathedral and Spanish seminary, and visit the Museum of the Dancing Satyr to see the famous bronze statue dragged from the sea by a local fisherman. The afternoon is at leisure.

**Day 7: Mazara del Vallo.** A day at leisure to relax or explore the area at your own pace. This is a city with a fascinating mix of culture, history, ethnicity and art. Stroll through the labyrinthine North African Kasbah in the city centre, see the bustling fishing harbour, and the beautiful Piazza delle Repubblica. We recommend to enjoy a coffee at an outdoor cafe in one of the city squares - you will not find a better place for people-watching than here!

**Day 8: Mozia / Marsala.** Today we enjoy a boat ride to the island of Mozia to visit what was once an ancient Phoenician city. We will see the original landscape of the salt marshes, windmills and vineyards. We then see the historic center of Marsala and enjoy lunch at a winery, including a tasting.

**Days 9 and 10: Mazara del Vallo.** At leisure to further explore this charming town. On one of the days you may want to join an optional excursion to Trapani, to see the iconic 17th century watchtower and the famous cathedral, built in 1102, with its impressive ceiling artwork.

**Day 11: Agrigento / Taormina.** Today we travel to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, considered one of the world's largest archaeological parks and one of the most impressive complexes of ancient Greek buildings outside of Greece. A light lunch will be included at a local restaurant before we continue to our hotel in Taormina.

**Day 12: Taormina / Giardini Naxos.** This morning we begin with a walking tour of the charming cliff-side town of Taormina, followed by some free time to enjoy the spectacular views, elegant gardens, posh cafes and shops of this old-world resort town. We then enjoy a drive along the seafront of Giardini Naxos with some time for a stroll along the boardwalk.

**Day 13: Catania / Taormina.** Today we tour Catania, with its historical centre and famous fish market. We will have some free time in the main square, the lovely Piazza Duomo and main shopping street before we return to our hotel via a scenic drive along the Riviera of the Cyclops - a legendary stretch of coast north of Catania.

**Day 14: Godfather Tour / Taormina.** We visit the unspoiled and typical Sicilian hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza D'Agroas as seen in Francis Ford Coppola's famous Godfather Trilogy! We will enjoy lunch at a local pizzeria before we return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 15: Syracuse / Taormina.** A full day tour to the ancient city of Syracuse on the island of Ortigia. We will visit the archaeological zone to see the Roman Amphitheatre and the Spring of Arethusa Fountain. There will be some free time to enjoy the historical centre.

**Day 16: Taormina.** A day at leisure to enjoy the lovely cliff-top town of Taormina or perhaps take an optional tour to the famous Mt. Etna. This evening is our Farewell Dinner.

**Day 17: Home.** We transfer to the airport for our flight home via Rome.



# Sicily and Malta

**Join us at the perfect time of year to visit two of the Mediterranean's most interesting and historic islands, each so different from the other.**

We begin this delightful tour on the beautiful island of Sicily, filled with art, archaeology, history, distinct cuisine and famous wines. Sicily has been a Greek colony, a Roman province, an Arab emirate and a Norman kingdom: truly an eclectic history. With a diversified landscape of orange and lemon orchards, lush forests, ancient olive groves, rugged shorelines and crystal blue waters, there is no other place on earth quite like this Mediterranean gem.

After our stay in Sicily we take a flight to Malta. Blessed with a warm, sunny climate year round, friendly, English-speaking people and 7,000 years of intriguing history, Malta, which had a long association with Britain, is a wonderfully-surprising vacation destination. The diverse nationalities that have occupied Malta over the centuries have blended to result in a uniquely-Maltese culture. The narrow meandering streets of the towns and villages are crowded with Renaissance cathedrals and Baroque

## **HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:**

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels (seaview in Malta)
- Breakfast and dinner daily (mineral water, wine, beer and coffee included with dinners)
- 4 lunches
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## **COST:**

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa or Halifax

Depart November 2 - \$7497

Depart November 12 - \$7397

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- Single Supplement - \$990
  - Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver or Edmonton - add \$290

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**NOVEMBER 2 - 17**

**NOVEMBER 12 - 27**

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palaces, and the countryside is dotted with some of the oldest known human structures in the world, which is why Malta has often been described as an open-air museum.

In Malta we stay at the First Class *AX ODYCY Hotel*, a seaside resort located in Qawra on the promenade overlooking Salina Bay. The small town of Bugibba is just a few minutes walk from the hotel and features a number of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Facilities of the hotel include a wide array of restaurant and bars, indoor and outdoor pools, and nearby fitness centre and spa. Guest rooms are modern, with contemporary design, and comfortably furnished. All rooms are *seaview with a balcony*. WiFi is complimentary throughout the property.

*\*Those participating in any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Palermo, Sicily with a change of planes in Rome.

**Day 2: Palermo.** We arrive in Palermo and transfer to our hotel for a 2-night stay. The balance of the day is at leisure.

**Day 3: Palermo.** Today our city tour of Palermo will show us the Old and New quarters, the Cathedral of Monreale - a stunning architectural treasure, the theatres of Massimo and Politeama and the Capo Market.

**Day 4: Erice / Marsala / Mazara del Vallo.** Our tour of western Sicily continues with a visit to the medieval city of Erice, built an impressive 750 metres above sea level. In the afternoon we visit the ancient seaside town of Marsala, well known for its famed quality wines. Later we proceed to Mazara del Vallo for a 3-night stay.

**Day 5: Mazara del Vallo.** Today we enjoy a tour of Mazara del Vallo. This is one of Italy's foremost fishing harbours, and this region of Sicily boasts one of the most beautiful coastlines in the Mediterranean. Lunch is included at a local winery.

**Day 6: Mazara Del Vallo.** A day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore the area at your own pace.

**Day 7: Agrigento.** We travel inland to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, one of the most outstanding examples of Greek architecture, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is included before we proceed to the eastern side of Sicily for a 2-night stay.

**Day 8: Syracuse.** Today we enjoy a full day excursion to the ancient city of Syracuse. Our visit includes the Archaeological Park with its Greek theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the island of Ortega and the Spring of Arethusa Fountain.

**Day 9: Taormina / Catania / Flight to Malta.** This morning we have a walking tour of the charming cliff-side town of Taormina. Then we depart for Catania to visit the historical centre of the city. In the afternoon there will be free time to enjoy one of the many cafes or do some shopping in the Piazza Duomo. Later we fly to Malta and upon arrival transfer to our hotel for a 7-night stay in seaview rooms!

**Day 10: Senglea / Cospicua / Vittoriosa.** This morning we will enjoy an orientation walk in the area surrounding our hotel. This afternoon our excursion takes us to "Malta's Three Cities": Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa. Included is a visit to the Inquisitor's Palace, and a "dghajsa" (typical harbour boat) tour of the harbour and its creeks.

**Day 11: Malta at Leisure.** Morning at leisure. An optional excursion will be offered to visit the Hagar Qim Temples, the Blue Grotto and Marsaxlokk fishing village and market. In the afternoon a local historian will give a talk on Malta and its traditions.

**Day 12: Valletta.** Our city tour of Malta's capital, Valletta, will include the Upper Barracca Gardens, St. John's Cathedral, the Grand Master's Palace and Armoury and a viewing of the film The Malta Experience. The afternoon is at leisure and you may want to take advantage of the very user-friendly, inexpensive public bus system that Malta is known for.

**Day 13: Gozo.** On today's full day excursion we take the short ferry ride to Malta's second largest island, Gozo. Here we visit the sites of Calypso's Cave, the Citadel, Gozo Cathedral, Xlendi Bay and the pre-historic temples. Lunch is included while in Gozo.

**Day 14: Mdina.** Our morning excursion to Mdina, Malta's old capital city, includes a visit to the Cathedral and the catacombs in Rabat. We finish at Ta' Qali Crafts Village where you can admire the local artisans at work and find some souvenirs.

**Day 15: Harbour Cruise.** This morning we enjoy a delightful harbour cruise on the Grand Harbour and Marsamxett Harbour. Afternoon at leisure. This evening will be our Farewell Dinner.

**Day 16: Home.** We transfer to the airport for our flight home via Rome.



# First Class London Show Tour

Join us on this visit to Britain's fabulous capital – the Theatre Capital of the World - to take in some top shows and visit those famous attractions and stroll the fabled streets.

And we'll make it all as easy as possible: As well as the meals and tours included in our itinerary, we have pre-booked excellent seats for three of the most popular shows in town, which tentatively include:

- 1. Grease** – The world's best-loved musical has returned for a limited time only. This tale of romance between leather-clad greaser Danny and girl-next-door Sandy is bursting with all the hits that made the play famous. Critics have called this version "Quite simply the best production of Grease"!
- 2. Crazy For You** – Awarded best musical, this astonishing performance won several Tony and Olivier Awards. Theatre-mad Bobby Child is torn between his show-business dreams and running the family bank. He reluctantly heads west to foreclose on a theatre's mortgage, only to fall for the theatre owner's daughter, Polly. Desperate to prove his

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotel
- Full English breakfast daily
- 3 dinners plus a pub lunch
- 3 pre-booked shows with transportation
- Westminster Abbey, London Eye, Windsor Castle, Shakespeare Distillery, Roman Baths and much more
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5997
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- Single Supplement - \$1390
- Ottawa, Halifax, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$90
- Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$190

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good faith, Bobby decides to put on a show to save the theatre, renew the town and hopefully win Polly's love.

**3. Plus your choice between 3 theatre productions!** For your 3rd theatre night you will be given the choice between 3 of the hottest West End theatre offerings.

We will stay at the centrally located *Park Plaza Waterloo* (or similar). This First-Class hotel is situated on the south side of the River Thames and boasts dramatic views of the river and the London skyline. It is within walking distance of some of the city's most impressive landmarks such as the House of Parliament, Big Ben and the London Eye, as well as train and tube stations. The hotel features stylishly modern furnishings with first class facilities. All Superior guest rooms are air-conditioned with flat screen TV, safe, coffee/tea facilities and complimentary WiFi. There is also access to a state-of-the-art fitness centre including an indoor pool, sauna and steam room.

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for London with Air Canada.

**Day 2: Arrival London.** We arrive in London in the morning and transfer to our hotel. There will be an orientation walking tour around the area of our hotel, with some free time before this evening's Welcome Dinner.

**Day 3: London Tour / Theatre.** London is bursting with centuries-old landmarks. Today's full-day tour will be by both coach and walking to take in the major highlights: Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge and the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, along with visits to Westminster Abbey and the Canadian War Memorial.

This evening is our first night at the theatre.

**Day 4: At Leisure.** A day at leisure. There are countless attractions, museums and galleries in London to visit. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to advise and assist.

**Day 5: Stratford-Upon-Avon.** Our full day excursion takes us through the quintessential English countryside to Stratford-Upon-Avon, home of William Shakespeare. Highlights of our guided walking tour will include Anne Hathaway's cottage and garden, a Tudor Schoolmaster lesson in the room that Shakespeare was educated, and a Tour and Tasting at the local Gin Distillery.

**Day 6: Windsor / Theatre.** This morning we visit Windsor and the castle that has been "home" to English monarchs for almost 1,000 years. It is said that it was the favourite residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We also pass by Runnymede - site of the signing of the Magna Carta, and stop at the R.A.F. Memorial, overlooking scenic countryside.

This evening is our second theatre night.

**Day 7: Bath.** We visit Bath, known for its hot spring waters and the 18<sup>th</sup> century honey-coloured Georgian terraces with their elegant crescents. Our guided walking tour shows us Jane Austin's home, the Avon River, Bath Abbey and more. We'll visit the magnificent Roman Baths, built by the Romans nearly 2000 years ago. After, we'll enjoy a sumptuous "Afternoon Tea" (an interpretation of the ritual that began in the 1800s) in The Pump Room – the social heart of Bath for more than two centuries with famous patrons like Jane Austen and Charles Dickens.

**Day 8: Covent Garden / Theatre.** Our visit to Covent Garden today takes us to an area that through the years has evolved into one of the liveliest districts in London. Originally a vegetable garden for the monks of Westminster Abbey, today Covent Garden houses stylish shops, market stalls, cafes, bars, restaurants and even a "Canadian" pub close by along with all kinds of buskers (street entertainers). We'll visit the "Actors Church" - so called as it contains memorials dedicated to many famous theatrical personalities: Charlie Chaplin, Noel Coward, Vivien Leigh and more. It was also here that George Bernard Shaw set "Pygmalion" - the basis for the movie "My Fair Lady", right under the Portico!

This evening is our final theatre night!

**Day 9: Day of Leisure.** A day of leisure to do your own thing in London. Prior to our Farewell Dinner this evening, we'll step aboard the magnificent London Eye, which offers a truly captivating and unparalleled view of London - a perfect "Farewell" to the city!

**Day 10: Home.** It's "Cheerio" as we fly home with Air Canada.



# England's Christmas Splendour

## Is there anywhere more magical than England at Christmastime?

Shop doorways swagged in lush garlands and windows beckoning with old-fashioned displays, festooned with holly berries and twinkling lights. Homes decorated with wreaths and garlands. The splendour of this season can be seen, and felt, at every turn on the cobbled streets.

This splendid seasonal tour features a host of picturesque and historic places, beautifully decorated at this special time of year, combined with delicious food and sensational holiday entertainment!

Our first 5 nights will be in Shakespeare's birthplace - Stratford-upon-Avon, one of Britain's Heritage Cities, and for good reason. This thriving market town is a perfect combination of old and new, and a perfect base for soaking up the spirit of the festive season.

We'll spend the next 2 nights in the Heritage City of Cambridge. With a university that dates back more than 800 years, this city is a treasure of history and architecture.

A highlight of our tour will be the famous "Christmas Spectacular" performance, with an overnight in Norwich.

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 10 dinners
- 3 lunches (including 2 Christmas lunches), and a festive cream tea
- Christmas Spectacular performance
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Calgary or Vancouver - \$6997 .....
- Single Supplement - \$990
- Ottawa - add \$150 (for round-trip transportation to Montreal airport)
- Edmonton or Winnipeg - add \$90

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Our final 4 nights will be in the utterly charming cathedral city of Winchester, England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great. Today's Winchester combines the best of modern city life – albeit never too far from the magnificent cathedral - with the tranquility of the surrounding quintessentially English countryside.

## Tour Highlights:

- Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Distillery
- World Heritage Site - Blenheim Palace
- Birmingham's world famous Christmas Market
- Cadbury - The Home of Chocolate
- Newmarket - The Home of Horse Racing
- Cambridge - one of England's Heritage Cities
- Thursford Christmas Extravaganza
- Cathedral cities - Winchester & Salisbury
- London city tour including the Royal Albert Hall

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for London.

**Day 2: Stratford-upon-Avon.** We arrive and transfer to our centrally-located hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon for a 5-night stay.

**Day 3: Cotswolds & Blenheim Palace.** We meander through the Cotswolds - a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - to visit one of the quintessential local villages. Then we'll proceed to Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. During the holiday season this masterpiece of 18th Century Baroque architecture is transformed into a Christmas feast for the eyes! We will discover this palatial building, followed by a delectable Christmas lunch.

**Day 4: Stratford-upon-Avon.** Our tour begins at Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall, where we immerse ourselves in 16th century Stratford. After a guided walking tour of the town we'll have time on our own for strolling, photographing and shopping. Then we'll visit Judith's Tasting Room (named after Shakespeare's daughter who lived here), where we will learn about the making of gin, and enjoy a tutored tasting!

**Day 5: Stratford-upon-Avon.** A day at leisure in one of Britain's Heritage Cities. This city's magical blend of heritage and culture makes it one of Britain's most important tourist destinations. Explore the delightful side streets with pretty shops and stroll along the river and enjoy the historical ambiance.

**Day 6: Birmingham / Cadbury's World.** We begin with a visit to Cadbury's World, where we'll learn about the Cadbury family, see how chocolate is made, and watch the chocolatiers demonstrate traditional chocolate-making skills. Next is Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market - the largest outdoor Christmas Market in the UK and the largest authentic German-style Christmas Market outside Germany or Austria. The Market offers a vast range of traditional goods, gifts and tempting food and drink, including pretzels, schnitzels, bratwursts and roasted almonds. Wash these delicacies down with gluhwein (hot spiced wine), weissbeer (wheat beer), or hot chocolate.

**Day 7: Newmarket.** A wonderful day is planned, centred on Newmarket, the Home of Horse Racing. This town is steeped in history, with an intriguing story as to how it became renowned as a centre for horseracing. Noted Royals over the past 2,000 years have enjoyed countryside pursuits here. We will learn how Charles II fared in the first recorded horse race in history; why two royal palaces were built here; and what Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth used to do on her frequent visits here. Included in our tour is lunch and a festive afternoon Cream Tea. Later we arrive at our historic spa hotel, a secluded haven located on the outskirts of Cambridge, for a 2-night stay.

**Day 8: Cambridge.** This city of history and discoveries is home to more Nobel Prize winners than any other. Cambridge is also one of the UK's most beautiful cities, with magnificent architecture and charming cobbled streets. On our walking tour we'll see The River Cam, and King's College Cathedral (a Gothic masterpiece). There will be free time to explore on our own.

**Day 9: Thursford.** We proceed to Thursford, where we will enjoy a performance of the Christmas Spectacular, the UK's largest Christmas show! The show features mechanical organs, fairground carousels, and a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers, and musicians (including London West End performers). The 3-hour performance delivers an extravaganza of singing, dancing, humour and variety. Overnight in Norwich.

**Day 10: London / Winchester.** It's off to London, where our city tour will take in many of the iconic sites. We'll visit the Royal Albert Hall and discover how the building was founded 150 years ago, and the royal love story that made it happen. After our tour it's on to Winchester and our lovingly-restored manor house hotel, which blends boutique chic with 16th century character, set in acres of glorious Hampshire countryside.

**Day 11: Beaulieu and the New Forest.** On our day in the vast and ancient New Forest, we step back in time and discover the natural beauty of this treasure. We start at 800-year-old Beaulieu, and visit its stately home, the world-famous motor museum and 13th century abbey surrounded by picturesque gardens. Included is a sumptuous Christmas lunch served in the magical surroundings of the Beaulieu Abbey Domus.

**Day 12: Winchester.** Our Winchester city walking tour shows us the city of Alfred the Great and England's ancient capital, bursting with historical and architectural treasures. We'll see the iconic statue of King Alfred, the historic High Street, the Great Hall with its Round Table and connections to King Arthur, the site of Winchester Castle and Winchester Cathedral. There will be free time to discover the city on our own.

**Day 13: Salisbury / Winchester.** And on to Salisbury - a perfect English city with an ideal fusion of medieval magnificence and contemporary culture. We visit Salisbury Cathedral, Britain's tallest spire and home to one of the original Magna Carta manuscripts. There will be free time in the historic city centre where you will find tearooms, coffee shops, friendly pubs and fine shopping opportunities. We return to Winchester to enjoy our Farewell Dinner - the perfect occasion to raise a glass of cheer to celebrate this Holiday Season tour.

**Day 14: Home.** Air Canada flies us back to Canada.



# Tale of Two Cities London & Paris

**London and Paris - two of the world's most famous cities, each rich with eye-opening history, architectural grandeur, arts, shopping and world class cuisine!**

In London, we tour through a number of the city's historic quarters and see many of its most famous attractions: the Tower of London, Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace and more. There will be included visits to Westminster Abbey, and Covent Garden. Highlights will include a West End theatre show and a day trip to the lovely countryside of the Cotswolds – beloved for their rolling hills, thatched-cottage villages and stately homes built of local yellow limestone.

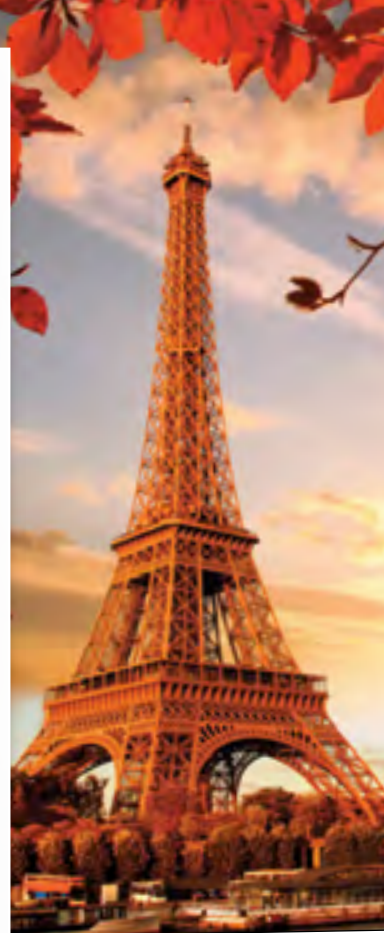
Then we board the legendary Eurostar high-speed train which will whisk us through the Channel Tunnel – the “Chunnel” - and on to Paris. In Paris we tour many of its historic districts such as Montmartre and Marais, and see iconic landmarks including the Arc de Triomphe, the Opera, Grand Palais and the Champs-Élysées. Other sure-to-please highlights will include the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral, the view from the Eiffel Tower and an evening cruise on the River Seine. Our day trip through the countryside to Giverny takes us to the home and gardens

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Air Canada flights
- First Class hotels
- Breakfast daily (full English breakfast in London, generous continental buffet breakfast in Paris)
- 6 dinners and 2 lunches
- Theatre show in London's West End
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5997 .....
- Single Supplement - \$1290
- Ottawa or Halifax - add \$90
- Winnipeg - add \$190
- Vancouver - add \$290
- Calgary - add \$390
- Edmonton - add \$490



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of Claude Monet – the setting for so many of the impressionist artist's famous waterlily paintings.

We will be staying in First Class, centrally-located hotels in both cities. In London we will stay at the *Park Plaza Waterloo* (or similar), situated on the south side of the River Thames. The hotel boasts impressive views of the river and the London skyline, and is within easy walking distance of some of the city's most well-known landmarks, as well as train and tube stations.

In Paris we will stay at the *Holiday Inn Bastille* (or similar). This elegant “belle époque” building has modern facilities and is within walking distance of the Gare de Lyon (a major metro hub), Notre Dame Cathedral, the Opéra Bastille, the Left Bank of the Seine and many other attractions.

Both hotels have comfortable fully air-conditioned guestrooms, satellite TV, tea and coffee making facilities, and Wi-Fi. Each hotel also has a fitness room.

*\*\*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart with Air Canada for London.

**Day 2: London.** Upon arrival in London we transfer to our centrally-located hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure until this evening's Welcome Dinner.

**Day 3: London City Tour.** We begin with a visit to Westminster Abbey for a guided tour of this magnificent Gothic church, the traditional site of coronations and burial site for English monarchs. We continue to take in some of London's other legendary highlights: Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Canadian War Memorial and more.

**Day 4: Day trip to Oxford and the Cotswolds.** We travel first into the green countryside and visit The Cotswolds – a region of many small old towns and villages famed for their postcard-perfect honey-coloured cottages nestling in the valleys and wooded hillsides. We will stop at one of the villages to explore. Then we will visit the university town of Oxford which for over 900 years has been home to royalty, scholars and some of the world's brightest minds. A walking tour takes us past several of the university's 30 colleges and their picture-perfect courtyards. If possible we will tour one of them. This evening we enjoy dinner at a typical pub – as authentic a British experience as you can get!

**Day 5: Covent Garden / Theatre.** We walk through the West End Theatre District to Covent Garden – one of the liveliest districts in London. Originally a flower market, Covent Garden has evolved into an area of stylish shops, market stalls, cafes, bars, restaurants and pubs, not to mention the many entertaining street performers. After some free time, we will walk to a matinee to enjoy a lively performance – your choice between 2 top performances!

**Day 6: Paris via Eurostar!** Cheerio to London and bonjour Paris, as we whiz through the Channel tunnel at 320 km per hour on the high speed Eurostar train. Incredibly, in just over two hours we will be in central Paris. We will have some time to relax before our dinner at a charming bistro.

**Day 7: Paris.** Today's panoramic tour will include the major highlights of Paris, beginning with a visit of the Eiffel Tower. We will ascend the tower by elevator and take in the panoramic view of the city. We then continue our tour and see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde, the Opéra (founded in 1669) and Notre Dame Cathedral. From here we continue to the beautiful and historic Montmartre area and a visit to the Sacré Coeur Basilica for breathtaking views of Paris. We will have some free time to explore Place du Tertre and watch the artists at work. Tonight's dinner is at a typical and authentic Montmartre restaurant.

**Day 8: Day tour to Giverny and Monet's Garden.** Today we leave the city to visit Giverny, where the impressionist artist Monet lived and created a stunning garden of diverse symmetry and colour. Monet mixed the simplest flowers (such as daisies and poppies) with the rarest varieties. This is where he painted the famed "Japanese Bridge", and the delicate "Water Lilies" which have been forever immortalized in his incredible works. After our visit to his home and gardens, we stop at the Musée des Impressionismes for a light lunch before returning to the city.

**Day 9: Louvre / Seine Cruise.** Morning at leisure to enjoy this magnificent city (your Tour Manager will be on hand to advise and assist). This afternoon we visit the most famous art museum in the world – The Louvre. Our guided tour will cover the most important works on display. In the evening we take a cruise on the Seine to view Paris from another perspective, a chance to appreciate the illuminated brilliance of The City of Light.

**Day 10: Home.** We bid adieu to Paris and transfer to the airport for our flight home.



# Autumn in Provence plus Marseille

Renowned for its welcoming climate, charming towns and villages, world-renowned gastronomic traditions, photogenic landscapes and rich history, Provence is one of France's top destinations. And never more so than during the fall harvest season when the vineyards become a fabulous blaze of gold, bronze and red!

Our home base for 10 nights will be Avignon, in the heart of Provence. This beautiful city is known for its magnificent 18th century architecture, shaded squares, narrow streets named after ancient trades (bonnetterie, teinturier etc.), gardens along the Rhône River, colourful food markets, boutiques and museums. The city is also a lively arts and cultural centre, and boasts a fine public transportation system with regular service to surrounding towns.

We will stay at the 4-star *Mercure Pont d'Avignon*, located in a quiet area within the old city walls – an easy walk to restaurants, shopping streets and main attractions. Hotel facilities include a bar, lounge, garden and free WiFi.

We conclude our tour with 2 nights in the multicultural city of Marseille with its rich maritime history, vibrant old

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air France
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast daily
- 10 dinners with wine, mineral water and coffee
- 2 special lunches (including a special savoury truffle lunch)
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal - \$5997

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- Single supplement - \$990
  - Ottawa - add \$190 (for round-trip ground transport to Montreal airport)
  - Vancouver - add \$490.
  - Halifax - add \$690
  - Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$990

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port, quaint neighbourhoods, impressive esplanade and breathtaking views over the Mediterranean Sea.

## Tour Highlights:

- Visit to the Popes Palace and famed Pont d'Avignon.
- Chef demonstration and tasting of local specialties.
- Visit to Arles & Camargue, and typical Manade lunch.
- Provence Roman heritage - Maison Carrée, Nîmes Amphitheatre, Pont du Gard and Orange Theater.
- Luberon villages, and a visit to the Lavender Museum.
- Mont Ventoux, Provencal's largest market, wine tasting.
- Truffle hunt including a savoury lunch.
- Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence and village of Cassis.
- 2-night stay in Marseille and tour of the highlights.

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Marseille via Paris.

**Day 2: Avignon.** We arrive in Marseille and transfer to Avignon. The rest of the day is free until our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 3: Avignon Walking Tour.** We begin our tour at Les Galles - Avignon's quaint food market, where a local chef will offer a cooking demonstration and tasting of Provencal specialities. Then our walking tour will show us the highlights of Avignon; the Pont d'Avignon, the lively Place de l'Horloge and the pedestrian streets. We conclude with a visit of the Palace of the Popes - an imposing Gothic structure where several popes resided during the middle ages.

**Day 4: At Leisure in Avignon.** A free day to explore the town, its charming streets, museums and vibrant markets.

**Day 5: Arles / Camargue.** We begin with a visit of Arles, once Julius Caesar's capital of Gaul. Here we follow in the footsteps of Van Gogh to the sites captured in his many paintings. We will be able to see the remarkable Roman and typical Provencal architecture. We then travel to Camargue - a national wildlife reserve of exceptional beauty and home to an immense plain of marshes and lagoons - refuge to over 300 species of birds (including pink flamingos). We will enjoy a special lunch at a typical "Manade" specializing in the breeding of bulls, with "cowboys" working with the famous Camargue horses. We end the day with a visit of Carmargue's capital, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, a city of traditions superbly situated at the mouth of the Rhone River and Mediterranean Sea.

**Day 6: Uzès / Pont Du Gard / Nîmes.** This full-day excursion begins with a walking tour of Uzès - the premier duchy of France. This dazzlingly beautiful commune has shaded boulevards, medieval streets and handsome houses. Then we discover the Pont du Gard, built in the 1st century AD - a technical and artistic masterpiece. We finish the day in Nîmes, which boasts some of the world's best preserved Roman monuments. We will visit the impressive amphitheatre followed by some free time in the historic centre.

**Day 7: At Leisure in Avignon.**

**Day 8: Luberon Villages.** Scattered across the countryside are the wonderful villages of the Luberon - known as "the most beautiful villages of France". We see Rousillon, with its ochre landscape; Gordes, a hilltop village with narrow alleys and passageways that wind between medieval

buildings; Bonnieux with its pretty view across the valley of a patchwork of orchards and vineyards; and Coustellet for a most interesting visit to the lavender museum.

**Day 9: Vaison-La-Romaine / Mont Ventoux / Winery.** First we visit Vaison-la-Romaine, a small Provencal town nestled in a valley. Once a prosperous Roman city, it is known today for its fabulous market - the largest in all of Provence! Next is the summit of Mont Ventoux for a breathtaking view of the Toulourenc Valley. We finish this memorable day with a visit to a local winery, enjoying a stroll through the grounds and a taste of the wonderful wines produced in this region.

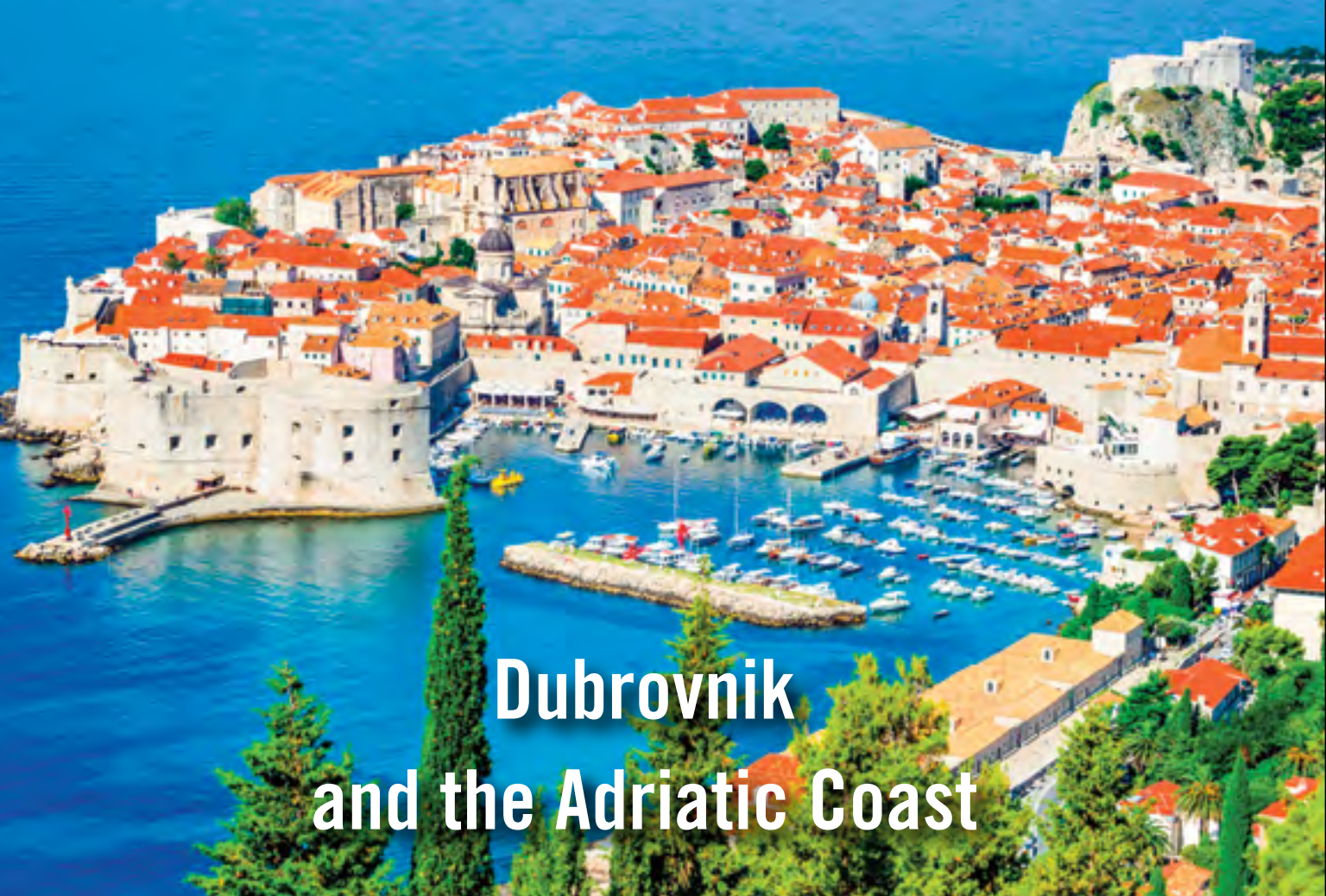
**Day 10: At Leisure in Avignon.**

**Day 11: Orange / Truffle Hunting / Savoury Lunch.** We first visit Orange - the "Gateway to Southern France". Founded in 30 BC, Orange remains marked by the dynastic seal of William III of Orange, who became King of England in 1689. We will see the famous Triumphal Arch and visit the Roman theatre. Then we proceed through the countryside to meet a warm-hearted family and discover the mysteries of one of the world's most coveted culinary treasures: the truffle. These "Black Diamonds" are known for their subtle aroma and earthy flavour. A delicious lunch of finely prepared truffle dishes awaits following our "cavage" demonstration with the family dogs.

**Day 12: Aix / Cassis / Marseille.** We travel to Aix-en-Provence (locally known as Aix - pronounced "ex"). This is one of France's most beautiful cities, with majestic public squares, shaded avenues, graceful fountains and elegant Baroque-style buildings built with the distinctive yellow Provencal stone. On our walking tour we see the Cours Mirabeau and the market where residents shop for fresh produce and flowers. We then proceed to visit Cassis - a former fishing village and today a resort town picturesquely located in a niche on the Mediterranean Sea at the foot of steep cliffs. We end in Marseille for a 2-night stay by the quaint old port.

**Day 13: Marseille.** Highlights of our Marseille city tour include the Esplanade du J4, Promenade Laffond, Notre-Dame de la Garde and a walking tour through the ancient Le Panier neighbourhood. The afternoon is free to visit one of the famous museums or go shopping in the stylish boutiques of the Republic Quarter. Tonight is our Farewell Dinner.

**Day 14: Home.** Au revoir, France! Air France takes us back to Canada via Paris.



# Dubrovnik and the Adriatic Coast

Croatia's Dalmatian coast is a charmed treasure with a welcoming, temperate climate - a wonderland of magical islands, azure seas, Roman ruins and medieval towns and villages that have remained unchanged for centuries.

Along the coast, the green hills serve as a backdrop to the inlets, cliffs and beaches along the Adriatic Sea.

Croatia is a remarkable mix of cultures including ancient Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Slavic. In addition to the attraction of its glorious coastline, it is also well known for its lively cafes, busy markets and colourful folklore: no surprise it has become one of Europe's favourite destinations.

Our hotel for this Stay-Put tour is the First Class *Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik* (or similar) - a delightful resort located in the green oasis of the Babin Kuk peninsula, with spectacular views of the Elaphiti Islands and just 6 kms from the famed old town of Dubrovnik. Stroll around in the medieval town, visiting churches, monasteries and

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palaces. For stunning views of the Adriatic, take a walk along the path on top of the city ramparts. The old town has many cafes, bars, restaurants and shops.

Facilities of the hotel include a variety of bars and restaurants, a luxury wellness spa and both indoor (heated) and outdoor (not heated) pools. 250 meters from the hotel is the beautiful Val President Relax Beach, with its well-tended coastline, crystal clear sea, beautiful views of the Elaphiti Islands and numerous amenities including watersports, a diving centre, a harbour for boats and occasional daytime and evening events. The comfortable guestrooms have modern amenities, and upgrades to rooms with balcony and seaview are available. Complimentary WiFi is provided throughout the hotel.

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

*In addition to the following included excursions, there will be other excursions offered locally on an optional basis.*

- 1. Dubrovnik:** Our panoramic sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik and surrounding area begins with a photo opportunity overlooking the coast and the old city, which Lord Byron called the "Pearl of the Adriatic". In the 15th century Dubrovnik was the only part of the Dalmatian coast not under the rule of Venice, and it remained an independent republic for centuries. UNESCO recently designated the city a World Heritage Monument. We walk through the old town's pedestrian-only streets to visit the Gothic and Renaissance-era Rector's Palace, the Franciscan Monastery (1424), the baroque cathedral and the Sponza Palace where, for hundreds of years, trade societies and art academics met.
- 2. Cavtat and Konavle:** We enjoy an orientation tour of Cavtat, one of the prettiest towns on the Adriatic coast. We visit the Franciscan Monastery and Church of Our Lady - a renaissance edifice with marvellous works by 16th century Croatian artists. We continue in to the countryside to Konavle, a green landscape of rivers and canals that has been cultivated since pre-history. We visit the typical Konavle village of Komaji and sample the wine in an old cellar.
- 3. Dalmatian Village:** We continue our sightseeing in the countryside with a visit to the village of Cilipi, where we receive a welcome drink and a presentation of local dance styles in traditional dress. There are some shopping opportunities for the embroidery produced in this area and the chance to attend a local mass.
- 4. Montenegro:** We enjoy the region's countryside as we drive to Montenegro - a small republic tucked in between Croatia and Serbia. The coastal road follows the rugged coastline of the Adriatic, leading us to Kotor Bay and the world's southernmost fjord. This region is famous for its breathtaking landscapes of mountains, beaches, forests, hidden coves and diverse flora and fauna.

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Lufthansa (via Munich or Frankfurt)
- 13-nights First Class accommodation
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Wine, beer and mineral water included with dinners.
- 4 excursions as described above
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto ... \$5197

Single Supplement - \$990

Upgrade to rooms with balcony and seaview - add \$390 per person

Montreal - add \$290.    Halifax - add \$490.

Ottawa - add \$490 (for round-trip ground transportation to Montreal airport)

Calgary or Edmonton - add \$590.    Winnipeg or Vancouver - add \$690



# Malta Stay-Put Holiday

Blessed with a climate that's warm and sunny year-round and friendly, hospitable people, the Mediterranean island of Malta has been a favourite vacation spot of our travellers for many years. Bonus? Thanks to its British heritage, English is widely spoken.

Located off the coast of Sicily, Malta has played host to a great many cultures: Roman, Greek, Arab and of course British, all leaving their mark on its historic monuments, cuisine and traditions. There are many areas for you to explore on your own, each with its own charm, and thanks to an extremely efficient and affordable public bus system that traverses the island, exploring is easy and fun. Attractions include the picturesque harbour, the narrow shopping streets of Sliema and the pretty, hilly capital Valetta and its colourful craft markets.

We stay at the First Class *AX ODYCY Hotel*, a seaside resort located in Qawra on the promenade overlooking

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**DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 3 (16 DAYS)**  
***(HOLIDAY SEASON TOUR)***

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Salina Bay. The small town of Bugibba is just a few minutes walk from the hotel and features a number of shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Facilities of the hotel include a wide array of restaurant and bars, indoor and outdoor pools, and nearby fitness centre and spa. Guest rooms are modern, with contemporary design, and comfortably furnished. All rooms are *seaview with a balcony*. WiFi is complimentary throughout the property.

*\*\*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

- 1. Orientation Walking Tour:** An orientation stroll in the area around our resort as well as the town of Bugibba.
- 2. Harbour Cruise:** An enjoyable cruise around the Grand Harbour with beautiful views of Valetta.
- 3. Valetta 1:** An orientation tour of the capital Valetta, which includes a viewing of The Malta Experience - a delightful movie featuring the highlights of the island. We will then visit The Upper Barracca Gardens and St. John's Cathedral.
- 4. Valetta 2:** More sightseeing in Valetta, including a visit of the Grand Master's Palace, the Armoury, the National Archaeological Museum and more.
- 5. Malta - Grand Island Tour:** A full-day tour to take in many of Malta's major historic sites. We visit the catacombs in Rabat, the old medieval walled silent city of Mdina, and the remarkable Rotunda of Mosta Church. Lunch is included.
- 6. Marsaxlokk:** A visit to Malta's largest and most picturesque fishing village. See the vividly painted luzzo (fishing boats) bobbing in the clear blue waters of the harbour. Typical of Malta, the eye of Osiris is painted on the bow of the boats to ward off evil at sea. Enjoy a coffee by the harbour while enjoying the unhurried lifestyle of the village.
- 7. Island of Gozo:** A full day tour to the island of Gozo, Malta's sister island, which has barely changed in hundreds of years. We will see small farms, churches, a cathedral and the citadel. Lunch is included.

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada and Air Malta (via London).
- First Class seaview accommodation as described
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily (wine, beer, mineral water and coffee with all dinners) and 2 lunches
- December tour only - Gala Christmas dinner, Christmas Day Lunch and Gala New Year's Eve dinner/party with a live band and open bar
- 7 guided excursions
- A folklore night and talk on Maltese customs and traditions
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COSTS per person, double occupancy, from Toronto or Montreal

October tour - \$5597    December tour - \$6597

Single Supplement - \$790

Ottawa - add \$90.

Halifax, Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$390

Vancouver - add \$690



# Greece

## Seaside Holiday

**Ancient sun-bleached ruins, stunning blue skies year-round, a scenic mountainous mainland, an endless picturesque coastline, a timeless welcoming culture and some of the world's freshest seafood are just some of the features that have been attracting visitors to Greece for centuries.**

In the springtime the climate is mild and pleasant - ideal for walking and exploring. This lively and economical holiday is perfect for those looking for a relaxing vacation with the opportunity to explore some of the towns, villages and historic sites for which Greece is world renowned.

Our hotel for this value-packed holiday is the First Class *Kinetta Beach Hotel & Spa*, set amidst expansive gardens, and located on a pebble beach by the sea in Corinthos, about 50 kms from Athens and 7 kms from the village of Theodori. Facilities of the hotel include a lounge, bar, gift shop and main restaurant serving buffet meals. A special

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feature of the hotel is its spa facilities, including a sauna, gym, heated indoor pool and various spa treatments available at a nominal cost. There is also an inviting outdoor pool surrounded by deck chairs and lounges. Guest rooms are comfortably furnished, and feature a balcony or patio.

In order to give insight into life in Greece and allow opportunities to meet with the local people, an activity program will offer Greek language and cooking lessons, folkloric shows, movie nights, visits to a monastery and a vineyard, as well as a series of lectures on mythology, ancient history and modern Greece.

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

- 1. Athens.** City sightseeing includes Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Zeus, The Stadium, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the former Royal Palace. A highlight will be the Acropolis and the unforgettable Parthenon. After our included lunch at a restaurant in the city there will be free time to explore the Plaka - the colourful neighbourhood in the shadow of the Acropolis that's famed for its narrow lanes lined with shops, cafes and family-run tavernas..
- 2. Cruise.** A one-day cruise to the Saronic Islands, including Aegina which was a busy port in antiquity and is now a tranquil resort. We dock at Poros to enjoy a stroll through its enchanting harbour, and then on to another colourful harbour at Hydra. Lunch is aboard.
- 3. Delphi.** A full-day tour through the mountains and magnificent scenery to Delphi, once known as the centre of the world. Here we visit the temple of the Greek god Apollo, a beautiful site that evokes the classical past of this area. Those who wish may climb to the top of the theatre for lovely views of the countryside. Lunch today is at a taverna.
- 4. Countryside Tour and Orientation.** We see the Corinth Canal (the world's smallest ocean canal) and surrounding countryside, picturesque villages and towns. A winery visit is included.
- 5. Athens by Night.** We drive into Athens to see all the iconic sights beautifully illuminated. A special dinner with wine and a lively folklore show is included.

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS

- Flights with Air Canada (non-stop flights between Toronto and Athens).
- First Class accommodation
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, plus afternoon tea  
(mineral water, coffee and wine are included with all lunches and dinners - except on the one-day cruise)
- 5 excursions as described above (optional tours will also be offered locally)
- Scheduled activity program as described
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto - \$5597

Single Supplement - \$990

Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, or Winnipeg - add \$190

Vancouver - add \$290

Calgary or Edmonton - add \$390



# Budapest Spa and Wellness

## plus 3 nights in Hungary's Lake District and Wine Country

Enjoy world-class health spas, while discovering one of Europe's most vibrant capital cities.

"The Pearl of the Danube", Budapest, is one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Known as the "City of Baths and Spas" it is also the world's most exquisite spa resort, as it is home to many therapeutic baths fed by mineral-rich thermal springs. From the time of the Romans the spas have been used ritually, including 4 original 16th-century Turkish spas still in operation today.

Our tour begins with 3 nights in the "Hungarian Lake District". Since Roman times, people have flocked to this area for its healing waters as well as its viticulture. Lake Balaton is Europe's largest lake and one of Hungary's finest wine regions, with gorgeous views of stunning wine estates surrounding the lake. Lake Heviz is one of the world's largest natural medicinal lakes, rich with unique flora and fauna floating above the therapeutic mud on the lake's bottom. We will stay in the Spa town of Heviz at the centrally located *Ensana Thermal Heviz Health Spa Hotel*.

Then we enjoy 11 nights in Budapest at the *Ensana Thermal Margitsziget Hotel*, located on Margit Island on the banks of the Danube - a tranquil oasis surrounded by many walking trails, but also close to the city centre. Both hotels provide a complete range of health services due to their proximity to the local thermal healing waters. The Budapest hotel, with its' comfortable, modern, state-

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of-the-art treatment centre is where the treatment packages will be offered. Margit Island's healing thermal waters derive from natural springs and contain calcium, sulphur, magnesium and potassium, providing a soothing effect, and are proven helpful for joint and muscle disorders, rheumatism, fractures and more. Be sure to experience the "Heviz Mud Pack" or the "Tokaj Wine Therapy" induced into facial and massage treatments!

**Your choice between 7 Medical and Wellness therapy packages**, including initial doctor's consultation. All packages use the holistic healing power of thermal waters to regenerate the body (muscle tension, joint pain). Details of treatment inclusions are available upon request.

1. Cure Holiday
2. Balneotherapy and Wellness
3. Relax & Beauty
4. Immunity Booster
5. Respiratory Recovery
6. Essential Pain Relief
7. Intensive Spa package

*\* Those joining any of our tours to Europe must be able to walk fairly long distances and climb stairs easily.*

- Air Canada flights (non-stop from Toronto to Vienna (near Hungary's Wine Country). Return from Budapest via Vienna)
- First Class hotels
- Full breakfast and dinner daily, plus 4 lunches. Wine included with all dinners.
- Welcome massage and treatment package of your choice
- Two theatrical / musical performances at two of Budapest's grand Opera Houses / Theatres
- All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 1

## While in the Lake District:

- Welcome to Heviz, full body classical massage
- Unlimited access to the thermal pool facilities of Heviz hotel
- Orientation walking tour of the Heviz, along with a petite train ride
- Wine tasting on the Lake
- Heviz natural thermal lake visit - a floating spa within a natural oasis, provides a sense of calm and healing
- Sumegi Castle Dinner and Show, including an equestrian performance in one of Hungary's most beautiful castles
- Visits to Tihany Abbey and Balatonfured - healing carbonated springs that attract visitors from around the world

## While In Budapest:

- Your choice of 7 Medical and Wellness therapeutic packages (Please note tipping for services recommended individually with a suggested amount of 5 Euros per treatment):
- Unlimited access to the thermal pool facilities
- Group meditation using Tibetan bowls for sound therapy for relaxation and healing, plus chakra cleansing
- Highlights tour of Buda (including a petite train tour, the gothic Mathias Church and Fisherman's Bastion)
- Highlights tour of Pest (Heroes' Square, Parliament, the Synagogue, Food tasting at the Grand Market Hall)
- Illuminated Night Tour with Folklore Dinner
- House of Music Hungary - learn about the history of Hungarian music, followed by a stop at an historic coffee house
- Visits to famous spas - Art Nouveau (Gellert), Turkish (Rac or similar), Baroque (Szecheny) and more
- Danube Bend tour - one of the most beautiful stretches of the Danube, including lunch at Visegrad Castle with its breathtaking view of the "bend", and the quaint Baroque artisan town of Szentendre
- Farewell Evening dinner cruise along the majestic Danube

**COST** per person, double occupancy, from Toronto ... \$7497

Single Supplement - \$990

Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax - add \$190. Vancouver, Winnipeg, Calgary or Edmonton - add \$290



# South America Cruise and Tour

## aboard the *Sapphire Princess*

This cruise and tour combination holiday is sure to appeal to the adventurous traveller who wants to experience some of South America's most exciting cities, along with some lesser-known ports-of-call.

On the cruise we will enjoy spectacular scenery, intriguing towns and villages and the opportunity to try various activities such as river rafting, fishing and hiking.

We will cruise in style and luxury aboard the *Sapphire Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort. Princess' award-winning shore excursions and engaging onboard programs bring the cultures and colours of South America to life. Talented chefs will take you on a culinary

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- 14-night cruise, all port taxes and tipping, all meals daily, activities & entertainment
- 3 nights First Class hotels (2 nights Buenos Aires and 1 night Santiago) with breakfast and dinner daily, and 2 lunches
- Touring in Santiago and Buenos Aires
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### COST:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto
  - Inside Cabin (various decks) .....\$9397
  - Outside Cabin (obstructed view)  
*Emerald Deck*.....\$9597
  - Outside Cabin (clear view)  
*Plaza or Fiesta Deck*.....\$9997
  - Outside Cabin with private balcony  
*Aloha or Baja Deck*.....\$11397
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- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
  - Ottawa, Montreal or Halifax - add \$190
  - Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver - add \$590

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journey with freshly prepared and carefully-crafted dishes that celebrate South America.

Take in some of the finest cruise ship entertainment as the theatre lights up the top deck day or night with feature films, or watch a lavish Broadway production complete with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the art Princess theatre.

As well as the cruise, our program includes 2 nights in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, and a night in Santiago - capital of Chile, with touring in both cities.

*\* All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Santiago, Chile.

**Day 2: Santiago.** We arrive in Santiago and proceed on our city tour. We'll see the Cathedral, San Francisco Church, Plaza des Armas, Santa Lucia Hill and more. This evening is our Welcome Dinner.

**Day 3: Embarkation.** We transfer to our cruise ship, and this evening we enjoy our first delicious dinner onboard.

**Day 4: At Sea.** Time to relax, get acquainted with the ship and your fellow passengers, and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities and entertainment onboard.

**Day 5: Puerto Montt, Chile.** Puerto Montt is the gateway to Patagonia, and optional tours include the breathtaking scenery of Patagonia's Lake District and snow-covered Osorno Volcano.

**Day 6: At Sea.**

**Day 7: Amalia Glacier, Chile (Scenic Cruising).** Located in the central part of the Southern Patagonia Ice Fields, the Amalia Glacier descends from the Andes Mountains and towers above the sea. The Amalia's mammoth blue mountain of ice is constantly changing. Keep an eye out for dolphins, frequently spotted swimming by ships.

**Day 8: Punta Arenas, Chile.** Punta Arenas is the hub for many adventures — penguin colonies, Antarctica and Patagonia to name a few. Explore the city's sights or visit a living museum dedicated to the sheep ranchers who settled Patagonia.

**Day 9: Ushuaia (Tierra Del Fuego), Argentina.** Ushuaia is the southernmost town in the world, and is located on the island territory of Tierra del Fuego. "The Land of Fire" features unforgettable scenery and trails of discovery.

**Day 10: Cape Horn Scenic Cruising.** A notable day! Today we round the southern tip of South America. You will be awestruck by the rugged beauty and imposing vision of Cape Horn — a massive rocky point that was the bane of early explorers.

**Day 11: Stanley, Falkland Islands.** The capital of the Falkland Islands is still considered very British. Here you can visit a penguin rookery, learn of the island's tumultuous past at the Historic Dockyard Museum or enjoy a pint at a local pub.

**Day 12: At Sea.**

**Day 13: Puerto Madryn, Argentina.** Puerto Madryn is known today for its animal life, which Argentina protects in this scenic, remote wildlife preserve. Puerto Madryn is also the gateway to Punta Tombo National Reserve and Argentine Patagonia — a small city that serves as a base for exploring the remote wildlife preserves.

**Day 14: At Sea.**

**Day 15: Montevideo, Uruguay.** Uruguay's charming capital overlooks the River Plata and has plenty of unique architecture, parks and monuments. The waterfront promenade is a great place to stroll and people watch.

**Day 16: Buenos Aires.** We arrive in Buenos Aires — a city of wide boulevards, 19th century mansions, French colonial architecture and colourful traffic-free shopping areas. You can explore the city, take an optional excursion or enjoy your last day of activities onboard the ship. This evening is the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

**Day 17: Disembarkation / Buenos Aires.** We disembark and proceed on our Buenos Aires city tour. We will see the famed major sights such as the Obelisk, the Plaza San Martin, the main square — Plaza de Mayo and Plaza Alvear. Then we see the green area of Palermo with its parks and artificial lakes, and the Recoleta area with its many elegant boutiques and restaurants. The grave of Eva Peron is located in the cemetery of Recoleta. During the tour we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

**Day 18: Buenos Aires.** We enjoy a tour of the charming resort town of Tigre and the Parana River Delta. Tigre is known for its summer residences and yachting. We'll take a boat excursion on the channels of the Tigre Delta to see some of the many beautiful green islands. This evening we enjoy a Tango Dinner Show — a must when you are in Buenos Aires!

**Day 19: Buenos Aires / Depart for Canada.** The morning is at leisure before we transfer to the airport for our direct flight to Toronto.

**Day 20: Morning arrival in Canada.**



# Cruising New Zealand

## Plus 2 nights Sydney

What a lovely way to experience New Zealand – along with a taste of Australia. On this delightful cruise / tour we experience the “wonders-down-under” in style and luxury.

We begin with a 2-night stay in Sydney, including a city tour, and a beautiful waterfront dinner.

Then we board our cruise ship and sail to some of the most popular ports in New Zealand. During our cruise we will see snow-capped mountains, waterfalls, hot springs, rugged coastlines and experience the rich Maori culture.

Cruising is a wonderful way to see the South Pacific, especially when you are aboard the *Royal Princess*. The ships of Princess Cruises are considered among the most beautiful and hospitable, and have more of everything you would expect in a 5-star floating resort: more spacious staterooms, more dining and entertainment options, and

### HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- 13-night cruise, port taxes, all tipping, all meals daily, all activities & entertainment
- 2 nights First Class hotel in Sydney with breakfast and dinner daily, and touring
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

### COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton or Vancouver
- Inside Cabin .....\$9997
- Outside Cabin with balcony .....\$10797
- Deluxe Balcony Cabin .....\$10997
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- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
- Montreal, Ottawa or Winnipeg - add \$290
- Halifax - add \$390

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more services and activities, including swimming pools, sauna, a spa with masseuse, aerobics and dance classes, duty-free boutiques and lectures by onboard experts on the history and highlights of the ports we visit. Princess' talented chefs will take you on a culinary journey, with freshly prepared and carefully crafted dishes that celebrate the South Pacific.

Evening activities include after-dinner drinks in one of the elegant lounges, first-run films, a casino and professionally produced Broadway-style entertainment with dazzling stage sets and international performers in the state-of-the-art Princess theatre.

*\* All shore excursions are optional, and may be purchased in advance on Princess Cruises' website, or onboard the ship.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Sydney, via Vancouver.

**Day 2: Crossing the International Date Line.**

**Day 3: Sydney.** We arrive in Sydney and transfer to our hotel. Afternoon at leisure, with dinner at the hotel.

**Day 4: Sydney.** Our included tour takes us to the Rocks area (Sydney's birthplace), the magnificent and iconic Opera House, Chinatown, beautiful South Head (where the harbour meets the Pacific), Vaucluse House (where the Australian Constitution was signed) and Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, a sandstone rock carved into the shape of a bench (for spectacular city and harbour views). Dinner this evening will be at a lovely restaurant at the harbour.

**Day 5: Sydney / Embarkation.** This morning we visit the Taronga Zoo for a guided walking tour of the unique native wildlife (koalas, kangaroos, etc.) Later we board the *Royal Princess* for our first delicious lunch and dinner onboard.

**Days 6 & 7: At Sea.** Time to get acquainted with the ship and your fellow travelers, and enjoy the endless array of facilities, activities and entertainment on board.

**Day 8: Fjordland National Park, New Zealand.** Here on the South Island, many fjords cut the coastline with peaks rising thousands of feet straight from the sea.

**Day 9: Dunedin, New Zealand.** Hailed as the "Edinburgh of New Zealand", this town has Scottish roots and still retains its Celtic flavor. Enjoy a stroll in the parks and gardens and admire the beautiful surrounding scenery. Optional tours will be offered such as a ride on the Taieri Gorge Railway, the Otago Wildlife Cruise and many more.

**Day 10: Christchurch, New Zealand.** Christchurch is known as the "most English city outside England". In fact the river that flows through the town is called the River Avon and is crossed by 37 stone bridges. There is a pleasant botanical garden and the Canterbury Museum has a large Maori and Antarctic collection.

**Day 11: Wellington, New Zealand.** Set on a beautiful waterfront, Wellington is known for its vibrant arts scene and active lifestyle. There are actually more cafes, bars, and restaurants here than in New York City. You may want to explore the winding streets and many museums, or take the cable car from Lambton Quay, the main shopping street, to the top of the hill for incredible views of the city and surrounding area.

**Day 12: At Sea.**

**Day 13: Tauranga, New Zealand.** With hundreds of miles of white sand beaches, plenty of sunshine and a temperate climate, the Bay of Plenty is New Zealand's favourite holiday destination. There are heritage buildings, historic battle sites, museums, Mount Maunganui, the famous hot saltwater pools and White Island – New Zealand's only active marine volcano. There will be a wide range of optional activities to choose from.

**Day 14: Auckland, New Zealand.** New Zealand's former capital boasts scenic beauty, historical interest and a cosmopolitan collection of shops, restaurants, museums and galleries. One Tree Hill, once home to Maori earthworks, overlooks the city. There is much to explore.

**Day 15 Bay of Islands, New Zealand.** Thanks to this region's subtropical climate, it's a hub for many water activities, nature walks and fishing. The Bay of Islands is referred to as the "birthplace of New Zealand" due to the numerous events that have taken place here over the centuries. It is also home to many Maori sacred sites and legends.

**Days 16 & 17: At Sea.** On the last night we enjoy our final dinner on board.

**Day 18: Home.** We fly home via Vancouver, arriving the same day.



# Persian Gulf Cruise

- Abu Dhabi • United Arab Emirates • Oman
- Qatar • 3 night stay and touring in Dubai

Join us as we cruise to some of the most fascinating port cities in the Middle East, and visit many of the amazing attractions in and around the dazzling city of Dubai.

We begin in Dubai, which has gone from a sleepy pearl-diving village to one of the world's most talked-about cities. The business capital of the United Arab Emirates has breath-taking architecture, towering skyscrapers, man-made islands and a glittering cityscape, as well as old, traditional Middle Eastern buildings, souks and traditions.

We then board our cruise ship and sail through the Persian Gulf, visiting various ports in Oman and Abu Dhabi before returning to Dubai. We will sail in comfort aboard the *Costa Toscana*. This new and moderate European-style floating resort is in the grand size class of

## HOLIDAY INCLUSIONS:

- Flights with Air Canada
- 7-night cruise, port taxes, all meals, all tipping, activities and entertainment
- In Dubai - 3 nights First Class hotel with touring, and breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- *All Tour Inclusions listed on Page 3*

## COSTS:

- per person, double occupancy, from Toronto
    - Premium Inside Cabin .....\$6197
    - Premium Outside Cabin .....\$6397
    - Premium Outside Cabin & balcony ..\$6997
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- Single Supplement - add 50% to costs above
  - Ottawa or Halifax - add \$190.
  - Montreal, Winnipeg or Edmonton - add \$390.
  - Calgary - add \$490. Vancouver - add \$590.

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ships, so there are many options for entertainment, dining and activities. Features of the ship include 4 swimming pools, jacuzzis, skywalk, and Spa centre offering a full range of beauty, health and relaxation treatments. There are theme parties, dance lessons, a casino and boutiques. And there's no shortage of choice when it comes to dining, with 11 restaurants to suit all tastes. And with 9 bars and lounges there is always a place to relax and enjoy your favourite cocktail. The theatre for evening shows is spread over 3 levels. Our spacious Premium guestrooms are well appointed, and you have the choice of an inside, outside, or balcony cabin.

*\* During the land portion of the tour all excursions are included. During the cruise portion all shore excursions are optional. Those interested will pay on board the ship.*

**Day 1: Departure.** We depart for Dubai on a non-stop flight from Toronto.

**Day 2: Dubai.** We arrive in Dubai and transfer to our hotel.

**Day 3: Dubai.** Our touring in Dubai begins with the twin minarets of the Jumeirah Mosque – a magnificent example of Islamic architecture and one of Dubai’s most famous sites. We drive around the Bastakiya area with its old merchant houses and wind towers, and then visit the Shindagah Museum. An abra (water taxi) will take us across the Dubai Creek to browse the spice and gold souk (market). Lunch is included on our tour. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we enjoy a *Dhow* Dinner Cruise along Dubai Creek with spectacular views of the city.

**Day 4: Dubai / Al Ain.** Today we enjoy a full-day tour to the oasis city of Al Ain located in the Hajar Mountains. One of the oldest cities in the UAE, Al Ain was for thousands of years an important caravan stop on the ancient trade routes across Arabia. We visit the Camel Market, Qasr al Muwajji Heritage Museum, and the Sheikh Zayed Palace Museum – the residence of the Sheikh and his family. Lunch is included, followed by a visit to Al Hili Archaeological Park – famous for its excavations.

**Day 5: Sharjah / Embarkation.** This morning we enjoy a tour of Sharjah, where we will discover a unique Arabian lifestyle and Islamic culture. We will visit Sharjah Fort, see the grandiose King Faisal Mosque and learn about local life through the ages at the Heritage Museum. After lunch we visit Dubai Frame. It has been described as “the biggest picture frame on the planet”. The location of the frame was carefully chosen to give the best view of old and new Dubai. Later we transfer to the pier to board our cruise ship.

**Day 6: Dubai.** At leisure to enjoy the activities on board or take an optional excursion.

**Day 7: Abu Dhabi.** Situated on a peninsula and surrounded by a cluster of islands, Abu Dhabi is the ultra-modern capital of the United Arab Emirates, with wide avenues separating bold skyscrapers. This capital of luxury sparkles day and night. If you take the optional city

tour, you will see the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque – considered the foremost architectural treasure in the UAE. You will also see the ultramodern glimmering skyscrapers, and visit Heritage Village – a reconstructed traditional oasis which will give you a glimpse of life here before oil revenues changed so much here.

**Day 8: Doha (Qatar).** Doha is a vibrant capital with a mix of modern skyscrapers and picturesque souks. The Mosque of Phanar is a newly-built Mosque, and is a fine example of Islamic architecture with the particular spiral minaret which is perfectly symmetrical from every angle. At night the Mosque is enhanced by magnificent lighting effects. Today you can also visit the nearby souks, and immerse yourself in the ambience of the Middle East.

**Day 9: At Sea.** At leisure to enjoy all the ship has to offer.

**Day 10: Muscat (Oman).** Relive the history of Oman’s capital by venturing among its ancient walls and visiting the colourful stalls of its bustling souks. Explore on your own or choose an optional excursion to see the impressive Grand Mosque and the Bait Al Zubair Museum.

**Day 11: Dubai.** Last day to enjoy the facilities of our ship or take an optional excursion.

**Day 12: Disembarkation / Future Dubai and the Lost Chamber.** We disembark our ship and proceed on a full day tour. We first see the Burj al Arab, the world renowned 7-star luxury hotel. We then drive along Jumeirah Beach to see the incredible man-made island residence, “The Palm”, followed by a visit to the incredible Lost Chambers, where the legend of the lost mythical underwater city of Atlantis comes alive. We will also see the Dubai Marina and Souk Madinat Jumeirah before visiting the Mall of the Emirates – home to the world’s largest indoor ski slope, as well as the floating water dance show. After lunch, we ascend by high speed elevator to the observation deck of Burj Khalifa – the tallest building in the world, for a breathtaking 360 degree view of the city, ocean and desert. Later we enjoy our Farewell Dinner, then board our direct flight to Toronto.

**Day 13: Home.** We arrive back in Canada.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

*Please read this page carefully before booking your Senior Discovery Tours (SDT) holiday.*

- SDT acts solely as agent between the passenger and supplier for providing services as described in the brochure. SDT will not assume **responsibility** for any claims, damages or expenses arising from situations beyond our control.

- **All itineraries are “tentative”**. While we make every effort to follow the original itinerary, we may make changes to improve the tour, or for reasons beyond our control. If any component of a tour cannot be honoured by the contracted supplier, SDT will make every effort to provide a **comparable alternative**, however no liability should be inferred from these efforts.

- Please read the details of your insurance coverage carefully. If you have a **pre-existing condition** please inquire about your insurance validity at time of booking.

- Those who choose to decline our comprehensive insurance package will be issued a rebate on their tour cost, the amount to be informed by your Tour Consultant. The following schedule of cancellation fees applies to you (and your travelling companion) **only if you have declined our insurance package, or if you cancel a tour for a reason not covered in our insurance package** (applies to tours without a cruise portion. Cruise penalties may vary).

- Cancel 61 days or more prior to departure: \$75 admin. fee
- Cancel 60 days to 31 days prior: 25% of tour cost
- Cancel 30 days to 8 days prior: 50% of tour cost
- Cancel 7 days or less prior: 100% of tour cost

- Our cancellation insurance policy does not include **“upgrade to single accommodation”** in case your partner cancels. In this case you may either pay the single supplement and travel as a single (space permitting), or cancel the tour and receive a full refund, less the \$75 administration fee, (assuming the cancellation is for a reason covered by our cancellation insurance policy). Also, while our cancellation insurance policy covers the partner of a person cancelling, it does not cover their friends who are not sharing accommodation with the cancelling party. **If you must cancel your tour you must notify us within 48 hours** of learning that you are unable to travel, otherwise the cancellation insurance policy is null and void.

- If a **tour is cancelled** for any reason our liability is limited to your full refund. No tours will be cancelled due to **international events**, unless the government specifically advises not to travel to your specific destination.

- We are unable to refund those who do not participate in any **included meals or excursions**, as they are prepaid.

- All **gratuities** are included for all services provided in our tour package. For extra services such as optional excursions, meals on your own, room service and any exceptional services, tipping is at your discretion. If you wish to show appreciation to your Tour Manager please do so on an individual basis - collections are not permitted!

- Please be advised that there may be **different standards** in utilities, services and accommodations outside Canada. Our classifications for accommodation are made in terms of local standards. Please note that outside North America coffee, tea and drinking water are generally not included with lunch or dinner. All rooms are non-smoking.

- **Passports** are required for travel outside of Canada, and must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of your expected return to Canada.

- **Luggage handling** is included wherever possible, however in some situations it does not exist - especially when removing your luggage from airport carousels. You should be capable of handling your luggage in such situations. Luggage carts are generally available at all airports worldwide.

- **Flight schedule changes** are beyond our control. We are therefore occasionally forced to change airlines, and/or routings, and/or date of travel for your benefit. In such cases we provide as much notice as possible, and do everything possible to ensure your convenience and comfort. Should a schedule change result in an unplanned overnight enroute to or from your destination, the cost will be borne by the traveller.

- SDT will attempt to accommodate **special requests** by notifying the suppliers in writing, however we cannot guarantee that requests such as room locations or meal requirements for flights or hotels will be adhered to by our suppliers, and therefore we cannot be held responsible. Please note that advance seat selection for flights on our group tours is not permitted, as per the conditions of our contract with the airlines. Sea view or pool view rooms are not guaranteed unless specifically noted in our brochure.

- **On cruises - all shore excursions are optional**, and are paid for on board the ship, unless stated otherwise in our brochure. Our local tour operators may also offer optional excursions. While we do our best to monitor their quality, SDT is not responsible for the operation or costing of these excursions.

- Our tours are designed for those who are **physically fit**. Tour members must be able to walk fairly long distances at a reasonable pace and climb stairs easily. Our tours are not suitable for those requiring wheel chairs or walkers. If you have walking limitations, we recommend a cruise on which the excursions are optional. If you are concerned about your physical ability to join a tour, please discuss which of our tours is suitable for your activity level with one of our travel experts.

- SDT supports **an environment of respect** toward our staff and clients. Harassment or abuse of any kind will not be tolerated. Our Code of Conduct can be found on our website.

- **If you join a tour beyond your physical or cognitive ability, or if you do not abide by our Code of Conduct, SDT reserves the right to send you home**, at your own cost and with no refund for unused services. We reserve **the right to decline anybody** as a tour member at any time for any reason at our sole discretion.

- Generally you will receive your **tour documents** 10 to 14 days prior to departure, unless we are held up by a supplier providing documentation, in which case you may not receive them until closer to departure.

- You may buy our tours on a “land only” basis and **arrange your own flights** - an air rebate will be applied. If you book your own flights, home pick-up and drop-off is not included. If you book different flights from the rest of the group, arrival / departure airport transfers at the destination are not included. If you book your own flights, please protect yourself with cancellation insurance as we cannot be held responsible for schedule changes, or if a tour is cancelled for any reason.

- You may not make any **changes to your flight arrangements** after the final payment due date.

- **Single travellers** must pay a supplement due to hotel charges. However this does not imply that they will necessarily be assigned a room as large as those assigned to two people sharing. We can often team up **those without a partner!**

- There may be occasions in which the **flight portion** of your SDT holiday is **unescorted**.

- All of our tours are conducted in **English only**. Reg.#2160711

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